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AD-INTERIM RESOLUTIONS

Executive Committee

3801 April 12, 1937.

The Executive Committee endorsed Nodoa Station's plan for Travelling Library Project and forwarded it to the China Council with a request for grant of $170.00 from the China Council Literature Fund.

3802 April 16, 1937.

It was voted to request a grant from the China Council of $87.13 from the Evangelistic Expansion Fund to meet overdraft in Nodoa Class VII missionary itineration appropriation.

3803 April 28, 1937.

It was voted to charge the cost of all mission complimentary Newsletters against Class VI Mission General appropriation.

3804 June 4, 1937.

It was voted that all new projects planned by the three Presbyteries, for which funds are requested from the China Council, be directly linked to the sponsoring bodies, they to provide for one-third of the total required to carry out the new projects except in the case of Loi or Miau work, where they shall provide one-fifth.

3805

It was voted that where a local power of attorney is necessary, this power is hereby granted to the Rev. P. C. Melrose and Miss M. M. Moninger.
3806

It was voted to request the China Council to provide if possible the sum of $80.00 for each of the three stations for the latter half of the fiscal year, for station writers, and that the sum of $60.00 be inserted in Class VI. of the estimates of each station for this purpose for the coming year.

3807

It was voted to approve the request of the Project Board for a grant of $80.00 to provide for the Nooda Loi Project from July first until the Project can be considered by the Council at its annual meeting, and that we request the China Council to make such a grant.

3808

It was voted that losses in exchange be adjusted between the station treasurers.

3809

The Mission Estimates for 1938-39 were approved for transmission to the China Council and the Board.

3810

It was voted that complimentary copies of the Newsletter up to 60 in number be charged to Class VI. Mission General appropriation.

3811

It was voted to request the China Council to make a grant of $1100 from the Emergency Fund to restore the cut in Class VIII Church General.

3812

The Committee approved of the Hoilhow Hospital School of Nursing taking steps to register with the government and concurred with Kiangchow Station in choosing the following as members of the Board of Directors:
June 23.

The Committee approved the assignment of Dr. E. Morse to Nodoa Station during the furlough of Dr. and Mrs. Burkwall; and since the station assigned her to live in the Century House, recommended that her salary be that of a single woman maintaining a separate establishment.

It was voted to locate Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Bucher in Nodoa Station after October fifteenth, "providing adequate medical care is available."

The Committee requested a grant from the China Council's Special Repair Fund of $300.00 to finish repairs on the Bungalow at Nodoa, in accordance with the Property Committee's resolution dated April 12, 1937.

July 28.

It was voted on the recommendation of two Hainan mission doctors and Dr. J. H. Wylie of Peiping, to extend the vacation of Rev. D. S. Tappan to the end of August, 1937.

August 2.

The Committee voted that the third year's language examination passed by Rev. H. H. Bucher be sustained.
3818 October 1.

Voted to request the China Council to ask Board's permission, if conditions warrant, for the immediate return to the field of Dr. E. Morse, and Dr. N. Bercovitz and Rev. D. H. Thomas, in advance of their families.

3819

It was voted that in event of the evacuation to the U.S.A. of Mrs. P. C. Melrose and children and Mrs. J. F. Steiner and Betty, Mr. Melrose and Mr. Steiner be requested to remain on the field until their regular furlough is due.

3820 October 19.

It was voted that the date of evacuation of missionaries be reckoned to begin after five weeks of vacation have ended.

3821

The Committee gave its opinion that present conditions (October 19th) in Hainan justify the evacuation to Hong Kong of mothers and children.

3822 October 11.

The Committee approved the following transfers which bring the total of Class VIII Church General up to $2400.

From Class VII Church General to Class VIII Church General ... ... ... ... $384.00

From Kiungchow Class IX to Class VIII Church General ... ... ... ... ... ... 600.00

From Kiungchow Class VI to Class VIII Church General ... ... ... ... ... ... 38.68

From Kachek Class VI to Class VIII Church General ... ... ... ... ... ... 38.66

From Nodea Class VI to Class VIII Church General ... ... ... ... ... ... 38.66

3823

It was voted to continue Rev. D. S. Tappan as member of the Executive Committee until the arrival on the field of Rev. D. H. Thomas.
AD-INTERIM ACTIONS

3824 October 31.

Since the Medical Officer of Kiungchow Station has advised Mrs. Bucher to undergo a necessary operation in Hong Kong, the Committee requested the China Council to grant funds for Mrs. Bucher's medical expenses.

3825 October 23.

It was voted to ask the China Council for $50.00 from the Street Widening Fund for necessary repairs on the wall and entrance of the Kim Kiang chapel property.

3826 November 21.

The Committee renewed its request to the China Council and the Board for the return of Dr. Morse to arrive on the field by January 15th.

3827 November 27.

The Committee approved a request from the Board of Directors of the Pitkin Junior Middle School for the China Council to provide $250. from the Emergency Fund toward the moving expenses of the school.

3828 December 9.

The Committee approved the request of Rev. J. F. Steiner that the China Council and the Board permit furlough to be antedated by two months, financial and length of furlough adjustments to be made with the Board.

3829

It was voted that Dr. Morse upon arrival on the field assist in the Hoihow Hospital until Dr. Seaton be able to resume duties or until the return of Dr. Bercovitz.

3830 January 13.

It was voted to request the China Council to reimburse Dr. Seaton with the sum of $222.59 for expenses incurred during his illness.
February 11.

It was voted to hold the 1938 Annual Mission meeting in Kiungchow Station on April 7th and 8th.

February 26.

The Committee approved the request of the Hainan Synod made to the Project Board for a grant from the China Council of $180.00 to provide for the successful prosecution of the Kiungchow City Student Evangelistic Center Project.

February 28.

The Committee approved Mr. Bucher's account totalling $197.00 for moving from Kiungchow to Nodoa and transmitted the same to be China Council for payment.

January 13.

It was voted to transfer the Tappan family to Kiungchow on the arrival of the Seatons at Kachek.

March 21.

Miss M. H. Taylor was elected to act as the mission delegate to the 1938 meeting of Hainan Synod.

March 23.

The Committee approved Dr. Seaton's account totalling $359.35 for moving from Nodoa and Hoio to Kachek and transmitted the same to the China Council for payment.

March 24.

The Rev. D. H. Thomas was elected to represent the Hainan Mission at the 1938 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.
The annual meeting of the Hainan Mission was held in Hoihow April 7th and 8th, 1938. Most of the sessions were held in the Hoihow Church. Though air raids had occurred in Hoihow and Kuangchow shortly before the dates set for the meeting, we are very thankful that the mission meeting, and the meetings of Synod and its Administrative Board, held during the same week, were not disturbed by any untoward events whatever. We have very much indeed for which to thank our Heavenly Father, that in these times when China is so sorely beset, Hainan has been kept in comparative peace and safety, and even in most sections of the island from the fear of evil.

The devotional service of the first day was led by the retiring chairman, the Rev. Arthur E. French, Jr., and on the second day by Dr. S. P. Seaton. One evening Dr. Bercovitz showed some of his pictures taken with color films, and one evening we enjoyed musical numbers given by Bettie Steiner and Ruth Byrd Tappan, followed by reports from our missionaries recently returned from furlough—Miss Skinner, Dr. Bercovitz, Miss Taylor and Dr. Morse.

The station and personal reports were read by the proper committees and approved for transmission to the Board and China Council. The editor of the newsletter was given a vote of thanks for her services.

Of the nineteen members of the mission now on the field all were present except Mrs. Seaton and Mrs. Bucher, whose excuses for absence were approved by the mission.
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Hoithow, April 6, 1938.

The Committee met in the Hoithow Manse at 9.00 p.m. The session was opened with prayer by the chairman. Resolutions passed by circular letter during the past year were read and approved.

Kachek station presented the following resolution: "It was voted to request the Executive Committee to assign an evangelistic woman to Kachek station, since our former request was not granted and since the urgency still remains."

The members of the mission were located as follows:

**Kiumchow Station:**
- Miss A. H. Skinner
- *Rev. J. F. Steiner
- *Mrs. Steiner
- Dr. N. Bercovitz
- Mrs. Bercovitz
- Miss C. McCreery
- Rev. D. S. Tappan
- Mrs. Tappan
- Miss M. M. Moninger
- Miss G. Macdonald
- Dr. E. Morse

**Kachek Station:**
- Rev. D. H. Thomas
- Mrs. Thomas
- Dr. S. P. Seaton
- Mrs. Seaton
- Miss M. H. Taylor
- Rev. A. E. French, Jr.
- Mrs. French
- *Miss M. Burkwall

**Nodoa Station:**
- *Rev. P. C. Melrose
- *Mrs. Melrose
- Dr. H. F. Burkwall
- Mrs. Burkwall
- Rev. H. H. Bucher
- Mrs. Bucher
- Dr. E. Morse until return of Dr. Burkwall

* Until Furlough
The Committee reports that Mr. Bucher has completed the Third Year's work and passed the examination, as previously reported, and has partially finished the work of the Fourth Year.

Mrs. Bucher is working on the requirements of Second Year.

Miss Burkwall is completing the work of Third Year and hopes to take her examination before leaving on furlough.

Mrs. French and Dr. Morse have completed the work of Fifth Year.

The list of credits completed is being forwarded to China Council.

The following missionaries have had part time personal teachers:

Mrs. Seaton
Mrs. Steiner
Miss Moninger
Mr. French.

The Committee recommends that Miss Burkwall be released from all other duties from now until her furlough in order that she shall have an opportunity to complete the work of Third Year, which on account of the exigences of the work, she was unable to do before (see Hai 3787).

Signed: M. M. Moninger
Evelyn W. French.
REPORT OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

3840

At the beginning of the year it was planned to repair Grey Gables but because of war conditions and other reasons it was impracticable at the time. Now that the house is unoccupied it is hoped that these deferred repairs can be completed during the present dry season. Considerable repairs were made on the Hoilhow church. Twenty-three timbers had to be replaced because of damage from white ants. Although this building has been standing for twenty-seven years expense for repairs has been comparatively slight. The Kiungchow school plant was re-painted, varnished and in general put in excellent condition.

The greater part of the hospital plant was whitewashed and other minor repairs made. In accordance with the recommendation of the U.S. Consul, American flags were painted on tops of buildings or placed in conspicuous places on the compounds. With the exception of a few window panes shattered by concussion due to aerial bombing we have suffered no war damage. Owing to the widening at the street, at Kim-kiang, repairs had to be made to the wall and entrance to the chapel property there.

Since there were no heavy typhoons last year the repairs to most of the Nodoa station property were of a routine nature. It was planned to build a kitchen on the same level as the dining room in Residence No. 4 and some material was purchased for that purpose. But after the war started it was thought best to defer the construction. The main work of the year was the repair of the bungalow to have it ready for occupancy by the Bucher family. Most of the woodwork has been repainted or varnished and the screening is now complete. The coming of the Pitkin School to Nodoa necessitated minor changes in the school buildings. An old lumber shed was transformed into a boys' dormitory by cutting through a few doors and windows and setting up bamboo mats as walls. The Pitkin School also constructed a basket-ball court and a volley-ball court in the eastgate plot.
Only minor repairs were needed on Kachek buildings. The hospital office wing was screened and an American flag painted on the roof. An incinerator was built on the hospital compound. Residence No. 1 was repaired to get it ready for the Scaton family. The usual painting of buildings was carried on according to schedule and the station property is in good repair. The Doa-lou market chapel is badly in need of attention and the building should be repaired soon. During the year Liang-do-sang church rebuild its plant on a plot of ground just outside the village on the main highway. This building was a project of the Liang-do-sang church and they received no mission funds.

The committee makes the following recommendation:

That Mr. Tappan be appointed to supervise the repairs on Grey Gables.
MEDICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

At a meeting of the Medical Committee held on April 7th, 1938, the following actions were taken:

3841

In view of the increasing medical opportunities in Hainan, especially in rural work and in combatting tuberculosis, and in view of the shortage of doctors particularly when any are on furlough, the Medical Committee respectfully reiterates its request for another doctor for Hainan Mission as per the force list. Note—during the past year there was only one doctor on the field for six months of the time, two of the three stations being without a foreign doctor for that time.

3842

We recommend that the following items be included in the property list:

a. Modernizing of Mary Henry Hospital, Nodoa ...
   ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Mex. $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 story available for use ... ... 4,000.00

d. Hoilhow Hospital—Chapel Completion ...
   Power Plant ... ... ... ... ... 1,500.00
   Women’s Building, part to be raised locally ... ... ... ... ... U.S. 8,000.00

3843

The Medical Committee recommends that in any reclassification of hospitals by China Council, that the hospitals of Hainan Mission be the same as in the classification of 1935, i.e., Hoilhow-Class IV, Nodoa and Kachek each Class III.
The yearly physical examination of missionaries has been completed.

The work in the three main hospitals has gone on and in certain cases increased in spite of the absence on furlough of many of the staff. A very severe epidemic of cholera which started in Hoihow and spread through the Island during the summer added much work in caring for the afflicted but kept some people from coming for treatment of ordinary diseases. The periodic bombings in Hoihow have also scared people away from there and kept some from coming to the hospital for a short time after each raid.

The rural work in connection with the seven branch hospitals of the three stations has shown considerable progress. There has been an increase of at least twenty-five per cent in the number of maternity cases cared for during this year.

We are pleased with the increasing co-operation between the local churches and the branch hospitals in these centers. Christians are asking for more branches to be opened in several new places.

While we are encouraged with the progress that has been made we still see ahead of us much to do especially in regard to such problems as public health, medical care of school-children, rural work, tuberculosis and leprosy.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. Seaton
N. Bercovitz
E. Morse.
The Committee has examined the Station minutes and have found them in order.

Station officers are recommended as follows:
- Chairman—Dr. Bercovitz
- Secretary—Miss McCreery
- Treasurer—Miss Macdonald.

Assignment of work is recommended as follows:
- Miss A. H. Skinner—Evangelistic work
- Rev. D. S. Tappan—Evangelistic work
- Mrs. D. S. Tappan—Work among students
- Rev. J. F. Steiner—Evangelistic and leper work until furlough
- Mrs. J. F. Steiner—Evangelistic and educational work until furlough
- Miss M. M. Moninger—Educational and evangelistic work in Pitkin Middle School
- Dr. N. Bercovitz—Superintendent, Hoihow Hospital, Medical Officer of Station
- Mrs. N. Bercovitz—Music and kindergarten
- Miss G. Macdonald—Station Treasurer, evangelistic work bookkeeper for Hoihow Hospital
- Miss C. McCreery—Superintendent of Nurses, Hoihow Hospital
- Dr. E. Morse—Hoihow Hospital.
Housing assignments are recommended as per station minutes except for the following changes:

Miss Macdonald—The Manse
Miss McCleery—The Manse
Dr. Morse—South Bungalow.

Station and personal reports were read and referred to the Committee on Communications.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE AFFAIRS OF KACHEK STATION

The Committee meeting was opened with prayer. The minutes were read and approved. The personal and station reports have been read and referred to the Committee on Communications.

The Committee approved the election of station officers as per station minutes:

Chairman, Mrs. Seaton
Secretary, Mrs. French
Treasurer, Mr. French
Agent, Dr. Seaton.

The assignment of work is recommended as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Evangelistic Work, after furlough
Miss Taylor, Evangelistic Work
Dr. Seaton, Superintendent, Christ Hospital
Mrs. Seaton, Ministry of Music
Mr. French, Evangelistic Work
Mrs. French, Teaching
Miss Burkwall, R.N., Furlough after June.

Housing assignment was approved as per station minutes.
The minutes of the station were read and found in order.
We recommend that the station and personal reports be approved for transmission to the China Council and the Board.
We recommend that the Mission approve of the assignment of houses as per Station Minutes.

We recommend the assignment of work as follows:

Mr. P. C. Melrose, Evangelistic Work until furlough
Mrs. M. R. Melrose, Station Agent
Dr. E. Morse, Sup't of Mary Henry Hospital, until return of Dr. Burkwall from furlough
Dr. Burkwall, Sup't of Mary Henry Hospital after return from furlough. Language study
Mrs. Burkwall, Language study. Work in the Hospital Station Secretary, after furlough
Mr. Bucher, Evangelistic Work, Station Chairman. Language study
Mrs. Bucher, Language Study. Station Treasurer
Work with children.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
AGENT'S BUSINESS

This past year Miss Burkwall has acted as agent for the Kachek Station, and Mrs. M. R. Melrose in Nodoa Station following Mrs. P. C. Melrose's return to the United States.

Freight, totalling 260 packages, has been passed through the Customs, the Import Duty amounting to $2,453.49, in addition to which $164.53 has been paid on Parcel Post packages. Since Hongkong and other currencies have now to be changed into Customs Gold Units, and weights and measures transferred into grammes and metres, the declaring of imports is not as simple as it used to be. The Mission Agent's office in Hoihow averages an expenditure of $1,365.00 a month in cash payments. About ninety shipments of freight have been sent to Nodoa Station this past year, and sixty-six shipments to Kachek Station, the latter station spending over $190.00 for freight charges. Freight charges in Nodoa Station are paid by the individual.
REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas the Board has found it possible to restore our salaries to their former level,—

Be It Resolved that we express our thanks to the Board for this and other manifestations of its care for its missionaries.

Whereas the sad news of the death of Mrs. Fenn has recently reached us in Hainan,—

Be It Resolved that we express to Dr. Fenn and his family the sympathy of Hainan Mission in his loss and the joy we share with him in the long record of useful service for the Kingdom which she has left to us all.

Whereas the illness of Dr. Seaton found us without another mission doctor and

Whereas Dr. J. Mansfield Bailey of Pakhoi and Dr. Theodore Stevenson of Canton both rendered help in our extremity

Be It Resolved that we send them each a hearty vote of thanks for their willing co-operation and help rendered.
March 31, 1938.

Because of the uncertainty of war conditions there have been but two issues of Newsletter during the past year.

The fall number 1937 was printed at Truth Hall Press, Peiping while we were on vacation there in July. Students working their way through school were the printers and they did amazingly well considering they knew little more of English than the alphabet. It was brought in to our door still wet with ink as we were being taken bag and baggage to the American Legation at the outbreak of hostilities. The complimentary list of sixty-five and our own personal list were mailed from the Legation. It was held up in the mails for several months but judging from the reports of a few received four months late they all finally reached their readers.

In this number we tried the news sheet form with picture supplement and met with a more favorable response from home than within the mission. We have continued to emphasize the picture supplement and shorter paragraphs of more concrete incidents realizing how much of what is printed at home is unread.

The difficulties of working with a printer four hundred miles distant may explain errors that creep in. For instance when the printer submitted a dummy for Centennial number that was acceptable, he found it overweight for minimum postage contrary to former calculations, so substituted such thin paper that the issue was spoiled.

The usual number of from 1,100 to 1,200 have been printed and financed by the individual members according to their ordered number. We wish that a way could be found to finance this from mission funds as other missions in China do. The postage brings the cost to about sixteen or seventeen cents per copy.
We are awaiting a letter from the Board due now asking for data on having the Newsletter printed by the Board in New York. It may be an impossible dream but we could get a more presentable book from home side point of view with less postage if the cost is not too much larger.

The summer number 1938 was announced on January 18, sent to press March 2, proof returned April 2 so it will be on its way to U.S.A. and other countries by summer of 1938.

Respectfully submitted,

LUELLA R. TAPPAN.
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS

Nominations for secretaries of China Council were made as follows, in order of preference:

Miss Margaret A. Frame  Dr. E. E. Walline
Miss Anna E. Moffett  Rev. Paul R. Abbott
Miss Gertrude Hill  Rev. E. M. Smith

In view of the fact that Miss Burkwall is to be on furlough during the coming year, the mission requests the China Council to renew for the fourth year the grant of $324 for Miss Ng Nun, nurse at Christ Hospital, Kachek, and to make an additional grant of $324 for the salary of a midwife, from the Substitute Workers' Fund.

The mission requests the China Council to renew for the second year the grant of $600.00 from the Substitute Workers' Fund for the salary of Dr. Tong Zok-tiu of the Mary Henry Hospital, Nodoa.

The China Council was requested to pay the sum of $50.00 for the moving expenses of the Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Tappan and family, from Kachek to Kiungchow.

The Hainan Mission requests the Board and China Council to approve of the extension of the visit of Mrs. M. R. Melrose, Honorably Retired, to Nodoa Station until February 1st, 1939, when Mrs. Melrose expects to return to the United States.

The mission requests the China Council to grant from the Emergency or other funds the sum of $1,100.00 needed to
bring up to $2,400.00 the amount in Class VIII Church general available for the three station primary schools. $800.00 per school is the absolute minimum under which these schools are able to function efficiently. We further request the Council to recommend the proper form in which this sum can be inserted in the estimates.

3858

The mission approved the following transfers of station funds within classes:

Nodoa—

$31.19 from Class V II to Class V
18.50 from Class VI to Class V

Kachek—

$ 0.94 from Class VI to Class VII
Balance in Class VI to Class VIII.

3859

Plans for combining mission meeting with a devotional conference were discussed, and Dr. Seaton, Dr. Bercovitz and Mr. Bucher were appointed to prepare plans and submit them to the mission.

3860

The mission approved of a regular furlough for twelve months for the Rev. H. H. Bucher and family, to begin July 1st, 1939, provision for travel allowance to be inserted in the estimates. Note—this is a regular first furlough after 5 years on field.

3861

The Board and China Council were requested to provide furlough study allowance for Mr. and Mrs. Bucher.

3862

The members of Kiungchow station were given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.
### FORCE LIST

**3863**

Clerical Man 1  
Hainan

Physician (Man) 1  
Hainan

Evangelistic Women 2  
Hainan

### PROPERTY LIST

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| Power Plant | 1,500.00 |
| Women's Building | $8,000.00 gold, to be raised on the field. |

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

ON AFFAIRS OF KIUNGCHOW STATION
Dr. Morse, Chm.
Miss McCreery
Dr. Seaton

ON AFFAIRS OF NODOA STATION
Mr. Steiner, Chm.
Miss Taylor
Miss Burkwall

ON AFFAIRS OF KACHEK STATION
Mrs. Steiner, Chm.
Mrs. French
Dr. Bercovitz

ON PREPARATION OF ITEMS FOR YEARBOOK OF PRAYER
Miss Macdonald
Miss Taylor

RESOLUTIONS
Mrs. Tappan
Dr. Bercovitz

COMMUNICATIONS
Mr. Melrose
Miss Moninger
Miss McCreery
Mr. Steiner
Dr. Seaton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Melrose
Mr. Bucher.