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(Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.)

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IN MEMORIAM

Only a year ago the Hunan Mission recorded its sorrow and loss in the death of Rev. Charles H. Derr and this year we must express our double sense of loss, for while we were assembled in our Annual Session on May 12, 1938 Mrs. Mysie Stump Derr joined her husband in the land where there will be no more separation. Mr. and Mrs. Derr were of one mind in their service, constrained by the love of Christ, giving themselves in an affectionate ministry to those among whom they lived. Very quiet and selfless was the service that Mrs. Derr rendered, but constant and permeated with the wisdom which is from above, counting no cost too great, for that same mind was in her that was in Christ Jesus. We turn in sympathy to Ruth who in so short a time is doubly bereft. May she find comfort and strength and guidance in Him whose promises are yea and amen.
MINUTES OF THE
THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF
THE HUNAN MISSION
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Hunan Mission of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. met in Hengyang (Hengchow), Hunan May 5-11, 1938. Miss Gertrud Bayless was elected Chairman and Miss Lucinda Gernhardt Vice-chairman. Rev. R. F. Kepler and Mrs. P. R. Abbott were elected clerks.

There was a one hundred percent attendance of the members on the field. This meant twelve regular members and two loaned from the Shantung Mission. In spite of the smallness of the number the spirit of courage, hope and unity throughout the meeting was marked. Rev. Stanton Lautenschlager of Cheeloo University had come to Hunan to hold student meetings, and was present for four days. His messages were very stimulating and greatly appreciated.

The general theme of the retreat, which occupied two full days, and of the whole meeting was "Our Ministry". The study of II Corinthians was the basis for Bible hours as well as devotional periods. "We preach Christ Jesus as Lord."

Two names were added to the Roster of Children of the Mission, Mable E. Stringham, born September 13th 1937 and Ann Lilian Newman, born March 4th 1938.

The Mission rejoices in the assignment of Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Scott and Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Romig to the Hunan Mission. These new recruits are at present at the College of Chinese Studies in Peiping.

During the meeting news came of the serious condition of Mrs. Derr in America and later the word was received of her death on May 12th 1938. An appropriate minute of memoriam is spread upon the minutes.
The Roll Call of the Mission was as follow:

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Siangtan

Dr. E. D. Vanderburgh, Hon. R. ... Oct. 1894
Mrs. E. D. Vanderburgh, Hon. R. ... Oct. 1894
Rev. T. W. Mitchell V.F. ... Nov. 2, 1902
Mrs. T. W. Mitchell V.F. ... Sept. 3, 1903
Miss C. T. Woods V.P.F. ... Mar. 12, 1910
Rev. P. R. Abbott V.P. ... Sept. 7, 1910 Sept. 1932
Mrs. P. R. Abbott V.P. ... Sept. 7, 1910 Sept. 1932

Unless delayed in Japan
*Sept. 1, 1937
**Aug. 26, 1937

Retired Missionaries ... ... ... ... ... 8
On the field 1937-38 ... ... ... ... ... 15
On furlough ... ... ... ... ... ... 13
At Language School ... ... ... ... ... 4
Total ... ... ... ... ... ... 40
Loaned from other Missions ... ... ... ... 3
Leaving for furlough ... ... ... ... ... 3
Returning from furlough ... ... ... ... 13

ROSTER OF CHILDREN

Bannan, Phyllis Mary, ... ... ... Mar. 22, 1921
Birkel, Evelyn Adeline, ... ... ... July 5, 1921
Blackstone, Robert Harry, ... ... ... April 10, 1933
Blackstone, Margaret Elizabeth, ... Feb. 24, 1936
Brown, Kenneth Hawley, ... ... ... Nov. 12, 1922
Brown, Harry Esmond, ... ... ... July 19, 1924
Clark, Mary Thayer, ... ... ... April 21, 1933
Clark, Antoinette Gale, ... ... ... Sept. 4, 1934
Kepler, Mercer Raymond, ... ... ... Nov. 13, 1931
Kepler, Thomas Fitch, ... ... ... Nov. 16, 1933
Mitchell, William Frederick, ... ... ... July 4, 1919
Newman, Mary Anderson, ... ... ... Mar. 2, 1935
Newman, Ann Lilian, ... ... ... Mar. 4, 1938
Stringham, James Alfred, ... ... ... Oct. 27, 1934
Stringham, Joanna Alice, ... ... ... Sept. 30, 1936
Stringham, Mabel E., ... ... ... Sept. 13, 1937
Tootell, Jennivieve Grace, ... ... ... May 12, 1918
Tooker, Mary Delmar, ... ... ... Oct. 29, 1916
AD INTERIM ACTIONS OF HUNAN MISSION
1937 - 1938

3801 Christian Primary Schools, Teachers' Institute

Voted to grant twenty dollars from Mission General Class VIII to the Changsha Station to help toward the opening of a Christian Primary School institute for teachers to be held in Changsha during the summer of 1937.

3802 Fuh Siang, New Building Request

In view of the need of Fuh Siang Girls' Middle School for a new dining room and kitchen, chapel, assembly hall, and music rooms, the Board of Directors recommended the management be given permission to solicit funds for a building to meet all these needs. The total amount needed will be $38,000, and the Presbyterian Mission is requested to provide C$15,000 in addition to the $5,000 already requested for the chapel.

Voted: to request the China Council and the Board to place this request for an additional C$15,000 on the new property list of the China Council for a new building for the Fuh Siang Girl's Middle School to include dining room and kitchen, chapel, assembly hall, and music rooms, with the hope that it may be provided within the next two years.

3803 Siangtan House No. 2, Rent Request

Voted: to permit the Siangtan Station to rent house No. 2 51A12 to a railroad engineer for fifty dollars per month. Since the house will require extensive repairs, painting etc. after these extensive repairs are done, the balance of the rental shall revert to the Board.

3804 Siangtan Pond Sale

Record is hereby made of the sale of the pond in front of the Siangtan Boys School compound for sixty dollars. The money has been sent to the Board through the A.M.T.

3805 Delegates to the Kuling Conference

Voted: to grant forty dollars to the Siangtan Station from General Mission Expense account Class VII to cover travel expenses for two evangelists to attend the Kuling Summer Conference.
3806 **Mid-year Executive Meeting, Time**

Voted: to accept the invitation of the Siangtan Station to hold the Mid-year Executive Meeting in Siangtan beginning Dec. 15, 1937 at nine A.M.

3807 **Siangtan Old Church Property Sale**

Voted: to request the China Council and the Board to permit the Siangtan Station to sell the plot of land on which the old Church originally stood, for $1,200 the receipts to revert to the Board.

3808 **Siangtan House No. 1, Rent Renewal**

Voted: to renew the rental of house No. 1 51A11 to Mr. C. Y. Hou of the Hunan-Kweichow railroad administration for one year from July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938 at fifty dollars per month, the receipts as formerly to revert to the General Mission Expense Class V. account for repairs.

3809 **Changteh Delegates to Kuling Conference**

Voted: to grant $40 to the Changteh Station from General Mission Expense Class VII to cover travel expenses for two women delegates to the Kuling Christian Workers' Conference, August 1-10, 1937.

3810 **Chenchow Delegates to Kuling Conference**

Voted: to grant $40 to the Chenchow Station from General Mission Expense Account Class VII to cover travel expenses for two delegates to the Kuling Christian Workers' Conference.

3811 **Hengchow Delegates to Kuling Conference**

Voted: to grant $40 to the Hengchow Station from General Mission Expense Account Class VII to cover travel expenses for two delegates to the Kuling Christian Workers' Conference, 1937.

3812 **Chenchow Kindergarten Repairs**

Voted: to request $50 from General Mission Expense Class V for urgently needed repairs on the Chenchow Kindergarten rooms.
3813 Sale of House No. 5, Hengchow

Voted: to offer Residence No. 5 (Hiberger House) at North Gate Hengchow, to Mr. Tseng of the Salt Gabelle for Chinese Cs6,500.00, with the understanding that the Station is not responsible for any repairs or wall building which Mr. Tseng may see fit to do. Price of sale to revert to the Board.

3814 Substitute Workers' Fund, Hengyang Pastor
(Substitute Motion) 37119

Voted: to request the China Council to make a grant of $640.00 from the Substitute Workers' Fund toward the salary of the Rev. Wang Kai Yang of Hengyang, for the year beginning September 1, 1937, with the understanding that Pastor Wang will give his time to oversight of religious education and country work, and that the $200.00 which shall be paid him by the local Church Session, shall cover the general pastoral work which he shall be expected to do in the Hengyang Church.

3815 Chinese Board Equities, Hengyang Church
(Substitute Motion) 37151

Voted: that with the payment by the Mission of $2,150.00 toward the rebuilding of the Dao Tze Gai Church, the Mission has thereby liquidated all former rights and interests of the Dao Tze Gai Church and congregation in the property of the Renchi Hospital. The Church has, therefore, no further claim upon that institution.

3816 Literature Fund Requests (Substitute Motion) 37123

Voted: to grant from the General Mission Expense Fund, Class VII, $50.00 for literature, to each of the following stations: Changteh, Chenhsien, Hengyang, Siangtan and Changsha: total $250.00.

3817 Siangtan, Sale of House No. 6

Voted: to request the Executive Committee and the China Council to allow Siangtan Station to sell House No. 6, the price to be determined by the Mission and China Council.

3818 Rev. R. F. Kepler. Return from Furlough

Voted: to request the China Council to permit the Rev. R. F. Kepler who is now in Japan to return to Hunan at an early date, unless delayed for family reasons.
ANNUAL MEETING

3819 Delay of Missionaries

Voted: to request that Mrs. G. L. Gelwicks, Miss McKee, Miss Bayless, and Mrs. Kepler, who are detained in Japan; and Miss DeJong in the Philippines remain where they are for a few weeks longer before returning to Hunan.

3820 Dr. Stringham, Return

Voted: to ask the China Council to permit Dr. J. A. Stringham to return to Chenchow after October 10th. We recommend that Mrs. Stringham and the children wait in Canton for at least a month before considering returning to Hunan.

3821 Invitation to Rev. and Mrs. Abbott

Voted: to reiterate our invitation to Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Abbott to come to Hunan as soon as possible after the arrival in Shantung of Mr. Romig.

3822 Invitation to Miss Ellen Drummond

Voted: to request the China Council to allow Miss Ellen Drummond of Nanking, now refugeeing in Canton, to come as soon as possible to Chenchow to assist in evangelistic work until such time as she can return to Nanking.

3823 Vote of Thanks to Miss Elinor Wright

Voted: The Hunan Mission would express its thanks to Miss Elinor Wright for coming to Changsha to assist in Fuh Hsiang High School while it is necessary for her to be evacuated from Nanking.

3824 Invitation to Mr. Gardner Tewksbury

Voted: to request the China Council to invite Mr. Gardner Tewksbury to come to Changsha for student and church work for the coming year. For the present at least it would not seem wise for Mrs. Tewksbury and the children to come to Hunan.

3825 Invitation to Dr. E. Henke

Voted: to request the China Council to invite Dr. E. Henke to come to Hunan for medical work during such time as he is unable to work in his own station.
3826 Invitation to Miss Nettie Junkin

Voted: to request the China Council to invite Miss Nettie Junkin now evacuated in Kuling, to come to Changsha for evangelistic work until such time as it is possible for her to return to her own station.

3827 Health Furlough for Mrs. Derr

Voted: to request the China Council to grant a health furlough for Mrs. C. H. Derr, beginning October, 1937, on recommendation of two medical men.

3828 Special Furlough, Mrs. G. T. Tootell

Voted: that if for family reasons it becomes necessary, the China Council grant Mrs. Tootell permission to proceed to the United States.

3829 Mrs. F. W. Newman Evacuation to Canton

In pursuance of the policy of evacuating women and children from Hunan until political conditions become more stable, Voted: to urge Mrs. Newman to proceed to Canton in the near future.

3830 Siangtan, Sale of Church Land

Voted: to request the China Council and the Board to allow Siangtan Station to retain the sum of $1,200.00 Chinese Currency received for the sale of the old Church plot. The above sum is urgently needed for the rebuilding, as soon as political conditions permit of the kitchen and dining room building of the Guild School now in a very bad state of repair. We would request that the Siangtan Station be permitted to use this sum for this purpose.

3831 Kwangtao School

Since Kwangtao School is now standing empty, voted to extend a hearty invitation to Ginling Woman's College, Nanking, to occupy this school for their Department of Social Science during the period of evacuation from Nanking. In case Ginling College has made other arrangements, voted to extend an invitation to Nanking Theological Seminary to occupy Kwangtao School.
3832 Siangtan, House No. 4

In the event that the political situation makes evacuation of our foreign staff in Hunan necessary, voted to allow the present occupant of House No. 4, Siangtan, (Mitchell House) to continue to rent the rooms which he now occupies.

3833 Hengchow, House No. 2

Voted: that the Hengchow Station be given permission to use House No. 2, at the North Gate (Crabb House) for library and reading rooms for Kwangteh School until such time as it is needed for other purposes.

3834 Chengchow, New China School, Tutorial Class

Voted: to give permission to the New China School in Chenchow to open a tutorial class of Junior High School grade for one year, to fill the request from refugees, on condition that the class is financed locally.

3835 Use of Foreign Residences

Voted: that under the present emergency circumstances, our Hunan Stations be given permission to arrange for the occupancy of foreign residences as seems best for their protection.

3836 Taoyuan Orphanage

Voted: to ask the Secretary to write a letter to the Taoyuan Orphanage Board of Directors urging them in the event of the resignation of Mr. Liao to go about securing a Christian Principal at once. He should be a man acceptable both to the Board of Directors and to the Changteh Station. As soon as the school is properly organized the Mission guarantees its regular appropriation up to the end of the present fiscal year.

3837 Caretakers for Mission Compounds

Voted: that in case a general evacuation of Hunan missionaries becomes necessary, caretakers be retained for each compound at Mission expense, and that the local officials be notified, and asked to protect the property.
3838 Miss M. Boone, Short Term Classes

Voted: to rescind Hu. 3747 asking Miss Boone to conduct Short Term Classes in Changsha, as it is possible for them to secure the services of Miss Mary Chen of the Bible Seminary, Kiangwan, Shanghai, their Extension Worker. Voted to request Miss Boone to spend a month in Chenchow holding a Woman's Short Term Class, before proceeding to Changteh. This is made necessary because of Mrs. Gelwicks being detained in Japan.

3839 Peking College of Chinese Studies

Voted: to request the China Council to review the value of the Peking College of China Studies. We suggest the revision of the curriculum content, a change of management and consideration of a different location.

3840 Vote of Thanks to the Changsha Station

Voted: to extend hearty thanks to the Changsha Station for its hospitality to the Executive Committee.

3841 Possibility of Evacuation

Voted: to request the Mission Secretary to write to the China Council in regard to the Hunan Mission attitude toward possible evacuation.

3842 Siangtan Supply Pastor

Voted: to grant the Siangtan Station the sum of twenty dollars from General Mission Expense Class VII, for a temporary supply pastor; to enable the resident pastor to make itinerating trips. This is made necessary by the delay in the arrival to Hunan of Dr. Abbott.
ANNUAL MEETING

Rev. Paul R. Abbott          Miss Muriel Boone
Dr. George Tootell           Miss Catharine Woods
Mrs. G. L. Gelwicks          Miss Lucinda Gernhardt
Miss Helen Whitaker          Rev. Raymond Kepler

The meeting opened with a rising vote of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Abbott.

Miss Boone and Dr. Tootell were elected as clerk.

The time of meeting was set for 9 A.M. to 12, 2 to 4 P.M. and 8 to 10 P.M. on the evening of December 15th.

The actions of the Executive Committee on September 21st, 1937 and ad interim actions since the meeting of that date, together with China Council actions based on those requests were read and discussed.

3843 Antedating Furlough, Dr. and Mrs. Stringham

Voted, to ask China Council and the Board to permit Dr. and Mrs. Stringham of Chenchow to antedate their furlough due in 1938 because of family and political reasons. The Stringhams are now in Hongkong and would like to sail early in November 1937.

3844 Furlough Study, Dr. and Mrs. Stringham

Voted, to request furlough study grants for Dr. and Mrs. Stringham.

3845 Return to Station of Miss DeJong

Voted, in line with action Hu 3819, to approve of the Changteh Station to China Council to permit Miss Nettie R. DeJong to return to her Station as soon as she can conveniently arrange her teaching schedule in Dumaguete.

3846 Visit of Miss Schopmeier to Changteh

Voted, to approve the request of the Changteh Station that Miss Schopmeier visit Changteh in November to assist in correlating the nursing work in the Hospital.

3847 Salary of Mrs. L. G. Gelwicks

Voted to request the China Council and the Board to pay the salary of Mrs. L. G. Gelwicks on the basis of the former Manual provision owing to the fact that she maintains a household at personal expense.
3848 Kwangteh School Contract

Voted, to approve the renewal of the contract with the Board of Directors of the Kwangteh Middle School for a period of two years beginning September 1937 (Hu 37168-37173).

3849 Yali Middle School Contract

Voted, to renew the grant to the Yali Middle School for a period of two years beginning September 1937 and ask our representative on the Yali Board of Directors to secure a formal agreement with the Board of Directors.

3850 Yali Middle School, Additional Grant

Voted, to make an additional grant of $500.00 from Yali Scholarship balances towards the general expense account of the Yali Middle School.

3851 Siangtan, Sale of House No. 2

Voted, to request the China Council and the Board for permission to sell house No. 2 (51A12) in Siangtan at a price to be determined by the Mission and the Council.

3852 Changsha, S.W.F. Grant, Mr. Peng Tzu-min

Voted, to request the China Council to grant from the Substitute Workers Fund the sum of $300.00 for Mr. Peng Tzu-min for student evangelistic work for six months from February 1st 1938 to July 31st 1938.

3853 Rev. S. Lautenschlager, Student Work

Voted, to request the China Council to take up with the Shantung Mission the possibility of Rev. S. Lautenschlager spending the spring and summer of 1938 in Hunan for student work, residence probably to be in Changsha, and to extend to Mr. Lautenschlager a cordial invitation to this effect.

3854 Work for Christian Refugees

Voted, that we get in touch with the Committee for the Care of Christian Refugees, lately organized by the Christian Group in Hankow under Bishop Roots and Mr. Baker and others, and offer to cooperate in offering housing in our various stations, details to be worked out by local committees of Stations Sessions and Institutions.
3855 **Chenchow Hospital, Request for Aid**

Voted, to request the China Council for a grant of $500.00 for the Chenchow Hospital for medical aid to help them to meet the unusually heavy expenses due to war conditions.

3856 **Chenchow, S.W.F. Grant for Dr. C. B. Chang**

Voted, to request the China Council to grant from the Substitute Workers Fund the sum of $100.00 a month for seven months, from April 1st, 1938 to October 31st, 1938, to secure the services of Dr. C. B. Chang of the University Hospital at Nanking, or other doctor who may be available at that time, to serve in the Chenchow Hospital. This need is urgent because of the unexpected furlough of Dr. J. A. Stringham.

3857 **Literature Committee, Translation of Outlines**

Voted, to ask the Literature Committee to undertake the translation and distribution of Dr. W. W. White's Postal Bible readings, for use in Sunday School and Bible Classes; an amount not to exceed $25.00 to be taken from the General Mission Expense Literature Fund as granted to the stations in Hu 3816 for this purpose.

3858 **Changteh - Invitation to Miss Glenn**

Voted, to invite Miss Susan Glenn of the Southern Methodist Hospital in Soochow, now refugeeing in Changsha, to spend the next few months in Changteh, giving such help to the School of Nursing as she feels able.

3859 **Invitation to Rev. Tseo Bing-I**

Voted, to invite Rev. Tseo Bing-I to give as much time as he feels able to evangelistic work in the Hengchow and Chenchow fields, while he is refugeeing from Nanking and while Nanking Theological Seminary is closed.

3860 **Taoyuan - Dr. H. K. Kung**

It was reported that Dr. H. K. Kung of Taoyuan has moved out of the Wen Chin Hospital (See Hu 37128, C. 37311).

3861 **Taoyuan - Orphanage**

Voted, that the Taoyuan Orphanage subsidy be continued for one more year beginning April 1st, 1938. (Hu 3836)
3862 Taoyuan - Seminary Students for Evangelistic Work

Voted, to allocate a sum of $150.00 from the General Mission Fund, Candidates for the Ministry, Class VII, to secure the services of Mr. K. H. Chang and Mr. Henry K. Sen, student refugees from Nanking Theological Seminary, for student evangelistic work in Taoyuan for four months beginning December 20th, 1937.

3863 Hengchow - Hospital Building Deficit

Voted, to allocate $240.00 from the General Mission Expense Fund, Class V, to be applied toward the Hengchow Hospital building deficit.

3864 Dr. F. W. Newman, Leave of Absence

Voted, that under the existing circumstances and because of family reasons Dr. F. W. Newman be given three months leave of absence from his station, Hengchow, in order to accompany Mrs. Newman in Hongkong.

3865 Furloughs Antedated

Voted, to request China Council to give permission for those of the Hunan Mission whose furloughs are due in the summer of 1938 to antedate their furloughs if the military situation makes it necessary for them to evacuate from their stations indefinitely.

3866 Chenchow - Invitation to Mr. Yu Mu-ren

Voted, to invite Mr. Yu Mu-ren of Nanking to come to Chenchow for rural work for the three months of January, February and March, and to offer him as honorarium $120.00 from Station funds. This includes travel to and from Changsha.

3867 Invitation to Dr. Scovel of Tsining

Voted, to request the China Council to take up with the Shantung Mission the possibility of Dr. F. G. Scovel, or any other doctor who may be available, coming to Hunan for work in our hospitals.

3868 Vote of Thanks

Voted, to extend a vote of thanks to the Siangtan Station for their hospitality.

Adjourned with prayer.
ANNUAL MEETING

HUNAN MISSION

ACTIONS TAKEN BY CORRESPONDENCE

3869 Changteh - Invitation to Miss Foster

Voted: that we request the Mission and China Council to permit Changteh Station to invite Miss Lorena Foster, of the Southern Methodist Mission (now evacuating from Changchow) to work in connection with the Kwangteh Hospital, School of Nursing, until her furlough due in the summer of 1938.

3870 Changteh - S.W.F. Grant Requested

Voted: that we request China Council to make a grant from the Substitute Workers Fund for the salary of Miss Lorena Foster in line with action 3869.

3871 Chenchow - Transfer of Appropriations

Voted: to give permission to the Chenchow Station to transfer from balances in Class VII appropriations certain amounts to make up deficits in Class VIII for the Home Economics Classes and the Kindergarten.

3872 Taoyuan - Student Workers

Voted: to request the China Council to make a grant from the Evangelistic Expansion Fund of $160.00 to cover four months' salary of $15.00 a month and return travel to Nanking for Mr. Sen and Mr. Chang, students in Nanking Theological Seminary who have been helping in the student Center of Taoyuan.

3873 Taoyuan - Rents

Voted: to request permission from China Council to use the rent from the Jenkin house, now rented to refugees for $40.00 a month, for necessary repairs on Taoyuan Mission property. The amount received to date is $120.00.
HUNAN MISSION

Annual Mission Meeting Retreat at Hengyang, 1938.

Theme
"OUR MINISTRY"

Saturday, May 7th

9:00 to 9:45 A.M. Bible Study. A Ministry of Comfort. II Cor. 1:1-11.
   Leader: Miss M. M. Boone.

9:45 to 10:30 A.M. Discussion. Evangelistic Work.
   Leader: Rev. Tseo Ping-I.

10:30 to 11:00 A.M. Recess.

11:00 to 12:00 noon Devotional Hour with prayer for China. A Triumphant Ministry. II Cor. 2:12-17.
   Leader: Dr. F. W. Newman.

3:00 to 4:00 P.M. Bible Study. A Glorious Ministry. II Cor. 3:1-18.
   Leader: Miss H. E. Whitaker.

4:00 to 5:00 P.M. Recess.

5:00 to 5:45 P.M. Discussion. Educational Work. (a) Our Scholarship Policy and Methods. (b) Kwangteh Middle School.
   Leader: Miss G. Bayless.

7:45 to 8:30 P.M. Discussion. Medical Problems.
   Leader: Dr. G. T. Tootell.

8:30 to 9:30 P.M. Evening Devotions. An Unblameable Ministry. II Cor. 6:1-10.
   Leader: Rev. S. Lautenschlager.

Sunday, May 8th

8:45 to 9:15 A.M. Bible Study. A Self-spendng Ministry. II Cor. 12:14-21.
   Leader: Miss N. DeJong.
   Leader: Rev. S. Lautenschlager.

4:30 to 6:00 P.M. Vesper Service. A Ministry of Reconciliation. II Cor. 5:11-21.
   Leader: Rev. S. Lautenschlager.

7:30 to 8:30 P.M. Song Service.
   Leaders: Miss Schopmeier and Miss Boone.

**Monday, May 9th**

8:30 to 9:00 A.M. Prayer for Evangelistic Workers. II Cor. 8:23. "- our brethren, they are the messengers of the Churches".
   Leader: Dr. G. T. Tootell.

9:00 to 10:15 A.M. Business Session.

10:15 to 11:00 A.M. Bible study. An Affectionate Ministry. II Cor. 6:11-12, 7:2-16.
   Leader: Mrs. G. T. Tootell.

11:00 to 11:15 A.M. Recess.

11:15 to 12:00 noon Business Session.

**Tuesday, May 10th**

8:30 to 9:00 A.M. Prayer for Educational Workers. II Cor. 12:15. '"And I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls.'"

9:00 to 10:15 A.M. Business Session.

10:15 to 11:00 A.M. Bible Study. A Ministry of Power in Suffering. II Cor. 11:16-33.
   Leader: Mrs. L. G. Gelwicks.

11:00 to 11:15 A.M. Recess.

11:15 to 12:00 noon Business Session.
Wednesday, May 11th

8:30 to 9:00 A.M. Prayer for Medical Workers. II Cor. 8:4. "...the fellowship in the ministering to the saints."
   Leader: Miss G. Bayless.

9:00 to 10:15 A.M. Business Session.

   Leader: Miss C. T. Woods.

11:00 to 11:15 A.M. Recess.

11:15 to 12:00 noon Business Session.

4:30 to 6:00 P.M. Business Session.

8:00 to 9:00 P.M. Bible Study. An Undiscouraged Ministry. II Cor. 4:1-5:10.
   Leader: Rev. P. R. Abbott.

Force

3874 Return of Missionary Force

   Voted, to request the China Council and the Board to permit those of the Hunan missionary force on furlough and absent from their stations because of the present emergency to return to their stations in the autumn.

3875 Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Romig, Assignment

   Voted, that Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Romig be assigned to Hengyang Station.

3876 Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Scott, Assignment

   Voted, that Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Scott be assigned to Chenhsien Station. If housing difficulties prevent their proceeding to Chenhsien voted that they be located in Siangtan this next year for language study with a Chenhsien teacher.

3877 Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Birkel, Transfer

   Voted, to reaffirm the action of last year (Hu 3789) transferring Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Birkel to the Changteh Station.
ANNUAL MEETING

3878 Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Abbott, Request for

Voted, to request the China Council to take up with the Shantung Mission the possibility of Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Abbott remaining in Hunan until their furlough in 1939, with a view to doing evangelistic work in Chensien.

3879 Furlough. Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Abbott

Noted, to request a regular furlough for Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Abbott beginning on or about July 1st 1939.

3880 Furlough Study, Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Abbott

Voted, to request furlough study allowance for Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Abbott.

3881 Urgent, Immediate Needs

Voted, to call the attention of the China Council to the following urgent needs of the Mission and request the Council if possible to arrange for missionaries from the war areas to fill these needs for the coming year:

1. Hengyang—Nurse.
2. Changsha—Fuhsiang Teacher.
3. Hengyang—Teacher or Evangelistic Man.
(Rev. & Mrs. P. R. Abbott, Jr., if unable to go to Nanking)
5. Hengyang—Doctor.

3882 Siangtan, Miss Boone

Voted, to ask Miss Boone to assist in the Siangtan Women’s Short Term Bible Class in November 1938.

Finance and Property

3883 Changsha, S.W.F. Mr. Peng Tzu-Min

Voted, to request the China Council to grant from the Substitute Workers Fund one half the salary of Mr. Peng Tzu-Min amounting to $25.00 a month from August 1st 1938 to March 31st 1939, the other half of his salary to be paid by the local church.
3884  Chenhsien, Field Superintendent, S.W.F.

Voted, to ask the China Council to grant from the Substitute Workers Fund the sum of $540.00 for the salary of a trained ordained man to do extensive itineration and have oversight of evangelistic work in cooperation with the missionary in the Chenhsien Station. (this item requested only if Rev. Tseo Bing-I is not available, see Hu 381:5)

3885  Chenhsien, S.W.F.  Dr. Fu

Voted, to request the China Council to renew the grant from the Substitute Workers Fund of $1,200.00 for Dr. Fu of Chenhsien, for the year beginning Sept. 1st, 1938.

3886  Changteh, S.W.F.  Dr. Chang

Voted, to request the China Council to renew the grant from the Substitute Workers Fund of $960.00 toward the salary of Dr. S. J. Chang of Changteh for the year beginning Jan. 1st, 1939.

3887  Hengyang, S.W.F.  Mr. Chu Chia Sheng

Voted, to request the China Council to renew the grant from the Substitute Workers Fund of $900.00 toward the salary of Mr. Chu Chia Sheng of Kwangteh Middle School for the year beginning Sept. 1st, 1938.

3888  Hengyang, S.W.F.  Rev. Chen Heng

Voted, to request the China Council to renew the grant from the Substitute Workers Fund of $300.00 towards the salary of Rev. Chen Heng for the year beginning Sept. 1st 1938, the balance of his salary, $240.00, to be paid from Project Board funds.

3889  Hengyang, S.W.F.  Rev. Wang Chih-yang

Voted, to request the China Council to renew the grant from the Substitute Workers Fund of $660.00 toward the salary of Rev. Wang Chih-Yang for the year beginning Sept. 1st, 1938, the balance of his salary, $240.00, being paid by the local church session.

3890  South Hunan Automobile

Voted, to reaffirm our request of last year (Hu 37113) that the appropriation for the South Hunan automobile be released and that Mr. Kepler and Dr. Newman be appointed a committee to purchase the same.
3891 Changsha, Student Center

Voted, to grant from Mission General Class VII the sum of $50.00 for supplies and student help at the Student Center, Changsha.

3892 Changsha, Women’s Center - Caretaker

Voted, to grant from Mission General Class VII the sum of $50.00 for a caretaker for the Women’s Center, Changsha.

3893 Literature Grants

Voted, to grant from Mission General Class VII the following amounts for literature,

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Total $250.00

3894 Chenhsien, Enlarging Servant’s Quarters

Voted, that the $600.00 from the Mission General Class V granted last year for enlarging the servants’ quarters of the Chenhsien duplex house be made available when needed.

3895 Siangtan, Religious Education Worker

Voted, to grant $240.00 from Mission General Class VII for the salary of a religious education worker in Siangtan, it being understood that next year this salary shall come from Project Board funds.

3896 Hengyang, Kwangteh Repairs

Voted, to grant $100.00 from Mission General Class V for repairs on Kwangteh School buildings, said repairs to be under the Station property committee.

3897 Yali Middle School, Grant

Voted, to make a grant to Yali Middle School of $412.00, the same being the amount refunded from the scholarship grants to the school.
3898  **Hengyang, Kwangteh Alterations**

Voted, to grant permission to Kwangteh Middle School to place dormer windows in the top floor of the west dormitory and also to erect bathrooms, providing the money therefor is raised by the school and the alteration does not establish an equity, and that the work be under the direction of the Station property committee.

3899  **Hengyang Church, Corrected Statement of Chinese and Board Equities:**

Following is a corrected statement of the Board and the Chinese equities in the Hengyang Church (See Hu 37151)

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38100  **Taoyuan, Student Center**

Voted, to request the China Council to grant $600.00 from the Evangelistic Expansion Fund balances for the Taoyuan Student Center to cover the salary of a Woman Student Worker and for running expenses for the year beginning Sept. 1st, 1938.

38101  **Changteh, Street Widening**

Voted, to request the sum of $600.00 from the China Council's Street Widening Fund to cover the expense of removing and rebuilding the kitchen and raising the wall of the Erbugiai property made necessary by the raising of the River Street by the government above the present wall. A covering letter is to be written by the Station.
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38102 Lay Classes

Voted, to request the following sums from the China Council’s Evangelistic Expansion Fund balances for lay classes and conferences beginning December 1st, 1938:

- Changteh $200.00
- Chenhsien 200.00
- Hengyang 200.00
- Siangtan 160.00 Total $760.00

38103 Changteh, Religious Education Worker

Voted, to request the China Council to renew the grant of $240.00 from the Evangelistic Expansion Fund balances for a woman religious education worker in Changteh beginning Mar. 1st, 1939. (C.C. 37452)

38104 Changteh, Use of Rents

Voted, to request the China Council and the Board for permission to use money received from Erbugiai rents for much needed repairs on this property, any balance to revert to the Board.

38105 Chinese Secretary for Mission Secretary

Voted, to request the China Council to grant $240.00 for one year for the salary of a Chinese secretary for the Mission Secretary beginning Oct. 1st, 1938.

38106 Chenhsien, New Residence

Voted, to proceed with the erection of the new residence at Chenhsien and to request the China Council to release the appropriation for the same.

38107 “Evangelism” Grant

Voted, to request the China Council to renew the grant of $600.00 from the Literature Fund to the magazine “Evangelism” for the fiscal year 1938-39.

38108 Changteh, Increase of Col. C Class VII

Voted, to request the China Council and the Board to increase Column C of Changteh Class VII appropriates by the sum of $600.00 C. The inclusion of Taoyuan and North Taoyuan fields within Changteh Station’s work-program makes this sum urgently needed annually.
Hunan Estimates and General Mission Expense

General Mission Expense Account  Mar. 31st, 1938

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PAUL R. ABBOTT, Treasurer

Audited and found correct

CATHERINE T. WOODS

BESSIE S. ABBOTT

Estimates 1939-1940

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G$813.44
The report of the evangelistic committee for last year carried three recommendations. At the beginning of this report, let us make a brief survey of those recommendations, and take stock. The first concerned pastors and evangelists only partly supported by their local groups, and the suggestion was made that we carry out the ideas of the C.C. evangelistic report of 1935. That report reads that such pastors and evangelists be assigned "to work outside their own fields in Bible class teaching, evangelistic bands, laymen's training classes, etc." What has been our mode of procedure? Two or more years ago this method was followed, and the consensus of opinion was that the local groups suffered by neglect. Our evangelists are not responsible for one place only; they have charge of circuits which need care, and it was decided, two years ago, to give more time to intensive work in their own fields through pastoral projects, i.e. conducting various sorts of classes in their own districts, and less time to more extensive work outside their districts. From the reports that have come in, it is evident that this has been done. Bible classes and retreats have been held in a number of outstation districts. Some Band work has been done, and more time has been given to each place, without too much spreading out. Hengyang is the only station where Bible classes and retreats were deemed inadvisable in the city, and so all their classes were held in outstations. The other stations report short term classes for women, lay-leaders' classes, and retreats. Siangtan was not able to hold the midwinter laymen's class because of disrupted travel conditions.

Pastor Andrew Gi and the Bethel Band visited Chenhsien, Siangtan, and Changteh, with a week in each place, for well attended, enthusiastic services. Four of the five stations were privileged to have Rev. T. C. Tsai and Miss Chi, of the Church of Christ in China, General Council, for a visit of several days duration, with a visit of six weeks in the Chenhsien station. The conviction has been expressed that they made a deep impression on all the leaders with whom they came in contact. Marcus Chen spent eight days in the Siangtan field last autumn, and was a means of grace in raising the morale of the Christians who were very much depressed by the war. Mr. Yu Mo-ren, of Nanking Theological Seminary has given three months of his time in the Chenchow field, acquainting himself with the field, and giving more than half his time in one small
village where there is no chapel, making a Christian home the center for the development of a Christian Fellowship group, giving a demonstration of his methods for rural Christian service to the evangelists of the whole field. He is now in the Tao yuen field for a similar period, and it is to be hoped that we can secure his services for further work.

The second recommendation had to do with children’s work, suggesting that efforts be made to win the children of Christian homes through the holding of special classes, or by any other desirable methods. Reports have come in telling of the active Junior church in Changteh, with eight other meetings each week for children. Both there and at Siangtan there has been a children’s choir. Tao-yuan has evening services for children which are very popular, and the boys from the orphanage are organized into a Boys’ Club which meets weekly. How far has this touched the children of Christian homes?

The third recommendation had to do with the young people of teen age. It stressed the urgency of such work, and suggested that it might well occupy the attention of the Mission, and that an attempt be made to obtain the services of properly qualified workers. What have we done about this? Changteh reports the formation of a group of High School students. Tao-yuan reports that 18 girls of a government Middle School, have organized themselves into a Christian Fellowship which has a student service each Sunday afternoon. There is an English Bible class in Siangtan for young men, and Peng Tzu-ming in Changsha, is doing an excellent piece of work for students. We should give much more attention to this group. Students are everywhere very receptive to Christianity. Hengyang, Changsha, and Changteh have peculiar opportunities for this type of work. With the return of Mr. Clark to Changsha, and the appointment of a new man to Hengyang, the work among students and young people should go forward with a quickened tempo, and each station should give special attention to the development of this sort of work.

This year has brought new opportunities to our doors through refugees who come from war torn areas, and each station reports cooperation with other Christian and government agencies in caring for these friends. Changsha, Hengyang, and Siangtan have opened places for caring for Christian refugees; and these friends, though they have lost all they have, are eager and ready to help the local church in every constructive way. A Christian fellowship of these friends has
been organized in Siangtan, and they have been active along a number of lines. These three stations and Changteh have also organized work to minister to the wounded soldiers in the various military hospitals, and their work has been greatly appreciated.

The reports from the stations all refer to the lack of missionary force, and how work among men has suffered in many areas because no foreign evangelist has been on the field. Hengyang and Chenchow have felt very keenly the lack of such a man, and report that the Project Plan has not worked out very well, and that various changes are being made to start again. Another lack which is stressed is the paucity of any strong group in the churches, which of course means little sense of responsibility for the continuation of Christian services and the building up of the spiritual life of the group. A third weakness, and a perennial one, alas! is self-support, or the lack of it, and in all too many cases no sense of such a lack. Lay leaders' classes should more and more use time to study stewardship of life, and Bible classes for men and women should include such a class in their course of study.

In these days of stress and strain, with all the influx of people from every part of the country, there is a peculiar challenge to all of us. We have seen and heard how warmly our colleagues in the fighting area are commended for their willingness to stay at their posts, and how it has been a means of arousing people to examine the New Testament to see from where their strength comes. We have not been called upon to witness in that way. But in this hinterland, may we be alert and eager to help in all rehabilitation projects, in the moulding and remaking of this people that they may be a people dedicated to God and the service of their fellow men. We all keenly feel the lack of an adequate force—and we hope we may be strengthened with the coming of reinforcements,—but, God is adequate! and we need not hesitate! Moreover, many well qualified Chinese friends have come this way. Let us be ready to use them. More than one opportunity presents itself now. Rev. Tseo Ping-yi and Mr. Li Pei-yu are here. Is there any way in which we can use them, not only locally, but in a larger way, in Mission Projects? There is also a group of young women in Changsha, graduates of Bible schools, who are ready to work in larger districts, especially for refugee women. Is there any way in which we can use them? "A great door and an effectual is opened unto us, and there are many adversaries"—"My grace is sufficient for you!"
In the light of this review and these findings, the committee would make the following recommendations:—

1. That we reiterate the recommendation of last year regarding special efforts to win children and young people, and that efforts be made to secure the services of those who are well qualified to deal with these very important groups.

2. That we make special effort to get into touch with Christian refugees for mutual help.

3. That we request the China Council to grant $300 from the Evangelistic Expansion Fund Balances to use for a Band of woman Bible school graduates now available in Changsha to spend two months in the Changteh-Taoyuen field and one month in the Hengyang field.

4. That we request the Mission to set aside $300 from Mission General Class VII for a Summer Conference for 1939 for all evangelistic workers of the Mission.

5. That we request the China Council to grant $1,200 from the Substitute Workers Fund to secure the services of Rev. Tseo Bing-I for work in the Hengyang and Chenshien fields, for the year beginning Sept. 1st, 1938.

6. That we try to secure the services of Mr. Yu Mo-yen now for special work among rural youth, and that we ask the China Council to take up salary adjustment with the Nanking Theological Seminary and make a grant of $200 towards his travel and expenses.

7. That we invite Mr. Li Pei-yu, as a candidate for the ministry, to do country work in the Chenshien field (or in connection with Mr. Yu Mo-yen.)

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

At the government conference on Kuling last summer for middle school teachers, which was still in session when fighting began in the north of China on July 7th, and at subsequent conferences, General Chiang Kai Shih and other government
leaders stressed the fact that though war should be declared
schools must continue and that students should not be drawn
into military service. Our Hunan Commissioner of Education,
King Chu, was there and came back fully convinced that all
schools in Changsha and Hunan must continue under
circumstances as normal as possible. King Chu and other
heads of government departments in Changsha have worked
long hours each day and far into the night under terrific strain
to maintain normalcy if possible. Unlike our commissioners
of education in the United States, the Commissioner of
Education in China has a very important part to play in
government affairs. He works in very close relationship with
the governor and the Commissioner of Finance, and others.

Very fortunately for us our leading government men in
Hunan are either Christians or favorably inclined toward
Mission Educational work.

One of the first demands that the military made in Chang­
sha last fall was that all schools, boys and girls, should have
military training and scout work. The details of this scheme
included a military uniform for girls in senior middle and a
mannish bob. Fuh Siang and I Fang schools immediately
raised a protest and found that the command did not issue from
the Educational Department. The order was stopped by the
department when it was learned. It is fine now to have an
educational department that is in such repute that it does not
need to follow dictates of the local military. This is a great
advance over conditions five years ago.

All schools in the province had increased enrollments last
autumn because of refugee and guest students from war areas.
The Educational Department made a special request that all
schools accommodate as many students from other provinces
as possible. Our station reports show that this was done
throughout the Mission.

During the enforced two months vacation during January
and February hundreds of senior middle school students, boys
and girls, joined the classes given by the government pre­
paratory for government propaganda work in rural districts.
Eighteen Fuh Siang girls from the senior middle and as many
Yali boys signed up for the course and all were sent out into
rural communities. Most of the students are still working and
the plan is to keep them at work until midyear next winter.
Aside from calls on students for singing at patriotic functions, a few parades, and other meetings, students have been allowed to continue school work uninterrupted.

China now has a new Minister of Education. Many new regulations have been suggested by him, some of which call for quite radical changes in school management. The tutorial system for middle schools is one of them.

During the past two years great advances have been made in education in Hunan. Many new and modern schools have been established with excellent equipment and well-trained teachers. Already in Changsha our primary schools have been forced to second place rather than first by some model government schools in our North Gate area. Without larger subsidy our primary schools cannot hope to maintain as high a standard as these model schools in equipment. However, we maintain a small school with a fine spiritual and moral atmosphere and keep the scholastic quality as high as possible.

The Educational Committee presents the following recommendations:

1. That we make very definite efforts to improve the teaching staff, the equipment, and the spiritual tone of all the schools of the various stations of the Mission.

2. That at present new schools should not be opened in any of the stations of the Mission.

3. That we acquaint ourselves and the faculties of our schools with the regulations sent out by the new Minister of Education of the Chinese National Government and that we comply with them as far as we are able.

4. That we re-emphasize our policy of choosing scholarship students with great care.

5. That, of the applicants each year for Boys' Junior Middle School scholarships, we choose those of excellent character and special scholastic qualities to be given scholarships to the Yali Junior Middle School.

6. That we take advantage of any opportunities which may be presented to us for more Bible study and religious education in our Mission schools.
All of our Mission Hospitals have felt the impact of down-river evacuees these past few months. These newcomers, being mostly from the well-to-do classes, are acquainted with the principles of scientific medicine and have been glad to avail themselves of the privileges which our Hospitals afford for treatment. Their high standards have stimulated us to exert our best efforts in their behalf.

With numerous military units quartered in the Province and hospitals for wounded in all our centers, we have been called upon to cooperate with their authorities in caring for the sick and disabled soldiers. Red Cross activities have been encouraged, and most of our Hospitals have done work along this line since September. We here express our thanks to the International Red Cross Committee of Hankow for their liberal supplies of drugs and equipment and their subsidy of beds for civilians as well as for wounded soldiers; in all our hospitals it is estimated that a total of from $8,000.00 to $10,000 has been received.

Our foreign personnel, due to furloughs and lack of new recruits, has been greatly depleted, there being only three medical people in our Mission in active work on the field since October. In this respect Changteh Station tenders its thanks to Hengyang for granting a 3 weeks 'leave of absence' to Miss Schopmeier last Nov. in order that she might give some much needed advice on the distribution of supplies. Changteh is also indebted to Miss Lorena Foster of the S. Methodist Mission of Changchow who was here for more than two months in the interest of the reorganization of the Nurses' Training School. With the coming of student nurses from Tsining, Soochow and other Hospitals, a complete rearrangement was necessary. In both Hengyang and Changteh the national staff personnel has practically doubled. Increased demands for bed space has caused these Hospitals to consider further building operations. New buildings are really necessary in both places if we are to meet the demands of the patients. We are now called upon to meet emergency cases due to the large number of motor accidents, and to be prepared for major operations of unusual varieties. Our Mission's outstanding national physician is Dr. T. C. Chiang, whose energy, skill and executive ability have contributed greatly toward the advancement of the Heng Yang Hospital. Nurses' problems have loomed large in
Siangtan and Changteh, where the discipline of student nurses has been the source of no little perplexity. There seems to be a tendency in all our hospitals to be commercially minded, which sometimes prevents the best professional work from being done; it also stunts the spiritual life in our Mission Hospitals; how this can be changed is a question of interest to the whole Mission personnel.

In reviewing the reports of individual Hospitals, the following salient points stand out:

In Hengyang the new modern, well-equipped building was opened October 1st, from which date there has been a steady increase of inpatients, with a proportionate increase in receipts, making the Hospital practically self-supporting.

Altho Siangtan prepared to receive Red Cross patients, no wounded were sent. However, the no. of civilian inpatients and receipts show a marked increase over last year, making the Hospital self-supporting. They have cooperated with the local Community by having First aid classes for Government School teachers. Siangtan's drug-room deserves special commendation for neatness and cleanliness. The O. P. D. records are also well kept.

In Changteh there have been radical changes in the staff, necessitated by doubling the no. of beds for inpatients. Receipts have proportionately increased. Because of the large no. of cholera patients it was necessary to use the Dispensary building for isolation wards, which greatly inconveniences the clinic patients, as well as hindering the work in the regular wards. 7 different contagious diseases were thus isolated. Accidents from motor traffic often bring in from five to ten cases at a time. The Nurses Training School has cooperated with the Central Hospital Unit of Nanking by giving class instruction to our students in exchange for ward duty for their students. Community interest is evinced by the increasing number of out-calls, physical examination for students, prophylactic inoculations and major operations.

Chenhshien has been handicapped by having a limited staff, having to depend upon one doctor thruout the year. Many of the Community feel that the fees are too high, and so not many of the local people come to the Hospital as inpatients. The Staff, being mostly from other places, is not vitally interested in the local Church. The Hospital is about 76% self-supporting. There has been no call for Red Cross work.
In Hengyang a foreign business manager has made the work much easier for the Chinese Acting Superintendent. 30 beds have been added for Red Cross patients. A building Fund has been started to which an amount will be added each month until sufficient is on hand for a much needed new building. It would also be a fine thing to set aside a certain amount each month as a Benevolence or Samaritan Fund to be used for worthy free cases.

At a recent meeting in one of our Hospitals, a prominent speaker said that he had observed three commendable characteristics of Mission Hospitals, namely, discipline, efficiency and economy. If these standards have not as yet been reached in all our Hospitals, they should at least be set up as goals toward which to strive. One value of a small hospital, as one prominent medical visitor expressed it, is that its staff should be like one large family. Happy indeed, if they are a harmonious family each working for the good of the whole group.

The Evangelistic work in the Hospitals has borne some fruit but we realize that it has not kept pace with the development along medical lines. The N. C. have served as a choir furnishing special music at Christmas and Easter. Regular chapel services have been conducted in all the hospitals daily, led sometimes by members of the Staff. We know of several who have been definitely led to confess Christ as a result of hospital evangelists' work. How to help our medical work contribute more to the upbuilding of the Church is a question of vital importance to the whole Mission.

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Hunan Mission

Major Oper. Total Expenses Receipts Self-support
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Siantan ... ... 3 9,865.00 11,162.00 113%
Changteh ... ... 49 28,019.00 23,250.00 84%

67 $70,258.00 $63,632.00 91%

Recommendations

38127 1. That a letter of appreciation and thanks be sent to Miss L. Foster of the Southern Methodist Mission for her help given to the Changteh Nurses Training School during the past few months.

38128 2. That a letter of appreciation and thanks be sent to Dr. J. L. Maxwell of the International Red Cross, Hankow, for their generous help in the supplies, drugs, and bed subsidy given to our four hospitals this year.

Hospital Needs

38129 3. Siantan:
(a) The purchase of an X-ray machine, portable type.
(b) The creation of a definite fund for free cases.
(c) A resident missionary doctor placed on the force list.

38130 4. Chenhsien:
(a) That Col. C of the Estimates, Class IX be raised from $1,060 to $1,600.
(b) The creation of a definite fund for free cases.
(c) Better housing facilities for the staff.

38131 5. Hengyang:
(a) A second foreign doctor on the force list.
(b) A foreign nurse on the force list.
(c) Additional housing facilities for patients.
(d) The creation of a definite fund for free cases.

38132 6. Changteh:
(a) The creation of a definite fund for free cases.
(b) We reiterate the need of a T.B. ward. (See Property List.)
(c) Need of hospital chapel. (See Property List.)
(d) New foreign nurse for Nurses' Training School.

38133 Physical Examinations of missionaries are in the process of being completed.
LANGUAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Progress of Students

Mrs. W. T. Blackstone has been in the United States this past year and a half, and has been unable to take language study examinations. She has nearly finished the third year’s work.

Mrs. W. H. Clark has also been in the United States. She lacks a few credits of finishing the fourth year’s work.

Dr. J. A. Stringham has finished 119 credits.

Mrs. J. A. Stringham has completed 103 credits.

Miss B. J. Schopmeier has completed 130 credits of work, or ten credits in fourth year.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Newman have each finished 37 credits on the second year’s work, and are ready for the final eleven credits when they can secure a copy of Latourette’s History.

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Scott are in the Peiping Language School, and will be studying second year’s work this fall with a Chenchow teacher.

Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Romig have been studying since the spring term in the Peiping Language School, where they will continue through the first semester of the next academic year.

Recommendation

That we request the China Council to purchase a set of K. S. Latourette’s History of China for the use of the Hunan Mission language students.

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Changsha. The Murray Memorial Chapel was finished during the year. The deficit of $1000, which the primary schools had underwritten, was reduced to $150.

The I Siang School, ladies residence and the Clark house have been practically reroofed. New walks have been laid at Fuhsiang School.

The buildings are generally in good condition but there is need of many minor repairs and a refreshing of the paint in all houses. This should be undertaken as soon as conditions warrant.

Changteh. Because of unsettled political conditions only those repairs which were absolutely necessary were undertaken. Roofs and guttering have been attended to. Walls and pavement must wait. This is partly due to the possibility of flood again this year.

The Street Widening Fund balance of $159.06 was returned to the Council. However since then the magistrate has projected the raising of the river dyke (the site of the river street) fourteen feet higher. This means that its base will extend over our property at Er Bu Giai. This necessitates the removing of a kitchen and building the River Street wall six feet higher. The Station has been asked for a contribution of $100.

The Jenkins House at Taoyuan and the house at Erbugiai in Changteh have been rented to refugees and House #5 is rented to a Chinese family.

Chenhsien. The property is in a fair state of repair, but needs painting. This will be done as far as possible in the autumn.

There is a crying need for more and better accommodation for housing the staff of the hospital. There is also need for enlarging the servants' quarters of the duplex house. The grant made by the Mission General last year will be required for this during the new year.

The alumni of the New China School have contributed about $300 for the finishing of two uncompleted rooms and the work has been done. These rooms have made it possible to accommodate the great increase in the numbers of students.
In view of the statement by the Architects Bureau that the Derr residence is not unsafe but should be carefully watched, the Station decided not to take the building down at present.

Hengyang. The property is in good shape except that several of the houses need outside painting. This will be done immediately.

The new church building was completed in December and is proving a most useful addition to the work of the station, especially in view of the large numbers of Christians and others interested who have moved to the city from elsewhere.

The new hospital building was completed in the early autumn and is already full to overflowing. The additional activities of the hospital which have come with the influx of new people could never have been handled by the old plant. There is great scarcity of room at present for housing the staff itself.

The residence No. 5 which was about to be sold last year is still unsold. It has been necessary temporarily to use the upstairs of the Derr House as a dormitory for the hospital staff pending other arrangements for their accommodation. The lower floor is occupied by the family of Rev. Tseo Bing-I, refugee from Nanking Theological Seminary, who is assisting in the work of the station. These are temporary arrangements and help the station to hold the property against undesirable occupants. House No. 5 is also being cared for by the family of Rev. Wen An Tu, who are refugees from Kuling.

Siangtan. The hospital has been entirely painted outside. The property is in good shape with the exception of the kitchen and dining room of the Guild School which is threatening to fall down. This should be torn down and rebuilt more substantially and with the addition of a second story. The cost will be about $1200.

The Ichi School property is still rented to the Railroad Administration together with houses 1, 2 and 5. The men’s ward of the hospital was also rented to the railroad but will be taken back for our own use this summer.

Kwangtao School property has been used for a Christian Refuge since the first of the year and has been a center for fine community life, a tutorial class and a literacy project as well as usual activities for women.
The old church land was sold for $1200 and the Yaowan Chapel property was disposed of for $1,020. The Ichi pond was sold for $60.

The question of major repairs upon outstation property is a perennial one, as the congregations are too weak to underwrite the same.

**Actions of the Property Committee**

**38137. Hengchow Hospital Building**

Voted, that we request the China Council and the Board to permit the Hengchow Station to complete the hospital unit (South Building) according to the original ideas of the architect by putting a second story upon the building at the cost of approximately $5000 C, the same to be met from field receipts. A cable to the Board is requested.

**38138 Chenchow - Lansan Chapel**

Voted, that inasmuch as Mr. Li Jui of Hankow has given $500 for the purchase of a suitable property in Lansan for the residence of the evangelist and the chapel and is taking the responsibility for the salary of the evangelist for that district for a period of five years, we endorse the request of the Chenchow Station that from the proceeds of the sale of the former property $100 be granted towards the remodelling of the new property to make it suitable for use.

**38139 Chenchow - Location of New House**

Voted, that the new house be located upon the lot formerly occupied by the Kidder House.

**38140 Siangtan Guild School Kitchen and Dining room**

Voted, that a request for $1200 to rebuild the kitchen and dining room at the Guild School in Siangtan be placed upon the Property List.
The demand for Christian Literature has greatly increased this past year. But disrupted mail service and unavoidable delays in securing supplies from Shanghai have made it necessary to limit our orders largely to what was available in Hankow. We are, naturally, most grateful that the Religious Tract Society and the Lutheran Publishing Company were able to function as usual and to continue the sale of books, tracts, and posters as well as to publish much valuable new material. But, with few books coming from Shanghai and no China Bookman or advertising circulars from that center, our literary outlook has become rather biased. We welcome the suggestion made by Mr. Terry that the Christian Literature Society investigate the possibility of establishing a depot with a stock of books as a distributing agency at some busy city in Interior China.

Inquiries sent out to our various stations in the Hunan Mission as to what helpful materials were used this year brought a unanimous endorsement of the Literature specially prepared for refugees, and soldiers at the front as well as those in hospitals. The Religious Tract Society has some very popular tracts, such as "The Christian Soldier" which sell at $1.50 a hundred copies. There are others on the press now. Tracts suitable for these days of tension and crisis have also been prepared by the leaders of the Church of Christ in China and by the National Christian Council. In several of our stations the books of the Religious Tract Society on Feng Yu Hsiang, Chang Chih Chiang, and the lives of other outstanding Christians have been given a most cordial reception. A set of about a hundred books, called 'Knowledge for Youth' can be secured from the Christian Literature Society for $17.50. This has biography and much other interesting material for young people and is highly recommended by Luther Shao. Chenchow has found a helpful book for its evangelists in the Hundred Questions and Answers compiled by Yang Dao Yung and published by the Lutheran Publishing Company.

Literature has been distributed on boats, in military hospitals, in jails, at Country Fairs, to bus and train travellers, and to the way-faring man. And everywhere there have been willing readers. Beyond doubt, the Bible has been the best seller of the year, and the Bible Societies have not been able to cope with the many orders that have come rushing to them for more copies of the Holy Scriptures.
Recommendations:

1. That we prayerfully take advantage of every opportunity to place Christian literature in the hands of soldiers and refugees during this war crisis.

2. That we make an endeavor to interest our best Christian Chinese in the preparing of suitable literature for distribution among students at this time.

3. That we thank the Bible Societies, the Religious Tract Society, Christian Literature Society, and other religious agencies who are making free grants of literature and express our appreciation of this worthwhile service.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY
COMMITTEE REPORT

The war has wrought havoc with the plans of our Candidates for the Ministry Committee this year. Nanking Theological Seminary, the Nanking Bible Teacher's Training School and the Hunan Bible Institute were none of them able to open for the year's work. So the two new women students who had hoped to enter upon their training last fall had to put off their plans.

Mr. Peng Tzu-Ming, who still has three semesters to complete his Theological Seminary work, continued his student work in Changsha. His work has been most acceptable, and no doubt this practical experience will help him in his future ministry.

Mr. Peter Li completed his University work in Wuchang, his branch of the University of Nanking having moved there in the fall. His plan to carry Seminary studies along with his university work was, of course, interrupted. He has now taken a temporary position in Changsha, but hopes to continue with his theological studies when the way opens.

Since there would be a balance in the budget of the Candidates for the Ministry Fund this year the Mission, at its mid-year Executive Committee meeting voted to allocate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, so that two refugee students from Nanking Seminary might be invited to come to Tao Yuan for temporary work among students. These young men, Mr. K. H. Chang and Mr. Henry Sen, have rendered excellent service in Tao Yuan, ever since the twentieth of
December. We learned later from their professors that they are considered the two star students of the Seminary. Their attitude and work has been most valuable to the starting of a Christian student program in Tao Yuan. We hope that means can be found to continue their services until such time as the Seminary opens.

Recommendations:

1. That Peter Li go to Nanking Seminary in the fall if it opens and that he be granted $120 for school fees and the travel allowance.

2. That Peng Tzu-Ming be sent to Nanking Seminary in the fall if it opens and that he be granted $120 for school fees, and the travel allowance.

3. That Miss Chii Shun-Ho and Miss Hsu Ying be sent to the Nanking Bible Training School for Women in the fall, if it opens, and they be granted the usual school fees and travel allowance.

4. That we ask Peter Li, if he is unable to go to Nanking, to serve in the Chenchow country field, or with Mr. Yü Mo-Jen, and that he be granted $35.00 per month for salary and travel expenses.

5. That $160 be granted to cover four months' salary of $15 apiece per month and return travel to Nanking for Mr. K. H. Chang and Mr. Henry Sen, beginning May 1st.

Candidates for the Ministry

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The Project Plan is a co-operative one between the Church and Mission. During the year practically all of the Evangelistic work of each of our Stations, except that carried on by schools and hospitals, has been under the planning and direction of Project Committees, answerable to the Project Boards of our three Presbyteries. All of the Committees but one, Tao Beh, have already met to make their reports for the year and plans for the future.

Two years ago it was pointed out that the weakness of the Project Plan, as it had been worked out in Hunan, seemed to lie in the fact that old groups of believers had been neglected for new, very much to their hurt. We have been trying to remedy this by realizing that a new Project may be carried out with an old group. Old groups have not been supplied with a resident evangelist, in the old style, but have been frequently visited by one or more Evangelistic workers who have held services and Bible study classes. This work has been termed "Pastoral Project."

In North Tao Yuen distances between points are not great, so that it has been possible to organize five small groups of believers into one Session. They meet once a quarter in rotation at the various chapels within the membership, the Elder and deacons from each group as well as all the mobile Evangelists, being in attendance. The plan has now been in operation for two or three years and is working out very well indeed. There is a keen sense of interest in church problems and a bond of unity among these small country groups.

Short Term Bible Classes for Women have again been emphasized and have, as before, proven valuable. Conferences for religious workers, revival meetings held by well known Evangelists, classes for lay leaders preaching in market towns and at village fairs, night schools and classes for illiterates, the distribution of much literature, work in hospitals for wounded soldiers, special classes and services for refugees, Vacation Bible Schools in many places, Children's Meetings, Boys Clubs, work among students and other young people, these have all been parts of our Project program.

The city churches have again all been able to raise budgets which have cared for the Pastor's or Evangelist's salary or the major part of it, running expenses, repairs and benevolence.
But the country groups are still very weak in self-support. Years ago there was a chapel in the village of Wha Tang Pu, in the Chenchow field. But it died. One Christian family did not die. Within recent years God has given them abundant life, and they have responded by building in their new home a large room and setting it aside for a chapel. Others have become interested and they are paying for Sunday School material and for all other church expenses. Mr. Yu Mu Ren of the Nanking Theological Seminary recently visited there and was able to organize a men’s fellowship for the study of Christian truth and for Community service; and a woman’s fellowship for promoting Christian standards in the home, each organization with a membership of about fifteen.

In Changsha and Tao Yuen much benefit has been gained from holding a weekly meeting of the Evangelistic staff and members of the Project Committee, at which evangelistic plans and projects are reported upon, discussed and prayed about.

This year we have felt greatly handicapped in all of the country fields because of a shortage of force which made for insufficient supervision by trained workers. The personelle of many of the Project committees is made up partly of country Christian leaders. This is as it should be, except that the membership is too scattered so that it is impossible to meet frequently and to thus keep sustained the interest in and sense of responsibility for the projects.

The Rev. Tseo Bing-I made some valuable suggestions as to the working out of the Project Plan in an address before Mission Meeting. He pointed out several common dangers in application:—

1. It is a mistake to consider that new work must be confined to new places. A new project may fill a need in an old group.

2. It is a mistake to trust the work to lay leaders entirely, until those leaders have been given sufficient training.

3. It is a mistake to try to spread out too thin, to undertake too many projects at once. Concentrate on one project until you finish it.

4. It is a mistake to let less important work take up the time that should be devoted to the more important. Have system.
5. It is a mistake to impose projects on all the churches in a wholesale way. Find out the needs of the individual group. The best projects have grown spontaneously out of a real need.

6. It is a mistake for all work to be done for a group by paid workers. It should be done with the group and with their cooperation.

7. Supervision should be by a highly trained worker.

8. The results of every project should be carefully gone over by the supervisor and evaluated.

Recommendations:

1. We recommend that a staff meeting for such evangelistic workers and members of the Project Committee as can attend conveniently be held frequently and regularly in each Station, and that project reports and plans be read at these meetings, to stimulate discussion, interest and prayer.

2. That reports from the Evangelists to the Project Committee be insisted upon at least quarterly. These reports should tell of work done and suggest plans for future work.

3. That we request from Mission General Class VII the sum of $250.00 for inviting a well known Evangelist to visit all the Stations of the Hunan Mission to hold revival services. The details of arrangement are to be left to the Mission’s Evangelistic committee.

4. We recommend the plan of North Tao Yuen in organizing several small Christian groups into one Session for mutual strengthening and encouragement, and suggest that wherever feasible this plan be adopted for other country fields.
of our finances we cannot afford to maintain classes smaller than they are (i.e. 25 students). It is difficult to get along with fewer than 300 students." This question needs to be discussed. The policy of the Board is for fewer students and better teaching, in order to maintain a higher Christian standard. If we are to follow this policy, then we need a larger subsidy. The gov't made a grant of $1000.00 last autumn, which meets a real need but it is not sufficient. If the school admits 300 or more students, the Christian percentage drops. This last year, with an enrollment of 370 in the autumn, and 328 this spring, more than fifty in excess of the previous year's enrollment, a little over 30% were Christians. The question is, Shall we follow the Board's policy, and therefore request a higher subsidy? or, take in more students and run the risk of lowering the Christian standard? The second question concerned the need of buildings and property. Last year the principal reported, "We are so crowded in our dining rooms that a class-room is needed to accommodate the overflow. Special class rooms are needed but there are none. The teachers have long felt the need of a room for rest and meetings. The washrooms are still congested, although some improvement was made two years ago. There are many music students, and we need to have pianos for them. But if we had them, we have no place to put them." If that was the situation last year with 288 students, what about this year? Last year the Mission asked for a building, a combination of dining room, assembly hall, chapel, and piano studios, and the school wanted it to be finished in two years. They are stressing the need of another dormitory (as a part of their ten year building plan) to be ready in four more years. With Fuh-siang the only Christian Middle School for girls in the province, what do we as a Mission feel is a minimum necessity in new buildings and land?

This last year a new subject was introduced into the curriculum, "Girl Guides". It is required of all Jr. Middle school students. The principal says they "hesitated to take this step because it is not mere class room work; it is a kind of life. If we do not have a good director to start the work right, we are afraid it will be worse than nothing". The nurses' training in the senior department has been carried by the government. There is a place in the city where all the schools go every week, and receive training. Beginning this year the principal says he has been told that there will be no need to pay for the instruction, as the government expects to assume that responsibility.
For years it has been felt that the curriculum was too heavy. The principal now reports "With the war on, and a new minister of education, we are expecting many changes to be made in the school, especially in the curriculum, and in the way the students are looked after morally. Everyone is agreed that the student load is too heavy. Now it is going to be changed, although it may take a little while to do it. A recent government order wants the schools to try the tutorial system. The object of that was, no doubt, to bring the students and teachers closer together, making them take a greater interest in one another. It is also said that the Christian schools may be allowed more freedom in the conduct of their religious education program. When the war is over, or even in the midst of it, we are facing great educational changes." In order to meet these changes, and increase the efficiency of the school, a most important requisite is a good faculty. In regard to this the principal says, "In this connection, I wish to call the attention of the supporting Missions to the fact that the western members of our faculty are far too few to meet the needs of the school. Last year we had only one regular member with us. This year we have two. Next year, with Miss Whitaker going on furlough, we shall be having only one again, unless other members are sent to us. As the number of students is being increased each year, it seems we ought to have at least four western teachers on the faculty all the time."

Miss Fan Kwan has been taking charge of the religious activities for two years now, in addition to her duties as dean, and twelve hours of teaching each week. Even when Miss McKee returns, she will have 18 hours of English a week, so that she can give only a fraction of her time to this work. One very urgent need is a teacher who can give her whole time to this most important work. A year ago, the principal reported that it was a most favorable time to do religious work among students. If that was true then, how much more true it is now. Last term 27 girls were baptized, and this spring, 11 more. A year or more ago, a Christian Fellowship of the Christian teachers and students was organized for the purpose of bringing them closer together.

As to the general situation, the principal says, "The fall term was quite unsteady; students kept coming and going. After the first air raid in Changsha, and a little later, the fall of Nanking, nobody seemed to know what to do. A large number of students began to leave the school and the city. The
provincial government decided to train students for country work, and all the schools were told to close a month earlier. In the midst of excitement, fear, and uncertainty, the term examinations were given, and the school was brought to a close. During the vacation, several conversations were held by the members of the executive committee of the Board of Directors, discussing whether the school should move to a safe place or not. It was finally decided that in the spring the school should again open in Changsha and continue with its work as long as possible. When conditions proved to be impossible for further work, the school should then be temporarily closed. It was a wise decision, for after the vacation, the school was able to open not only with an unusually large enrollment, but with students who can really study and with teachers who can really teach. They have now accepted the war as a fact and decided to carry on as many of the other activities are being carried on."

In view of the needs enumerated, your committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That as the policy of the Board of Directors and faculty is to keep the enrollment below 300, so we will need a larger subsidy, we therefore request the China Council and the Board to increase the present subsidy by $1500 to make this possible.

2. That because of the tremendous challenge now offered to Christian schools and because Fuhsiang is the only Mission Senior Middle School for girls in the province, we request the China Council and the Board to reinstate our former quota of four western teachers on the staff.

3. That we request the China Council to find a foreign experienced teacher of English from a Mission school on the field, to help out on the faculty during the following year.

4. That, in view of the ten year program of the school for more buildings and land, the Mission requests the China Council and the Board for $3000 for land needed to give an entrance on the main highway and also provide place for a principal's residence and possible playground, on condition that $3000 be raised on the field.
My first feeling regarding the year which is drawing near a close is one of thankfulness that we have been able to carry on our work at all. If the war had forced us to close for some reason we would not have been surprised. If we had suffered physical damage that also would not have caused surprise. On the other hand, we have been able to continue with our work in a manner which is quite satisfactory, though at times departing from our usual practice.

The enrolment for the first term was unusually large. The enrolment during the second term could be called normal. During the second term the government has utilized the students of the two higher classes for the training of the country people, so that we have been three classes in the higher middle school. During the second term no "guest students" were accepted. A good many students from Nanking and Shanghai and cities in the North have enrolled as regular students.

It is my feeling that the quality of the student body is high.

During the first term we added several young men to our faculty. For the most part they proved satisfactory but not unusual. As we anticipated a small enrolment in the second term most of these young men were permitted to go elsewhere. I still feel that our faculty should be improved and that there is room on our staff for unusually able men. I am hoping that we may be able to find some for our work next year.

It is a pleasure to be able to report that it is not only possible to do Christian work in a registered school, but it may be done effectively. Our success in this regard is due to the close co-operation with the pastors of the churches. Dr. Rugh has tried to keep in close touch with the churches who were interested in the school and the students. More than that the close contact of Dr. Rugh with the students is now bearing fruit. During the first term Mr. Andrew Gee of the Bethel Mission in Shanghai led several meetings in the school, which resulted in many students being interested in Christianity. During the year 23 students were baptized and four teachers also united with various churches. During the second term there have been 61 Christian students.
It is very interesting to note that of the full time teachers all are Christians. Among the part time teachers eight are Christians and one is not.

With the opening of the second term it seemed desirable to prepare a place of retreat. It became more and more clear that in case war should actually reach this neighborhood, that it would be expedient for all students to leave for more remote areas. After some investigation and consultation it was decided to make use of the building offered in Yuenling. Two teachers were sent to Yuenling to open the school, to give examinations there and in Changteh. Fortunately, the war situation has not become more serious, so that the enrolment has not been large, only fifteen students. The work has necessarily been carried on under difficulties. It is my own feeling that we may recall these men next term.

During the second term we wished to allow the students time for various extra-curricular activities, and also wished to place more emphasis on our athletic program with a view to improving the health of the school. Therefore many hours were cut from the schedule. I hope that this reduction in class hours will result in better class work and better health.

The school has been able through special gifts from America and China to establish three scholarships in the senior middle school of $75 per term. It is hoped that these scholarship funds may be increased, that we may care for the boys who should be here.

It is entirely natural and proper that our students should have been very active in various activities relating to the present conflict. Most of this activity has taken place within the school where miles of bandages have been prepared. At present regular hours are devoted to the preparation of medical supplies. Other groups have participated in propaganda work, assisting in the care of wounded soldiers, etc.

**Needs:**

I feel that there is need for improving the faculty, as already mentioned. There is room for much better work than we are now doing.

I would like to dispel the notion that Yali is an expensive school by having available more adequate scholarships for all applicants.
It is much desired that the co-operating Missions again grant the full amount of their original appropriation of $2,500 annually.

I believe that after all the adverse criticisms have been assembled that it must be said that Yali is a good school. I believe that it can be said that Yali is honestly trying to improve the quality of its work and of its contribution to the life of China.

It is my hope that it may more adequately serve the church and our co-operating Missions. That will come through the Missions sending us better students and in giving us their best advice.

Signed: F. S. Hutchins

38163A REPORT OF THE KWANGETEH BOYS SCHOOL, HENGYANG

During the four years since the reopening of Kwangteh there has been a steady increase in the enrollment from sixty-eight to one hundred and ninety-four. Thirty-seven of the boys come from Christian homes. A few days ago when Mr. Lautenschlager of our Presbyterian Mission in Shantung visited the school more than seventy expressed a desire to become Christians and to enroll in Bible classes. This past year the students have had a Christian Endeavor Society, and the student fellowship group for Christians has met three times a week, the attendance varying from twenty-three to forty.

Mr. Chu, the principal is a capable man, and is very enthusiastic about the school. He is putting forth every effort to make the School a success. The school has been greatly handicapped for lack of funds; however we are happy to report that this year there is a balance of $81.

A large enrollment is needed so that the school will be able to engage better teachers, but with the large increase this year class-room space is inadequate and more wash and bath rooms are needed as well as more dormitory space.
ANNUAL MEETING

Miscellaneous

38164 Taoyuan Orphanage

Voted, that the grant of $479.00 from the regular appropriations Class VIII Changteh to the Taoyuan Orphanage be continued; and that we express our conviction that the superintendent should not be asked to serve without salary but be granted an honorarium. The Mission further believes that it should have at least two representatives upon the Board of Directors. It was voted to approve of ten war orphans from the International Red Cross.

38165 Central Language Committee

Voted, that the communication from the China Council regarding a central language committee for the mission be referred to a special committee for consideration and to bring in recommendations to the winter Executive Committee meeting, said committee to be composed of Mr. Kepler, Mr. Bannan, Mr. Clark, Mr. Abbott and Miss Boone.

38166 Publicity Report

Voted, that Mr. Abbott, Miss Boone and Mrs. Gelwicks be a committee to prepare and print a publicity report of the Hunan Mission for the year and that $50.00 from Mission General Class VI be granted for this purpose.

38167 Vacation to Philippines

Voted, to request the China Council to permit Miss G. Bayless, Miss E. McKee and Miss M. Boone to go to the Philippines for summer vacation in 1938 if they so desire.

38168 Vacation Extension

Voted, to request the China Council to extend the summer vacation of Mr. R. F. Kepler for one month for family reasons.

38169 Vote of Thanks to Mr. Li Jui

The Hunan Mission wishes to express its deep appreciation to Mr. Li Jui for his very generous gift to the Chenhsien country field of $500 for property and chapel at Lan San, and for continuing his gift of $800 a year for five years.
HUNAN MISSION

38170  Appreciation of the Work of Dr. and Mrs. Broady

Word has just come to the Mission that Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Broady are unable to return to the field. The Mission sincerely regrets this and takes the opportunity of expressing its appreciation of the service of Dr. and Mrs. Broady which, while short, has been unselfish, unstinted and definitely constructive. Their loss to the Mission and the Church is incalculable. We wish them great success and joy in their life in the homeland.

38171  New China School Alumni Communication

The Mission has received with sympathy and interest the request from the New China School Alumni Association of Chenhsien that a junior middle school be opened in Chenhsien this fall, Mission and Alumni Association cooperating. But because of financial obstacles it is not felt possible to comply with their request. The Mission Secretary is instructed to write a letter to the chairman of the Alumni Association expressing our regret.

38172  Greeting to Mrs. Derr

Voted, that a letter of greeting signed by the entire Mission be sent to Mrs. Derr by Clipper mail.

38173  China Council Nominations

Voted, that the following be the Mission’s nominations for China Council officer.

1. Rev. E. E. Walline
2. Rev. P. R. Abbott
3. Rev. Elleroy Smith

38174  General Assembly Delegate

Voted that Miss C. T. Woods be the Delegate to General Assembly for 1939, and Miss Helen Whitaker be the alternate.

38175  Siang-chung Presbytery Communication

Voted, that Mr. Kepler be asked to reply to the letter from the Siang-chung Presbytery requesting that Mr. and Mrs. Abbott be retained in the Siang-chung Presbytery.
38176 **Vote of Thanks**

The Mission wishes to express its hearty appreciation and thanks for the generous hospitality of the Hengyang Station during Mission Meeting. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was extended.

38177 **Temporary Committee - Reports**

The reports of the following Temporary Committees were received.
- **Personal Reports**: Miss B. J. Schopmeier, Miss N. DeJong.
- **Station Reports**: Mrs. P. R. Abbott, Mrs. G. T. Tootell.
- **Statistics**: Miss H. Whitaker, Dr. F. Newman.
- **Estimates**: Station Treasurers.
- **Roster**: Clerks.

38178 **Standing Committees - Reports**

The reports of the Standing Committees of the Mission were read, received, corrected and the recommendations adopted.

38179 **Station Reports**

Station reports were read and accepted with thanks.

38180 **Station Audits**

All Station and Mission accounts have been audited and approved.

38181 **Time and Place of Next Meeting**

Voted, to accept the invitation of the Changsha Station to hold the next annual Mission Meeting in Changsha, the time to be set by the midwinter Executive Committee meeting with the suggestion that the date be May 4th to 10th, 1939.

38182 **Executive Committee**

Rev. T. W. Mitchell, Executive Secretary. Alt. Miss M. M. Boone.

- **Changsha**: Rev. W. H. Clark, Miss E. L. Davis.
- **Changteh**: Rev. E. J. Bauman, Dr. G. T. Tootell.
- **Hengyang**: Rev. R. F. Kepler, Miss L. Gernhardt.
- **Siangtan**: Mrs. T. W. Mitchell.
### New Force List 1938

**A.**
1. Hunan Medical Man.
2. Hunan Nurse (Supt. of Nurses)
5. Hunan Woman Evangelist.

**B.**
1. Nurse (Hospital Administration)
3. Nurse (Training School)
4. Evangelistic Man.
5. Woman Evangelist.

### New Property List 1938

1. Chenhsien-House: $7,000
2. Hengyang-Completion of Hospital Unit: $5,000
3. Changsha-Fuhsiang Combination:
   - Chapel: $5,000
   - Dining Hall, Assembly Hall, Music Rooms: 33,000
   - Raised on Field: 18,000
4. Changteh-Tuberculosis Ward: 4,000
5. Chenhsien-Doctors' House: 2,000
6. Chenhsien-Electric Wiring: 1,200
7. Chenhsien-Evangelistic Center: 4,500
8. Changteh-Hospital Chapel: 2,500
9. Chenhsien-House: 7,000
10. Siangtan-Guild School: Kitchen & Dining Room: 1,200

**Total:** $52,400
### HUNAN MISSION STATISTICS

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