HAINAN MISSION

FORTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL MEETING

1937
MISSION OFFICERS

Secretary ................ Miss M. M. Moninger Kiungchow
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Delegate to China Council Rev. Paul C. Melrose, 1937 meeting
Rev. D. H. Thomas, term expires 1939
Alternate .......... Dr. S. P. Seaton
Delegate to General Assembly, U.S.A., 1938 meeting—none elected
Delegate to Hainan Synod, 1937, Mrs. J. F. Steiner.

STATION OFFICERS

KACHEK
Chairman, Miss Margaret Burkwall (until the return of Rev. D. H. Thomas)
Secretary, Mrs. Arthur E. French, Jr.
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Agent, Miss Burkwall (until furlough)

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Chairman, Rev. Paul C. Melrose
Secretary, Mrs. Paul C. Melrose
Treasurer, Mrs. Paul C. Melrose
Agent, Dr. H. F. Burkwall (until furlough)

Kiungchow
Chairman, Dr. S. P. Seaton
Secretary, Miss Caroline McCreery, R.N.
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Executive
Rev. Paul C. Melrose, Chm.
Rev. J. F. Steiner, Vice-chm.
Rev. D. S. Tappan until October
Rev. D. H. Thomas after October
Miss M. M. Moninger
Mrs. Paul C. Melrose
Dr. S. P. Seaton
Rev. A. E. French, Jr.

Language Committee
Miss M. M. Moninger, Chm. (1940)
Mrs. Paul C. Melrose (1939)
Mrs. A. E. French, Jr. (1938)

Property Committee
Rev. J. F. Steiner
Rev. Paul C. Melrose

Guidance on Field for Junior Missionaries
Miss Caroline McCreery, Chm. (1938)
Mrs. Paul C. Melrose (1938)
Rev. D. S. Tappan (1939)
Miss M. M. Moninger (1939)
Dr. S. P. Seaton (1940)

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Rev. J. F. Steiner, Chm.
Rev. D. S. Tappan
Miss M. M. Moninger
Rev. Paul C. Melrose
Rev. A. E. French, Jr.

Medical Committee
Dr. S. P. Seaton, Chm.
Dr. N. Bercovitz
Dr. E. Morse
Dr. H. F. Burkwall

Committee on Agents' Business
Miss Grace Macdonald, Chm.
Dr. H. F. Burkwall
Miss Margaret Burkwall
MINUTES
OF
THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF
THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
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## ROSTER OF CHILDREN—HAINAN MISSION, 1937

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AD-INTERIM RESOLUTIONS
Executive Committee

3701 April 9, 1936.

It was voted to designate $100.00 from the appropriation for the Loi and Miao work in each station for foreign itineration, and that the remainder of these appropriations be turned over to the Administrative Board and designated for Loi and Miao work only and not to be transferable.

3702

It was voted to request the China Council to make a grant of $324.00 from the Substitute Worker’s Fund for a nurse, Miss Ng Vun for Kachek Hospital for the present fiscal year.

3703

It was voted to request the China Council to make a grant of $600.00 from the Substitute Worker’s Fund for a doctor, Dr. Tung Zok Tiu for Nodoa Hospital for the present fiscal year.

3704 May 9, 1936.

Whereas Dr. Henry King, who was appointed to Kachek Hospital has left the Island, and

Whereas Dr. Morse is leaving on furlough after July, leaving the station without a physician.

Resolved, that the China Council be urgently requested to secure another male physician (Chinese) for Kachek, and continue to make a grant of $100.00 a month from the Substitute Worker’s Fund toward his salary.

3705 May 15, 1936.

Inasmuch as Dr. Morse will be going on furlough in July, leaving the Hospital in Kachek without a doctor, to take care of the steadily growing work, and

Inasmuch as there will be two families with children in the station after Sept. 1st, 1936, who should have the assurance of proper medical care, it is
Resolved, that the Hainan Mission, through its Executive Committee extend a hearty invitation to Dr. S. L. Lasell to return to Kachek for the period of one year to carry on the medical work of Kachek station, it being understood that he will serve without salary, but travel will be taken care of by the Board.

3706 May 28, 1936

Whereas Margaret Jean (aged 14) and Marie Melrose (aged 13) have been making their home with their grandmother Mrs. M. R. Melrose who is about to sail for Hainan, it seems desirable for the girls to enter the Shanghai American School, and whereas the girls have had only three single trips across the Pacific.

Resolved, that the Executive Committee request the China Council and the Board to provide travel expense for Margaret Jean and Marie Melrose to the field and return, with the understanding that they are to remain in China until their parents furlough in 1938.

3707

Resolved, that in reply to the China Council’s query re salaries, the committee favors the restoration of the 15% cut which would, in our judgment make the salaries adequate.

3708 June 9, 1936.

Resolved that the Advance Information for furlough Study Committee presented by Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. N. Bercovitz, Miss Mary Taylor and Dr. Esther Morse be approved for presentation to the China Council and the Board.

3709 July 22, 1936.

That Heng Siau Tan be elected to serve as director on Pitkin School Board in place of Ui Dek-li who resigned.

3710 Approval of grant for Missionaries after first term for language study as follows:—
AD-INTERIM RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. N. Bercovitz, April, May, June, 1936 Total 25.00
Mrs. S. P. Seaton, 1 year beginning Oct. 1, 1936 96.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Melrose for present fiscal year 25.00

3711
Approval of Nodoa Station's request for language study funds for Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Burkwall not to exceed $20. per month beginning April 1, 1936.

3712
Resolved that the Hainan Mission Estimates for 1937-1938 be approved for presentation to the China Council and the Board.

3713
Resolved that the Hainan Mission Survey, as prepared by the committee be approved for presentation to the China Council and the Board.

3714
Resolved that the $384. of Class VII Mission General appropriation for 1936-1937 be equally divided among the three stations of the Mission.

3715 Aug. 18, 1936.
Resolved that the following transfers be made in the Station appropriations.

Kiungchow, Class IX to Class VIII Ch. Gen. 600.00
Class VI to Class VIII Ch. Gen. 81.34
Kachek, Class VI to Class VIII Ch. Gen. 81.33
Nodoa, Class VI to Class VIII Ch. Gen. 81.33
Class VII Mis. Gen. to Class VIII Ch. Gen. ... ... ... ... ... 256.00

3716 Aug. 29, 1936.
Resolved that we ask the China Council for a grant of $25. for the present fiscal year for part time language teacher for Miss M. M. Moninger.

3717 Sept. 2, 1936.
Inasmuch as Miss M. M. Moninger is keeping house alone since her return from furlough on Aug. 24, 1936.
Resolved that we request the China Council and the Board to augment her salary in accordance with the usual custom in such cases.

3718 Sept. 14, 1936.
Resolved that in accordance with the request of Hainan Synod we ask the China Council for a grant of $300. from the Expansion Fund toward the expenses of the Conference planned in connection with the visit of the General Assembly's team in November.

3719
Inasmuch as Mrs. M. R. Melrose is engaged in full time voluntary work in Nodoa Station.
Resolved that we request the China Council and the Board to permit Mrs. Melrose to occupy the vacant "Manse" without rent, the details to be arranged by the station. (Action by China Council made this resolution inoperable).

3720
That the names of Miss Margaret Burkwall and Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Burkwall be added to the furlough list for 1937, the furlough of Miss Burkwall to begin July 1, 1937 and that of Dr. and Mrs. Burkwall to begin after July 1st, the date to be determined later. Also that the usual furlough study allowance be granted to Miss Burkwall and Dr. and Mrs. Burkwall.

3721
Resolved that the Executive Committee approves the election of officers of Kachek Station as indicated in the minutes of July 7th, 1936.

3722
Whereas Dr. H. G. Kung has signified his willingness to accept a position in the Kachek Hospital, resolved that we request the China Council, if they find his recommendations satisfactory to notify him of his appointment and to make a grant from the Substitute Worker's Fund of $100 per month toward his salary of $150.
AD-INTERIM RESOLUTIONS

3723 Dec. 4, 1936.

Moved that the Program and Docket Committee in making the program for the annual Mission Meeting in 1937 take cognizance of the Centennial of the Board and prepare the program with that in view; and that the same committee arrange for the banners to be sent to the Board.

3724

Moved that we request the Board to add to Hainan Mission's list of needs from the Centennial Funds the following items.

To provide sanitary bathroom systems for 12 Mission residences at $100, U.S. each ... ... ... ... ... ... U.S. 1,200.

To provide for a Public Health nurse (national) for three years in connection with Hoihow Hospital ... ... ... U.S. 700.

To provide needed buildings for the Pitkin School, one half to be raised on the field $10,000 Mex.

Combination Chapel—Missionary Headquarters—Si-vun Peninsula. An equal sum to be raised on the field ... ... ... U.S. 500.

3725 Jan. 6, 1937.

Resolved that we approve the request of Kachek Station to send an urgent invitation to Dr. Charles T. Leber to visit Hainan Mission during his tour of South China in January.

3726

Resolved that we request the China Council to grant from the unused language study balance the sum of $5.00 per month for this fiscal year and for the coming fiscal year beginning April 1st, 1937, for the following people:

Mrs. David S. Tappan
3727

Feb. 16, 1937.

Resolved that the Annual Mission Meeting be held in Kiungchow Station on Apr. 4th, 5th and 6th and that the station prepare the program and docket.

3728

Feb. 23, 1937.

Whereas the first Dollar Liner sailing from Hongkong during July 1937 is the President Grant, which goes to Seattle, and since it is desirous to land in Los Angeles;

Resolved, that Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Burkwall and Miss Margaret Burkwall be allowed to sail by the next previous steamer, the President Hoover, which leaves Hongkong on June 26th and that they be given permission to leave Hoi-how on or about June 20th.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. STEINER.
D. S. TAPPAN.
M. M. MONINGER.
PAUL C. MELROSE.
ESTHER A. MELROSE.
S. P. SEATON.
A. E. FRENCH, JR.
The annual meeting of the Hainan Mission was held in the Hoihow Church April 5th to 7th, 1937. The Executive Committee held its preliminary meeting April 3rd. A communion service was held in the Pitkin House, Kiungchow, on the afternoon of Sunday, April 4th, conducted by the Rev. Arthur E. French, Jr. Devotional services were held preceding the opening of the business session each morning, led in turn by Miss M. M. Moninger, the Rev. Arthur E. French, Jr., and the Rev. H. H. Bucher.

The mission enjoyed a social evening April 3rd, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Seaton in Hoihow, when the children of the mission gave an enjoyable program, and each station presented a stunt. The children also had an exhibit of their school work on display which was much appreciated. On the evening of April 5th a meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steiner, to discuss the Survey of the mission's work prepared by the Executive Committee after the members of the mission had submitted their replies to the questionnaire sent out. On the evening of April 6th a meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tappan to commemorate the centennial of the Board of Foreign Missions, and to dedicate ourselves anew to our task as representatives of that Board in making the Gospel known to the world. Special music was given by a sextette of the mission ladies with Ruth Byrd Tappan as accompanist. The mission also greatly appreciated the messages in song given by Mrs. Seaton at different meetings.

The station and personal reports were read and referred to the Committee on Communications for review before
transmission to the China Council and the Board. The Rev. Paul C. Melrose, delegate to China Council, who had submitted his report immediately after his return from Council meeting, made a supplementary oral report and was given a vote of thanks for his services. The editor of the Newsletter was given a vote of thanks for her services.

All the members of the mission now on the field were present for all or part of the meetings, sixteen voting and two non-voting members.
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met in the Hoiihow Church at 3:00 P.M. Saturday, April 3rd, with all the members present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. French. The resolutions passed during the year were read and approved.

The following recommendations were made:

3729
Resolved, that in accordance with the request of the Executive Committee of the Hainan Synod, we request the China Council to grant $500.00 from the Evangelistic Expansion Fund, $300.00 for Lay Leaders' training classes in local centers, and $200.00 for evangelistic campaigns.

3730
Transfers of funds were approved as follows:
Nodoa Class VI to Class VII ... ... ... $64.70
Kiungchow Class VII to Class VI ... ... ... 62.84
Kachek Class IX to Class VI ... ... ... 45.09

3731
Resolved that Dr. Seaton be located in Hoiihow until the return of Dr. Bercovitz from furlough and after that in Kachek.

3732
Resolved that Dr. Morse be approached in regard to her going to Nodoa until the return of Dr. Burkwall from furlough.

3733
Resolved that we accept Miss Burkwall's offer to postpone her furlough at least until the arrival of a foreign physician in Kachek.

3734
With the above considerations in mind we recommend the location of the members of the mission as follows:
Kiungchow Station
Miss Skinner after return from furlough
Mr. and Mrs. Tappan after return from furlough
of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. Steiner (Hoihow)
Miss Moninger
Dr. and Mrs. Bercovitz (Hoihow) after return from furlough
Miss Macdonald (Hoihow)
Miss McCreery (Hoihow)
Dr. and Mrs. Seaton (Hoihow) until return of Dr. and Mrs. Bercovitz
Dr. Morse (Hoihow) pending correspondence re temporary assignment to Nodoa
Mr. and Mrs. Bucher after October 5th.

Kachek Station
Mr. and Mrs. Tappan until the return of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas after return from furlough
Dr. and Mrs. Seaton after return of Dr. and Mrs. Bercovitz
Mr. and Mrs. French
Miss Burkwall

Nodoa Station
Mr. and Mrs. Melrose
Miss Taylor after return from furlough
Dr. and Mrs. Burkwall until furlough
Mr. and Mrs. Bucher provided adequate medical care is available.

Since Mrs. M. R. Melrose, H.R., expresses her desire to remain in Nodoa for another year, we request the Board and China Council to approve her continued residence there.

The meeting adjourned, closing with prayer by Mr. Tappan.
LANGUAGE COMMITTEE REPORT—
HAINAN MISSION, 1937

The Committee reports that Dr. Burkwall has continued with the work of the Third Year’s course and has accumulated 18 of the 30 required credits.

Mrs. Burkwall has continued study on the Second Year’s work and has done some additional work outside the course in study of “Nursing Procedure”. She has covered the work required for 37 of the 48 credits.

Mr. Bucher has gone forward with the work of the Third Year having covered the work required for 14 of the 30 credits.

Mrs. Bucher has been able to give only part time to Language study.

On account of the exigences of the work, Miss Burkwall has not been able to conclude the work on the Third Year’s Language Course requirements.

The following missionaries have had part time personal teachers:

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The Committee recommends that the following members continue to have part time personal teachers and that we request the China Council for the necessary funds, for the fiscal year beginning April 1st, 1937.

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The year has been a quiet one so far as mission property is concerned. No heavy storms visited the Island during 1936 so there was no storm damage. No buildings of considerable size were erected. The main building activities were in the line of additions and repairs.

In Kiungchow station, a reception room for the Hoihow Nurses Home was completed. Shutters were fitted on the North Bungalow in Hoihow and it was further improved for the use of interior missionaries. The Diningroom building in the Pitkin Compound at Kiungchow has undergone considerable repairs and an extension of the school Latrine has just been completed.

In Kachek station no major repairs of building have been necessary. The McCormick residence was renovated for the use of the French family. Drains were rebuilt and concrete benches placed on the lawn.

In Nodoa Station ordinary repairs have been made on the School and hospital buildings and the residences. A new toilet and septic tank was built back of the Girl’s School dormitory. A wire fence was built from the street gate of the residence compound to the cart gate and this insures some measure of privacy for the foreign houses.

In the out-station field there has been greater activity. The Liang-do-sang church is rebuilding its whole plant (seating capacity 350) on a plot of ground facing the main road from Hoihow to Kachek. In June the Lim-ko Christians opened a new chapel in Baeh-lin market. A house had been given to the church and this was equipped for us as chapel. The Nam-bo group spent nearly $100. and repairing their chapel. At Lim-ko city and at Hau-mong, additions to the plants were made. The Mai-hai group has funds in hand to enlarge their chapel. In the Loi field three new thatch chapels were recently completed. At Kim-kiang, the group raised approximately $150. and have repaired the chapel and built a bell tower.
The Committee has complied with the request of the Board and has made a survey of unused properties in the three stations and recommends the sale of L72A9—Kachek only.

Three resolutions were passed during the year as follows:

1. Resolved that the plan presented by Mr. Melrose for Latrine and Septic Tank for Leng-koang School be approved. It is understood that the cost of construction will be taken care of within the station appropriations.

2. Inasmuch as the Hoihow Commissioner of Customs wishes to purchase the balance or our Cyclone Fencing, Resolved, that the sale be authorized at $350. Local Currency, this sum to be paid to the building Fund, Kachek.

3. Resolved, that the entire roof of Grey Gables be replaced, including roof timbers. That the gutters on the walls be removed, the roof to extend slightly over the walls, and that we ask the Executive Committee to request the China Council for an additional grant of $500. making a total of $1,500. needed to do the work.

Recommendations:

1. That the plot of property in Kachek L72 A9, in which the Board had no equity, be sold for approximately the cost price of $110. and that the sum be applied to the deficit in the Kachek Fencing Account.

2. That the Mission request the Board that the rent paid by Mrs. M. R. Melrose ($25.00 per month) for that portion of the residence in Noodle, which she occupies to rebuilding the kitchens of the Noodle residences.
MEDICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The following action was passed during the year by circular letter:

Resolved that we ask the Board to add the Centennial Fund List the salary of the Short-term October for Hoihow Hospital.

At a meeting of the Medical Committee held on April 5, 1937, the following resolutions were passed:

On account of the increasing work of the hospitals and the necessity of arranging for furloughs, resolved that we reiterate the need of a fifth regular medical missionary in Hainan.

The yearly physical examinations of the missionaries have been completed. Some of the children have been examined, and the rest will be as soon as possible. Many of the missionaries have had Plague inoculations this year, and it is urged that all have them on account of the prevalence of Plague. All the missionary children should have the Shick Test and Diphtheria inoculation if necessary, because Diphtheria is around.

We recommend that the following medical items be included in the Property List: Kachek Hospital as before. Noda Hospital:

Completing the X-Ray, Rotary Converter and Dark-room equipment ... ... U.S.$ 1,000 (Part locally)

New Autoclave, Water and Instrument Sterilizers ... ... ... ... ... ... U.S.$ 1,000
New Hospital building and dispensary ... U.S.$10,000
Hoihow Hospital:

Women's Building, part to be raised locally U.S.$ 8,000

The yearly reports from the three hospitals in Hoihow, Noda and Kachek have each shown an increase in the number of inpatients during the past year. In addition to those taken care of in the hospitals and the outpatients
treated in the dispensaries other forms of medical work have been carried out as follows:

Several hundred maternity cases have been delivered at the Branch Maternity Centers out in the country.

Medical teaching, physical examination and care of the students in our mission schools and in certain of the government high schools.

Medical work in the Leper Colony in Hoihow.

Campaigns against Plague, Typhoid, and Small-pox. We have not only cared for the many who have come to our hospitals for innoculation against these diseases, but have carried on this work in the schools and out in the villages.

The evangelistic work in the hospitals has consisted of daily chapel services, visitation of patients and distribution of gospels by native workers and missionaries.

The medical care of the missionaries has required some attention. There have been various ailments, examinations, innoculations to look after. There have been no casualties and no births during the year.

The foreign medical staff on the field during most of the year has consisted of two doctors and three nurses. One of nurses has had charge of the Kachek Hospital without the help of any doctor, but only locally trained assistants.

The use of nurses trained in the nursing school of the Hoihow Hospital has added greatly to the efficiency of each of our hospitals. In Nodoa, a class of practical nurses has been trained this year.

A new Model D X-Ray outfit has been installed in the Hoihow Hospital. A similar one has been ordered for Nodoa.

Thus we have seen progress in the work accomplished and improvements in the physical equipment of our hospitals and with God’s help, we look forward to increasing usefulness in the future.
HAINAN MISSION

COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION WITH THE CHINESE CHURCH

I. Evangelistic Work.

The evangelistic work of the mission is carried on under the supervision of the Hainan Synod of the Church of Christ in China. Missionaries and nationals co-operate in many forms of the work, and in this brief report we would call attention to some of the outstanding items of station reports.

A. Lay Leaders' Training Classes.

During August a layman's training class was held in Nodoa. In Kachek field a week of meetings was held in Liang-do-sang church during Chinese New Year with a fine response in spite of bad weather. At Bak-fo a ten day conference was held with Bible study and lectures by Chinese pastors and missionaries on the place of the church in the community. Six classes were held daily with an early morning service and an evening evangelistic service. Members of the group brought up problems they were actually facing for discussion and clarification. Definite need expressed by the people was answered with definite Christian teaching. They have asked for another and longer class to be held for them in the autumn. Their request is also duplicated in a similar field.

B. Loi and Miao Work.

Missionaries in Nodoa have made three extended trips on foot this year into the Loi region accompanied by national helpers. Dr. and Mrs. Burkwall accompanied the party on one trip. Two trips have been made into the Miao mountains from Kachek, one being a lay leaders' training class. It is twenty years since the Gospel was first taken to the Miao people, and notable changes have occurred. From being a nomadic people they are now opening rice fields and becoming settled. As a result of schools carried

on among them by the church, many of them can read and write and are enthusiastic Bible students. They are asking now for more teachers than we can supply and they furnish a goodly share of the support of the teachers who have schools in their field. Two needs are apparent which the church must plan for,—adequate sanitary measures for settled villages and women teachers who can take the message of salvation to the Miao women in their own tongue.

C. Ministry of Music.

The ministry of music has been most effective in Nodoa and Hoihow. In Nodoa Mrs. Seaton and Mrs. Melrose have worked faithfully for several years and a choir of forty boys and twenty-five girls adds much to the worship service. Now Mrs. Seaton in Hoihow, with the hearty co-operation of the pastor, is training a choir with vested robes. In all stations the missionaries have heartily co-operated with the Chinese in the use of the hymnal prepared by the Church of Christ in China known as "Hymns of Universal Praise". This splendid collection of hymns is filling a long felt need and meeting an enthusiastic reception everywhere especially among young people.

D. Special Notes.

During the year a rather remarkable revival has taken place in Kim-Kiang field and is still going on. It has resulted in bringing into the church ten very fine examples of new-born men and women and rekindling the life of the whole membership. This is the result of a group of praying laymen and the group is making an impression upon the life and thought of the city.

Near Lim-ko district city part of the Hom-mong congregation had broken away from the church to join another group, the city group was divided into factions, and only three groups were uniting to support the pastor. The first year’s contributions towards the pastor’s support were less than $100. Now the church can present a much brighter picture. A young Christian teacher has gone to Hom-mong,
re-established the church school there and now people so throng the chapel that they are planning to build an extension.

During the trip that was made to the most southern Christian community in Hainan at Lok-lah in Ngai-tsiu, it was found that a colony of Fukienese were preparing to purchase land and settle in and near the market town of Din-kio in Leng-tui. A number of these men are Christians and a most interesting development of work may be expected. On this southern trip a young Christian man who is a graduate of Nanking Theological Seminary volunteered his services and spent ten days making the trip and doing very good service.

At the village of Liang-do-sang a new church plant is being built. The old chapel and school buildings in the village have been torn down and rebuilt upon a plot of ground outside the village. Most of the funds are being raised locally.

In Yun-sio district city Mr. Tseng Siang Tong, a recent graduate of North China Theological Seminary, Shantung, and a product of our own mission schools, is in charge of the work in the city and surrounding regions. He makes his headquarters at the district city evangelistic center. For some years work has been carried on within this area without many visible results. Now things have changed. Last month thirteen were examined for baptism and eight were taken into the church. Some years ago a group of women in this city opened a maternity center there. A few years ago this was taken over by Hoihow hospital and the balance of over three hundred dollars these women still hold, they now wish to apply to the rent of the evangelistic center. The midwife now in charge of the maternity center is a most earnest Christian and her zeal is counting for much in the evangelistic work.

During the summer the meeting of Hainan Synod and a Conference were held in Kachek which was an inspiration
to the Kachek church. Dr. Keplor of the Church of Christ in China made an effective contribution. On the last Sunday several hundred Christians paraded through the streets of Kachek singing hymns and distributing tracts. The results of the inspiration received from Synod have been felt throughout the year.

The first part of December another conference was held in Hoihow which resulted in much inspiration and help. For the first time in the history of Hainan church we had representatives of General Assembly's office. The team consisted of four members who brought vital messages on the life and work of the church. There were eighty delegates including a few lay leaders from each Presbytery. It was quite a task to find lodging for all these people. Pastor Lee of Nodoa took full notes of the address which were printed and sent to the delegates and others unable to attend. Each day a member of the team addressed the students of Pitkin Middle School in Kiungchow. On one of the last days a mass meeting was held in one of the large theaters of the downtown area and there was an immense crowd. This conference served to link us more closely with the General Assembly office and helped our people to feel that they are a part of the greater church.

Leper work has been carried on near Hoihow for the last three years and Mr. Steiner and Dr. Seaton are on the Leper Board. Mr. Steiner in particular has been able to do a great deal in building up the Leprosarium. There are now 173 patients of whom about one half are Christians. Monthly expenses are from five to six hundred dollars. Now that times are hard lepers are eating half rice and half sweet potatoes. Chinese Maritime Customs have given about fifty junks confiscated for smuggling and these have been broken up for fuel. The hospital ambulance makes a weekly trip to the colony for giving treatments as well as delivering rice. An evangelist accompanies the party and holds weekly services.
II. Educational Work.

A. Primary schools are carried on by the Presbyteries in Kachek and Nodoa, missionaries co-operating by teaching English and Bible and acting as treasurers. Nodoa has an enrollment of 310. In Kachek the enrollment is 210 including 25 in the kindergarten. Several students in the government Senior Middle School in Kachek (only regular Senior Middle School in Hainan) live on the compound and suggest the possibility of providing a hostel for Christian students. The Kachek Hospital has also given medical care to students in this government school.

B. Pitkin Junior Middle School. The Mission has had one full time worker, Miss Moninger, in the school, with Mr. Bucher teaching one English class.

The spiritual life of the school has been manifestly increasing as evidenced by two teachers joining the church making the resident faculty wholly Christian, and eight students who have made their decisions to become Christians. The two members of the Assembly team who spoke daily in Assembly were enthusiastic at the interest shown and said that an impromptu question period which they conducted yielded the widest and most searching range of questions of any school they had visited. Following are but a few of the questions asked:

1. Is there the existence of God? If so prove it.
2. Why do human beings need religion?
3. If Christianity is good why are there so many unbelievers?
4. What is sin and where does it come from?
5. What is the soul? Where does the devil come from?
6. Why must men die? What happens after death?
7. Are there heaven and hell? If so where are they?
8. What is the real meaning of life, its purpose and responsibility?
9. How can the equality of man and woman be achieved?
10. How can a Middle School graduate's vocational questions be solved?
11. How may one serve one's nation and society?
12. What is the responsibility of a Christian toward his nation?

Dr. J. Ross Stevenson also addressed the student body through an interpreter and received careful attention from his large student audience.

The fall term of 1936 the enrollment was 101 in Pitkin Junior Middle School and spring term 1937 92. Of this number 31 are girls and 70 are boys. Forty-nine students are Christians.

Since October 1936 there have been obligatory periods of manual labor for students imposed by the government to teach them the value of labor. They have built a road 120 meters long and two meters wide which reaches from the Assembly room to the church.

Religious activities of the student body include Young People's Association and Christian Endeavor. Students go out preaching the Gospel in nearby villages besides having regular meetings on Sunday afternoon. Sunday School classes are held for students taught by the teachers and on Wednesday evenings a prayer group meets with Mr. Bucher. Chapel service every morning is held in the church led by Christian teachers with attendance increasing noticeably, the average being between 70 and 80.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE AFFAIRS OF KIUNGCHOW STATION

The Committee has examined the station minutes and found them in order.

Station officers are recommended as follows:
- Chairman—Dr. S. P. Seaton
- Secretary—C. McCreery
- Treasurer—G. Macdonald

Assignment of work is recommended as follows:
- Miss Skinner—Evangelistic Work
- Mr. Tappan—Evangelistic Work after return from Kachek
- Mrs. Tappan—Religious Education after return from Kachek
- Mr. Steiner—Evangelistic Work, Work among lepers
- Mrs. Steiner—Religious Education
- Miss Moninger—Educational Work in Pitkin School
- Dr. N. Bercovitz—Sup’t Hoihow Hospital after furlough
- Mrs. Bercovitz—Musical Education
- Miss Macdonald—Station Treasurer and Agent
- Miss McCreery—Sup’t of Nurses Hoihow Hospital
- Dr. Seaton—Sup’t Hoihow Hospital until return of Dr. Bercovitz
- Mrs. Seaton—Ministry of Music
- Dr. Morse—Hoihow Hospital pending correspondence
- Mr. Bucher—Evangelistic Work, language study
- Mrs. Bucher—Language study, work with mothers and children.

Housing assignments are recommended as per station minutes.

Station and personal reports were approved for review by the Committee on Communications.
REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ON
THE AFFAIRS OF NODOA STATION

The committee meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. D. S. Tappan.

The Nodox Station minutes of the past year were read and approved. The personal and station reports have been read and referred to the Committee on Communications.

The following officers were approved until July 1st:
Chairman—Rev. P. C. Melrose
Treasurer—Mrs. P. C. Melrose
Secretary—Mrs. H. F. Burkwall
Agent—Dr. H. F. Burkwall.

The assignment of work of the following was approved until July 1st:
Rev. P. C. Melrose, Evangelistic and Educational work. Industrial work in the Leng Koang School
Mrs. P. C. Melrose, Evangelistic and Educational work
Miss Mary H. Taylor, Religious Education
Dr. H. F. Burkwall, Superintendent of Mary Henry Hospital. Language study, one hour a day
Mrs. H. F. Burkwall, Language study. Nursing work in Mary Henry Hospital.

The mission suggests that the station's recommendations for work after July 1st. be presented to the Executive Committee at its summer meeting.

The assignment of houses was approved as per station minutes.
REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ON THE AFFAIRS OF KACHEK STATION

The minutes of the Station have been examined and found in order. The personal and station reports have been read and referred to the Committee on Communications.

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The Committee approved the election of Station Officers as per Station minutes:

Chairman—Miss Burkwall (until return of Mr. Thomas)
Treasurer—Mr. French
Secretary—Mrs. French
Agent—Miss Burkwall (until furlough).

The following recommendations are submitted:

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(1) That the assignment of work be as follows:
Mr. Tappan, Evangelistic work
Mrs. Tappan, Religious Education
Mr. Thomas, Evangelistic Work (after furlough)
Mrs. Thomas, Religious Education (after furlough)
Dr. Seaton, Sup’t Christ Hospital
Mrs. Seaton, Director of religious music
Mr. French, Evangelistic work
Mrs. French, Religious Education
Miss Burkwall, Sup’t of Christ Hospital (until arrival of Dr. Seaton).

(2) That the assignment of houses be as per station minutes.
A circular letter was sent to each member of the Mission calling attention to certain changes in consigning freight shipments. Dr. H. F. Burkwall has been serving as Station Agent in Nodox, and the Rev. A. E. French in Kachek, since his return from furlough last October, prior to which time the Rev. D. S. Tappan acted as agent.

Last November the Business Office had to be moved from the building formerly rented as an Evangelistic Center when that project had to be given up owing to lack of funds, and a new office has been rented on the same street. The location is not an ideal one, being both noisy and odoriferous, so we hope that a better place may be found before very long. Because of the cost of handling freight, it is desirable to secure office space as near to the Customs Inspection Shed as possible.

During the past year four hundred and sixteen packages of freight have been passed through Customs, entailing an expenditure of $3,089.00 for Import Duty. Thanks to the generosity of the Nanking Government, it is now possible to get the White Cross supplies, that is, gifts of bandages, gauze, and other hospital supplies donated for hospital use, imported from abroad free of charge, or, rather, Duty Free. As the last shipment from the Board comprised fourteen (14) cases, valued at several hundred dollars U.S. currency, the saving in this case was immense.

Freight charges by car into the Interior Stations are slightly lower than they have been, but even so the monthly bill for freight into Nodox has averaged about $12.00, and for Kachek $10.00.

The North Bungalow, designed the Mission's Rest House, has been occupied quite often this past year, and the addition of wooden shutters has added quite a bit to its habitability.
HAINAN MISSION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION

Hainan Mission in its annual meeting expresses its thanks to Dr. J. Ross Stevenson for his visit to us in January, 1937. His kindly counsel and leadership during our Devotional Conference have left a lasting impression.

The visit of Dr. Charles T. Leber and Dr. Joseph L. Dodds, our new Foreign Board Secretaries has given us great encouragement and a renewed enthusiasm for the work of our Master on this, His outpost. Hainan Mission expresses its sincerest thanks for this opportunity for a closer contact with the Home Office.

Hainan Mission wishes to congratulate the Board of Foreign Missions on the celebration of its Centenary.

Hainan Mission would express its sympathy to the Board of Foreign Missions on the loss of five Senior-Secretaries in eighteen months. We assure their successors of our earnest and prayerful co-operation.

Hainan Mission wishes to extend congratulations to the Rev. H. O. T. Burkwall on the completion of thirty-five years of service with the British and Foreign Bible Society. We have enjoyed his visits and appreciated his close cooperation in the distribution of God's word on this island. We recommend that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Rev. H. O. T. Burkwall and to the British and Foreign Bible Society in London.

Hainan Mission sends its heartiest congratulations to the sister mission in Shantung on the celebration of its Seventy-fifth anniversary.

We, the Hainan Mission thank the General Assembly of the Church of Christ in China for the inspiration and cooperation received from the Secretarial team who visited us during November, 1936. The full effectiveness of their visit cannot be calculated in words or numbers.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN F. BURKWALL.

GRACE MACDONALD.
REPORT OF NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Since last annual meeting there have been issued three numbers of the Newsletter, Fall, Christmas and Centennial, averaging 1,200 copies for each issue. Cost has been from ten to twelve cents per copy plus postage five cents which comes out of the pocket of the individual missionary. A complimentary list of 75 names is a necessary and added expense which it seems should be taken care of from mission funds. Other missions are known to finance all of such publications from mission funds entirely.

Criticisms from former members of Hainan Mission in U.S.A. and others solicited have made us seek shorter terse news paragraphs and more illustrations. The humorous side they asked for however we still have to develop.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) LUella R. TAPPAN.
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS

3754

The Hainan Mission nominates for secretary of China Council the following persons, preference in order named:

Miss Margaret A. Frame
Miss Anna E. Moffett
Miss Gertrude Hill.

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The secretary was asked to correspond with the China Council office about the terminology to be used in designating assignments of work.

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The secretary was instructed to correspond with the Board regarding the discrepancy of dates in the Year Book of Prayer and on the mission roster, showing the beginning of service of individual missionaries.

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The Committee on Communications was instructed to correspond with the Board and Dr. Bercovitz regarding the date of his return from furlough and the need of as prompt a return as possible.

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The Mission approved of the following requests for furloughs:

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Notes—

Mr. and Mrs. Steiner were expecting to defer their last furlough until 1933, but because of exigencies in the mission force they took their furlough in 1932. They were not able to leave the field until August 1st instead of the usual date,
July 1st, and this delayed their return to Hainan in the autumn of 1933. The mission therefore requests the Board and China Council to approve of their furlough beginning at the regular date, July 1st.

For the furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Melrose, see their agreement with the Board, Hai 3518 CC34460 Board Letter CC 200:26, 11-21-34.

3759

The Mission requests the Board and the Council to provide for the return of Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Burkwall, Miss Margaret Burkwall, Mr. and Mrs. Steiner and Mr. and Mrs. Melrose after furlough. (The pre-furlough voting will be done as soon as the blanks are received from the Council).

3760

The mission requests that furlough study grants be made for Mr. and Mrs. Steiner and Mr. and Mrs. Melrose, and that the furlough study plans of Dr. and Mrs. Burkwall be approved.

3761

The China Council was asked to grant from the Emergency Fund a sum sufficient to screen the Nodoa Bungalow and make other necessary repairs, the estimates to be prepared and forwarded by the Property Committee.

3762

It was voted that the credit balance of $20.75 in Class VI Mission General be applied to the deficit of $63.57 in the China Council grant to the Hoihow Evangelistic Center. This leaves a debit balance of $42.82 in this account, which we request the China Council to provide from the Evangelistic Fund.

3763

It was voted that we request the China Council to continue for one year the grant of $324.00 from the Substitute Workers' Fund, beginning April 1st, 1937, for the salary of Miss Ng Nun, the nurse in the Kachek Hospital, CC 36270.
The Council was requested to grant to each of the three stations of the mission (Kachek, Kiungchow and Nodoa) the sum of $60.00 for the current fiscal year to provide funds for Chinese writers for the missionaries in evangelistic work.

The members from the interior stations gave a rising vote of thanks to the members of Kiungchow station for their hospitality.

It was suggested that in preparation of the Program and Docket for next annual meeting the usual order of procedure be charged to allow temporary committees more time to prepare their reports, and it was also suggested that members of standing committees submit digests of their reports to the chairmen in time to allow the committee reports to be prepared, at least in first drafts, before the time of annual meeting.

Resolved, that request for Loi funds, fourth year, as follows, be approved.

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ANNUAL MEETING

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FORCE LIST

Clerical Man 1 Hainan
Physician (Man) 1 Hainan
Evangelistic Women 2 Hainan

PROPERTY LIST

Residences—
a. Repairing and remodelling Physicians residence, Hoihow 5,250.00
b. Replacing roof on South Bungalow, Hoihow 400.00

Hospitals—
a. Modernizing of Mary Henry Hospital, Nodoa 6,000.00
b. For replacing old equipment of Mary Henry Hospital, Nodoa 5,000.00
c. Christ Hospital, Kachek. To roof with concrete the present walls and make the entire first store available for use 4,000.00
d. Hoihow Hospital—Chapel completion 3,500.00
   Power Plant 1,500.00
e. Kiungchow Station—Rehabilitation of Country chapels 500.00

* These two items have been included in the request from the Centennial Funds.

Note—In the Property List of last year an item of $400.00 was included, for a kitchen for the Pitkin Residence. As the mission deems the roof repairs for the south bungalow, Hoihow, a much more imperative need, this item is substituted for the previous one.
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TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

Committees appointed by the chair for expeditious business and holding office only for the duration of the annual meeting.

AFFAIRS OF KIUNGCHOW STATION
Mrs. French
Mr. Melrose
Miss Macdonald

AFFAIRS OF KACHEK STATION
Miss McCreery
Mr. Steiner
Miss Burkwall

AFFAIRS OF NODOA STATION
Mrs. Seaton
Mr. Tappan
Mrs. Burkwall

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS
Mr. Steiner
Mr. Tappan
Mr. Melrose
Dr. Seaton

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION OF ITEMS FOR YEAR BOOK OF PRAYER
Mrs. Melrose
Mrs. Steiner
Mrs. Tappan

COMMITTEE OF RESOLUTIONS
Dr. Burkwall
Miss Macdonald

COMMITTEE TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR PRINTER
Mr. Bucher
Mrs. Bucher