1939

MINUTES

EAST CHINA MISSION

of the

Presbyterian Church

in the

U. S. A.
MINUTES
of the
Executive Committee
and of the
SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING
(Ninety-fifth Year)
of the
EAST CHINA MISSION
held in Shanghai
May 26th to 29th
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SHANGHAI, CHINA.
OFFICERS, MISSION COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES.

MISSION OFFICERS.

Chairman:  Dr. O. C. Crawford.
Vice-Chairman:  Dr. C. B. Day.
Permanent Secretary and Member of China Council:
Rev. E. M. Smith (Term expires Oct. 1940)
Alternate:  Mr. R. M. White.

STATION OFFICERS.

Ningpo:  Miss M. B. Duncan  Rev. A. R. Crouch  Miss E. M. Gauss
Shanghai:  Miss Grace Darling  Miss Elsa Logan  Rev. I. M. Dungan
Hangchow:  Miss Ada Russell  Miss J. Ricketts  Rev. Kepler Van Evera
Soochow:  Miss Loretta Crawford  Mrs. R. M. White  Mr. R. M. White.

Treasurer.

Executive Committee:

Term Expires  Term Expires.

Rev. E. M. Smith, Chairman  1940
Miss E. M. Gauss ....  1940  Rev. Kepler Van Evera  1941
Miss Grace Darling ....  1940  Mr. R. M. White ....  1941
Rev. Paul R. Lindholm ....  1940  Dr. C. B. Day ....  1941
Alternate:  Miss B. M. Hille, Rev. W. D. Boone

Committee on Guidance of Junior Missionaries and Language Study:

Chairman:  The Mission Secretary.

Ningpo:  Miss E. M. Gauss,  Miss M. B. Duncan,
Shanghai:  Miss Grace Darling,  Rev. Paul R. Lindholm,
Hangchow:  Miss J. Ricketts,  Miss Lois Lyon,
Soochow:  Mr. R. M. White,  Miss Loretta Crawford.

Property Committee:

Term Expires.

Rev. W. D. Boone, Chairman.  ...  ...  ...  ...  ...  1940
Mr. R. M. White.  ...  ...  ...  ...  ...  1940
Mrs. Kepler Van Evera  ...  ...  ...  ...  ...  1941
Miss E. M. Gauss  ...  ...  ...  ...  ...  1941
Alternate:  Mr. A. W. March

Medical Committee:

Mr. A. W. March, Chairman  Mrs. R. M. White
Miss M. B. Duncan  Miss B. M. Hille
**Finance Committee**: The Executive Committee and the Station Treasurers.

**Nominating Committee**: The incoming Executive Committee.

**Editing and Printing Reports**: The Mission Secretary.

**Delegate to 1940 General Assembly (U. S. A.)**: Alternate:

**REPRESENTATIVES ON BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.**

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UNION OR COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES IN WHICH THE MISSION IS ENGAGED.

with the dates of last renewal and expiration of Agreements:

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## Roster

(“V” indicates voted in the Mission.)

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<td>Nov. 7, 1905</td>
<td>July 9, 1938</td>
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(1) Cf. E. C. 3827; C. C. 3877; B. L. 231-36.
(2) Prior service in Union Middle School, Canton, three years—Sept. 1922—June 1925, Cent. C. 3266, C. C. 32201, B/L 178, par. 23.
(3) C. C. 38338, B/L. 225, par. 12 (3)
**Honorably Retired:**

- Mrs. J. A. Silsby, ... ... ... 1887 ... ... 1928
- Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Mattox, ... ... 1893 ... ... 1934
- Miss L. M. Rolleston, ... ... 1894 ... ... 1926
- Rev. J. E. Shoemaker, ... ... 1894 ... ... 1935
- Miss Emma Silver, ... ... 1895 ... ... 1936
- Rev. G. E. Parteh, ... ... 1895 ... ... 1937
- Mrs. G. E. Parteh, ... ... ... 1911 ... ... 1937

**Children**

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<td>Charles Robert Arthur,</td>
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*Under 22 years of age.*
EAST CHINA MISSION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

First Meeting, Shanghai, Friday, June 3, 1938.

The Committee met in Shanghai on June 3, 1938, during the annual Mission Meeting, at the home of Dr. Walline, at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Rev. E. M. Smith, chairman; Rev. W. D. Boone, Miss Grace Darling and Rev. Kepler Van Evera, and Miss Loretta Crawford and Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager alternates for Miss E. M. Gauss and Rev. P. R. Lindholm. Mr. Van Evera was elected Minute Secretary.

3901. Nominations. Acting as the Nominating Committee of the Mission, nominations were made for the Station officers and for Committees and representatives of the Mission for the year 1938-39. The report was later approved by the Mission and is printed in the annual Minutes for 1938.

3902. Time and Place of Fall Meeting of Executive Committee. It was decided to hold the fall meeting of the Mission Executive Committee in Shanghai, about September 20, 1938.

E. M. SMITH, Chairman.
KEPLER VAN EVERA, Minute Secretary.

Second Meeting, Shanghai, Friday, June 10, 1938.

The Committee met in Shanghai following Mission Meeting, at the China Council Conference Room, at the call of the Chairman, on June 10, 1938, at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Rev. E. M. Smith, chairman; Miss Grace Darling, Mr. R. M. White and Rev. Kepler Van Evera, and Rev. O. C. Crawford, Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager and Miss Loretta Crawford alternates for Rev. W. D. Boone, Rev. P. R. Lindholm and Miss E. M. Gauss respectively. Mr. Boone was present for part of the meeting.
3903. Reconsideration of E. C. 3887—Project Work Budget, 1938-39. It was voted to reconsider E. C. 3887, section 4, relating to Soochow projects.

E. C. 3887; 4.

3904. Soochow Projects. A report from Dr. Crawford, made on behalf of the Soochow Project Board, having indicated that present disturbed conditions render impossible the carrying forward of the projects as previously planned, it was voted: that it is the opinion of Mission that workers who have been used by the Project Board may continue to be used even though in a different area and for projects of quite a different nature (cf E. C. 3840). It is recommended therefore, that the Project Board in Soochow attempt to set up projects, preferably in the Soochow area, which can use these workers in the conserving of the work there, for a period of at least six months; where the churches are able to support their workers even to a small extent, they be encouraged to do so, and project funds be used to supplement such support for this six months period on a salary basis to be determined by the Presbytery.

In the few cases where workers cannot work in the former areas, they be given projects in Shanghai for a period not to exceed six months, their salaries also to be paid on the basis recommended by Presbytery.

E. C. 3840; 3887(4); 3903.

3905. Soochow Project Board—Release of Funds. Voted: to approve release of funds to the Soochow Project Board, for salary payments for the months of April and May.

3906. Shanghai—Request re Church Property, Foreign Settlement. A request has been received from a committee composed of representatives of our three Shanghai churches and the Presbytery for Mission help in the securing
of land and buildings for a Church Center to be located in the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, not only for emergency uses such as the present but also as a permanent church home in a large unchurched area in which are resident many former members of our three churches. It was voted: to place a request for $50,000 Chinese currency (total amount to be raised, $150,000) on the Mission's Property List for this purpose.

3907. Distribution of the "Cut" on Mission Funds. It was voted to apportion the "cut" of $2,500 on East China Mission funds as follows:

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E. M. Smith, Chairman.

Kepler Van Evera, Minute Secretary.
Third Meeting, Shanghai, Tuesday, June 21, 1938.

The Committee met at the call of the Vice-Chairman, in the China Council Conference Room, Shanghai, Tuesday, June 21, 1938, at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. R. M. White, acting chairman; Rev. O. C. Crawford, Miss Grace Darling and Rev. Kepler Van Evera, and Miss Loretta Crawford and Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager alternates for Miss E. M. Gauss and Rev. P. R. Lindholm.

In view of the fact that there was no representative from Ningpo present, it was agreed that actions passed should not become effective until the vote of the Ningpo representative (Miss E. M. Gauss) has been secured. (Miss Gauss later voted approval.)

3908. Soochow—Projects for Current Year. The Soochow Project Board submitted a program of proposed projects for the current year. It was voted: to approve this as below, for a period of six months as of April 1st, 1938, with the understanding that before the expiration of this period, a report shall be submitted of the work done:

Projects to be undertaken:
- Christianizing the Home.
- Literacy.
- Group Bible Classes.
- Sunday-Schools.
- Evangelistic Meetings.
- Group Meetings, as far as possible in the country.
- Special prayer groups.
- Training classes for workers in the local centers.
- Survey of field,—
  - How many church members.
  - How many inquirers.
  - How much loss suffered because of fighting or looting.
    (Estimates to be in Chinese currency.)

The following list of salary payments for workers resident at the churches as indicated below, reckoned on an annual
basis, was approved for the six months period mentioned above. Further financial grants from the Mission shall be based on the results obtained for this period as indicated in the report to be submitted:

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(Cf. E. C. 3887; 4: 3903: 3904.)

3909. **Soochow—Vincent Miller Academy—Alternates on Board of Directors.** In view of the fact that two of the regular members of the Vincent Miller Academy Board of Directors as appointed at Mission Meeting time are not yet on the field, and that meetings of that Board are important at this time, it was voted: that until the arrival of the members as appointed at Mission Meeting, the following shall act as alternates, in the order named:

1st alternate: Miss Elsa Logan.
2nd alternate: Mrs. O. C. Crawford.
3rd alternate: Miss Grace Darling.

R. M. WHITE, Acting Chairman.

KEPLER VAN EVERA, Minute Secretary.
EAST CHINA MISSION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Fourth Meeting, Shanghai, Tuesday, September 20, 1938.

The Committee met in regular session in the China Council Conference Room, Shanghai, Tuesday, September 20, 1938, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Rev. E. M. Smith, chairman; Rev. O. C. Crawford, Miss Grace Darling, Mr. R. M. White, Rev. P. R. Lindholm, Miss Loretta Crawford (alternate for Miss E. M. Gauss), and Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager (alternate for Rev. Kepler Van Evera) for part of the meeting until the arrival of Mr. Van Evera. Miss M. B. Duncan was invited to sit with the Committee during discussion of questions relating to Ningpo Station.

3910. Miss Lois Lyon—Assignment to Lowrie Institute. Voted: to approve the request of Shanghai Station for the loan of Miss Lois Lyon of Hangchow Station for the teaching of English in Lowrie Institute for the school year 1938-39.

3911. Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Crouch—Temporary Assignment to Shanghai. Voted: that since Miss Lois Lyon will probably not be available for teaching in Lowrie Institute until November, Mr. and Mrs. Crouch of Ningpo Station remain in Shanghai on their return from summer vacation, Mr. Crouch to teach English classes in Lowrie Institute for the first half of the fall term or until the arrival of Miss Lyon.

3912. Mr. A. W. March—Assignment to Ningpo. Voted: with Hangchow Christian College concurring, to assign Mr. A. W. March of Hangchow Station to Ningpo for the year 1938-39, during the furlough of Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Smith, for general oversight of Station work and property.

E. C. 3841.
3913. Miss Loretta Crawford—Request of Newberry Bible School. A letter from the secretary of the Board of Directors of Newberry Bible School, Shanghai, having been presented, making formal request for the assignment of Miss Loretta Crawford to act as principal of the school, it was voted: that in view of the prospect of Miss Crawford's early return to her own Station of Soochow, it is deemed inadvisable to make such assignment.


3915. Ningpo—Request Funds for Emergency Relief of Workers. A request having been presented from the Ningpo Project Board for permission to use possible balances of regular budget funds which may remain in hand in case of outbreak of hostilities and breakdown of projects planned in the Ningpo district, for emergency relief of its workers, it was voted: that where war conditions make impossible the completion of proposed projects, we request the China Council to use balances thus resulting and refunded to the Mission for creating a fund for such emergency relief, this fund to be administered by China Council.

3916. Ningpo—Riverside Girls’ Academy—Request Release of Special Funds for Equipment. Voted: to recommend to China Council approval of request from Riverside Girls’ Academy, Ningpo, for the release of $900 of the special fund of $5,000 granted by our New York Board to the school for the replacing of school equipment, pending formal request from the school’s Board of Directors. The sum of $900 thus requested is to provide a minimum number of beds and desks necessary for the opening of school this fall.

E.C. 3813.
3917. **Soochow—Project Report of Six Months.** Voted: to approve the report submitted by Dr. Crawford on Soochow projects for the past six months, April through September. E.C. 3904; 3908.

3918. **Soochow—Project Plans for Second Half of Fiscal Year.** Voted: to approve the budget as follows and the plans as submitted by Dr. Crawford for projects in the Soochow area for the remaining half of the fiscal year, on the understanding that a report with audited statement will be made for the entire year:

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E. C. 3908.

3919. **Soochow — Vincent Miller Academy—Renewal of Agreement.** Voted: to place on the agenda for the next meeting (October) of this Committee the matter of the renewal of Agreement with Vincent Miller Academy, Soochow Station. E. C. 38101.

3920. **Dr. Lloyd S. Ruland—Secretary for China.** Voted: to instruct the Mission Secretary to write on behalf of the Mission a letter of welcome to Dr. Lloyd S. Ruland, our newly appointed Board’s Secretary for China.

3921. **Centennial Fund Projects.** Voted: to postpone till the next meeting of this Committee consideration of requests for Centennial Fund projects, in order to give all our Stations time to fully consider the matter and send in full information on suggested projects, especially as to budgets required. B. G. L. No. 68.
3922. *Educational Data for China Council Meeting.* Voted: to appoint the following to collect from their respective Stations the educational data requested for the coming meeting of China Council: Miss E. M. Gauss, Mrs. R. M. White, Miss Grace Darling and Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager.

3923. *Board General Letter No. 67—Findings.* Voted: to instruct the Mission Secretary to write to the New York Board, stating that Board General Letter No. 67 has been carefully studied by this Mission, but that in view of the disturbed conditions now existing within the bounds of the Mission, any initiation of new policies must be temporarily held in abeyance.

E. C. 3857; 38106.

3924. *Executive Committee—Time and Place of Next Meeting.* Voted: that the next meeting of this Committee be held on Tuesday afternoon, 2:00 p.m., October 18, in Shanghai.

E. M. Smith, Chairman.

Kepler Van Evera, Minute Secretary
EAST CHINA MISSION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Fifth Meeting, Tuesday, October 18, 1938.

The Committee met in the Conference Room of the National Christian Council, 305 Missions Building, Shanghai, Tuesday, October 18, 1938, at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Rev. E. M. Smith, chairman; Rev. O. C. Crawford, Miss Grace Darling, Mr. R. M. White, Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager (alternate for Miss Gauss), Rev. P. R. Lindholm and Rev. Kepler Van Evera.

3925. Ningpo—Request Loan of Rev. P. R. Lindholm. In reply to action of Ningpo Station requesting the transfer of Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Lindholm to work in Ningpo for one year, with special attention to the Yu Yao country field, Voted: that it does not seem advisable to make the transfer for the year as specified, but the Executive Committee is willing to permit Mr. Lindholm, so far as consonant with his duties in the Shanghai Station, to make occasional visits to the Yu Yao field in order to assist in certain conferences, classes and other special items of work there.

3926. Shanghai—Project Work Budget. Voted: to approve for the current year the budget of $2640 and the plans for the Shanghai Station as submitted.

3927. Furlough Return. Record is made of the favorable vote of the Mission, on the basis of the pre-furlough questionnaires, for the return after furlough of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Arthur whose furlough is due February 1939.

3929. Hangchow—Y. M. C. A. Requests Voluntary Services of Rev. Kepler Van Evera. Voted: to approve of Mr. Van Evera assisting the Hangchow Young Men's Christian Association, on a voluntary basis, so far as consonant with his regular Station duties.

3930. Soochow—Renewal of Agreement, Vincent Miller Academy. At the request of the Board of Directors of Vincent Miller Academy, Soochow, the Mission withheld approval for renewal of those clauses of the Agreement relating to the lease of property to the Synod of East China.

Voted: (1) not to renew the part of the Agreement relating to finance, but to make grants (a) of $200 required for the entrance of the School into the Christian Co-operative Middle School in Shanghai, for the second term of the present school year, and (b) to pay all incidentals incurred in participation in this school, (2) to renew the other clauses of the Agreement, the same to be in force until July 31, 1939.

E. C. 38101.

3931. Soochow—Occupation of Property. Voted: to forward to the China Council for presentation to the Japanese Government through the American authorities a claim for remuneration in respect to property of Soochow Station occupied by the Japanese military, for the periods and amounts to be listed. It is understood that this action will in no wise prejudice separate claims for damage and loss of buildings and equipment due to the same occupancy.

E. C. 3842.

3932. Centennial Fund Projects. Voted: to approve of submitting to China Council the lists of projects from the individual Stations, with special emphasis on the third item presented by Ningpo, viz: "The Station would approve of the Board again placing in the hands of China Council an
Evangelistic Expansion Fund for general use for all our Missions throughout China.”

E. C. 3921.

3933. National Christian Council—Requests Continuation of Services of Mr. White. In reply to a letter from the National Christian Council asking for the continuation of the services of Mr. R. M. White, it was Voted: to approve of Mr. White continuing his service with the National Christian Council on the present basis, up to the end of November, and to continue during December and January for part time so far as consonant with Station and Mission responsibilities.

E. C. 3883.

E. M. SMITH, Chairman.

KEPLER VAN EVERA, Minute Secretary.
 Sixth Meeting, Shanghai, January 26-27, 1939.

The Committee met in the China Council Conference Room, Shanghai, on Thursday, Jan. 26, 1939, at 2:00 p.m. and continued through two sessions, adjourning at noon, Friday, Jan. 27.

Present: Mr. R. M. White, chairman, Dr. O. C. Crawford, Rev. Kepler Van Evera, Miss Grace Darling, Miss E. M. Gauss, Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager and Miss Loretta Crawford, as alternate for Rev. Paul R. Lindholm.

The opening devotional service was led by Mr. Lautenschlager, on the theme: "Triumph in Trouble." Miss Gauss led morning devotions at the beginning of the second session.

3934. Shanghai—Mary Farnham School—Alternate on Board of Directors. Voted: to elect Mrs. R. M. White as temporary alternate to represent the East China Mission on the Board of Directors of Mary Farnham School.

(Circular action—Nov. 22—Dec. 7, 1938.)

3935. Mr. R. M. White—Hangchow Christian College Request. Voted: that Mr. White’s time for the next six months be planned as follows:

1. That in addition to his duties as Mission Secretary he give five hours of English teaching to Hangchow Christian College.

2. That he give time to informal contact with Vincent Miller Academy as part of the Joint Middle School just as far as his other duties, including trips to Soochow, will allow.

3936. Mission Secretary—Office Rent and Stenographic Help. Voted: To approve use by the Mission Secretary of funds up to $60 a month for office rent and stenographic help for the six months Feb. 1—July 31, 1939.
3937. **Ningpo—Yu Yao Hospital—Foreign Doctor Requested.** Voted: that China Council be requested to grant from the Emergency Fund the salary of a foreign physician for one year for the Yu Yao Hospital.

3938. **Ningpo—Yu Yao Hospital—Request for Wall.** Voted: to request China Council for a grant of $1,600 for the construction of a wall around the hospital compound at Yu Yao.

3939. **Ningpo—Rev. A. R. Crouch—Travel Expense.** Voted: that the item of $98.80 for travel expense of Rev. A. R. Crouch between Shanghai and Ningpo be paid from Mission General funds.

3940. **Uniform Blanks for Prayer Cycle Information.** Voted: to approve action of Shanghai Station requesting China Council to prepare uniform blanks for the purpose of reporting the work of members of a Station, with a view to securing greater uniformity both in the China Prayer Cycle and the Cycle of Prayer for Home and Foreign Missions.

3941. **Shanghai—Expense of Guards at South Gate.** Voted: to request China Council to grant from the Emergency Fund the sum of $862.50, the amount still needed to cover expense of foreign guards at the South Gate compound, Shanghai, for the fiscal year April 1, 1938—Mar. 31, 1939. The total expense is $1,312.50, of which $450 has already been paid by Mary Farnham School and Nantao Christian Institute.

3942. **Shanghai—Mary Farnham School Board of Directors Alternate.** Voted: to elect Mrs. R. M. White as a second alternate on the Board of Directors of the Mary Farnham School.
3943. *Soochow—Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Crawford—Postponement of Furlough.* The regular furlough of Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Crawford is due May 3, 1939. However, in view of the urgent needs in Soochow, they have generously offered to postpone sailing until the autumn in order to continue in church and relief work. It is therefore Voted: to approve postponement of sailing on regular furlough for Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Crawford until such time in the autumn 1939 as may be found convenient, prior to date of honorable retirement on October 15, 1939, and to record the Mission's appreciation for this offer of additional service.

3944. *Hengyang Middle School Appropriation.* China Council action 38290 proposed that five of the China Missions each transfer $200 from their educational funds to the Hengyang Middle School, Hunan. Voted: that in view of the heavy cuts made on school appropriations during the present fiscal year and the heavy sacrifices being made by the school staffs, the East China Mission does not see its way clear to reduce further its educational funds by transfer at this time.

3945. *Mission Executive Committee—Member and Alternate.* Voted: to designate Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager as a regular member of the Executive Committee to fill the place of Mr. R. M. White, now acting as chairman, and in view of present difficulties of travel and uncertainty in securing full attendance, to elect Dr. C. B. Day as an alternate in place of Mr. Lautenschlager.

3946. *Time and Place of Mission Meeting.* Voted: that the annual Mission Meeting be held in Shanghai beginning Friday, May 26, at 9.00 a.m. in the China Council Rooms and that the Executive Committee be called to meet at 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 1939.
Mission Meeting Program. Voted: to appoint Mr. R. M. White, Miss Grace Darling, Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager and Dr. C. B. Day as a committee to prepare the program for Mission Meeting.

Adjourned,

R. M. White, Chairman.

Kepler Van Evera, Secretary.
EAST CHINA MISSION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Seventh Meeting, Shanghai, April 25-26, 1939.

The Committee met in the China Council Conference Room, Shanghai, on Tuesday, April 25, 1939, at 9:00 and continued through four sessions, adjourning at 4:15 on Wednesday, April 26. For two sessions on Wednesday, the Committee sat as the Finance Committee.

Present: Mr. R. M. White, chairman, Dr. O. C. Crawford, Rev. Paul R. Lindholm, Miss Grace Darling, Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager, Rev. Kepler Van Evera, Rev. C. B. Day, alternate for Miss Gauss, and for Finance Committee sessions, Rev. I. M. Dungan.

The opening devotional service was led by Dr. Crawford on the theme—Workers together with God.

3948. Conference on Cooperation With the Southern Presbyterian Mission. Following the devotional service the committee discussed questions concerning closer cooperation with the Southern Presbyterian Mission that had grown out of a joint meeting of these two Stations in Soochow. At ten o'clock the Ad Interim Committee of the Southern Presbyterian Mission met with the Executive Committee in joint session. Mr. R. M. White was chosen chairman of the joint session and Mr. Lacy Moffett secretary. The following actions of the Soochow meeting were adopted as applying both to Soochow and Hangchow:

1. That closer cooperation between the two Missions is desirable.
2. That steps should be taken to secure the necessary approval for such cooperation.
3. That early consultation should be arranged with Chinese and missionary workers, either in Presbytery or an enlarged group, in order to have their opinions from the beginning in any plans that are made:
Voted: to appoint Rev. O. C. Crawford and Rev. J. P. Minter to confer with Soochow workers and Rev. K. Van Evera and Rev. C. W. Worth to confer with Hangchow workers, and Mr. R. M. White and Rev. Lowry Davis to act as a committee to coordinate plans which are to be reported to the two missions for approval.

Voted: to approve union of the two stations in Medical Work with a single institution (allowing, however, continuance of the present cooperation in the Methodist hospital); emphasis on clinics, in both city and country, wider and more effective use of the evangelistic opportunity afforded by medical work.

Voted: to approve in principle union in educational work contained in the Soochow Statement, leaving detailed plans to be worked out in the light of future conditions.

3949. Language Study Funds—Miss Elsa Logan, R. M. White, I. M. Dungan. Voted: To request from China Council funds for language study during the summer in College of Chinese Studies, Peiping, for
   Miss Elsa Logan
   Mr. I. M. Dungan
   Mr. R. M. White.

3950. Shanghai, Misses Darling and Logan—Vacation Extensions. In view of special circumstances which made it impossible for Miss Darling and Miss Logan to leave the Station during the summer of 1938, it was voted to approve an extension of two weeks on their regular summer vacations for 1939.

3951. Soochow—Vincent Miller Academy—Renewal of Agreement. Voted: To approve renewal, for one year from August 1, 1939, of the agreement between East China Mission and East China Synod of the Church of Christ
in China, regarding Vincent Miller Academy, with omission of former clauses relating to lease of property to the Synod.

3952. **Soochow—Institutional Center Request**—Voted: That in view of all the circumstances the Mission does not see its way clear to accede to the request of the Institutional Center, Soochow, for the restoration of $600.00 for the salary of the General Secretary.

3953. **Station Treasurers and Secretaries—Approved:** Voted: To approve treasurers and secretaries as elected by the Stations for the year 1939-40 (See list in Annual Mission Minutes).

3954. **Auditors—Mission Secretary’s Accounts:** Voted: To appoint Dr. C. B. Day and Rev. Paul R. Lindholm to audit the Mission Secretary’s accounts.

3955. **Project Blanks.** Voted: To approve, with minor alterations, forms of project application blanks and reports prepared by the Mission Secretary.

3956. **Mission Meeting Program**—Voted: To approve the program for Mission Meeting prepared by the Committee appointed in E.C. 3947.

3957. **Estimates for 1940-41**—The Estimate sheets, 1940-41 for the four Stations and Mission General Funds, were approved.

3958. **Furlough List—1940.**

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*Term of service dates from April 1, 1935; with prior service on Substitute Workers Fund. Furlough will be postponed three months, or less, in order to complete school term on the field and allow uninterrupted year of furlough study.
3959. Miss Ada C. Russell—Homeward travel for Miss Ada C. Russell having been omitted by oversight, it was voted to request the Board to make special provision in the 1939-40 estimates for her regular furlough due March 17, 1940, since sailing on or near the due date may be necessary for personal and family reasons.

3960. Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Crawford—Continuation on the Field after Retirement. Voted:—That in view of the peculiar needs now existing in the work of the Soochow Station and in view of the request that has come to the Mission from the church in Soochow for the continued residence there of Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Crawford—to request China Council and Board approval for the residence of Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Crawford in Soochow for an additional year after the time of their retirement on October 15, 1939.

3961. Assignments—1940.

1. Ningpo.
   Miss M. B. Duncan (residence Yuyao): Evangelism in city and country; short term schools for women and girls; South City Center; Station chairman. (Furlough after Feb. 1, 1940)
   Miss E. M. Gauss: Adviser and teacher, Riverside Girls' Academy; adviser, Dzong-Sing Boys' Primary School; Station Treasurer.
   Rev. E. M. Smith: Counselor with Ning-Shao Presbytery; Committee work; Member of China Council; Mission Executive Secretary. (Furlough until January 1940.)
   Mrs. E. M. Smith: Evangelism in Ningpo city; Adviser and teacher, Dzong-Teh Girls' Primary School; Adviser, Women's Bible School; Supervisor of Kindergarten. (Furlough until January 1940.)
   Rev. A. R. Crouch: Language study; teacher in Riverbend Christian Middle School; Station secretary.
   Mrs. A. R. Crouch: Language study; Dzong-Teh Girls' Primary School.

2. Shanghai:
   (Furlough until May.)
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Mrs. W. D. Boone: Nantao Christian Institute. (Furlough until Sept.)
Miss B. M. Hille: Nantao Christian Institute.
Miss Grace Darling: Mary Farnham School; Station chairman.
Rev. I. M. Dungan: Religious Education and teaching, Lowrie Institute and Hangchow Christian College in Shanghai. Station treasurer.
Mrs. I. M. Dungan: Lowrie Institute Religious Education work.
Rev. P. R. Lindholm: Evangelistic work.
Mrs. P. R. Lindholm: Newberry Bible School.
Miss Elsa M. Logan: Mary Farnham School.

3. Hangchow:

Miss Juniata Ricketts: City and country evangelism. Station secretary.
Miss Lois Lyon: Loaned to Shanghai Station for work in Lowrie Institute, school year 1939-40.
Mr. A. W. March: Hangchow Christian College (loaned to Ningpo Station during furlough of Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Smith).
Mrs. A. W. March: Hangchow Christian College. (loaned to Ningpo Station during furlough of Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Smith).
Rev. Kepler Van Evera: City and country evangelism.—Station treasurer.
Mrs. K. Van Evera: City and country evangelism.
Miss Ada C. Russell: City and country evangelism. Station chairman. (Furlough after March 17, 1940.)
Mrs. C. B. Day: " " " —English and Music.
Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager: Hangchow Christian College—Political Science and History.
Mrs. R. S. Lautenschlager: Hangchow Christian College, History.

4. Soochow:

Mr. R. M. White: Mission Executive Secretary and Member of China Council (until Jan. 1940). Vincent Miller Academy. Station treasurer.
Mrs. R. M. White: Teaching, Hangchow Christian College. (Temporary assignment), Station secretary.
Miss Loretta Crawford: City and country evangelism. Station chairman.
3962. Property List—1939. The Mission Property List for 1939 was approved. (See pages preceding "Index").

3963. Rehabilitation List. A list of items most urgently needed for replacement and rehabilitation of damaged property was approved. (See pages preceding "Index").

Adjourned to meet at 9:00 a.m. May 23, 1939.

Kepler Van Evera, Minute Secretary.

R. M. White, Chairman.
EAST CHINA MISSION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Eighth Meeting, Shanghai, May 23-24, 1939.

The Committee met in the China Council Conference Room, Shanghai, Tuesday, May 23, 1939, at 9:00 a.m. and continued through four sessions, adjourning at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 24.

Present: Mr. R. M. White, chairman, Dr. O. C. Crawford, Rev. Kepler Van Evera, Miss Grace Darling, Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager, Rev. Paul R. Lindholm, and Rev. C. B. Day, alternate for Miss Gauss.

The opening devotional service was led by Miss Grace Darling, on the theme "Drawing Near to God".

3964. Hangchow Union Girls' School—Miss M. A. Frame—alternate. Voted: To authorize Miss M. A. Frame to act as alternate for meeting of the Board of Directors of Hangchow Union Girls' School to be held May 11.

(Circular action—May 11, 1939)

3965. Audit of Station Accounts. A record is made of audits of Station treasurers' accounts, fiscal year 1938-39, as follows:

1. Shanghai—Statement from Miss Elsa Logan, secretary of Shanghai Station, dated May 11, 1939:—"Rev. Myron E. Terry audited the books of the Station treasurer and certified their correctness, on the Auditor's Statement, under date of April 24, 1939."

2. Soochow—Copy of auditor's certificate to the General Treasurer, signed May 5, 1939, by Miss Loretta Crawford and Mrs. R. M. White, was submitted and accepted.

3. Hangchow—A copy of auditor's certificate to the General Treasurer, signed, May 24, 1939, by Mr. Lautenschlager and Mr. Day, was submitted and accepted.

3966. *Audit of Mission Secretary's Books—Report Approved.* The Mission Secretary's books, including Mr. Smith's and Mr. White's accounts for the fiscal year 1938-39 have been audited and found correct.

Signed: C. B. DAY.

P. R. LINDHOLM.

3967. *Bible Teachers' Training School—Miss Loretta Crawford Requested.* In reply to request of the Bible Teachers' Training School for the services of Miss Loretta Crawford to fill furlough vacancy of Miss Winslett, it was Voted: that in view of the pressing needs of the Mission that we do not see our way clear to approve this request.


3969. *Shanghai—Request Rent—Lowrie Institute.* Voted: to request to China Council to make a grant of $350.00 per month toward the renting of suitable quarters in the Woman's Savings Bank Building for Lowrie Institute for one year, beginning July 1, 1939.

3970. *Hangchow—Care of Residence 32D11.* Voted: to refer to China Council the question of oversight, during furlough, of Hangchow residence No. 32D11, at present occupied by Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Fitch.

3971. *Rev. and Mrs. Paul Winn—Assignment and Language Study.* Owing to the unavoidable absence of Ningpo representatives from this meeting, the existing conditions which make residence and language study in Ningpo or Soochow inadvisable for new arrivals, and the necessity of holding the Mission's very meager force in readiness to meet the most urgent needs in light of a changing and developing
situation, it was Voted: to defer for one year a definite assignment for Rev. and Mrs. Paul Winn.

Pending consultation with Mr. and Mrs. Winn regarding language study, the recommendation of the Committee on Guidance of Junior Missionaries and Language Study is approved,—that Mr. and Mrs. Winn reside in Shanghai for the first year for study of Wu dialect, preferably in a language school or class.

3972. *Hangchow Christian College and Associated Christian Colleges.* Dr. R. J. McMullen, acting president of Hangchow Christian College, was invited to be present and state the plan for correlation of the Associated Christian Colleges. Voted: that the East China Mission record its hearty endorsement of the plans presented by Hangchow Christian College for continued affiliation in the four Associated Christian Colleges and enlargement of the present program for the year 1939-40, and also for the future development of upper division work in even closer cooperation as to location and correlated curriculum.


In accordance with C. C. 38265—E. C. 3830 it was Voted: to approve of changes in the Agreement concerning Vincent Miller Academy as follows:

1. *Art IV.—Subsidiary Documents.*

Change sentence in former agreement relating to organization of Board of Directors "Three representing the Alumni Association of Vincent Miller Academy" to read:

"Three elected by the Board of Directors from among qualified graduates of Vincent Miller Academy."

2. *Art. V.—Finance.*

Change the amount of the Mission appropriation to the school for year Aug. 1, 1939-July 31, 1940, from $1,200 Chinese currency to $600 Chinese currency.

E. C. 3951
C. C. 39130
3974. *Property Committee.* Voted: to appoint Mrs. Crouch and Mr. Van Evera to represent Ningpo and Hangchow Stations on the Property Committee in the absence of regular members.

3975. *Rate of Exchange—Request Revision.* In view of the wide difference that has existed for more than one year between the "normal" and current rates of exchange, it was Voted: to request China Council and the General Treasurer to confer with the Board with a view to fixing the "normal" rate at a point nearer the actual current rate of exchange, and in special cases to give favorable consideration to requests for reservations of salary in U. S. currency above the 25% now allowed.

3976. *Project Application Approved, 1939-40.* Voted: to approve granting of Project Funds for evangelistic work, 1939-40 as follows:

A. *Soochow.*

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*Project Work Grants—Totals*

1. Moh Doh ... ... ... $35.00
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5. Hsu Z Kwan ... ... ... 50.00 270

Total ... ... ... $1,078

B. *Hangchow.* Voted: to approve the granting of $3,222.00 toward the Salaries of Staff and projects of Hangchow Presbytery.

C. *Shanghai.* Voted: to approve the granting of funds for projects presented by Rev. Paul R. Lindholm.
D. Ningpo. Voted: to approve the following Selected Evangelistic projects of Ningpo Station as follows:

1. A young man to organize and direct young people's work and do evangelistic follow-up work through our two Christian Middle Schools and to conduct inquirers' classes and literacy classes in the churches of the Ning-Shao Presbytery.

2. A young man to do evangelistic follow-up work in the hospitals of the Ningpo area and to do the same type of work in connection with Ningpo Reformatory.

3. A young woman to do the same type of work among the women and girls of the hospitals and the reformatory.

3977. Force List—1939. The Force List for 1939 was approved. See list preceding Index.

NOTE:

E. C. 3948A

E. C. 3949A

Two actions originating in the C. C. office were inadvertently omitted from E. C. Minutes. These are now given numbers, E. C. 3948A and E. C. 3949A, to preserve sequence.

For wording, see C. C. 39102 and 39103.

R. M. WHITE, Chairman.

KEPLER VAN EVERA, Minute Secretary.
MINUTES
of the
SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING
of the
EAST CHINA MISSION.

Friday, May 26, 1939, 9:00 a.m.

The seventieth annual meeting of the East China Mission opened in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lautenschlager, No. 12 Rte. Winling, Shanghai, on Friday, May 26, 1939, at 9:00 a.m., with the retiring chairman, Miss Loretta Crawford, presiding.

The opening devotional service was led by Dr. J. Lyon Caughey, acting pastor of the Community Church. Each subsequent session was opened and closed with prayer.

The acting Permanent Secretary called the roll and reported that the membership of the Mission now stands at thirty-three. Seven were in America, and five were unable to attend, leaving a total of twenty-one who attended all or part of the sessions.

Excuses were accepted for Miss M. B. Duncan, Miss E. M. Gauss, Mr. A. W. March and Rev. A. R. Crouch, unable to attend owing to the difficult situation in Ningpo and Mrs. Kepler Van Evera, remaining in charge at Hangchow. Prayer was offered for these members who were carrying on in the midst of grave difficulties and dangers.

Members present:

Ningpo: Mrs. A. R. Crouch.

Shanghai: Rev. W. D. Boone, Miss B. M. Hille, Miss Grace Darling, Rev. I. M. Dungan, Mrs. I. M. Dungan, Rev. P. R. Lindholm, Mrs. P. R. Lindholm and Miss Elsa M. Logan.
Hangchow: Miss Juniata Ricketts, Miss Lois Lyon, Rev. K. Van Evera, Miss Ada C. Russell, Rev. C. B. Day, Ph.D., Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager, and Mrs. R. S. Lautenschlager.

Soochow: Rev. O. C. Crawford, Mrs. O. C. Crawford, Mr. R. M. White, Mrs. R. M. White and Miss Loretta Crawford.

A letter of greeting from Dr. J. E. Shoemaker, (H. R.) was read. The secretaries were instructed to reply expressing the Mission’s appreciation for Dr. Shoemaker’s message of fellowship and cheer.

3978. **Corresponding Members.** At various sessions the following were welcomed as corresponding members and given the privileges of the floor:

Dr. and Mrs. John Lyon Caughey, Mrs. G. L. Gelwicks, Mrs. M. G. Tewksbury, Mrs. M. E. Terry, Dr. and Mrs. Paul R. Abbott, Rev. F. R. Millican, Dr. C. Stanley Smith and Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Myers.

3979. **Program.** The program prepared by the Executive Committee was adopted, with the exception that Mrs. O. C. Crawford was chosen to read the Mission’s Medical Report in the absence of Mr. March. (See “Program” following these minutes)

3980. **Election of Officers.** Officers were elected.

*Chairman:* Dr. O. C. Crawford.
*Vice-Chairman:* Dr. C. B. Day.

3981. **Chairman of China Council—Nominations.** Nominations for Chairman of the China Council (with members of the General Workers’ Group also voting), were made, in order of preference:

1. Dr. R. C. Wells.
2. Miss M. A. Frame.
3. Dr. E. E. Walline.
3982. *Election of Executive Committee Members.* The following were elected members of the Executive Committee for a term of two years, expiring 1941:

- **To represent Church Work:** Rev. Kepler Van Evera.
- **To represent School Work:** Mr. R. M. White.
- **Member-at-large:** Dr. C. B. Day.
- **Alternates:** Miss B. M. Hille.
  - Rev. W. D. Boone.

3983. *Committee on Resolutions.* The Chairman appointed Miss Hille and Miss Lyon as Committee on Resolutions.

3984. *Church Work Report.* The Mission's Church Work report, presented by Rev. P. R. Lindholm, was adopted. (See Report 3984, p. 47.)

3985. *Message to General Assembly.* Voted: to send the following cable to the General Assembly now meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, expense to be shared by members of the Mission:

> "Your East China Mission In Session Sends Greetings Heartily Approves Union Episcopal Presbyterian Denominations."

**Friday, May 26, 2:00 p.m.**

The afternoon session opened with the Vice-Chairman, Dr. C. B. Day, in the chair.

3986. *Institutional and Social Service Report.* The Mission's Institutional and Social Service Report, including relief activities, was read by Miss J. Ricketts, followed by discussion and exhibition of pictures and products of the Good-Will Industries in Shanghai and Hangchow. The report was adopted. (See Reports 3986, p. 55.)

3987. *School Work Report.* The Mission's School Work Report, presented by Miss Elsa Logan, was adopted. (See Reports 3987, p. 59.)
3988. Medical Work Report. The Mission's Medical Work Report, prepared by Mr. March and read by Mrs. Crawford, was adopted. (See Reports 3988, p. 68.)

After adjournment at 4:30 p.m., tea was served in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dungan.

Saturday, May 27, 9:00 a.m.

The devotional service was led by Mr. Harry Silcock of the Friends Service Committee, on the topic “The Love of Christ as Living and Active”. The Mission expressed to Mr. Silcock appreciation for the hour of spiritual fellowship and inspiration.

The business session opened with the Chairman, Dr. O. C. Crawford, presiding.

3989. At 10:15 Dr. M. T. Rankin, Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, gave a very helpful and thought-provoking address on the subject: “Relation of Madras Conference Findings to our Mission Program in East China.” The address was followed by discussion.

Dr. Rankin stressed these points:

1. The Faith by Which the Church Lives. Madras differed from the Jerusalem Conference in that there was a deeper realization of the dangers of secularism; in recognizing that men without Christ are dead but that in Christ all are made alive. There was a deep conviction that unless an individual is brought into relationship with Christ, he does not attain the New Life. As we deepen this conviction, it will change our whole program.

2. The Church—Its Nature and Function. Unfortunately some have taken the attitude that the Church is not central but merely one of four or five other Christian institutions, such as schools, hospitals, etc. The Church must be made central and supreme. If other institutions are cut off from the source,—the dynamic,—of the Church, which is the fountain head, they die. The problem is to build up in the mind of ordinary folk,—many of whom are uneducated, with mediocre leadership, an idea of the high place of the Church and its relation to the kingdom of God.
3. The Church and State. An important task for all Christians now is to help relieve the tension between Church and State and to give to each its rightful place.

4. The Church and Evangelism. We must avoid the double danger of making evangelism, either too narrow and exclusive, or too broad and without meaning. Madras placed a healthy emphasis on the place of evangelism in the Church, and also on the place of the Church in evangelism.

5. Inner Life of the Church. There must be more emphasis on teaching and training people about the things of God, as recorded in the Bible. All training must be more distinctly Christian.

3990. *Special Educational Committee Report.* Rev. I. M. Dungan presented a report of the Special Educational Committee, which, after discussion, was approved. (See Reports 3990, p. 71.)

Saturday, May 27, 2:00 p.m.

Dr. C. B. Day, Vice-Chairman, presided.

3991. *Mission Policy in Occupied Areas.* Mrs. R. S. Lautenschlager gave an address on the subject: "Mission Policy in Occupied Areas", and led the ensuing discussion.

"The question of Mission policy in occupied areas appears to present two primary aspects. The one has been with us since the beginning of hostilities, and is associated closely with the problem of China's national resistance. The other has come with the more extended period of occupation, and involved the issue of adjustment to dictates of a newly established regime.

At the outset it may be said that here is raised the fundamental and perplexing issue of the relationship between Church and State,—a matter which should find its practical solution in the conscience of the national church. However, in the present case of the occupied areas, the leadership of the community, including the churches, has so largely withdrawn that the duty falls primarily upon the missionary personnel to determine the policy of the Christian movement in these troubled parts.

In viewing the question of policy, we find at its very root lies the significant fact of the almost complete identity of interest between the Christian objectives and China's present national aspirations in the
criterion. While Christianity is recognized as fundamentally a ministry to the spiritual needs of individuals, it cannot dissociate itself from the broader social questions of right, justice and human liberties. In the face of the merciless onslaught upon China’s defenseless people and national existence, the Christian church must find the place and manner of her greatest and fullest ministry. One point of view has counselled an almost complete abandonment of our organized activities, performing only such labors of love as elementary physical relief, with spiritual instruction and comfort. Anything beyond these would be conceived of as a grave dis-service to the people and the nation by hastening “pacification” and accommodation to the new conditions, thus reducing the spirit of resistance. On the other hand, stands the call to minister unstintingly to every need of the suffering people, including a program of practical education for promoting literacy and mental growth, without which spiritual personality cannot attain its normal development. This practically involves the concept that our Christian work can be applied entirely to people as people, and may be completely detached from political issues and national interest.

Thus far our policies have largely followed the mean, and have herein found wide opportunity and response to deeds of mercy and to Gospel Truth. The situation seems to be very little changed, as the struggle is still in its critical stage, and an increasing amount of guerilla activity is apparent in occupied areas. Would it not seem the part of wisdom to continue to confine our work to the simplest forms of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and of providing elementary relief for distress? In this way we may bring succor and salvation without the danger of adding to the peril of the national life.

The second aspect of our general question has to do with the adjustment of our work to the “powers that be”, and is in many parts daily becoming a more delicate and pressing problem. The Christian movement which the missionary is leading has been discovered and recognized as a deeply rooted and influential force in Chinese society. Here is something to be reckoned with in the process of establishing the “new order”. The reactions purport to be of two kinds: there may be admiration, with attempt to appropriate and exploit for specific purposes; or there may be fear, followed by devious steps to weaken, disintegrate and destroy.

Aside from the general disorganization caused by hostilities, the direct restrictions and interferences experienced thus far under the new regime have varied with place and circumstances. As in the case of the former aspect of the problem, the type of activity that lends itself most readily to either control or attack is the highly organized
work of institutional nature. While there has been little attempt to conduct fully developed primary schools within the areas of our Mission, it is significant to note that this matter has been dealt with by specific regulations issued by the Ministry of Education of the Reformed Government. In the set published early this year, there appeared a provision positively forbidding any native or foreign religious bodies to conduct primary schools or any other form of educational work for Chinese children. Likewise, normal training schools were correspondingly prohibited. But in the new regulations, issued as recently as May 1st, these provisions are entirely dropped. The restrictions that remain are very similar to those formerly enforced by the Nationalist Government. They make it unlawful to have required courses in religion, to carry on religious propaganda in classes, and to compel attendance at religious service. A further point, which indicates that all schools must be administered according to regulations promulgated, may lead to a very delicate problem as soon as the revised text-books are ready for use. If the position be taken, as appears to be the case with Mission leaders in Nanking where there has been the largest development of both primary and middle schools aside from North China, that strict adherence be given to the non-political principle in education, the text-book issue will have to be met. For no books could be acceptable which are highly colored politically, either in one direction or another.

As to higher training, no Christian colleges or universities are operating in occupied areas excepting in Peiping. A meeting of the presidents of the thirteen Christian institutions throughout China recently brought forth the following resolution: "We believe Christian character, academic freedom, and national loyalty should be upheld—and that no sacrifice is too great to safeguard these sacred obligations".

In the realm of specific church work and worship services, our parts have enjoyed comparative freedom from interference, notwithstanding "observations" and various proposals for "cooperation". Proclamations and warnings are not unknown, urging the populace to have nothing to do with the foreign missionary and the Christian movement, while pamphlets of violent anti-Christian propaganda have been found in circulation. These are conditions that may best be met with courtesy and borne with patience as "slight tribulations" in the name of the Master. Unless more serious trials befall, the church may continue to worship openly and proclaim freely the Way of Christ. But should persecutions come, as in the case of Hsuchow where pastors and elders have been abducted and detained for a month (and now, according to reports, a whole congregation of 300), then it may become wise to
withdraw to more private worship in the homes by small neighbourhood groups. God has richly blessed the Church in its manifold ministry in occupied areas, and He will surely continue to care for His own unto an abundant salvation.

The open discussion period—3:10-4:20—was led by Mr. Dungan, continuing discussion of the report of the special Educational Committee.

After adjournment at 4:30 p.m., tea was served in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lautenschlager.

In the evening the courses of a buffet supper were served in succession in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Dungan, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lautenschlager, and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Myers, followed by a program of "stunts" in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lindholm, taking the form of a broadcast over Station "BUNK", with Mr. Boone as announcer.

Sunday, May 28, 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday at 4:30, the Mission met in the Community Church with invited members of the General Workers Group, the Southern Presbyterian Mission, and other friends, for the annual sermon and communion. The retiring Chairman, Miss Loretta Crawford, led the service, and Rev. O. C. Crawford, D.D. administered communion, assisted by Mr. Lautenschlager and Mr. White.

The rite of baptism was administered by Dr. Crawford to Thomas Mitchell, son of Rev. and Mrs. I. M. Dungan.

Monday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.

The opening devotional service was led by the vice-Chairman, Dr. C. B. Day.

The business session opened with Dr. Crawford presiding.
3992. **Nominating Committee—Report Approved.** The incoming Executive Committee, acting as the Nominating Committee, presented list of nominations for committees and representatives for the coming year. The report as adopted, appears on the first and second pages of the annual minutes.

3993. **Mission Policy and India Survey—Miss Frame.**

Miss Frame addressed the Mission on the subject, "Mission Policy in Light of the India Survey", and led the interesting discussion which followed.

Reference was made to two methods of work in India, the Ashram and the Mass Movement, as growing out of a situation different from that in China yet suggestive of methods for China. Other types of work are carried on much as in China but certain emphases are worthy of note.

In the medical work in India there is a growing emphasis upon the roadside clinic (with well equipped dispensary on wheels), the periodic rural clinic in connection with school or chapel, and the rural clinic with a doctor in residence under supervision of the staff of a central hospital.

The educational work shows an earnest attempt to develop schools which shall really fit for life, providing a trained Christian leadership and contributing to the economic needs of the Christian group. There are schools of primary, secondary and collegiate grade offering such subjects as tailoring, carpentry, poultry raising, gardening, masonry, blacksmithing and motor mechanics and agriculture. A large poultry and goat farm makes its added contribution to the economic life of the church and community. Even the schools with more formal education try to specialize in specific fields as in home-making or teacher-training.

In the evangelistic work in the country the India missions have emphasized worship through simple liturgical services which may be memorized even by the illiterate and which give each person a share in the church service. The offering whether of money or in kind is an integral part of the service. In some places inquirers are enrolled with a definite pledge on their part and a certificate indicating their enrolment. A Bible course extending over many years has been effectively used among the women of the Western India Mission. The rural church is building its own chapels, sometimes beginning with only a beaten earth floor, adding walls and roof and extensions as they are able.
Caste and the communal system present tremendous difficulties to the Christian program which are not known to us in China. The greatest inspiration of a visit to India is in the courage and patience with which the Christian forces, missionary and Indian, build the Church in spite of difficulties.

3994. *Future Mission Policy—Summary.* Mr. R. M. White summarized a number of points relating to future Mission policy, as brought out in previous sessions.

The program this year aside from reports consists almost entirely of topics dealing with policy. This seems a significant comment on the present situation. Consciously or unconsciously we are considering required changes, to see whether there is any better way of reaching our great objective. Basically and fundamentally our policy is of course not changed,—rather is our determination strengthened and deepened,—to let no circumstances turn us aside from attempting to carry out our Commission.

It seems fitting at this time we collectively make a solemn reaffirmation of our purpose and firm intention to carry out that Commission,—that we make a re-consecration of our lives, our talents and our wills—to live more devotedly and completely for Him, Whose we are and Whom we serve.

1. Review of basic policy as stated in Board Annual and Mission rules.

2. We resolve anew to use every effort to relate all activities of our Mission program to bringing individuals into a close and loving fellowship with Jesus Christ, in the deep conviction that only thus can they attain the new and full life.

3. We must put new emphasis on the idea that the Church is central and not merely one of four or five different Christian institutions in which we are interested.

4. Let us make a larger place in the program for teaching and training people about the things of God, as contained in the Bible.

5. In education it is well to review some of the underlying convictions of our earlier colleagues regarding Christian education. On several points we have diverged rather widely from their aims. The present crisis has served to make more apparent the strength of the educational tradition in China, augmented by the forces of modernization. At this time of physical distress and hunger, the mental hunger of individuals seems even more accentuated. The aspiration to realize and develop a full personality has definite religious aspects. A person
cannot achieve his full personality without giving a place in his life to religion.

6. We should seek sympathetically to enter into the difficulties and problems of those with whom we are associated. Personal conferences, family groups and small fellowship group meetings can be given a larger place in our program.

The Mission took the following actions relating to policy:


3996. Educational Policy. Voted: that the Mission Executive Committee attempt to state a policy regarding the location of the educational workers and financial resources of the Mission in the event of possible changed conditions.

3997. Special Educational Committee. In attempting to give the most constructive aid to all the Christian Middle Schools with which we are associated at this time of crisis and adjustment, in line with aims mutually cherished, and using methods and a policy which will mean the greatest possible contribution of the schools to the formation of Christian character, and the upbuilding of the church, through a consecrated Christian leadership emanating from each school, —

Voted: that a committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the Mission, seek to work out, in consultation with the principal of each school in turn, a plan for concentrated cooperation of the Mission with each middle school.

Monday, May 29, 2:00 p.m.

Session opened with Vice-Chairman, Dr. Day, presiding.

3998. Report of Executive Committee. Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Executive Committee, Nos. 3964-3977, including the Force List 3977, having been pre-
The following actions of the Executive Committee were read and approved: (Nos. 3999-39105)

3999. *Assignment—Mr. A. W. March.* After consultation with Dr. R. J. McMullen, acting President of Hangchow Christian College, it was decided to reconsider the assignment of Mr. March. Voted: that Mr. March be reassigned to his work in the College from September 1939.

39100. *Assignment—Rev. W. D. Boone.* In view of the reassignment of Mr. March to Hangchow Christian College and pending consultation with the Board of Directors of Nantao Christian Institute, it was Voted: that Mr. Boone be assigned to Ningpo during the furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

39101. *Hangchow Union Girls' School—Request Miss Lyon.* In reply to the request of the Hangchow Union Girls' School Board of Directors, it was Voted: that in view of urgent needs elsewhere in the Mission, the Mission does not see its way clear to assign Miss Lyon to the school this year.

39102. *Hangchow Union Girls' School—Renewal of Agreement.* Voted: to approve renewal of the agreement relating to the Hangchow Union Girls' School for one year, Aug. 1, 1939—July 31, 1940.

39103. *Selected Evangelistic Projects.* Voted: to approve the following list of special evangelistic projects for presentation to the China Council, requesting grants from the Evangelistic Expansion Fund (Centennial Fund):
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1. Shanghai —Pootung field ... ... ... 720  1,290

2. Hangchow—Work with young people in church ... ... ... 335  1,000

3. Ningpo —Follow-up work for students; inquirers classes and youth club work ... ... ... 500  1,500

E. C. 3932
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39104. Committee On Guidance of Junior Missionaries and Language Study—Report Approved. The Committee met and received reports from the Station Language Committees. These reports were revised and translated into the language of the China Council system of credits as follows:

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†Number of credits reported in the East China Mission Minutes 3896 changed to conform to revised credits of Home Study Institute and Nanking Language School (1937-38)

*Credits completed previous to May 1937, but not recorded.

In addition to the above, it was decided to try to make a complete record of present language study progress of members of the East China Mission who are working for credit.

The following reports have been received:

Miss Loretta Crawford is ready to take the examination on the electives of the fourth year course, and is planning to complete the fifth year's work before the next Mission meeting.

Miss Grace Darling will take examination on 4 elective credits in Old Testament before July 1.
Rev. P. R. Lindholm is preparing to take examination on a three-credit unit Morgan’s Chinese Speaker, Chapter 1 before June 30.

Rev. I. M. Dungan is preparing to take examination on the second quarter of first year Peking course, changing dialect.

Mrs. I. M. Dungan is working on second quarter of the first year Peking course, changing dialect.

Miss Elsa Logan is preparing for examination on Pilgrim’s Progress (6 credits) in June.

Rev. A. R. Crouch is preparing to take examination on Gospel of Luke during the summer.

Mrs. A. R. Crouch is also working on Gospel of Luke.

Mr. R. M. White is working on the required work of the Fifth Year, First Quarter, Home Study Institute course.

39105. East China Language Study Credits. In response to the China Council’s request with regard to Language Study credits, the following recommendations are made:

1. That we consider one credit of the Home Study Institute course as equivalent to four credits throughout on the system approved by the China Council.

2. That the Mission approves the completion of the 144 credits of the Home Study or Peking Language courses as the full amount of language credit required in the first term of service; and inasmuch as both courses make generous provision for full language credit for technical electives, the China Council be asked to reconsider the whole question of required work credits in addition to the 144 language credits in the first term of service.

3. In the second term of service, the Language Committee recommends

   (1) That missionaries be expected to study at least three hours a week throughout the whole second term of service, and language study allowances be accordingly provided.

   (2) That an additional 56 credits be obtained during the second term of service, either (a) as technical work credits, each credit to represent 12 hours (not 18) with a teacher in preparation for work, or (b) as regular language credits chosen from the fourth and fifth years of the Home Study Institute course or the electives in the Peking Language course.

E. C. 3895.
C. C. 38343.
Committee on Resolutions—Report. The Committee on Resolutions, consisting of Miss B. M. Hille and Miss Lois Lyon, presented its report which was adopted by the Mission. The Report follows, Nos. 39107 to 39111.

Mrs. J. H. Judson—Memorial Minute. We of the East China Mission wish to record our appreciation of the life and work of Mrs. J. H. Judson. Those of us who knew her well think of her with real affection. Her sympathetic kindliness, her generous hospitality, her devotion to her husband and to the work they undertook together, her eagerness for personal contacts with students, and her motherly interest in their later progress, and the depth of her own religious experience arc some of the bright memories we have of her. Before entering upon her new life, she was called upon to pass through a period of great physical suffering. We rejoice with her and her dear ones that her strong faith upheld her to the end, and that at last, on Dec. 21, 1938, her spirit triumphed over death itself and entered the fuller life beyond.

Rev. J. A. Silsby, D.D.—Memorial Minute. The death of Dr. Silsby on March 4, 1939 brought to a close a life of untiring effort in the service of others. Coming to China in 1887 as a young man, for forty years he put himself into the lives of boys and young men, building into his educational work those principles which were to bear fruit in the lives of the students later on.

His relations to the younger missionaries who came to the field was one of friendly interest and helpfulness. His tolerance for those who differed from him theologically was an active influence in the Station of which he was a member, and made it possible for those of different turns of mind to work together in a spirit of love.

Dr. Silsby carried on considerable literary work in addition to his regular duties as a school principal. Much of his work of the kind was done at personal expense, and those who have studied the local dialect owe him a great debt of gratitude. He believed in using the talents in the Chinese Church and long before a demand was made that schools should have Chinese on the Boards of Directors, Dr. Silsby's school was functioning with a number of its alumni on its Board.

The Mission expresses its deep sympathy with Mrs. Silsby and her daughter in their loss, knowing well that they, too, share in the joy of knowing that that gracious life is still going on and growing in the presence of the Master whom he loved and served.

Dr. Grace Crandall—Minute of Appreciation. The East China Mission wishes to record its deep appreciation of the help which Dr. Grace Crandall of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission has given
during the last year to medical work at the Nantao Institute. Dr. Crandall in addition to her own Mission duties has met the increasing demands of a growing clinic and shown that spirit of cooperation which knows no barriers of creed or race.

39110. *Appreciation—Invited Speakers.* We wish to express our thanks to Dr. John Lyon Caughey and Mr. Harry Silcock for the very helpful devotional hours they led for us, and to Dr. M. T. Rankin and Miss Margart Frame for sharing with us some of the inspiration they themselves received from the Madras conference and from observations of the work in India.

39111. *Appreciation—Hostesses.* The Mission wishes to express its gratitude to those who have so graciously opened their homes to us during the meetings thus making it possible for the sessions to be conducted with ease and efficiency.

39112. *Medical Examinations.* The Mission Secretary reports that with two exceptions, records for the annual medical examination taken within the last three months have been received for all members and children of the Mission.

39113. *Conference with National Church Leaders.* Voted: to refer to the Executive Committee further consideration of methods for securing regular conference and closer cooperation in planning all lines of work between the Mission and National Church leaders and organizations.

39114. *Time and Place of Next Annual Meeting.* Voted: to refer the question of time and place of next annual meeting to the Executive Committee.

39115. *Reading of Minutes.* Voted: to dispense with final reading of the minutes and to authorize the minute secretaries and the Mission Secretary to edit.

The Mission adjourned at 4:30 for tea in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lindholm.

At 5:00 Dr. Crawford led the closing devotional service, on the theme: "The Seeing Eye."

Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Blanche H. White, O. C. Crawford, Chairman
W. D. Boone, R. M. White, Minute Secretaries Permanent Secretary
SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

3984. CHURCH WORK REPORT

Soochow City.—On the 5th of July last year, after six months of waiting in Shanghai for a pass, Dr. Crawford was able to get to Soochow to investigate conditions and begin the reconstruction of the work which had been built up over so many years and then was seemingly dashed to pieces in a few days. He found his home standing but stripped of all its contents, even of its doors. The main church building remained but had been entirely looted of its furnishings. Dr. Crawford spent much of his “summer vacation” with the cheerless task of surveying ruins of school and hospital buildings and negotiating for the release of buildings that were occupied.

The Chinese pastors of the Soochow city churches had not returned, so from the time of his arrival there, Dr. Crawford has been preaching twice almost every Sunday in the two churches.

Mrs. Crawford joined Dr. Crawford in Soochow in October when they moved into one of the Episcopal Mission residences in the city. Miss Crawford joined her parents in November.

It is not encouraging to think of Dr. Crawford as being the only missionary clergyman who has been giving full time to pastoral and evangelistic work in this large city, but the work that he has been able to do is remarkable. In addition to the two meetings on Sundays there have been weekly prayer meetings, Bible classes for enquirers, and evangelistic work with the large number of patients that attend the clinic conducted in the Institutional Center five afternoons a week. This clinic began with one doctor and 14 patients in November and is now conducted by one missionary and three Chinese doctors (2 each day) with rarely less than 175 patients coming in a day.

In the Girls’ School a class of 50 women has been taught character once a week. Following upon this has been a class in Bible study and instruction for inquirers. In the same building and also in a church in the city, classes for poor children have been held four days a week.

Upon the request of the principal of a private school in the city, religious instruction has been given the entire group of 160 pupils once a week.

A Girls’ Club of more than 30 members has been organized, most of them former students of the Girls’ School. They help prepare the supplies for the Clinic and form the choir for the Sunday-school services.

Of course, many meetings, evangelistic, prayer and worship, have been conducted in homes. Several Sunday-schools have been doing well. At the China New Year meetings for non-Christians the chapel was “packed”. During Passion Week services of prayer and meditation
were held every day. Easter Monday church members went by boat to the church cemetery for the yearly memorial service. During the World Week of Prayer all the churches in the city united in a series of services. Two one-day retreats for city and country pastors and evangelists, one three-day conference for city and country church leaders and short-term school with an attendance of 50 have been held.

Though a large proportion of the former population of Soochow has returned to the city, very few of the better educated and more influential people have done so. The church work has suffered very much from the absence of the Christians among these, especially those who were formerly on the staffs of Christian Schools and active in the program of the churches.

Soochow—Rural.—We no doubt have hoped that in the country conditions might have returned nearer to normal but we read concerning the Soochow rural area: “Between bandits, robbers and ‘others’, life is really not liveable! Many families dare not sleep at home nights but go out to the hillsides and sleep among the graves” and then several tragic instances are given that need not be quoted. And yet concerning the same area we read “on the whole the country work was never in better shape, nor the outlook more hopeful. Church services are being conducted with regularity and are well attended. Gifts are being maintained as usual and growth in this respect is to be noted.” The churches that were damaged have been repaired and the workers who had left their fields are back.

The homes of numerous Christians in the country had been destroyed. Relief in the form of funds and food have been distributed to many.

Three of the churches conducted short-term schools of their own, while two joined the one held in Soochow.

Hangchow—City.—Through the past year the church activities in Hangchow have been many. One of the Chinese pastors who did not leave the city during the occupation has been a strong factor in preventing the disintegration of the Christian community of the city and in continuing the administration of the country work of the presbytery. In addition to directing the work in his own church this pastor gave valuable assistance in the work that has been done in the Ku Lou Church and on the Mission compound. In these places evangelistic meetings have constantly been held, Bible and Catechism Study Classes, hymn-singing classes, children’s meetings that overflowed the verandas of residences, and summer Vacation Bible Schools.

A paragraph reporting the group-singing is worth noting:

“Group singing continued to be an activity of great interest, the
group meeting several evenings a week, beginning in October. The boys and girls were taken in separate groups twice a week in addition to the evening sings. The result was that satisfactory progress was made toward a fairly-well organized choir of over twenty voices which has become a splendid nucleus for leading congregational singing and responsive reading in church services."

As in former months church workers in Hangchow have had a large share in administering relief to the homeless and destitute—direct and in providing ways of earning a livelihood, such as embroidery and other kinds of hand-work. In this Christian service evangelistic opportunities have not been neglected.

City churches bereft of most of their officers and a large part of their congregations, of course, were greatly weakened in every way.

A pen-picture of a Christmas gathering in the home of missionaries gives one somewhat of a conception of what has happened in the lives of those affected by the many kinds of Christian work that is being done in their homes and neighborhood:

Picture, if you can, a group of forty-five people, about thirty of whom are celebrating their very first Christmas. They are young, eager, and full of their first Christian love and enthusiasm. The house is festive with Christmas decorations. In one corner of the living room there is a tree all decked and with candles ready to be lighted at the proper moment. Behind the tree is a stack of packages. The young people come in singing "Noel" and gather round the tree. The candles are lighted. Then we have a real feast of Christmas carols interspersed with several prayers. A very inspiring and uplifting service. This part of the program closes. A missionary, after a few remarks, begins to take out the packages and call off the names. You should see the joy on the faces of the young people when each of them receives a Bible, the very first one he or she has ever possessed. Then small bags, filled with peanuts, oranges and candy are given to each. This is all very simple but their hearts are filled with a joy they have never experienced before.

Hangchow—Rural. The Lower River Field. Last summer and fall this area was comparatively quiet but in recent months activity against the guerrillas has resulted in much fighting and devastation. A number of the church buildings have been destroyed and congregations scattered. Three of the eight men responsible for the work stayed through the occupation. One worker, elderly and almost blind, found refuge with his daughter in Honan. Two evacuated to the Up-river field where they were given assignments. Two were released by the Presbytery from all work responsibilities. In only a few instances are meetings now being held in chapels. Small groups are gathering for worship in
homes. Owing to the very unsettled conditions and the limited staff here the presbytery is much concerned lest gains that have been made should be lost at this time. Where workers have lived they have been able to have special evangelistic meetings and some classes.

**UP-RIVER FIELD.**—The Up-river, Tong Yang field is in “Free China,” but it is practically inaccessible from Hangchow. It can be reached but only by way of Shanghai and Ningpo—a bit of a detour. Though visits to this field have not been made some supervision has been given the work through correspondence.

A severe blow was given the work by the death of a “faithful and admirable worker”, Pastor Tsang Peh Gyin of I-wu. He was killed in a motor-bus collision when en route to a meeting to plan the fall program of the district. The loss of this worker is considered the greatest the field has suffered in many years, and it is especially unfortunate to have it come at this critical time.

The Presbytery was fortunate in finding a young man who appears to be an efficient worker to take Pastor Tsang’s place. He led in the planning of a series of eight Bible conferences in which the entire staff of men and women workers co-operated. This series of conferences was felt to be an advance over the former plan of holding one large conference for the whole field which could not possibly reach as large a group of people.

The field has benefited by the addition of the two workers who refugeed there from the lower-river field.

**NINGPO.**—Our church work in the Ningpo-Yu Yao field is that of the Ningshao Presbytery. It is all in “Free China”. Most of its 32 churches and chapels have enjoyed a very fruitful year. There are 12 sessions. The membership at present is 3,720. There has been a net increase this past year of 230. The inquirers now number about as many, which is one indication of the vitality of the work in most of the places.

One of the very practical projects in the presbytery this past year has been one called “Christianizing the Homes.” This has had as its aim leading whole families to Christ, and making homes of church families entirely Christian. Two women evangelists have spent nine weeks in five rural centers promoting this project. They have worked in 53 villages and towns, leading 75 meetings, and Family Worship in homes 31 times. They spoke on the general theme: “A Model Christian Home.” In their “Mothers Meetings” they used many children as examples and in their “Child Training” meetings they used children for practice training. 188 entire families attended meetings conducted by these two
women evangelists. Promotion of literacy was part of the work of this project. A presbytery committee had printed Scripture sheets containing a verse for each week of the year. These were carefully selected and graded so that a few new characters were added each week. It was urged that these verses be memorized each week. One woman forty years of age brought great joy to the women evangelists when she repeated without hesitation or mistake all the verses in order from the first up to that of the date when she was making her recitation. Emphasis on sanitation and hygiene also were included in the program, of course.

The Yu Yao Short Term School for girls enrolled 33. The object of this school was to help the daughters of the rural church constituency who apart from this school have no opportunity for study. The Bible and the hymn-book are the chief text-books, but lessons in arithmetic, geography, writing and singing are also given. The progress the girls made in their studies was very gratifying, but the real satisfaction was in seeing the progress they made in true worship, in thoughtful deeds of kindness to one another and to their teachers, their evident joy in service, their earnest prayers and their sweet testimonies—all showing the fruits of the Spirit in their lives.

For six weeks, the latter part of March and the whole of April, 53 women from rural churches, 28 of whom were Christians, gathered in Yu Yao for Bible study, and lessons in reading, singing, leading of family prayers and approaching neighbors with the Christian message. Most of these went back to their churches with much greater enthusiasm and devotion to do effective work for God in their own communities.

A three-months' Bible School for women was conducted in the city of Ningpo the last quarter of 1938. This was done in cooperation with the English Methodists in one of our buildings. One of the English Methodist missionaries was principal. More than 40 women were enrolled. One of the women evangelists assisting in this school reported testimonies given by students at the end of the course. According to these the three months' school had resulted for them in: vague religious knowledge becoming clearer, prayers for homes and family troubles being definitely answered and unhappiness in homes being changed into joys. Two definite conversions were also reported.

Last fall many of the chapels of the presbytery were helped by the visit of a converted Buddhist priest and several men of the Presbytery Evangelistic Band. These are the Bei Ling Wei-s.

In January in Yu Yao, a group of 30 men and 10 women enjoyed a 10-days lay-leaders training class with a comprehensive curriculum. In February and March a total of 80 men and boys in their late teens attended a three-weeks class. The majority of these were inquirers.
During the winter months 18 of the chapels that had not been visited for Bei Ling Wei-s in the fall were visited for these meetings. In consultation with the Executive Committee of the Presbytery two themes were chosen for emphasis—"Worship" and "Stewardship." The usual program was two days in one place with four meetings with the congregation and one or two evening discussion meetings with the leaders in all the activities of the local church. Approximately 1,865 different Christians attended 44 meetings and 270 lay-leaders attended the 17 discussion meetings.

One shining example of self-support in the presbytery is a chapel (branch of a "mother church") with only 87 members which in 1938 contributed more than $400. Eliminating one large contribution, the average per member was $4.53. Again eliminating the 12 members who contributed nothing, as far as the record goes, the average contribution was $5.27. (Of course, this does not allow for the part that was given in the "loose-offerings" by inquirers of whose gifts no record may have been kept. There are not many inquirers at this place.) This splendid work in church finance,—and it is recognized as such by all the Presbytery,—is the result of several years of splendid work in the smallest chapel building in the presbytery, by an alert and consecrated young man who has had no seminary, college, middle school or higher primary education. A little more than two years of schooling is all he has had. However he has, I believe, already completed a Nanking Seminary Correspondence course.

Of course conditions have often been tense in several places during the past year but not sufficiently so to seriously effect the work in any place.

At its annual meeting in Ningpo, March 30-April 4, the Ningshao Presbytery celebrated its 90th anniversary in a very appropriate manner—all of one afternoon. It was reported that in the 90 years of the Presbytery's history 28 ordained men had served in the field; all missionaries who had served in the Presbytery were named and special mention was made of Mr. Walter M. Lowrie, one of the very earliest Ningpo missionaries, as the first Protestant martyr for the cause of Christ in China. It was also reported that the church membership in the Presbytery had more than doubled in the past 19 years: 1920—1,640 and 1939—3,720. Of the 12 sessions 6 are entirely self-supporting; 5 are 10/12ths; and one 4/12ths.

One of the features of the work in the Ningshao Presbytery is the large amount of volunteer work that is done by young people. This part of the work received great impetus from the Hangchow Y.P.'s Conference of the summer of 1937 which was attended by several capable young
people of this presbytery. During the past months four young people's conferences were held in Ningpo, Yu Yao and two smaller places. The latter two were only one-day conferences. One interesting part of the program of these two conferences was the conducting of the Sunday worship service in the local church the Sunday of the conference, all the young people having some part. If there had been time for preparation this would have been done in the other two places where conferences were held as well. In Yu Yao the young people's group gave for the lay-leaders conference the simple one-act play, "The Challenge of the Cross." At the request of the executive committee of the Presbytery the young people of Ningpo presented the same play as the closing number of the 90th anniversary celebration program.

SHANGHAI.—The work of the Shanghai city churches is still greatly handicapped in that they are still refugeeing. The South Gate Church carries on in two places, seeking in that way to serve its membership that is scattered all over Shanghai. The Chapei and Fitch Memorial Churches worship in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. auditorium Sunday morning and afternoon.

The following statistics describe some of the activity and conditions of the Shanghai churches for the past year:

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In the South Gate Church a Men's Brotherhood consisting of 29 men meeting monthly has proved a splendid means of providing more fellowship among these men and greater loyalty to the work of the church.

In November, in line with the emphasis of the Shanghai-for-Christ Crusade for more co-operation in evangelistic effort, the South Gate Church joined the London Missionary Society Church located beside the Lester Hospital in a week of evangelism. One of the chief features of this was the assistance given by the young people of the two churches. They had the evening meal together (for which they paid themselves) after which most of them (the young men) distributed invitations on the streets adjoining the church. Some remained to usher. They helped with the leading of the singing, gave illustrated talks and religious dialogues. At the close of the meetings they helped with the personal work. A few lantern slides were used every evening just before the
main address given by some Shanghai pastor. The apparent results of
this week of evangelism were large. Our other two Shanghai churches
both conducted a special series of evangelistic meetings during the year.

The "I Am The Way" pictures (consisting mainly of the "King of
Kings" film) have been used as much as time has allowed for their
showing in schools, refugee camps, hospitals and churches. They have
perhaps been most valuable in connection with classes for enquirers.

In Nantao where our South Gate Church and two middle schools are
located some people are slowly returning. Only a very few of our
South Gate church membership are among these. One service was held
in the church. That was a communion service Easter morning. About
30 people attended this meeting, a large share of these being people
associated with the work in the Nantao Institute. Every Monday the
pastor of the South Gate Church conducts an evangelistic meeting, or
Bible study for the 250 people who daily come to the Institute for work.
He also has a class for enquirers, who now total about 50. One of the
South Gate Church elders also conducts a meeting once a week. A Bible
woman has a class in Chinese characters with the enquirers.

In July of last year a four-day young people's conference under the
auspices of The Church of Christ in China was held on the Shanghai
American School campus. (The Church of Christ in China in Shanghai
consists of the L.M.S. church by the Lester Hospital, the Hangchow
Christian College Church and our three regular Shanghai churches).
The more than a hundred delegates did not reside in the school but were
picked up by buses in the morning and returned to their homes evenings.
Fellowship was one of the most valuable features of the conference.
The program consisted of devotional talks, Bible studies, inspirational
addresses and discussion and social periods. Some one has commented
that the "discussions in most cases did not seem to come to grips with
real life but were academic." This, of course, is a danger that needs to
be guarded against in all conferences.

It has not been possible to restore the church work in Pootung to
any large extent. Most of the workers have been living and working in
the Christian Refugee Camp at Changping and Hart Roads. It was only
in the winter that some of them obtained passes for Pootung.

Of five chapels in Pootung only one has been completely destroyed.
Another has been badly damaged, but not as much as the pastor's re-
sidence in the place. A third chapel has had very slight damages but is
entirely without its surrounding bamboo fence. Two rented chapel
rooms were entirely destroyed. Only one worker is residing in the
country. The people from the villages are afraid to come to the two
most important centers of the field. Our chapel in one of these places
was used first as a stable and then as a kind of "beggars' refuge" by the local authorities until but a few weeks ago.

Many Pootung church members who fled to Shanghai have not returned and most of them likely never will. However, in one place there are several families of earnest new inquirers and everywhere the people all seem unusually friendly and glad to have the church workers visit them, which is promising for the future.

The refugee camp in which six of our eight rural workers have been employed through the year has afforded an opportunity for evangelism such as would be found in any small town. The population of the community has varied from 300 to 700. A few months ago it was made self-supporting in that after the sheds were made slightly more liveable all occupants had to pay rent and for their food. This they could do, most of them, because the heads of most of the families or other members of the families had found employment of some kind. In addition to conducting the regular Sunday religious program in the camp our workers conducted the evening worship services and classes for inquirers three times a week. There have been about 200 children in the camp most of the time. A day school, including much religious instruction, has been conducted for them.

In all parts of our mission the church work has suffered because of abnormal political conditions, and the abnormal economic conditions that have accompanied these. Yet in being grateful for the various fruits that have been borne in many places we can be grateful that so much has been conserved which one might have feared would have been lost. Finally a word of praise certainly is due the many Chinese church workers who have been loyal in their service under conditions that have often required very deep consecration and not a little courage.

P. R. Lindholm.

3985 INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

Including Relief Activities for 1938-39.

The present violent upheaval has greatly upset our regular institutional work but in its place we have remarkable need and opportunity for refugee and relief work.

Shanghai pioneered in starting Good-Will industries under Mr. and Mrs. Boone's energetic direction. Unfortunately they must needs go on furlough and leave their infant child to other hands. However Miss Hille returned from her furlough in time to continue the good work.
Attractive bags were distributed among friends in the community who gave them a warm welcome and speedily filled them with unwanted articles, cast-off clothes, etc. These were reconditioned and redistributed among needy folk, thus giving employment to as many as 250 persons at one time. Literally thousands of garments have been given out freely or sold very cheaply to destitute folk.

In connection with this industry bean soup and bean curd milk have been given out daily to supplement the meager diet of the returning refugees of the neighborhood. A clinic has been held daily except Sunday and 6,000 patients have received medical aid. The educational side has not been neglected as classes have been held for the women workers and their children. The primary enrolled 44 and the kindergarten 30. Due emphasis has been given to the religious life with two Bible women on the staff and the South Gate pastor and his wife coming out once a week to minister to their spiritual needs.

The pupils of Mary Farnham School have shown commendable zeal in assisting to solve Shanghai's refugee problem. They have contributed generously to four different projects and more significant still they have had two small projects of their own. (1) They supported a child in the Children's Hospital (2) They dug a well for a group of mat shed dwellers on the edge of Shanghai whose only water supply was dirty water from an old canal or pond.

In the summer of 1938 they also conducted two summer schools for children from a large refugee camp and supplied these children with 140 suits of new clothes.

SOOCHOW.—In spite of the fact that our Mission property in Soochow was thoroughly looted and partially destroyed Dr. and Mrs. Crawford and Miss Loretta Crawford returned there early in the fall of 1938 and have been giving heroic service under the organization of the Soochow Relief Committee. A large number of families and hundreds of individuals have been regularly visited by our group and been provided with rice either free or at half price.

Enough repairs were made on our Institutional Center to provide a place for a free clinic. Here every day from 200 to 250 sick and suffering people receive free medical care. A total of 15,500 have been benefitted by this one clinic.

HANGCHOW.—Relief is carried on from four centers:

1. Our residence center in the south end of the city where
   - 9 homeless young women and 2 children are given a home.
   - 300 children are given one meal a day.
   - 100 of these are enrolled in half-day morning classes.
   - 50 girls are enrolled in afternoon literacy classes.
   - 50 boys have a reading and story period.
2. Ku Lou or Drum Tower Church where
   50 children are enrolled in half day classes.
   20 ,, ,, are given one meal a day.
   30 women and girls are enrolled in literacy classes meeting two
   two afternoons a week.

3. The Union Girls' School where
   118 children are enrolled in classes.
   70 are given dinners.

4. The Tah R Yang where another branch of Good-Will Industries is
   organized and where
   56 persons live within the gates.
   21 women were given full-time employment.
   72 girls were given half-day employment. This was at the
   peak. We are now reducing our numbers.
   148 women and children are given educational advantages.
   (30 kindergartners, 36 lower primary, 30 upper primary,
   25 junior high and 27 women.)
   150 other children since May 1st are being given a meal of soft
   rice and our older girls are teaching them in the after­
   noons.

Aside from this Mission work all the churches in the city have been
organized to do relief in giving out rice to the needy. The Chang
Memorial Church carry on a supplementary School. The students pay
for the privileges of this.

The C.M.S. hospital have generously co-operated with us in estab­
lishing two clinics, one at our residence center where from 50 to 175
patients are treated free each week and one at Good-Will Industries
where all connected there receive medical care.

All this work is supported in part by private contributions, in part
by Mission funds but most largely by Red Cross grant. Besides money
we have had food stuff,—American wheat, tinned milk, meats, tomato
puree. We wondered would these rice eating folk take to the wheat?
They would. They did. Would they care for tomato juice? They loved
it. As to the meats as one girl said, "I have never tasted anything so
good before. I have never even seen anything so good before." We are
very grateful for all these contributions.

One significant feature of the relief work is the breaking-down of
denominational lines. A Seventh Day Baptist physician has given
faithful, devoted and expert service to the Nantao Good-Will clinic.
We are as proud of the fact that she discovered a new and potent remedy
for scabies as though she were our very own.
Problems.—Explanations of why the Ruler of the universe should allow China to suffer as she is now suffering are often sought. Some say "'Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth" and so He must love China very much." Many Chinese bemoan their sins and feel that this is a punishment for their faults and failings. Have any missionaries so much as lisped that perhaps all this overthrowing of our work is because of our sins and mistakes and intended to bring us to repentance and a different type of endeavor? I just throw out the suggestion. Anyway we are doing a new type of work in helping refugees. How far is it safe to help them without undermining their self-respect and self-reliance?

Good-Will Industries is an attempt to safeguard this. But there are dangers here too. If we give them short hours, pleasant conditions, and easy pay for indifferent work, are we preparing them to face the battle of life again where they must meet with the keenest kind of competition? How long should we give a refugee the crutch of employment in Good-Will Industries? Or can we put enough sand in the enterprise and make the Industries self-supporting? Can we hope to carry on a Mission project which will develop real skill, teach trades, arts and crafts so that those who go out from our institutions will be prepared to wrest an honest and comfortable living even in these hard times and in those we shall face in the years just ahead?

Mention has already been made of the breaking down of denominational lines. The spirit of cooperation is strong. That same spirit has been felt with the Catholics and even with the Buddhists in Hangchow. The C.M.S. hospital have not only held a clinic but they carried on a Bible class in a Buddhist monastery.

Recently I visited the Catholic hospital. I had never before met the head of this institution but across the barriers of creed and race our spirits seemed to flow together. It seemed as though I had always known dear Sister Bowlby. We can cooperate with each other. She can send me a woman who needs to leave the hospital and find employment and I can send a sinning woman to her and say, "Will you take this poor woman and care for her?" and be sure of a sympathetic understanding. (In the end I sent her to Dr. Curtis). We are one in Christ Jesus. One sentence I saw in the report of the great gathering at Tambaram seemed especially significant. It read, "Christ's true church is the fellowship of those whom God has called out of darkness into his marvellous light."

I think we should be extremely careful not to put the building up the large machinery of a church organization before the true church "is really formed in China and then we might well leave the form of that machinery and organization to the genius of "true Chinese church".
Isaiah 49: 12, we read, "Lo these shall come from far; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim." One third of all the people in heaven from the land of Sinim. Is that the meaning I wonder?

JUNIATA RACKETTS.

3987. SCHOOL WORK REPORT, 1938-39

Of the schools in which the Mission is interested, reports have been received from the following for the year 1938-39:

Kindergartens — 5 None
Primary schools—11 Lowrie Institute (Shanghai)
                   Mary Farnham School ,
                   Dzong Sing (Ningpo)
                   Dzong Teh ,
Middle Schools — 7 Union Girls' School (Hangchow)
                   Riverbend Christian Middle School (Ningpo)
                   Riverside Girls' Academy (Ningpo)
                   Vincent Miller Academy (Soochow)
                   Lowrie Institute (Shanghai)
                   Mary Farnham School (Shanghai)
Bible Schools — 1 Newberry Bible School (Shanghai)
 Colleges — 1 Hangchow Christian College

It will thus be seen that the greatest loss to the educational work has been among the kindergartens and primary schools. None of the former are functioning, and only 4 out of 11 of the latter. Lowrie Institute has only one grade of primary school, the 6th, many of its students from the two lower grades having been sent to Mary Farnham this year. Of the middle schools, all 7 are continuing their existence in name, at least, though in many cases with reduced enrolment. The Bible School and college are also continuing.

LOCATION OF INSTITUTIONS

But the first fact which strikes one when reading the reports is that not a single institution is carrying on its work in its old location at present! Hangchow, Soochow, and the Chinese city of Shanghai are now occupied territory, so that the only schools still in "free China" are the two primary and two middle schools in Ningpo. The French Concession and International Settlement in Shanghai have proved a haven for the schools of our Mission, as well as for hundreds of others; and so we find not only the outpost institutions, but the three Shanghai ones, now refugeeing in the "Orphan Isle". Present locations include office buildings, old residences, and premises rented from other schools.
Although Riverside and Riverbend and the two primary schools opened courageously at the end of August 1938 in their home plants, and carried on work there for most of the school year, after the severe bombings near the beginning of May, 1939 both middle schools again found it expedient to move out to the country, as they had done for a part of the previous school year. The two primary schools, Dzong Teh and Dzong Sing, have sent a part of their student body to the country also. When the middle schools moved this spring, the missionary teachers of both institutions accompanied their students to the country. Of the 7 middle schools, Bible school, and college reporting, not only is it true that none is in its old plant; it is also the fact that only Mary Farnham and Lowrie are in the same location in which they were even at this time last year; and Lowrie is planning to change its quarters in the fall. Of all the locations, Mary Farnham's, in the lane between the Country Club and the American Women's Club, off Bubbling Well Road, is doubtless the most satisfactory from the point of view of both space and quiet; and the school, realizing the advantages of the site, expects to remain there for as long as necessary.

The problems of crowding and noise seem to be serious ones with all the other schools located in office buildings in the congested downtown section of the International Settlement; but even these crosses appear to be borne cheerfully by teachers and students alike, in the realization that it is a privilege to be able to carry on regular educational work at all under present conditions.

**Enrolment.**

A glance at the enrolment below will show some interesting facts. It is perhaps inevitable that schools like Vincent Miller and the Union Girls' School ('On g Dao), as well as Newberry, should show a marked falling-off in attendance, due to conditions. (Reports, however, indicate that what they lack in numbers they make up for in spirit!) Other schools are running with practically a normal enrolment; this is true of Mary Farnham, and is again attributable to circumstances. But the amazing thing is that two of the Ningpo schools, Riverbend and Dzong Sing, in spite of all the difficulties under which they have been operating this past year, report record enrolments even for the fall term, and even greater ones for the spring!

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Cooperation and Adaptation seem to be the keynotes of the refugee school symphony in Shanghai. The Hangchow Christian College is one of four closely cooperating institutions in the Associated Christian Colleges in the Continental Emporium. Three of the seven middle schools are now units in the East China Christian Cooperative Middle School: Vincent Miller, the Union Girls' School, and the Hangchow College Middle School. Lowrie Institute has been able to continue as an independent institution only through the kindness of the Grace High Schools at West Gate, which have at great inconvenience to themselves rented some of their classrooms and their church to Lowrie for use after school hours. Lowrie, in its turn, has had to adapt itself to the inconvenience of late afternoon hours for classes. Mary Farnham has had to take an old residence and transform it gradually into a workable school building, and has even build two additional temporary structures for classroom use. Newberry Bible School, after finally establishing itself in extremely crowded quarters above an automobile school, was unwillingly forced into a war of extermination—against a fierce plague of bedbugs! Persistence won, however, and the school has so well adapted itself to its difficult conditions that it has been able to prepare a class of 14 for graduation this spring.

But difficult as have been the problems of adaptation in Shanghai, they are comparatively simple as compared with those which have confronted the Ningpo schools. Faced with the question of whether to remain in the country for the year, or to open in their old quarters, and try to rehabilitate their main building which had been burned in 1937, Riverside Girls' School decided in favor of the second plan. Miss Gauss's adaptations of the burned building for regular school use included tearing down dangerous walls, building straw roofs over the front part of the building, putting in windows and blocking up gaping holes in the walls. The gymnasium was used as a library and assembly hall, and the upstairs as a dormitory, while one of the washrooms was transformed into a science laboratory.

Mary Farnham 962 975
Riverbend 390 475 (record)
Riverside 156 224
Dzong Sing (primary, boys) 164 257 (record)
Dzong Teh (primary, girls—less than a few boys) 156 248 (Less than pre-war)
Newberry 37 (pre-war, 70)
H. C. College 469 (260 freshmen) 100 girls)
But while adaptation to physical difficulties is not any easy task, an even more difficult one has been faced by the Ningpo schools, the only institutions in the Mission still in "free China". Reading between the lines of the reports, one is conscious of the terrific nervous tension under which the work must have been carried on during the past school year, and of the quiet heroism which it has taken to continue working steadily under such conditions as are described below:

"The schools of the station have continued to carry on for the past year in spite of ominous portents, frequent warnings by hostile planes flying overhead, and leaflets urging the masses to receive their deliverers and denounce their present rulers. Siren alarms became so common that it was a real question whether the students need heed them every time. It was because of this partial indifference that so many lives were lost when the first serious bombing took place on April 28. However, none of our schools was struck nor any of the students injured.

"Since that time schedules have been changed. For two weeks the first period was at 5:00 o'clock in the morning. Three classes were held before 8:00 o'clock and then all dispersed into the nearby country for the day, returning for the rest of the day's work at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. This was the schedule for Riverbend Boys' School, and the other schools had similar programs. As the bombings continued, however, this did not seem wise. Riverside Girls' School moved back to Ting Hsia where they had been the year before, a beautiful site in the mountains, beside a running stream. Riverbend found a place not far from Feng Hwa in large ancestral halls and nearly the whole student body is now there planning to complete the term's work.

"The primary schools with a larger proportion of day-pupils have tried to carry on early and late for a while, then closed entirely for about ten days, and finally are dividing the school, a part remaining in their regular quarters and a part going to the country."

EMERGENCY SCHOOLS

Although not on the roster of Mission schools, the emergency educational projects being carried on in the three occupied areas in the Mission deserve special mention. The desperateness of the circumstances out of which these little "schools" have grown, the great need which they fill, and the vision, resourcefulness, and ministering love of those who have helped to start them, all combine to give a challenging picture of a new kind of pioneer missionary work.

Let us tune in our television set on Soochow:

"Because of conditions of which most are aware we have not been able to have any of our regular educational work in Soochow Station."
Our buildings have all been more or less damaged and cannot be used until extensively repaired; our furniture is practically all destroyed, the few pieces left being unusable; all our equipment is gone and our teachers are widely scattered.

"On the Girls' School compound we have had a half-day class since the first of November. For the first three months we had about 50 pupils for three days a week. For the last three months we have had the school for five afternoons a week but with only 30 pupils as some have gone to other schools and some have found small jobs. We are teaching reading, writing and arithmetic, songs and games. One of our former Girls' Primary School teachers is in charge. She, with her three children and a husband out of a job, have been refugees since the beginning of the war and she was as rejoiced to have the job as we were to have her, as she is a fine Christian and a good teacher. We have no proper desks nor seats, but the children begged so to come that we hunted up a wof old tables about the compound, all more or less damaged, and we use these as desks for the older pupils and old chapel benches for seats. For the younger children we use the benches as desks and they sit on small bamboo stools we bought for 15 cents each. It is a motley array but they are all so happy to have an opportunity to study that they do not mind the inconveniences. We are holding these classes in the kindergarten room where we have had the windows and door repaired.

"A kindergarten class of about 25 is carried on three afternoons a week in one of the rooms of the Girls' School which has been repaired to accommodate them. Mrs. Shen, the former kindergarten teacher and Mrs. Crawford are in charge, with a somewhat modified kindergarten program. Practically all of these pupils are from refugee families, most of whom are in dire straits. We wish you could see a few of them in their rags and tatters. They are both insufficiently clad and fed, and some of their families are on our rice list. At Christmas time we gave them all clothing such as knitted sweaters, caps, mittens and stockings and to some sadly in need of them, shoes also.

"At our Chon Chu Hong chapel inside the city, we have similar classes four half days a week. Here too the 30 pupils with which we began the classes have dwindled to about 20 for the same reasons as the other school. Miss Crawford and the two women evangelists have charge of the teaching here, the curriculum being about the same as the class at the Girls' School. We are using the D.V.B.S. readers in both schools and special religious meetings are held every week besides."

Although informally organized, some educational work is also being carried on in the Nantao Christian Institute, where kindergarten work, some primary teaching, and literacy work, as well as religious instruc-
tion, is regularly given to the 250 workers and their children in the Good-Will Industries.

Relief in Hangchow is carried on from four centers, in each of which educational facilities are given:

1. In the residence center in the south end of the city
   100 children are enrolled in half-day morning classes
   50 girls ,, ,, afternoon literacy classes
   50 boys have a reading and story period

2. In the Drum Tower or Ku Lou Church
   70 children are enrolled in half-day classes
   30 are enrolled in semi-weekly literacy classes

3. In the plant of the Union Girls' School
   118 children are enrolled in classes

4. In the T'ah R Yang, another branch of the Good-Will Industries:
   138 women and children are given educational advantages
   150 children since May 1 are being taught in the afternoon by the older girls among the workers.

RELIGIOUS LIFE AND ACTIVITIES.

In each of the reports there is an important section devoted to the religious life of the institution. The very difficulties attending the holding of regular classes or meetings in crowded quarters and with the half-day schedules on which most of the schools are running, seem to have fostered, rather than hindered, the determination of those in charge to see that the religious life of the schools was given a chance. Two schools, Mary Farnham and the Cooperative School, have required Bible classes. Interestingly enough in both cases the initial move back to the old system was made by the Chinese—themselves products of the compulsory-Bible-and chapel system! And the Board of Directors of Lowrie Institute, most of whom are Chinese, recently voted that the system of required Bible classes be put into practice in that school. (In the case of Mary Farnham, at any rate, the decision to have required Bible classes was made some time before the promulgation by the government of the new regulations regarding religious courses in schools.) A recent survey in Mary Farnham has given cause for concluding that even required courses in Bible, if well taught, may arouse interest in Christianity. In one of the senior middle classes, taught by a member of the Mission, seven girls changed in the spring term from “not interested” to “interested” on the religious census cards; and a sixth grade Bible teacher reported that a number of her students from non-Christian families have expressed the desire to become Christians and wanted to buy Bibles.
Excerpts from the reports on religious life follow:

Vincent Miller:

"The present situation in Shanghai does not allow the students to express themselves in various forms of activities except religious organizations in which our Vincent Miller Academy boys, nine of whom are Christians and fifteen, inquirers, stand prominent. They play an active part in the Christian Fellowship Group, Students' prayer meeting, choir and Sunday School in the refugee camp, and devote their service in evangelistic campaigns led by some well-known evangelists. Besides, we have Sunday services held in school, but the attendance is limited by the small schoolroom. A teachers' prayer meeting is held every Wednesday afternoon, and we also take part in the teachers' retreat once a term. All students are required to take a Bible class once a week."

"The religious life at Riverbend has been earnestly cultivated by administration, teachers and Christian students. The attendance at Church on Sundays in the school and at the week day chapel exercises has been entirely voluntary and averaged 50% of the total enrolment. About 25% enrolled in curriculum Bible classes twice a week. The last week in April Pastor Bang of the Bethel Mission conducted a series of evangelistic services. The attendance began with about 300, but when many of the students left on account of the bombings, the number dropped. 119 signed cards signifying their desire to follow Christ."

Riverside.

"The religious atmosphere has been very fine. 94% of the student body are enrolled in regular Bible classes twice a week and 91% attend the morning chapel services. At a series of special evangelistic services led by Pastor Bang of the Bethel Mission, 76 signed cards declaring their decision to follow Christ."

Dzong Teh.

"Of the eight teachers only one is a non-Christian. While the discipline is very good, there is a freedom and joyousness about the pupils that testifies to the love and devotion of all the teaching staff. The atmosphere is definitely Christian."

Dzong Sing.

"The effect of the war on all the schools has been very noticeable. In nearly all cases the students have been more serious-minded. Principal Tsang of Dzong Sing said his boys were more earnest in their Bible Study and chapel services than they had been before."

Union Girls' School.

"Every Tuesday an alumnae prayer meeting is held. The group who attend regularly is small, but they are of one spirit and pray unitedly for the school in its various activities and life, and so are a means of
help to many graduates. Once this spring this little prayer group especially invited several other old students for an informal social hour. At this time several personal religious testimonies were given, calling attention to spiritual things. During this spring term four of our students have united with the church on profession of faith and others are now preparing for baptism.

Lowrie Institute.

V. Religious Activities.

"Religious talks have been conducted in the church on every Monday for the 6th Grade and Jr. I and II students, and on every Friday at the same period for the Jr. III and Sr. M. S. students. The attendance is compulsory. For the older group pastors or earnest laymen have been invited to speak. Once a week on Wednesday a chapel service is held for half an hour. The attendance is voluntary. The service is led by Christian teachers in turn. Once a week, some 5 to 10 teachers come together for a prayer meeting. It is held either in Mr. Dungan's or in Miss Lyon's study. A retreat for the Christian teachers of our school and those of the Mary Farnham girls' school was held last fall in the girls' school building on Bubbling Well Road. A meeting to exchange religious experiences between the teachers of our school and those of the Medhurst College was held in April. 20 students are preparing to become Christians."

Four small voluntary Bible classes have been meeting with one of the missionary teachers during the second semester.

Mary Farnham Girls' School

"As in the previous year, the school has been holding two sessions each day: middle school in the morning and primary in the afternoon. In times of stress, one feels the urge of fellowship, and seven such fellowship meetings or retreats have been held at our school during the year—four with teachers and students of our own school and three with teachers of other schools. Besides, we have attended fellowship meetings in other schools. The Christian teachers have come together this term once a week for half an hour's prayer and meditation." An inquirers' class was begun during the winter vacation and continued through the spring term. Three girls have joined the church during the term, and several others in the class are expecting to do so after further training.

Newberry Bible School

"Many came to the school having passed through all the harrowing experiences which accompany the invasion of an enemy. One woman's husband had been killed and her child had died during their long flight to safety. Others had been separated from their families. To such the
sympathetic counsel and help given by the teachers meant encouragement and hope. To others the school has brought new life, for many in the course of their training are led to Christ and to new life in Him. Fourteen graduates leave the school in June. Four or five are preparing for further religious training, some plan to enter nurse's training, and others are eager to get into the work of the church."

Hangchow Christian College

Perhaps the most encouraging and satisfying report of religious activities comes from our one college, and is given by the director of religious work, Mr. Koo:

"In close cooperation with the student Young People’s Christian Association, the college church carries on a definite, active program among students and faculty members and maintains a church service on Sunday mornings at the American Women's Club. The average attendance runs close to 200 every Sunday out of a registered membership of 210. 60 new members have been received during the year:—24 at Christmas, 36 at Easter time. Four inquirers' classes were conducted during the year enrolling 27 in the first (of whom 20 joined the church), 29 in the second and 14 in the third (from which 30 joined the church) and now 27 in the fourth (from which some will join in June). Four Bible Classes are maintained for these new members: 3 for students and 1 for teachers and outside adults—totalling between 70 and 80 in attendance. A Children's Service is held in the neighboring building of Mary Farnham School at the time of the regular church hour. Students Fellowship Groups have been meeting in different parts of the city once a week with adult leaders either faculty or outside men. 190 students are enrolled and the programs include Bible study, religious discussions, social hour, joint meetings occasional and other special activities."

A personal report from Mrs. White, who is teaching in the College this year, gives a key to the secret of the religious enthusiasm in that institution. She paints a picture of warm personal interest shown chiefly by personal interviews, the acting president having interviewed every student personally. To Dr. McMullen's zeal is due also the organization of the College church in Shanghai.

Appreciation of Chinese Faculty

Although very little is actually said in the reports about the courage and self-sacrifice of the Chinese principals and faculty of the various schools, the Mission is keenly aware of the fine fiber and outstanding qualities of leadership of many of the faculty in the schools, and keenly appreciates their devotion to duty, in the face of trying conditions and reduced salaries.
THE "IMPOUNDERABLES"

Interesting as are the foregoing descriptions of the location, enrol­
ment, and religious work of our Mission schools, this report would not
do justice to the picture of our educational work if it omitted the
"imponderables"—those passages in the school reports which light them
up as with a sudden radiance, and make us realize the greatness and
holiness of our task as teachers. Here are some of these glowing words,
written in each case by one of our Chinese colleagues:

"Because of their experiences, girls have come to a belief in the
Christ of whom they learned in 'Ong Dao as their personal Savior. So
it is that the function of Christian education is not only to train the
mind but to build Christian character in the youth of a country that
they may glorify God and help their fellow men. With this mental and
spiritual life, Chinese youth can help China and my hope is that 'Ong
Dao may continue to stand for these things". (Miss Sarah Chow,
Principal)

"The war has caused her (Vincent Miller Academy) to suffer a good
deal, but with the blessing of God and the effort of the Board members
she has been reopened. I trust, furthermore, that God will rebuild this
school from the ruins and preserve her from perishing and that this
school, under God, have a new birth in the light of Jesus Christ."  
(H. C. Keh, Acting Principal)

"We (at Mary Farnham) are closing the school year with happy and
grateful hearts, happy in the knowledge that we have done our work
faithfully and loyally and grateful in the belief that God has sustained
us and given us courage. But the immediate future is dark and uncen­
tain, therefore many of our problems will have to be left unsolved and
our aspirations held in abeyance. May Dawn, however, be not far distant
and That Day not far away when Righteousness and Christian Principles
will triumph over all. This is our prayer and the prayer of all Chris­
tians."  
(Miss Beulah Chang).

The fact that the author of each of these stirring passages is an
alumna or alumnus of the institution he or she is now serving, brings
to us as missionaries the realization of the thrilling possibilities of the
emergence of future Christian leadership from among the students now
in our schools. May God grant to us the vision, faith, and devotion
necessary to inspire and nurture such leadership!

ELSA LOGAN.

3988. MEDICAL REPORT FOR 1938-1939.

With all the other work of the Mission, the medical service has been
much disorganized on account of hostilities. After the loss of the
Tooker Memorial Hospital buildings by fire and the necessity of evacu­
ation of Soochow on account of the approach of enemy forces, medical
work there was completely stopped. As soon as it was possible for Dr. Crawford to return to the city and later for Mrs. Crawford and Miss Crawford, the Institutional Center was cleaned of debris and horse manure and other filth left by the Japanese soldiers, furniture gathered from hither and yon, and a place prepared to hold a clinic. At first, Nov. 15, one doctor was found and later, a total of four,—three Chinese and Dr. Young of the Southern Presbyterian Mission and five nurses, and all are kept very busy, treating one day 250 patients and in five and a half months giving a total of 15,540 treatments. Dr. Crawford has visited these clinics daily and finds there opportunities for loving helpfulness and personal work.

From Hangchow Miss Ricketts writes of the clinic being conducted in the Upper City in the building formerly occupied by the little Hangchow American School across the street from the residence compound. The C.M.S. Hospital send their ambulance with doctors and nurses once a week and conduct a clinic of about 100, reaching many unfortunates who would never be prevailed upon to go to the Hospital. Some of these later are taken back in the ambulance for longer treatment. At the T'ah R Yang property Miss Ricketts and Miss Russell also carry on a small clinic for simple cases which cannot go to the Hospital not far away. A nurse from the Hospital goes three times a week and one of the refugee girls who has had some training assists in care of the medicines and the rooms.

From Shanghai Miss Hille writes of the medical work at Nantao which was opened in the spring of 1938 with Dr. Lawney of Margaret Williamson Hospital assisting. Later Dr. Grace Crandall of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission held three clinics a week. By summer there were about 100 patients on the days the doctor was there and about 70 when the helpers alone did the dressings. Most of the drugs and dressings were contributed by the British Relief Association, the Red Cross and some from Margaret Williamson Hospital. Cholera and typhoid inoculations and small-pox vaccination were administered. In cases where the doctor found deficiency diseases, food has been prepared and served to a few.

While the Yuyao Hospital has not suffered directly from the war as has the work in the other three stations, Dr. Lou has been in constant suspense as planes frequently flew overhead and in the distance, not more than 30 miles away, could be heard the roar of bombardment of the coast towns by the enemy fleet. No one knew when the invasion might take place and he was alone at the McCartee Hospital. The officials had ordered him to be ready to accompany them if evacuation of the city was necessary and he felt that if he refused to go and remained at the Hospital he would be taken for an enemy confederate by one side or the
other. Accordingly he asked the members of the Hospital Board who were still there to appoint a Westerner as Superintendent of the Hospital so that he would be relieved of the responsibility of making decisions on these delicate questions. The Board, therefore, through the Station, appointed Mr. A. W. March to act as Superintendent. It also asked that steps be taken to try to secure a Christian Refugee doctor from Shanghai who would be willing to come and work temporarily with Dr. Lou. Two doctors were found who were willing to come but, because of delays in transportation each of them found other positions which seemed much better and gave up their contracts. A third is now expected. Funds for the additional expenses involved are available from special donations, partly from Dr. Shoemaker and the E. M. Smiths in America and partly from friends here in China.

Further plans are now under way for affiliation with the Hwa-Mei Hospital in Ningpo. If this can be carried out it will give permanence to the institution, medical supervision, and an enlarged field of service.

In spite of most disheartening discouragements, the work of the Hospital has continued for the past three years. Dr. Lou reports over 18,000 cases in 1936 and 1937 and over 20,000 in 1938. The Municipality of Yuyao has asked him to conduct a free clinic twice a week, patients being given tickets and the treatments given at the hospital. This is covered by a special grant to meet expenses. While part of the past year has been one of constant anxiety it has seemed best to close the Men's Ward of the MacCartee Hospital, using only the Women's Ward, or the Davidson Memorial. Clinics have also been held in the jail and in one of the outstations. There have been many outcalls, usually maternity cases, and Dr. Lou and his nurses have been very busy. In examining the financial statement presented by Dr. Lou it was interesting to note that for each dollar of subsidy to the hospital in 1937 the hospital did five dollars worth of work; and in the following year when the subsidies were cut to the bone, one dollar subsidy did nine dollars worth of work. We have been tempted to criticise the quality of the work but the fault seems rather to lie in our lack of support.

The hospital has afforded a real opportunity for religious service. Dr. Lou conducts chapel exercises daily for staff and patients and also evening worship. Mrs. Kwu is giving most of her time to evangelism in the hospital. Miss Duncan writes of this: "She is a constant comfort at the bedside of the sick where she lovingly consoles, points to Christ, the great Healer of Body and soul and spirit, teaches a sentence or two of prayer, and sometimes a verse of Scripture. If the patient remains longer and so desires she teaches a 1,000 character book and verses from a Gospel portion. She is tireless in her efforts to bring the suffering and needy to a saving knowledge of Christ her Redeemer. "She
visits in the homes of the people she has thus met and testifies to Christ's saving power." With such an opportunity before us and a large field of needy sufferers, it seems like a breach of trust for the Mission to fail to support and develop this great work.

A. W. March.

3900. REPORT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

(See E.C. 3862)

Committee: Mrs. R. M. White, Mrs. R. S. Lautenschlager,
Rev. A. R. Crouch, Rev. I. M. Dungan, Convener.

Following Mission action E. C. 3862, a special committee was appointed. The action was—"Voted: that a committee be appointed to study ways and means for the providing of a school, definitely limited to a size to be recommended, and preferably under the control of the Church, which shall meet more definitely the desire of the Mission that schools inspire and provide leaders for the Church."

That committee asked for, and received ready cooperation and help from the following members of the Mission: Miss E. M. Gauss, Mrs. A. R. Crouch, Miss Grace Darling, Miss Elsa Logan, Miss Lois Lyon, Dr. C. B. Day, Mr. R. S. Lautenschlager, Mrs. R. S. Lautenschlager, Mr. R. M. White, and Rev. P. R. Lindholm. Thanks is hereby extended for the helpful collaboration of these persons.

This report is one of progress in (a) the formulating of certain ideas and (b) the securing of certain data; but is not a report of a task finished. A report form was printed, however, which will aid in the securing of desired information in annual school reports.

The Mission action above quoted embodies three points:
(I) a study of ways and means for providing the kind of school indicated,
(II) the recommending of a desirable size for such a school, and (III) that the school meet the desire of the Mission with respect to inspiring and sending out leaders for the Church.

I. The first point of this study has been left for further consideration, pending a more definite voice of the Mission with respect to point 3.

II. With respect to the optimum size for an exemplary Christian school, a number of experienced educators were consulted. Various opinions based on experience were expressed as follows:

a. A school should be large enough to give a feeling of prestige to its students, to have a "good" name.

b. The size of classes rather than the total number of students is the important point.
c. The number of Christian teachers is not as important as their earnestness.

d. If a school is too large in size, a dominant Christian atmosphere is not so easily developed or maintained. Scholastic work also suffers in quality.

III. With respect to the Mission's desire concerning Christian schools, there was no consensus of opinion expressed at the last Mission meeting as to what we expect of Christian schools as to their primary objective. In some cases schools seem to have departed from a set-up which would tend to insure desirable results.

Some of the factors to which are attributed the departure from a policy insuring strong, Christian influence were stated as follows: (1) former government regulations, (2) desire of administrators for a large student body, (3) the prestige which accrues to large size, (4) a Board of Directors with non-Christian members, (5) non-Christian faculty members, (6) shrinkage in Mission support.

Indicative of undesirable trends and conditions is the following example: In one school in 1927, there were 151 students, 23 teachers, $9,000 of budget receipts; in 1937, there were 312 students, 25 teachers, $24,000 in budget receipts. The student body increased 100%, the budget receipts increased 150%, while the teaching staff increased 8%. This adjustment was accomplished through crowding of classes with too many students for effective teaching and through loading of teachers' schedules, leaving them little time for personal contacts with students.

Findings:

A. The committee, including its coopted members, felt that in a school of the size held to be desirable from the standpoint of high quality output, Christianly and educationally speaking, there are two basic needs, (1) an earnest Christian faculty able to meet the standards for such a school, and (2) adequate financial arrangements.

B. With respect to size the opinion reached was that the number of students should be about as follows: Senior I, 25 students; Senior II, 20 students; Senior III, 16 students.

It was felt that two sections of this size for each year of Senior Middle School and three such sections for Junior Middle School years, were not unfeasible, inasmuch as the larger number of students could be considered desirable from the standpoint of extra-curricular activities and a certain amount of prestige.

C. The opinion of the Mission was to be sought on certain questions, namely,—
(1) Is it the feeling of the Mission that a school which develops strong Christian leaders has done a greater work than one which turns out Christians who depend on others to lead them?

(2) Is the Mission ready to consider planning a readjustment of educational funds and personnel with a view to intensive and qualitative, rather than the present extensive and quantitative efforts?

(3) Would the Mission approve of a direct approach to its schools with (a) definite recommendations as to the type of school desired, (b) an offer of cooperative study of ways and means to maintain a smaller school of higher quality, and (c) an offer of help in the necessary financial backing?

Finally, an attempt was made to gather information during the year, on the contribution of our schools to the upbuilding of the Church in China.

I. M. Dungan.
PROGRAM

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

Shanghai, May 26-29, 1939.

Place: No. 12 Route Winling.

Friday Forenoon, May 26th.

9.00-10.00 Opening Devotional Service. Dr. J. Lyon Caughey.
10.00-11.00 Roll Call.
   - Election of Officers. Chairman, vice-chairman and two
     minute secretaries.
   - Election of three members to Executive Committee.
   - Nominations (3) for Chairman of China Council
     (Members of General Workers Group also voting.)
   - Appointment of Committee on Resolutions.
   - Miscellaneous Business and Announcements.

11.00-11.10 Recess.
   Discussion.

Friday Afternoon, May 26th.

2.00-2.15 Opening Prayer.
   Roll Call.
   Reading of Minutes.
2.15-3.00 Mission's Institutional Work Report, including Relief Activities: Miss J. Ricketts.
   Discussion.
3.00-3.45 Mission's School Work Report. Miss Elsa Logan.
   Discussion.
3.45-4.50 Recess.
3.50-4.30 Mission's Medical Report. Mr. A. W. March.
   Discussion.
4.30 Tea.

Friday Evening, May 26th.

8.00-9.30 Committee Meetings.

Saturday Forenoon, May 27th.

9.00-10.00 Devotional Service. Mr. Harry Silcock.
10.00-10.15 Roll Call.
   Reading of Minutes.
10.15-11.15 Address.—Dr. M. T. Rankin—"Relation of Madras Conference Findings to Our Mission Program in East China."
   Discussion.
11.15-11.25 Recess.
   Discussion.
SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday Afternoon, May 27th.

2.00-2.15 Opening Prayer.
Roll Call.
Reading of Minutes.
2.15-3.00 Mission Policy in Occupied Areas. Mr. R. S. Lautenshlager.
3.00-3.10 Recess.
3.10-4.20 Discussion. Open Discussion Period.
4.30 Tea.

Saturday Evening, May 27th.

8.00-9.30 Social Meeting—Committee:
Mrs. I. M. Dungan-Chairman
Mrs. P. R. Lindholm.
Miss Elsa Logan.

Sunday Forenoon, May 28th.

11.00-12.00 Worship, in church of your choice.

Sunday Afternoon, May 28th.

4.30-5.30 Vesper Service; led by retiring Mission Chairman. Miss Loretta Crawford.
Communion Service; led by Dr. O. C. Crawford.
Place: Community Church.

Monday Forenoon, May 29th.

9.20-9.30 Roll Call.
Reading of Minutes.
9.45-10.45 Address: Miss Margaret Frame. "Mission Policy and Methods in Light of the India Survey."
Discussion.
10.45-10.55 Recess.
10.55-12.15 Discussion: Future Mission Policy and Plans. Mission Secretary—(Summary of Points Raised in Previous Sessions.)

Monday Afternoon, May 29th.

2.00-2.15 Opening Prayer.
Roll Call.
Reading of Minutes.
Report of Committee on Resolutions.
Miscellaneous Business.
Time and Place of Next Meeting.
Reading of Minutes of Present Session.
Adjournment.
3.45-4.30 Closing Devotional Service. Leader: Dr. O. C. Crawford.
**SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING**

**FORCE LIST, 1939.**

1. Ningpo or Soochow—Man Evangelist (to fill vacancy) Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Winn.
2. Soochow or Ningpo—Man Evangelist (to fill vacancy).
3. Shanghai—Woman or man Educator, Lowrie Institute (to fill vacancy). (Miss Robertson requested).
5. Hangchow—Woman Evangelist (to fill vacancy).
6. Shanghai—Woman Evangelist (to fill vacancy in country field).
7. Soochow—Woman Evangelist (to fill vacancy in country field).
8. Soochow—Man Evangelist.
10. Soochow—Man Educator, Vincent Miller Academy (to fill vacancy).
11. Ningpo—Woman Evangelist, for city and country.

**Furlough List—1940.**

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*Term of service dates from April 1, 1935; with prior service on Substitute Workers Fund. Furlough will be postponed three months, or less, in order to complete school term on the field and allow uninterrupted year of furlough study.

**Language Study Record.**

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†Number of credits reported in the East China Mission Minutes 3896 changed to conform to revised credits of Home Study Institute and Nanking Language School (1937-38)

*Credits completed previous to May 1937, but not recorded.
PROPERTY LIST, 1939.

1. Shanghai and Hangchow—cars and garages, @ U.S. $1,300 ...................................... U.S.$2,600
2. Soochow—deepening of artesian well and renewal of equipment ...................................... 2,000
   Ningpo—addition to Class Building (30D31) and cistern, Yu Yao ...................................... 4,000 6,000
3. Ningpo—additional land at Riverside Girls’ Academy, including site for faculty residence ............................................................. 38,000
4. Ningpo—East Gate Evangelistic Center (30K230), land and building ...................................... 15,000
5. Shanghai—Newberry Bible School, new building (31B314) to replace building destroyed 1937 ...................................... 45,000
   To be raised on field, ...................................... 15,000 30,000
6. Ningpo—Faculty residence for Riverbend Christian Middle School, ...................................... 25,000
7. *Shanghai—Institutional church—land ...................................... 120,000
   initial units ...................................... 80,000
   Raised on field ...................................... 100,000
   Balance ............................................................. 100,000

*Note: For two years only, to enable an approach to special donors and Chinese Churches in America.

REHABILITATION LIST, 1939.

1. Shanghai.
   Apartment House (3 double, 3 single apts.) ...................................... Ch. $75,000.00
   Purchase of “Chang's Iron-shop” tongue of land (Loh Ka Pang St.) to complete residential site ...................................... 5,000.00
2. Soochow.
   a. Single women’s residence (33A13) and White residence (33A16)—Repair and re-finish floors, interior walls and woodwork replace electrical wiring and equipment—@ Ch. $1,000 each ...................................... 2,000.00
   b. Hayes Memorial Hall (33A39) Repair chapel platform, stairways, chapel, general repairs ...................................... 1,000.00
   c. Tooker Memorial Hospital — Rebuilding maternity ward (33A43) ...................................... 5,000.00
   d. Vincent Miller Academy—Completion of new classroom building ...................................... 5,000.00
   e. Replacement of furnishings and equipment—general ...................................... 2,000.00
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