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The Executive Committee met at the Ellinwood Church House at 10:00 A.M. All members were present, the full membership being as follows. Mrs. W. J. Smith, James A. Graham, C. N. Magill, S. L. Smith, L. M. Cox, L. C. Winternheimer and J. L. Hooper.

Dr. Charles T. Leber, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions and foreign correspondent for the Philippines, was present.

The Committee opened its session being led in prayer by Dr. James A. Graham. Dr. Graham was elected to preside.

No. 37-1 Visit of Dr. Charles T. Leber:

In accordance with his pre-arranged schedule of travel to the several missions; and in accordance with the local schedule, Dr. Charles T. Leber arrived in Manila Tuesday morning, January 19th.

By pre-arranged plan the Executive Committee of the General Assembly had planned its regular meeting so as to be in Manila at the time of the visit of Dr. Leber. At 10:00 A.M. Tuesday the Committee held a conference with Dr. Leber at the Union Theological Seminary. There were present the moderators and secretaries of the eleven Conferences (Presbyteries) representing the fields in Northern Luzon, the Manila district, the Bicol area, the Visayas and the churches on Mindanao.

The moderator of the Assembly introduced each of the moderators of the several Conferences, who in a few well chosen words, presented his field and his work. In this way Dr. Leber and those present got a graphic picture of the extent of the territory of our United Evangelical Church, the well knit organization of the Church, and a sense of our unity as a church.

In his response Dr. Leber said he brought greetings from three groups in America: the Cooperative Committee of the Boards in America working in the Philippines, the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. He stated that his visit to the
different mission fields was one in which he hoped to get acquainted with the several church groups. He expressed his appreciation of the graphic way in which the Executive Committee had presented the Church and stated that this had given him a picture of the Church in a way that nothing else could have done.

Dr. Leber stated that in his travels in America and on his recent trip he had found four trends in the religious thinking of the world:

1. A Return to Religion. He discovered this trend in Europe, especially in those nations which apparently had decided to throw out all religious thought and practice. He found it in India and Siam. It is evident in America as witness by the great preaching mission.

2. A Trend toward Unity in Religion. This unity manifests itself in the desire for closer cooperation on the part of different church groups, more especially does it manifest itself in its great desire and effort at unification of the churches and an organic whole.

3. A Trend toward Realism in Religion. Men have been living in a realm of ideals. These ideals have too often had little effect on their real living and thinking. Men are turning toward reality in morals and in vital religious experience.

4. A New and Vital Appreciation of the Power of Christ. Never before have men appreciated the power of Christ. Never before has the personality of Christ been so outstanding as it is today.

Dr. Leber stated that he brought a note of optimism, that in the midst of world fear, and in the midst of pessimism noted in many quarters during his visit to these several fields, he was convinced that the work of the Kingdom of God was going forward, and that we had only to give ourselves anew to Christ as He looks forward across the world. He said he was happy to come to the Philippines, and to visit the church groups in the Philippines, and to share with them in the building of the Kingdom both in the Philippines and throughout the world.

Dr. Leber sailed at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday for Iloilo where he was met by W. J. Smith of the Dumaguete Station. After a short visit to Central Philippine College, Dr. Leber and Mr. Smith went to Bacolod and from there by auto to Dumaguete, stopping for a service and a night at Guiulñgan. Dr. Leber spent Thursday and Friday in Dumaguete in conference with the Station and faculty of Silliman. He sailed Friday evening for Cebu, arriving in Cebu Saturday morning. Spending the day in meetings and conferences, Dr. Leber and members of the Executive Committee from the South sailed from Cebu Saturday afternoon, arriving in Manila Monday, the 25th.

Monday evening there was a Mission and Station dinner with the following members of the Mission present:

Albay Station—S. L. Smith.
Bohol Station—Dr. James A. Graham.
Cebu Station—Mrs. W. J. Smith.
Dumaguete Station—L. M. Cox, L. C. Wintenheimer
Laguna Station—B. E. Bollman, Mrs. Bollman.
Manila Station—D. S. Hibbard, Mrs. Hibbard, G. W. Wright, Mrs. Wright, C. R. Hamilton, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Ruth Swanson, Miss Mae Chapin, J. L. Hooper, Mrs. Hooper, J. B. Rodgers.
Tayabas Station—C. N. Magill, Mrs. C. N. Magill.

To this representative group of all the stations where we have missionaries in residence at this time, Dr. Leber, in an informal address, presented the world situation as it had come to him on this itinerary as also the situation in our own Church. He brought a note of optimism and stated he felt the future of Foreign Missions was in the line of a great advance. He quoted Dr. Speer as saying he thought our Board could and should have 2,000 missionaries on the field.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were spent in the meeting of the Executive Committee, the record of which is given herewith. Between sessions there were many personal interviews, addresses at the Union High School, the Union Seminary and the Union College of Manila and the Ellinwood Girls School. There was a conference with the pastors of the Manila Conference followed by a luncheon given by the Conference. There was a general reception on Tuesday evening at the Ellinwood Church House and a local church reception at the Tondo Church on Wednesday evening.

Friday and Saturday were spent in a visit to the stations and churches of Laguna and Tayabas returning Saturday noon to Manila. On Sunday the 31st, Dr. Leber spoke first at the Ellinwood Church at 8:00 A.M., at 10:00 A.M. at the United Church, at 2:00 P.M. at the Bilibid Prison, at 3:00 P.M. at the Chinese Church and at 7:00 P.M. over the Radio KZRM.

The sermon at Ellinwood will linger in the memory of many of us and it may be this represents the underlying philosophy of Dr. Leber. The four points emphasized were: (1) Poise, (2) Power, (3) Purpose, and (4) Personality.

Dr. Leber sailed from Manila Monday afternoon the first of February at 4:30 P.M.

No. 37-2 Conference with Dr. Leber:

Dr. Leber gave a statement of his impressions gathered during his trip to the South. He told of his visit to the Central Philippine College, and having been impressed by the college as such. Dr. Leber raised two questions for us here: One was in regard to the relationship of Central and Silliman, first, as to general education and as to theological training. Dr. Leber said he realized that the distance between Silliman and Central is greater than he had thought before he arrived.

The second question which was brought to his attention at Iloilo was the relation between the Baptists and the United Evangelical churches. There were two questions in this regard: (1) the question of comity—the comity agreements and observance, and (2) the question of union of the Baptist and the United Evangelical churches.
Dr. Leber raised two questions in regard to the Guijulñgan Church and the Guijulñgan Church Plan, first, as to the value of the district system they had worked out and, second, as to the application of this plan to other fields. His attention was called to a statement by Dr. Butterfield in his book "The Rural Mission of the Church in Eastern Asia" regarding the Guijulñgan Plan and its possibilities.

He said he was impressed by the fact that the Dumaguete Conference had a full time religious education worker.

Dr. Leber told of conferences at Silliman with American members of the faculty; also of private interviews with Filipino members; and conference with Finance and Administrative Committee of the school. There were certain questions which were brought out in this connection. They were as follows:

1. The question of charter of the school, and in that, whether there should not be a better definition of the powers of the trustees, and the question raised as to the number of trustees.
2. The question whether or not the president of the school should be president of the Board of Trustees.
3. The question of the relationship of the future American staff, whether they should be appointed on a permanent basis or on a project basis.
4. The question of the relationship of the hospital and the University.
5. The question of appropriation for the development of a national staff.
6. The question of board and local equities in the property now held in the name of the Board.

Dr. Leber told of his visit to Cebu, his conferences with members of the Station. He stated he felt there were tremendous opportunities in Cebu and that he was eager for the Mission to make the very best plans to take advantage of these opportunities.

Dr. Leber told of a conference with Manila Station in which the following questions emerged:

1. Successor to Dr. Wright as pastor of the Ellinwood Church.
2. The question of Ellinwood Girls Bible School—
   Its relation to the Harris Memorial Training School.
   The question of nationalization, especially of principal.
3. The question of Union College.
4. The Union Theological Seminary.
5. The field work.
6. The Union High School.

Dr. Leber told of his eagerness to know about the use of Christian literature and the production of literature on the part of local groups.

Dr. Leber stated he had come out with two other questions on which he wished to get information. These were:
1. The status and future of the National Christian Council.

2. The Unification of the Missions.

Mr. S. L. Smith presented the Albay Station field work by means of photographs of and statements regarding the different phases of work in the Station.

Mr. Hooper presented the Tacloban-Samar field.

Dr. Graham told in a few words of the Bohol work and of some of the individual church developments.

The Committee took up some of the items presented by Dr. Leber. Definite action was taken on some of the questions. Others were discussed for clarification of the issues involved.

No. 37-3 Iloilo Church Question:

In the discussion of the Iloilo church question the Committee pointed out to Dr. Leber certain actions that were taken in 1925 in regard to the Mission's withdrawal. He was also told of the recent action of the Baptist Church's Administrative Committee which was answered by the United Evangelical Church in which the United Evangelical Church was to assume the responsibility for Antique. This action on the part of the Baptist's Administrative Committee was not approved by the Baptist's Association which had been formed in the meantime. This left the matter open and the question not yet settled. It is in process of settlement.

No. 37-4 Unification of Missions:

The Committee presented the several steps taken regarding the unification of the Mission. We called attention to the fact that the proposal which came from America was a complete unification of the existing cooperating missions. It was pointed out there was a set of local proposals drawn up to effect this if and when agreed to by the Missions and the Boards. The action of our Mission as given in the 1934 Minutes was against such unification. His attention was called to the action of our Mission in 1934 regarding a Cooperative Committee of the Missions to correlate the work with the Cooperative Committee in America to which there has been no reply by the Boards.

No. 37-5 The Status of the National Christian Council:

In the discussion of the salary of an American Secretary Dr. Leber stated he had been asked to discuss with the several groups the whole question of the cooperative efforts in the Philippines. He stated the cooperative Committee in America was not interested in any particular set up of an organization for effecting cooperative thinking and action but that they did think some organization should be kept and used for such unified group thinking and acting. Such an organization should not be thought of as something separate and apart from the churches, but in its representative capacity should be thought of as the churches themselves speaking and acting upon those things agreed upon as proper and of common interest. He suggested the churches should
have their own program of development which will be definite and in no way competitive. In addition and beyond such a program, however, the denominations in America feel for themselves in America there are certain functions on certain realms of thinking upon which there should be “united” expression and action. Hence the “Federal Council of Churches in America”. This also was the idea back of the National Christian Councils of the various countries of the world.

The Committee called attention to the fact that the National Christian Council is a national organization and that only incidentally does the Mission deal with it aside from the one item of the missionary salary of the American secretary. It was pointed out our Mission had voted definitely to recommend the termination of the special arrangements as between the Boards for such a salary with the expression of the judgment of the Mission a Filipino secretary should be elected by the National Christian Council. Attention was called to certain limitations as to the Board’s dealing directly with such a national organization. It was not the wish of our Mission to have representation on such a local organization. It is that the functions of the National Christian Council be more clearly defined and its relationship with the Cooperative Committee be more clearly outlined.

No. 37-6 Ad Interim Actions:

The Secretary presented the ad interim actions of the Executive Committee. It was voted to receive these and include them in the report of the Executive Committee:

36-113 Visit of Dr. Charles T. Leber. It was voted to hold a special meeting in Manila beginning Monday, January 25th through the 27th, with the view to giving consideration to Mission matters during the visit of Dr. Charles T. Leber, and with the view to placing before him such knowledge of our Philippine Mission business as will be needed in his office consideration of our work. (Action as of October 27, 1936).

36-114 Tacloban Station Car. It was voted that the treasurer be authorized to sell the Tacloban Station car, bearing license No. 26-524, to the Manila Trading and Supply Company allowing the Company to set up a credit of P400 on their books representing the value of the Mission’s trade-in to be applied against the future purchase of a new Ford passenger car at the then prevailing list price. (Action as of November 5, 1936).

36-117 Acting Treasurer, Tacloban Hospital. It was voted that Dr. Arcadio Ortiz be elected acting treasurer of the Bethany Hospital, Tacloban, Leyte, with authority to transact all business of the hospital, to receive funds and to deposit the same in the bank in the name of the Bethany Hospital and to draw out such funds upon checks duly signed by himself as acting treasurer. (Action as of November 11, 1936).

36-118 Appleton Acting Dean Silliman Bible School. It was voted to approve the request of the acting president of Silliman University that Rev. F. G. Appleton be permitted to serve as acting Dean of Silliman Bible School with the understanding that this will be for the present
school year only, any further connection to be a matter of discussion and action at the time. (Action as of November 11, 1936).

36-120 Leave of Absence Mrs. G. S. Cunningham. It was voted that the Board be requested to grant a leave of absence of seven months during 1937 to Mrs. George S. Cunningham in case it becomes necessary for family reasons, without affecting the date of the regular furlough of Dr. and Mrs. George S. Cunningham, with the further understanding that all travel expenses are to be a personal charge and that the salary adjustment will be in accordance with such regulations as the Board may make under the Manual. (Action as of December 1, 1936).

36-121 Manjuyod Church. It was voted to include in the request to the Board for projects under the Centennial Fund an amount of P1,800 toward church building to be erected at Manjuyod, and that this be put as No. 5 on the list of Centennial projects. (Action as of December 17, 1936).

No. 37-7 Report of the Special Committee Silliman Charter:

The Special Committee on the statement regarding Silliman charter presented the following report which was received and approved:

“To expedite the action of the Mission (Minutes, October 1936, p. 52, No. 3) that contracts and agreements be drawn to clarify and safeguard local equities in property held in the name of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., it is moved that a special committee of three be designated by action of the Executive Committee to cooperate with the trustees of Silliman University in the preparation of such agreements; possible revision of the new charter and by laws of Silliman University; and clarification of the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees.

“In this connection reference is made to the Mission Minutes of October 1925 (pp. 77-82) with special note to the following:

“That Silliman Institute shall be related to the Mission in accordance with the Manual (par. 96) which reads as follows: ‘Institutions of higher learning... may at the discretion of the Mission be related to the Mission direct and not to the individual station. Their budget may appear separate from the Station budgets in the Mission estimates’.

“That the control, locally, of Silliman Institute be in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and by laws.

“That it is the understanding of the Mission that the Manual Rule 96 calls for the following clear division of the present work:

“a. Dumaguete Station which will include all the missionaries but which will limit its work to the consideration of the activities and budgets outside of Silliman Institute.

“b. Silliman Institute which will include the faculty and which will be administered by whatever plan may be worked out in accordance
with the By-Laws. All local affairs will be considered by the Trustees and Faculty, and all requests for action on the part of the Mission and the Board will be sent direct to the Mission or its Executive Committee without reference to the Dumaguete Station. These will be given the same consideration as requests coming from stations.

“We would call attention in this connection to the following provisions from the 1925 charter:

‘The president of Silliman Institute, appointed by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in the U.S.A., shall be ex-officio one of the ten voting members and chairman of the Board of Trustees.

‘The Board of Trustees shall have authority to authorize expenditures favorably recommended by the Finance Committee, or upon its own initiative in consultation with the Finance Committee, within the available funds or appropriations; it shall have the final approval of all teachers employed on the field; pass on the efficiency of all teachers with the recommendation of the President of Silliman Institute; it shall determine the salaries of all employed on the field, and in general have authority, subject to the Mission, in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Institution.’

‘Note is also made of various consideration given to these problems by the Trustees at various times. (Trustees Minutes, March 1936).

“The attention of those concerned in this was also sought in an informal conference of the Finance and Administrative Committee of Silliman University with Dr. Charles T. Leber at Dumaguete in January 1937 with particular reference to equities in property.

“It is the understanding of the Executive Committee that any further revision of the charter and by laws of Silliman University will be made in consultation between the Trustees and the Executive Committee; that after being jointly approved any revision will then be submitted to the Board of Foreign Missions and any revision will become effective and be registered in the Bureau of Commerce after approval by the Board of Foreign Missions.”

The chair appointed a special committee consisting of Mr. L. C. Wintemheimer, Mr. L. M. Cox and Dr. J. L. Hooper to cooperate with the Board of Trustees in the formulation of the charter and agreements.

No. 37-8 Permanent Assignment of Mr. and Mrs. Appleton:

It was voted that Mr. and Mrs. Appleton be permanently assigned to Cebu Station, the time of their going to the Station to be a matter of conference and correspondence as between the Cebu Station and Mr. and Mrs. Appleton and definite action by the Executive Committee.

No. 37-9 Request for Services of Mr. Alejandro Nazareno:

Moved that the Cebu Station be asked to take up with the Silliman University the possibility of Silliman giving Mr. Nazareno another year of leave of
absence so that he might be used in the Cebu Station for evangelistic work, the matter to be taken up by the Station and reported to the Executive Committee for final action.

No. 37-10 Hibbard Hall Equities:

Mr. Cox presented the statement as follows setting forth the request of the Board for the establishment of local equities in Hibbard Hall at Silliman University.

"Pending further action and definition of all local equities in the Board property used by Silliman University it is stated that:

"a. Reference is made to Board Manual provision No. 122 (1933 edition) which included the statement that 'where national (native) contributions form a part of the purchase price of property held by the Board the equities of all interested parties should be clearly understood and established in writing'.

"b. In accordance therewith the following be established: In so far as the first unit of the Hibbard Hall building is concerned it is made a matter of record that all funds were received from outright national contributions, with the exception of P6,000.00 advanced from school income. And that it is proposed to complete the building entirely from national contributions, and that contributions are now being secured for that purpose and building is about to be begun.

"c. This is therefore submitted to the Board for approval and with the request that a formal documentary statement be issued to the Trustees stating that the Board holds all such contributions to this building in trust for the Board of Trustees."

No. 37-11 Withdrawal Miss Olive Rohrbaugh:

The Committee voted to call the attention of the Board to the action taken by the Committee in May, 1936, as given in the Minutes of the May meeting, No. 36-34 (3), page 36. The Committee wishes to state to the Board that after canvassing the several stations of the Mission there does not seem to be any position to which the Committee can assign Miss Rohrbaugh.

The Committee, therefore, regretfully expresses its opinion to the Board that the Board should retain Miss Rohrbaugh in America at the conclusion of her regular furlough.

No. 37-12 Note of Appreciation Visit of Dr. Leber:

It was voted to express to the Board, for the Executive Committee and the Mission, our appreciation of the visit of Dr. Leber to the Philippines, such a visit coming at the beginning of his work as Secretary for the Philippine Mission.

It was voted to express the hope that in any later reorganization of the Board’s portfolios Dr. Leber might be continued as the correspondent for the Philippine Mission.
No. 37-13 Permanent Assignment of Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Bousman:

It was voted that Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Bousman be transferred to Manila Station for permanent assignment effective on the completion of the present term of service, and that it is the expectation of the Committee that after their return from furlough Mr. Bousman will take up the work of pastorate of Ellinwood Church and such other tasks that may be assigned by the Manila Station.

No. 37-14 Revision of Force List:

It was voted to revise the force list to read as follows:

1. Ordained man, Student pastor—Silliman (replacement)
2. English teacher, Silliman (replacement)
3. Ordained man, Tagalog field (replacement)
4. Doctor for Tacloban (replacement)
5. Superintendent-nurse, Albay.

No. 37-15 Tondo Church Property:

In a letter the Secretary of the Mission received from Dr. Scott it was suggested that Dr. Leber would discuss with the Committee the question of the transfer of title of the Tondo Church property to the Manila Conference. This was in the Minutes as a definite request from the Committee and Mission. The Committee discussed the question with Dr. Leber and gave the reasons for this action stating that the Mission was heartily in favor of the proposition.

No. 37-16 National Representative to the Board's Centennial:

The Secretary of the Mission read several letters which had been sent to and received from Dr. Herrick B. Young regarding the visit of a national representative to the Centennial especially as it relates to the visit of Dr. Sobrepeña, the man selected. Dr. Sobrepeña had presented certain conditions, part of which was agreed to and part of which was referred to the field.

The first condition that Dr. Sobrepeña presented was that he could not leave as early as the Board desired and could not be away for the full period which was asked for. Dr. Young suggested that Dr. Sobrepeña be in the States for the Months of September, October and November. This was presented to Dr. Sobrepeña and he agreed to this period of time.

The second question presented was relative to the possibility of the Mission providing a substitute teacher in the Seminary for the period of time Dr. Sobrepeña would be away. This had been discussed with the president of the Seminary, Dr. Charles R. Hamilton. He felt that the Seminary itself could not take on the additional financial responsibility.

After discussion of the several phases, it was voted by the Committee that an amount of ₱400 be made available toward the payment of a substitute teacher in the Seminary during the absence of Dr. Sobrepeña in the States.

No. 37-17 Revision of the Preferred Property List:

It was voted that the second item on the preferred property list for hospital chapel at Dumaguete be raised from ₱3,000 to ₱3,500. This was to enable
the hospital to secure funds to complete the building and equipment in accordance with the plans drawn.

It was voted that the special request of Dumaguete Station which was presented to the Committee ad interim (No. 36-121), for placement of Manjuyod Church request on the project property list be approved. This was to be No. 5 on the list and the amount was to be P1,800.

The list as revised is as follows:

1. Silliman Church ................................................................. P47,394.14
2. Dumaguete Mission Hospital chapel ................................ 3,500.00
3. Nurses Home at Albay Hospital ............................... P 6,000.00
   Less: Funds from field receipts ................................. 3,000.00 3,000.00
4. Student Center—Naga ...................................................... 2,000.00
5. Student Center—Sorsogon ........................................ 2,000.00
6. Grand piano, Silliman University ......................... P 1,500.00
   800.00 700.00
7. X-Ray Mission Hospital, Dumaguete ......................... 6,000.00
8. Iloilo Church ................................................................. 4,186.00
9. Alcohol Stove, Silliman Domestic Science ..................... 150.00
10. Five typewriters—Silliman University ....................... 750.00
11. One adding machine—Silliman University Commerce ........ 300.00
12. Church Building in Tagbilaran, Bohol .................... P 3,000.00
   Less: Funds from fields ............................................. 1,000.00 2,000.00
13. Tacloban items (From Iloilo sale funds)
   Cathalogan Church .................................................. P 200.00
   Residence Repairs .................................................. 1,000.00
   Grounds rehabilitation ........................................... 175.00
   Automobile reconditioning ............................... 400.00 P 1,775.00
14. Silliman items (without amounts)
   Probable second hand items—
   Planer—Silliman shop
   Metal Shaper—Silliman shop
   Small engine lathe—Silliman shop
   Pipe organ—Silliman Church
   Assorted band instruments—Silliman Orchestra

 Centro nni Projects

1. Silliman Church ................................................................. P47,394.14
2. Manila Conference projects ......................... 20,000.00
3. Naga Student Center ........................................ 2,000.00
4. Sorsogon Student Center .................................... 2,000.00
5. Manjuyod Church ............................................. 1,800.00

No. 37-18 Elementary Boy's Dormitory, Silliman University:

It was voted that the Board be asked to approve the erection of elementary boys dormitory on the Board's property at Silliman University to cost from ₱5,000 to ₱10,000 with the understanding that the construction will begin if and when funds are available from local national contributions.

No. 37-19 Trustee, Union High School:

It was voted to make a record of a recent letter from Dr. G. W. Wright, calling attention to his departure for the States on March 2nd, and in which he requested the Committee to elect a substitute member of the Board of Trustees to serve out on the unexpired term to April first.

The Committee voted that Dr. Charles R. Hamilton should fill out this unexpired term of service from February first until April first at which time he takes the place as a regular member of the Board of Trustees, having been elected at the last Mission meeting.

No. 37-20 Request of Samar Evangelical Churches for two Missionary Families:

Record was made of the request of the United Evangelical Churches of Samar for the future assignment of two missionary families to work in Samar, one a field evangelist and his wife and the other a doctor and his wife.

It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to write to the churches in Samar and to express the interest of the Committee in the work in the island and the hope that when conditions may permit missionaries may again be stationed in that field, and state in the meantime we hope to cooperate in every way possible with the church as it carries on the work.

No. 37-21 Cebu Student Church Request for land—Zapaterra District:

Mrs. W. J. Smith of the Cebu Station presented a request from the Cebu Student Church to the Mission in which they asked for the sale or the grant of land in the Zapaterra district of Cebu of a sufficient size to enable them to erect a chapel in that district in which they are now carrying on work as an out-station of the church.

The Committee voted that the Cebu Station prepare and present a definite request giving description of the land proposed to be transferred together with a statement of conditions the Station suggests as the basis for the transfer of the property, it being understood that the Committee will give consideration to the proposals and take such action as is needed to get request to the Board for approval.
No. 37-22 Tacloban Balances:

It was voted that the treasurer be authorized to use Classes V-X savings in Catbalogan Station together with an amount from the hospital balances of 1935-36 to cover the expenditures in the Tacloban Station so as to balance the Station V to X accounts.

No. 37-23 Mission Station Equities:

It was voted that Mr. L. M. Cox be asked to spend a part of the months of April and May in Manila at which time he and the Mission treasurer will study the question of equities of the Board and of the local Mission institutions, especially equities of Silliman Institute, with the view to making a statement of all such equities and making them a matter of record.

All sessions of the Committee were opened and closed with prayer. The minutes of all the sessions were read and approved by the Committee.

It was voted to adjourn. Mr. Winternheimer led in the closing prayer.

J. L. HOOPER,
Mission Secretary
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