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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
OF THE EAST PERSIA MISSION
1928—1929.

Mission Secretary: Dr. D. J. Frame, Resht.

Mission Treasurer: Rev. W. N. Wysham, Teheran, Mr. J. D. Payne to resume office upon his return from furlough.

Recording Secretary: Miss M. L. Cowden; Mr. J. D. Payne upon his return.

Executive Committee: Dr. J. D. Frame, Resht.
Mr. A. C. Boyce, Teheran.
Rev. G. F. Zoeckler, Daulatabad.

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Auditing Committee
A. C. Boyce, Ch.
I. O. Wilson
W. A. Groves, alternate

Committee on Training of Evangelistic Workers
L. Bentley, ch.
W. N. Wysham
C. R. Murray

Religious Education
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C. R. Murray
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P. B. Shedd
Mrs. H. B. Young

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A. C. Boyce

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C. H. Allen
John Elder, alternate

S. M. Jordan
A. C. Boyce
Miss J. Doolittle

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J. A. Funk, R. D. Bussdicker, alt.
P. C. McDowell

Translation and Publication
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J. W. Hawkes (1 yr.)
Mrs. A. C. Boyce (2 yrs.)

Language Committee
Mrs. G. F. Zoeckler, Ch.
(3 yrs.)
Miss M. L. Cowden, (1 yr.)
Mrs. P. C. McDowell, (2 yrs.)

Guidance of New Missionaries
Study—See Language Committee
Furlough—See Executive Committee.

Board of Managers - American College
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J. D. Frame " 1929
A. C. Boyce " 1929
W. N. Wysham " 1931
H. P. Packard " 1931

Member Missionary Council for Western Asia and North Africa
W. N. Wysham

Supervisory Com. Sage College
Miss J. Doolittle, Ch.
Mrs. A. C. Boyce
Mrs. D. M. Donaldson
Mrs. H. B. Young
Mrs. G. F. Zoeckler
I. AD INTERIM ACTIONS

(Note: Numbers in parentheses refer to Mission, Executive and Property Committee actions as reported and numbered in Mission Secretary Letters to the Stations)

A. Force. In accordance with the action of last Annual Meeting a questionnaire was prepared for use in connection with voting on the return of missionaries (E 182): its use in several cases showed a tendency toward too high rating and it was later revised. As for giving missionaries information in regard to the results of questionnaires concerning themselves, it was ruled that in the case of a unanimous favorable vote by the Executive Committee it was not advisable to give such information, at least until such time as further experience would prove the reliability of the system to estimate a missionary’s qualifications (E 209). On the basis of these questionnaires and other investigations a report was drafted on the competency of Mr. and Mrs. Marker for future service (E 201), and their return was voted by the Mission (M 36). The Executive Committee voted unanimously in favor of the return of Dr. and Mrs. Jordan and Mr. Schuler without the use of questionnaires, more than two terms of service having been completed (E 185); and similarly for the return of Miss Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Hancock, Miss Clarke and Miss Chase on the basis of questionnaires submitted (E 205). The resignation of Miss Rose from missionary service was accepted and recommended to the Board (E 213). In view of Mr. Shedd’s inability to carry on the work of Resht Boys’ School Mr. and Mrs. Gurney’s assignment to Resht was extended until such time as the Mission should be able to make other provision for the management of the school (E 208). Because of the imperative need of a more adequate staffing of Iran Bethel the Sage Committee in New York was asked through the Board to provide a teacher especially for the College from interest on the funds set aside for endowment (E 223).
B. Furloughs. An amendment to the Mission Rules, to become Art. VII, Sec. 3, was proposed by the Executive Committee (E 192) and adopted by the Mission (M 33). (For the full amendment see IX Amendments, Paragraph 1.)

Furlough study recommendations were drafted for Dr. and Mrs. Bussdicker (E 197), Mr. and Mrs. Sherk (E 202), Mr. and Mrs. Hancock (E 215), Miss Clarke (E 216), Mr. and Mrs. Elder (E 217), Mr. and Mrs. Marker (E 218), Mr. and Mrs. Watson (E 219), and Miss Chase (E 220). (For the full recommendations see Mission Secretary Letters to the Stations: Dr. and Mrs. Bussdicker, see Letter No. 67; Mr. and Mrs. Sherk, No. 70; all others, No. 72.) Furlough study allowances were requested from the Board for Dr. and Mrs. Bussdicker (E 190) and Mr. Allen (E 204). And the following furlough schedule was drafted for 1928-30 (E 210):

1928 Fall Mr. and Mrs. Schuler (6 months furlough), Mr. Allen, Miss Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Marker, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Elder, Miss Clarke.

1929 Spring Dr. and Mrs. Funk, Miss Chase, Miss Nicholson.

Summer Dr. and Mrs. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Hancock.

1930 Winter Mr. Hawkes.

Spring Miss Gardner.

Summer Dr. and Mrs. Groves.

Fall Miss Childs.

C. Finance. The following expenditures were authorized charged to Mission Expense: filing case for Mission Secretary’s office, Krs. 170. (E 187); equipment for Mission Treasurer’s office, Krs. 150. (E 188) (actual bill, Krs. 95.20); loan to Resht Girls’ School for rent to tide them over the last few days of the fiscal year, Krs. 3600. (E 196); refund to Teheran English Service Offering account for Mission Treasurer’s office upkeep, Krs. 89.40 (E 211); East Persia Mission’s share in expenses of delegates to the Jerusalem Meeting of the
International Missionary Council, Krs. 1627. (E 193, 212). The appropriations were adjusted at the end of the fiscal year (E 198), Teheran College being authorized to carry forward a deficit up to 1000 tomans (E 194). Kermanshah was allowed to transfer Ts. 185. of excess evangelistic funds to educational work to be used in helping the Assyrian colony of that city start a school for their children (M 32). The Mission Treasurer was instructed to refund to the Hamadan Boys' School a balance on deposit of about 500 tomans (E 199), to Iran Bethel its balance of Krs. 1256.40 (E 214), and to Meshed Boys' School its balance of Krs. 1741.70 (E 224). The Board was requested to pay Mrs. Sherk the home allowance of a single missionary, and Mr. Sherk the salary of a single missionary from September 1st, 1927, until his departure for furlough (E 186); and to continue Mr. Allen at the full salary of a married missionary until his furlough (E 191). The Board was also requested for permission to carry an account, whose debit balance should never be more than 1000 tomans, for the purpose of making payments to architects for drawing plans for buildings on the Mission's Preferred Property List, the account to be reimbursed from appropriations when made (E 183). The Stations were requested to revise their appropriations for 1928-29 and to prepare their estimates for 1929-30, reducing their total in Column C for the native classes by 2-1/4% to meet the Board's cut (E 207). They were also asked to report whether they could permanently reduce any of their present appropriations, what urgent needs for increase they had, and what reinforcements and added appropriations they felt necessary before the opening of a new station in Barfurush; all institutions in the Mission were requested to report all special cash gifts received from America during the past three years; and Teheran Station was asked to report whether it could permanently release part of its Hospital appropriation (E 222).
D. Property. The following repairs have been authorized made during the year and charged to the Mission Repair Reserve: Teheran College—window gratings for two residences, Krs. 1260. (P 73); painting College roof, Krs. 2530.75 (P 74); mudplastering west and south walls, Krs. 3000. (P 98); general repairs on Second Residence, Krs. 1297.40 (P 101); repainting College roof and windows, Krs. 4600. (P 110); Teheran Station—Southwest Residence, Central Compound, and Hospital operating room roof, Krs. 1300. (P 66); Resht—raising Bungalow roof, Krs. 500. (P 96—later included in special property appropriation); retinting walls of Property No. 2, Krs. 450. (P 97); yard doors for Property No. 2 and Russian stove for North Residence, Krs. 800. (P 101); Kermanshah—yard walls to afford privacy to Ladies’ Residence and Physician’s Residence and road from southwest gate to rear of compound, Krs. 2640. (P 101); Meshed—upstairs kitchen for Property No. 2, Krs. 3000. (P 79). In addition Kermanshah was authorized to tear down the old Orphanage Dormitory and use the materials for constructing a gatehouse at the southwest corner of the compound (P 102). Teheran was authorized to spend from Appropriation No. 7470 for $2900., $900. for reroofing the Northeast Residence, Central Compound, $500. for reroofing storerooms in the same compound, and $400. for repairing the Anjuman roof, the remainder of the appropriation, $1100., being credited to the Mission Repair Reserve to reimburse it for repairs previously made on account of items for which this appropriation was made (P 100). Special Repair Appropriation No. 7091 for $817.63 was voted toward reroofing the Southwest Residence, Central Compound, Teheran (E 181); and Special Repair Credit $388. toward the mudplastering of the College walls and repairs on the Second College Residence mentioned above (P 103). Resht was given permission to use Appropriation No. 7469 for $900. for altering and repairing the Single Ladies’ Residence in accordance with plans submitted (P 104). A revised repair schedule was approved for Resht Station changing its total share in the Mission repair funds from Ts. 420. to Ts. 400. (P 99).
Only two buildings have been under construction this year, the Third Residence in Kermanshah (Property No. 15) and the Fifth Residence in Meshed (Property No. 9). Authorization was given for the use of the full appropriation for the former (P 84, 92), the residence has been completed, and the report on its construction presented and approved (P 108). Authorization has also been given for the use of the full appropriation for the latter (P 77, 84, 91, 95), and the residence has been built, but as yet the report on its construction has not been received. The final report on the erection of the Main College Building was presented during the year and approved (P 94): the Building Committee was instructed to turn over to the College Treasurer the 2500 tomans' worth of unused materials, duplicate of the receipt taken to be furnished to the Mission Property Committee and further appropriations for the completion of the College Building (Preferred Property List, Item A 1) to be drawn by the College Treasurer upon authorization of the College Property Committee (P 107).

The following plans have been approved during the past year: Sage College grounds, building for men teachers at the College gate, the Main College Building and the Ladies' Residence (P 71, 83); Teheran Evangelistic Center and Mission Administration Building (P 75); Teheran Women's Hospital Annex for tuberculosis patients (P 93); Kermanshah evangelistic rooms (P 76); Meshed Fifth Residence, with specifications (P 77, 84); and Meshed School, with specifications (P 78). Three purchases of property were authorized with Board permission where necessary: a site with residence adjacent to the Boys' School, Hamadan, for enlarging these premises, to be bought with Appropriation No. 3955, "Montgomery Memorial," and surplus Boys' School funds (P 82); the remaining corner of the Single Ladies' Residence, Resht, (P 87); and an additional property for Sage College, containing three buildings, adjoining the present property on the
north (P 89). A dormitory has been approved of as the next step in the Sage College building program (P 106); arrangements were made to pay the architect for work on Sage College plans 500 tomans down and 100 tomans per month from February 29th, 1928, until construction begins, as part of his contract for the architect's work on the original College plant (P 70,80); the College Building account was authorized to show a deficit at the end of the fiscal year, due to certain essential property improvements, to be met from funds that will become available in the new year (P 90); Mr. Wysham was added to the Building Committee during Mr. Payne's absence (P 81), and later the Committee was revised to consist of Miss Doolittle (chairman), Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Boyce, Mr. Wysham and Mr. Payne (Mr. Wilson to act on the field in his absence), they being authorized to appoint a sub-committee of three from their own number to attend to the actual details of construction when the time arrives (P 109). Dr. Jordan and Mr. Boyce were appointed a committee to work for the settlement of the suit against Teheran College as soon as possible along the lines laid down by our legal advisor (P 72). The Board was asked for permission, provided the donor be willing, to use $1000., appropriated for the Fourth Residence, Resht, (Property No. 8) to secure a mortgage on a property overlooking their Third Residence (Property No. 5), with a view to its present use and ultimate purchase (P 105). A questionnaire on the cost of residences was prepared and sent to the several stations to secure material for determining whether our present residences are too elaborate or too expensive (P 86). The Preferred Property List for the year was prepared and forwarded to the Board so as to be on hand for the date they have fixed (E 221).

E. Miscellaneous. The actions of last Annual Meeting were printed and distributed among the several Stations and the Board (E 180). Miss Cowden was appointed to
succeed Mr. Payne as Recording Secretary of the Mission and as Superintendent of the Literature Depot (E 184): and Miss Murray to succeed Mrs. Allen on the Sage College Supervisory Committee (E 199). Mr. Allen's term as Mission Secretary was extended till Annual Meeting in view of the postponement of his furlough (E 200). The date of Annual Meeting was fixed as August 1st, to convene in Daulatabad (E 206). The Mission voted to ask the Board to reconsider its relation to the New Pension Plan, in the hope of bringing it more into harmony with the best features of the former Honorable Retirement Plan (M 34). The Mission also voted to defer action in regard to authorizing Hamadan Station to co-operate with the Persian Christians of that city in opening schools under the auspices of the local churches (M 35).

II. EVANGELISTIC WORK

1. Methods of Work. The Committee would call attention of the stations to certain methods of work being successfully used in some of the stations but not in others, for the careful consideration of the others;

   a) Certain of the churches are including in their budget gifts for foreign missions and famine relief, and so developing interest in the world-wide aspects of our work.

   b) Teheran has found successful the plan of using printed invitation cards for gathering large groups for special meetings.

   c) Reading rooms in several of the stations report uniform success.

   d) Such stations as are introducing discussion groups and the project method in their religious education work are finding these methods highly productive.
e) Teacher training classes wherever organized have more than repaid for the expenditure of time and energy in increased interest and effectiveness.

f) Dramatization of Bible stories has produced mingled feelings on the part of those who have seen it, and it seems necessary to proceed cautiously in this direction.

g) Stereopticon machines are uniformly reported as being valuable aids to evangelism, and with the gathering of a catalogue of available films by the Religious Education Committee a very considerable body of material will be at the disposal of all possessing machines. In this connection we would call attention to the special report on stereopticon machines prepared by Mr. Payne, and would further suggest that prospective purchasers get in touch with Mr. Shedd and avail themselves of the result of his experience with the Balopticon.

h) A Holy Week conference held at Meshed and attended by out-of-the-city Christians may serve as an example to other stations.

i) Personal workers prayer groups have proved richly rewarding wherever used.

j) A Student Christian Conference which was held near Teheran under the auspices of the College Y.M.C.A. attended by 41 students will prove, it is hoped, the first of a series of such conferences.

(2) 2. Young Men's Work, Teheran ('The Majma'). We recommend the adoption of the recommendations contained in the report of the committee on Young Men's Work, i.e.,

l) That the Majma' cannot be made a success with the force and funds which it now seems probable the Board will be able to provide.
2) That should the Y.M.C.A. not be able to open work in Teheran, Mr. Sherk would not be justified in returning for this work on the present basis.

3. Student Christian Conference. We note the suggestion in the report of the American College of Teheran for the inclusion of young men from other stations in the next Student Christian Conference for Men, and give the suggestion our hearty endorsement.

III. EDUCATIONAL WORK

1. Sage College Classes. That Sage College be permitted to start with the approval of the Supervisory Committee whatever college classes seem feasible with the available faculty this fall.

2. Expansion of Hamadan Boys' School. That the mission indorse in principle the plan for expansion of the Boys' School in Hamadan, including the purchase of a new site and erection of Boarding Department and residence for Second man as the first buildings to be put up, with later construction of the school building.

That Hamadan consider further the amount involved in the Hamadan Boys' School expansion with the idea of selecting less expensive land and making more conservative estimates of immediate needs.

3. Meshed School Enrollment. That the maximum enrollment allowed for the Meshed Boys' School be raised to 100.
IV. MEDICAL WORK

(7) 1. Central Laboratory in Teheran. We propose that in view of the development of outside laboratories now available to some of our doctors, and considering the present financial stringency of the Board, the matter of establishing a central laboratory in Teheran be deferred.

(8) 2. Lepers. Doctors outside Meshed who find lepers can now send them to Meshed with assurance since the housing conditions of the colony of lepers near Meshed have been greatly improved and the capacity of the village enlarged.

(9) 3. Teheran Hospital Building. That Teheran Station, in consultation with the Permanent Medical Committee, be requested to draw up plans for the alterations and additions needed to adapt their hospital building to the needs of the work and submit to the Property Committee a building program for the attaining of this objective.

(10) 4. Kermanshah Hospital Plant. That Kermanshah Station, in consultation with the Permanent Medical Committee, be requested to draw up plans for the adequate housing of their medical work.

(11) 5. Meshed Hostel. That Meshed's request for permission to erect a hostel be approved and the Board be requested to accept the gift offered for the purpose, outside the regular property lists.

(12) 6. Number Hospital Beds. That all hospitals include in their statistical sheets a statement of the normal number of beds available during the preceding year.

(13) 7. Report on Dr. Hoffman’s Visit to Ispahan and India. That since Dr. Hoffman plans to visit Ispahan medical work after Annual Meeting and later visit certain hospitals in India, he report to the mission his observations and such matters as he considers of vital interest to our medical work.
V. ACTIONS REGARDING DAULATABAD

(14) 1. **Force Needed.** Because of the openness of the field, the progress already made and the property owned by the mission in Daulatabad the work there should be continued. This will require the location of one missionary family in Daulatabad, who should be Mr. and Mrs. Zoeckler, because of their established position in the community and their peculiar interest in the work there.

   It does not seem consistent with the wise distribution of missionary force to keep a second missionary family in Daulatabad for the sake of the school. We therefore recommend that Mr. and Mrs. Watson be assigned to work elsewhere in the mission.

(15) 2. **Development of Evangelistic Work.** The evangelistic and church work will never be properly developed without a competent Persian evangelist. Hence the securing of such a worker for Malayir should be an important step in the development of the work and the mission should be prepared to provide necessary funds.

(16) 3. **Development of School.** The school should not be continued on its former basis, since

   a. The local financial support on which it was founded has failed.
   
   b. The building is inadequate and its tenure is not secure enough to justify any considerable expenditure upon its improvement.
   
   c. Two promising Persian schools have been established, both better housed and equipped than the American school.
In order to permit the proper readjustment of the work, we recommend that the school be continued for one more year, under the management of Mr. Zoeckler and:

a. That the mission provide the sum of one hundred tomans toward current expenses.
b. That Hamadan Station be asked to provide up to one hundred tomans for repairs to the building, from repairs account.
c. That the surplus from the local medical work be given to the school this year.

We further recommend:

a. That Mr. Zoeckler and Mr. Allen present to Assadoleh Kh. a written statement on behalf of the mission reminding him of his unfulfilled obligations and urging him to make good his promises in the future, with the understanding that if he does not, the mission will consider itself free to terminate the agreement and close the school.

That Mr. and Mrs. Zoeckler present to Hamadan Station for comment and transmission to annual meeting next year alternate plans for the development of the Malayir field (1) with a school on an adequate basis and (2) without a school.

VI. MISSIONARY FORCE

A. Furloughs and Leaves of Absence.

(17) 1. Furlough of Dr. Funk. We recommend that Dr. Funk be authorized to study at the Tropical School of Medicine in London during his furlough and that the Board be requested to grant him the usual furlough study allowance.
2. Leave of Absence for Dr. Hoffman. We recommend that Dr. Hoffman be granted permission to spend a month in India in January or February, 1929, at no expense to the Mission, to visit mission hospitals and study their methods, to attend the meeting of the India Medical Association, and possibly to spend some time at the Eye Clinic in North India.

3. Furlough of Dr. Packard. We recommend that the Mission Secretary be instructed to take up with Dr. and Mrs. Packard the possibility of their taking a proportionate furlough in the fall of 1930 to make it possible for Dr. Bussdicker to go directly from Hamadan to Kermanshah, and then be available on Dr. Packard’s return to help out in Teheran or Meshed, if needed, during the furlough of Dr. Blair or Dr. Hoffman.

B. Assignments and Transfers.

4. Status of Mr. Hawkes. We recommend requesting the Board to continue Mr. Hawkes in active service another year with special reference to literary work.

5. Permanent Assignments. We recommend the following permanent assignments: Mr. and Mrs. Marker to Hamadan Station for work in connection with the Boys’ School; Mr. and Mrs. Gurney to Teheran Station for work in Teheran College, though remaining in Resht for the Boys’ School until relieved for permanent transfer; Miss Doolittle to Teheran for work in Iran Bethel School and Sage College.

6. Assignment of Mr. and Mrs. Young. We recommend that Mr. and Mrs. Herrick Young be assigned temporarily to Teheran Station for work in Teheran College.

7. Assignment of Miss Palmer. We recommend that Miss Palmer be assigned temporarily to Teheran Station for work in Iran Bethel School.
8. **Transfer of Mr. Shedd to Evangelistic Work.** We recommend that Mr. Shedd be transferred from educational to evangelistic work in Resht.

9. **Transfer of Mr. and Mrs. Watson.** We recommend that Mr. and Mrs. Watson be transferred from educational to evangelistic work, their definite location to be made at next Annual Meeting. In view of this transfer we recommended the change of his furlough study recommendations to include (a) Religious Education, (b) Islamics, and (c) Mission Methods.

10. **Transfer of Mr. Murray.** We recommend that Mr. Murray proceed immediately to Teheran to spend August and September there in helping prepare courses in Religious Education under the direction of the Religious Education Committee.

11. **Transfer of Mr. and Mrs. Hancock.** We recommend that Mr. and Mrs. Hancock be transferred to Hamadan Station until the time of their furlough in the summer of 1929, to help in educational and evangelistic work in the absence of Mr. Marker and Mr. Allen on furlough.

12. **Request to Transfer Dr. Blair.** Assuming that the interim between Dr. Funk's departure for furlough and Dr. Bussdicker's return is not to be more than three or four months, we do not deem it advisable for Dr. Blair to be transferred to Hamadan for so short a time.

13. **Transfer of Clergyman to Meshed.** In reply to Meshed's request for a clergyman to fill Mr. Murray's place during the coming year, we are obliged to state that no man is available for such a transfer.

C. **New Force Needed.**

14. **Occupation of Barfurush.** Station replies indicate that the force they individually feel necessary before undertaking permanent work in Barfurush consists of...
four doctors, two educational ladies, one educational man, and one nurse, together with an added annual appropriation of 3000 tomans. No reply was received from Teheran College: presumably they would need an additional force of two men and an appropriation of 2000 tomans.

(32) 15. **List of Needed Reinforcements.** We recommend requesting the Board for the following reinforcements in the order of importance indicated: (For descriptive statements of first thirteen items, see end of report.)

1. Second Lady for Faith Hubbard School, Hamadan—to replace Miss Bryan.
2. Educational Man for Resht—to relieve Mr. Gurney for Teheran College.
3. Third Doctor for Teheran Hospital.
4. Third Doctor for Meshed Hospital.
5. Permanent Man for Department of Business and Economics, Teheran College, to act also as College Treasurer.
6. Teacher for Iran Bethel School, Teheran, and Sage College—to replace Mrs. Schuler.
10. Second Nurse for Meshed.
11. Teacher for Sage College, Teheran.
13. Doctor for Barfurush.

**Tentative Additions for a Five Year Program.**

14. Man for Department of Engineering (including Mathematics) for Teheran College.
15. Nurse—Technician for Teheran Hospital.
16. Clergyman for Teheran or Barfurush.
17. Man for Industrial Education, Meshed School.
18. Director of Athletics, Teheran College.
20. Man for Department of Biology and Public Health, Teheran College (graduate physician preferred).
22. Dentist, Meshed.
If any Station feels that it wishes to make any additions to these latter items (14-22) to be included in the five-year program asked for in Board General Letter No. 30, it should report such additions to the Mission Secretary prior to November 1st, and the Executive Committee is hereby authorized to incorporate these in the list in such order as it deems best.

D. Miscellaneous.

(33) 16. Code Book for Daulatabad. We hereby ask the Board to provide a Mission Code for Daulatabad Substation.

(34) 17. Invitation to Dr. Wilder. We recommend that the Mission Secretary be instructed to write Dr. Wilder, Secretary of the Council for Western Asia and Northern Africa, extending him a cordial invitation to visit our field at any time in the near future that he may be able to do so.

(35) 18. Conference on Lutheran Mission Boundaries. We appoint Dr. McDowell to represent our Mission at a conference in Urumia at the time of the West Persia Mission Annual Meeting to discuss fixing boundaries for the Lutheran Orient Mission. We approve of Hamadan Station’s action of two years ago as a basis for conferring on this matter, viz.:

"(1) That the East Persia Mission cordially invites the Lutheran Orient Mission to send their workers to Senneh whenever they are able to do so.

"(2) That this invitation shall not be understood as discharging the duty now resting upon Hamadan Station to send the Gospel to that region.

"(3) That it is not now the time to set definite geographical limits to the various fields, but rather that this problem
should be settled at a future date, when there is clear evidence of effective occupation.

"(4) That the relations between the Church Missionary Society and the East Persia Mission relative to Seistan furnish a helpful parallel to the present situation."

(36) 19. **Theological Training.** We recommend that the Committee on the Training of Evangelistic Workers be instructed to investigate the number of students who would desire theological training in connection with Teheran College, the financial support needed to furnish this instruction, and to submit to next Annual Meeting a report on these matters together with a list of missionaries suitable and willing to undertake this work.

(37) 20. **Conference in 1930.** In reply to the Board's inquiry regarding a conference of representatives from the Missions and the Board in 1930 we feel that in view of the recent Jerusalem Conference the secretarial visit to our field suggested by our last Annual Meeting would be of greater value to our Mission than participation in such a conference as suggested.

(38) 21. **Special Mission Survey.** In regard to the survey asked for by the Board in General Letter No. 30, we recommend that the Stations be asked to send to the Mission Secretary before November 1st the information and expressions of opinion asked for in Sections 1-7 and 12-17 in the outline; that the Mission Secretary be authorized to compile and forward these replies to the Board, with the exception that the compilation of the answers to Section 12 be submitted to the Mission for approval first; and that this whole compilation be attached to the regular quadrennial survey of the Mission as a constituent part of it.
22. Regular Quadrennial Mission Survey.

We recommend to the Executive Committee that the quadrennial survey of our work to be made this coming year consider especially the spirit and method of our work rather than numbers and distribution, this being taken up under the following general heads:

1) How far does our work conform to the principles laid down at the Jerusalem Conference of this year?

2) The changing situation in Persia and how we should meet it:
   a) Religious,
   b) Educational,
   c) Medical,

3) Our relations to recent social, moral and economic movements in Persia.

4) The resources of the Persian Christians in administrative leadership and how best to assist them.

5) The development of discussion groups and religious expressional activities in different classes and ages.

6) How we may better utilize the resources of men, money and spiritual power at our command.

We also recommend that the following be appointed to assist the Executive Committee in making this survey, being Station representatives for the purpose:

Teheran — Mr. Wysham  
Hamadan — Mr. Bentley  
Resht — Mr. Shedd  
Kermanshah — Mr. Elder  
(Mr. Murray alternate)  
Meshed — Dr. Donaldson  
Teheran College — Dr. Groves
VII. FINANCE

A. Adjustment of Appropriations and Estimates:

(40) 1. Urgent Needs. The following urgent needs of the stations be granted:

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(41) 2. Reductions. To meet these increases the following reductions be made:

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(42) 3. Pension to Revert to Mission. When the pension of Mirza Ismail is no longer necessary the additional appropriation for Hamadan Boys' School indicated above revert to the Mission.

(43) 4. Meshed Water. Meshed be authorized to draw 175 Tomans on account of water this year to be charged to Mission Expense balance.

(44) 5. Teheran Medical Itineration Deficits. These deficits be charged to the Station Itinerating account up to the limits of that account in order to help Teheran Hospital to accommodate its budget to the reduced appropriation.

(45) 6. Hamadan Hospital. In regard to the request for special assistance to cover the expected falling off in receipts during Dr. Funk's absence, five hundred tomans of the present mission expense account balance be transferred to form a reserve against this expected deficit.
(46) 7. Teheran College Deficits. Five hundred tomans be transferred from mission expense account balance to apply on College deficit.

b) The sum of 1500 tomans carried on the College books as a loan from the Boarding Department be considered a contribution from the Boarding to the College in lieu of overhead expenses incurred in past by the College in administering the Boarding Department and the books be adjusted accordingly.

c) For one year beginning July 1st, 1928, the Teheran Station Treasurer be instructed to turn over to the College Treasurer at the end of each quarter whatever pro rata quarterly balance is left under the head of other helpers.

d) The College Council take into consideration the above adjustments and submit a new and balanced budget to the College Board of Managers in September.

(47) 8. Minimum Balances to Maintain. The Executive Committee adopt a policy in distributing surpluses of giving preference to the mission accounts in so far as it may be necessary to maintain the following minimum balances:

- Mission Repair Reserve ............... T$1200
- Mission Medical Reserve .............. 500
- Mission Expenses Account Balance on the alternate year in which a delegated meeting is held ............... 250

N.B. In view of the fact that mission reserves have been reduced to meet the urgent needs reported from the stations this year this action means that when at the close of a year a station reports surpluses and deficits, surpluses in whole or in part may have to be used to maintain these minimums and therefore may not be available to apply on deficits in other accounts in the same station.

(48) 9. Mirza Ismail’s Pension as Translator. In view of Mirza Ismail’s long service to the mission as trans-
lator and copyist, he be granted a pension of Ts 60 per year, i.e., half of his previous salary as translator to be charged to mission expense account.

(49) 10. Adjustment of Mission Expense Account and New Estimates.

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13. Readjustment of Appropriations. If by the time of next annual meeting a suitable second national evangelist has not been found by Teheran Station the desirability of transferring this appropriation to some other work in the mission be considered.

B. Teheran College Finances.

14. Closer Co-operation between College and Mission. A more careful consultation between the college and the mission through the Board of Managers should be effected and we request the secretary of the Board of Managers to submit a copy of the minutes and actions of that Board to each annual meeting, reminding the college at the same time that according to the mission constitution the reports of the College president and the requests for appropriation are to be approved by the Board of Managers before submission to the Mission.

15. Reduction of Elementary School Appropriation. At the close of the coming school year after there has been an opportunity of trying out the coeducational primary school for Armenians, the College Council and Teheran Station jointly consider the possibility of reducing the appropriation for the Teheran elementary school;

a) By a continuation of the coeducational school for Armenians.

b) By asking the Persian Church to take over the operation of the school on a diminishing appropriation.

c) By closing the school.

d) By some other arrangement.

16. Teheran College Promotion Work. The Mission request the Board to grant to the College promotion work all facilities possible and give them permission to solicit
special funds outside the regular appropriations to be applied upon the support of special term teachers and other items in the annual budget of the College.


(56) 17. Annual Increase Needed. The Mission Secretary Report that a conservative estimate of what is needed to put into operation the enlarged program based upon the re-enforcements asked for the next five years would be as follows:

35 new missionaries, including wives @ $1,500 $52,500.
Repairs in proportion to new property Class VI average increase $100 per missionary 3,500.
Class VII, Two additional national evangelists or other workers paid from Mission funds in each station; 10 workers at $500 5,000.
Increased itineration 2,500.
Miscellaneous increases in this class 1,000.
Class VIII. To meet increasing demands from Government and competition, each of the present elementary schools or those projected should have their appropriation increased to at least Ts. 1,000.
This means in round numbers the following additions:
Hamadan Boys' School $500
Resht " Girls " 600
Meshed Boy's School 700
Kermanshah Girls' School 1,000
Boys' " 1,000
Meshed Girls' School 1,000 5,300.
Village Schools 200.
Teheran College 2,000.
Class IX. With increasing standards for Medical work all the hospitals should have increased appropriations to enable them to render better service, to care for more deserving poor and to use their plants with greater efficiency. We have put in expensive plants but often these are not used to capacity for lack of funds. The following seem moderate increases:
Tehran 500
Hamadan, (no appropriation) 500
Resht 800
Meshed 1,000
Kermanshah 500 3,300.
Opening new work in Barfarush 3,000.
Publication of Literature 500.
Total $78,800.
18. **Distribution of Appropriations.** The present appropriations are distributed approximately to the best advantage as far as the fluctuating conditions of the work permit; otherwise we would change them ourselves.

19. **Additional Property Needed.** The Mission Secretary is instructed to report to the Board that the immediate needs of the Mission are the total of all items included in the last Mission Property List.

The needs on a five year program are: (a) Those submitted by the stations to the Mission last year; (b) Residences for new missionaries asked for the next five years; 15 families at an average $12,000 for land and buildings, .... $180,000

Barfarush would need in a five year program

- Initial equipment of hospital 3000
- Towards permanent plant 25000
- 28,000

**Note.** In view of the Mission action regarding reconsideration of Hamadan Boys' School item, the Secretary is instructed to include tentatively $20,000 for the immediate needs of that school, and $60,000 for the needs within five years.

If any station wishes to add to this list, it should report to the Mission Secretary before November 1, 1928.

D. **Miscellaneous.**

20. **Allocation of Houses.** We have no information to indicate a need for changing the present allocation of houses.

21. **Printing Actions of Annual Meeting.** The Mission continue the plan of printing the actions of Annual Meeting appending thereto special reports or information which ought to be made available for ready reference for all.
(60) 22. **Printing Prayer Cycle.** The Mission Treasurer is authorized to advance the funds necessary to print the Prayer Cycle charging the associated Missions with their share of the bill when rendered.

(61) 23. **Pensions for Mission Employees.** Mr. Allen is to inquire from the Board as to a system of pensions for Mission employees of long standing.

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**VIII. PROPERTY**

A. *New Property Needed.*

(62) 1. **Preferred Property List for 1928.**

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<td>1. Teheran-Completion of College Building (Prop. No. 20)</td>
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<td>2. Hamadan-New Faith Hubbard School Plant Main School Building (Prop. No. 32)</td>
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<td>3. Meshed-Boys' School Building (Prop. No. 10)</td>
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B. **Repairs—None.**

C. **Residences.**

| 1. Teheran-Third Residence, College Compound (Prop. No. 23) | $10,000 |
| | Appropriated 115 |
| | Balance 9,885 |
| 2. Resht-Boys' School Residence (Prop. No. 8) | $12,000 |
| | Appropriated 1,050 |
| | Balance 10,950 |
| 3. Teheran-Fourth Residence, College Compound (Prop. No. 24) | 8,500 |
| | Forward $53,985 |
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Brought Forward $88,485

8. Teheran—Teheran College, Science Equipment $15,000
   Needed now—Tables & chairs $150
   Cases for storage and exhibit 150
   Physics
   Student equipment 1,000
   Apparatus for class demonstration, items $5. to $100 2,000
   Biology
   Six microscopes 350
   Glassware 200
   Materials, slides, models 400
   Chemistry
   Glassware 200
   Apparatus 350
   Materials 100
   Cases for storage 100 5,000

9. Teheran—Hospital, X-Ray Room and Equipment
   (Prop. No. 26) 5,500

10. Resht—Hospital Equipment
    Enlarged X-ray equipment $1,000
    Bucky-Potter table 400
    Tube stand 200
    Five beds 175
    Linoleum 150
    Additional electric lights 50
    Laundry and store rooms 450
    Diagnostic apparatus 75
    Asking now $2,500

11. Resht—Boys' School Building (Prop. No. 9) $17,000
    Needed now 7,000
    Appropriated 60
    Balance 6,940

12. Resht—Girls' School Building (Prop. No. 6) $17,000
    Asking now 5,000

13. Hamadan—Boys' School Enlargement (Prop. No. 8) $12,500
    Asking now 5,000

14. Teheran—Teheran College, Science Building
    (Prop. No. 33) $40,000
    Asking now 10,000

15. Teheran—Second Story for Hospital
    (Prop. No. 13) $15,000
    Asking now 10,000

16. Kermanshah—Enlargement of Hospital
    New Building (Prop. No. 17) $30,000
    Asking now 10,000

Total $146,925
(Note: The Mission prefers that the totals asked for certain items should be reduced by the Board, rather than that any one item should be wholly eliminated, in case the Board is unable to accept the list as presented.)
B. Registration of Property.

(63) 2. The New Law. The attention of the stations is called to the new law on registration of property which is printed as an appendix to Annual Meeting Actions.

(64) 3. Board Authorization. Permission is asked from the Board to proceed with this registration as soon as the local bureaus are established, charging the registration fees to the Board.

(65) 4. Local Registration. As soon as financial provision is made the stations are to proceed with said registration.


The following preliminary report on Cost of Building is incomplete, (a) because the questionnaire did not bring out certain necessary points of comparison; (b) because replies in certain cases are evidently in need of revision; (c) because the time at our disposal does not permit a thorough study of the large amount of material presented.

(66) 5. Comparison of Present Residences. The answers to the questions submitted afford certain data and suggest some further lines of study. The following table as to size and cost of houses is suggestive.

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These two houses are designed to accommodate a family on the first floor and a single missionary or a small family on the second.

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A study of the above figures indicates that there has been a wide difference in the sizes of rooms adopted, the relation of the number of main and accessory rooms, and care with which the houses have been designed as to use of space. Also that three general sizes of houses may be defined.

Small houses having 7 or 8 main rooms and a floor area not exceeding 400 square zar's.

Bungalows not to exceed 350 square zar's.

Large houses of 8-10 rooms not exceeding 450 square zar's.

N.B. Floor area as used above means the outside measurement of the walls of each floor, hence it is important to know the thickness of the walls in determining absolute comparisons. This information was not generally furnished.

6. Increasing Costs. In addition to the changing prices which tend to greater cost in building we note the following special circumstances.

1. The employment of architects seems to add definitely both directly and indirectly to the cost of buildings.

2. The steady increase in conveniences sought as more dressing rooms, more bath rooms, inside toilets, screening, electric lighting, all add to the cost.

3. More elaborate finishing and decoration also contribute to this cost.

7. Miscellaneous Observations. The answers to the question as to whether hard or white wood should be
used in whole or in part vary greatly with the stations. There is, however, no estimate submitted as to the exact cost between the two, or whether there is ultimately a difference in repair or replacement cost.

The concensus of opinion is that it is not generally necessary to face the houses with brick.

The use of stone in foundations varies with stations, but the majority is in favor of rough stone when used.

The trend of opinion is in favor of iron roofs, but care must be exercised as to the insulation from heat and the quality of sheet iron used. Exact information is not yet available as to comparative initial cost and upkeep, although with good material the latter item should be less with iron.

Those who have used tiles in their homes think the cleanliness justifies the expense.

All the stations on the plateau agree that screens should be used on doors and windows, (porches not discussed). In Resht screens are found to add to the discomfort of the houses and it is thought the necessary protection can best be found otherwise, especially as the families live so much of the time out of doors in the afternoons and evenings. Mosquito control on the grounds has seemed effective and all the cases of Malaria contracted in the station can be traced almost directly to exposure outside the residences.

Kermanshah and Teheran think basement space for summer room desirable. The Stations should study the question further.

In regard to the comparative cost of building conditions are so different in Resht that comparisons are difficult. The house recently built is one of the smallest in the Mission and one of the most expensive, in fact, in cost per square zar' it ranks highest, yet, in many ways, the finish is inferior.
The facts submitted from the other stations as to details of cost vary greatly, but the differences in fundamental items of mud brick, labor, etc., will probably account largely for the differences in finished cost.

8. Recommendations.

1. The Mission ask the Board to relieve the Property Committee of the necessity of employing an architect on residences which are to be built approximately to plans already found satisfactory if there are competent overseers available to superintend construction.

2. The Property Committee require stations desiring to include decorative finishing or unusual features to present a careful estimate of the added expense of such features, as, special style of door or window, bricks, wall finishing, porch railings etc.

3. Stations on submitting requests for residences in the property list should indicate how much of the total is asked for the primary building and how much for accessories and ground improvements.

4. The Mission adopt the policy of building large houses as defined above on any compound alternately with small houses or bungalows, the first house on a compound generally to be of the larger type.

5. The material regarding cost of building should be turned over to Mr. Zoeckler and he be asked to draw up a detailed comparison of the cost of the most recent buildings in Teheran, Meshed and Kermanshah, trying to compare with prices in Hamadan and make any general comparison with Resht that is possible.

6. Mr. Payne be asked to draw up a check list of items to be considered in planning and constructing residences and
also a list of information which ought to be required in Property Reports and submit them to the Property Committee for approval and use.

(7) In the mean time the cost of building, including accessory buildings and grading of grounds shall be limited in the stations as follows:

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IX. AMENDMENTS TO STANDING RULES

(70) 1. Report on Further Preparation During First Furlough. That Article VII be amended by the addition of the following, to become Section 3:

"Sec. 3. Report on Further Preparation During First Furlough. As soon as the return of a missionary after his first term has been decided in the affirmative, the Mission Secretary shall correspond (a) with the Stations where he has been located to secure their recommendation as the best use of the furlough for further preparation, and (b) with the missionary himself to secure a statement of his own desire in this matter and such other information as may be needed for filling out the Board furlough blanks. On the basis of these statements the Executive Committee shall prepare the necessary report on the furlough work of the missionary and, after submission to the missionary and his Station for criticism, forward the same to the Board."

(71) 2. Standing Committee on Translation and Publication. That Article I, Section 2, Paragraph (d), calling for a Standing Committee on Translation and Publication, be deleted.
3. "Christian Literature" Appropriations. That Article V, Section 3, be amended by the insertion of the following as its second sentence:

"Station appropriations for Christian Literature are also non-transferable and if unused revert to the mission Special Publication Fund."

X. 1929 MISSION MEETING

73) Conference at Next Annual Meeting: We recommend that in view of the absence of so many of the evangelistic workers from the field at the time of next annual meeting we change the character of the conference to be held next year, making it a conference along the lines of the survey to be presented, and leave the matter of arranging the program in the hands of the Survey Committee.

Note. By Action No. 79 of 1927 Annual Meeting the Mission Meeting of 1929 is to convene in Hamadan on Sunday, August 11.
APPENDIX

THE LAW OF THE GENERAL REGISTRATION OF DOCUMENTS AND LANDED PROPERTIES AND PRESCRIPTION

Published in Ettelaat of Feb. 15, 1928.

Article I. All immovable properties whether cultivated lands or real estates, etc., should be registered in the bureaus of registration of landed properties.

All persons who may be in possession of (landed) properties as proprietors in places where there is a registration office should apply for the registration (of their landed properties) within three years from the date of the approval of this law and in other places within three years from the date of the establishment of a registration office. And in case within five months from the date of the first notice (promulgated) regarding the application made for registration, no objection is filed to the application, the landed properties for the registration of which application has been made will be definitely registered on the record books of landed properties and no further objection will thereafter be accepted from any person, and the registration office will issue an official writ of proprietorship of the landed property in question (in favor of the applicant). And also if within two months from the date any objection is filed, the objector should without plausible excuse fail to pursue (his claim) in the competent courts, or in case after he does pursue he should leave it in abeyance for a period of two months his writ for objection shall become nil and the registration office should issue the official writ of proprietorship.

Without making a survey the office of registration and landed properties issues the writ of proprietorship in favor of the applicant with the same boundaries defined in the application to which no objection has been lodged.
The registration fee in the aforementioned first three years will be one half per cent (one shahi per toman), half payable when application is made for registration and the other half when the writ of proprietorship is issued. In the fourth year the registration fee will be one per cent and one per cent more will be added for any year of delay.

The application for the registration of government landed properties should be made by the department of Finance, municipal and relief landed properties and establishments by the head of the establishment concerned, pious foundation by their custodians and landed properties belonging to incompetents by their executors or administrators.

Note 1. The applicant should determine the price of the property on the basis of the deed of the property or at the rate of ten times one third of the income of the property during the last three years.

Note 2. When a registration office is organized in any jurisdiction and later once every year for a period of three years a committee should be formed composed of three to five reputable men of the locality and three important officials of the same jurisdiction, in order to make this law known to the inhabitants of registration jurisdiction in question by means of promulgation, notice and announcement by men walking through public places and shouting out.

Article II. The Revenues accruing from the execution of this law should in the first place be spent for the extension of the registration offices and the surplus be devoted to the extension of the judiciary organizations of the country.

Article III. The period of time for prescription regarding (titles) before the approval of this law is forty solar years from the date of the origination of dispute.

If less than forty years has lapsed since the date of origination of dispute, the claimant can avail himself of the
remaining period left until (the end of) forty solar years in the following manner: In any claim against an immovable property in possession of any individual as proprietor in case the date the claim was initiated or caused is forty or more solar years prior to the approval of this law, and if during (said period of) forty solar years the claim was not instituted in any of the courts of the time, the court will at the request of the defendant which should until the termination of the suit be made in the preliminary stage issue the order of non-suit. And should the date the claim was initiated or caused be less than forty years it will bear until the end of the forty years.

The time for prescription in connection with claims of immovable properties set forth after the approval of this law is twenty years from the date of origination of the claim.

Note. In the stage of appeal the prescription (right) can be availed of only when the judgement at default has been appealed against.

Article IV. The court is bound to examine separately and render judgement on any claim of prescription whether made before or during its proceedings, and this judgement whether an acceptance or a declination of the claim, is independently appealable in the courts of appeal and cassation. And as long as the status of the judgement is determined in the stages of appeal and cassation, the court will defer investigation.

In case the failure of the defendant to claim prescription should be a cause of loss to the creditors and the bondsmen of the defendant the creditors and the bondsmen can enter the litigation and claim prescription.

Should the defendant admit the proprietorship of the plaintiff the time (right) for prescription ceases and likewise if the defendant should in a document bearing an unquestion-
able seal and signature admit the proprietorship of the plaintiff when the time for prescription has not lapsed as of the date of the document.

**Article V.** Prescription does not avail against persons who because of their lives, chastity, or property having been in danger have failed to sue their close relations unless after the elimination of the obstacle.

Prescription does not avail against persons under guardianship like minors, insane and demented persons.

Husbands and wives cannot avail themselves of prescription mentioned in article three. Prescription does not avail against landed properties which have been registered.

Prescription is waiverable; but it may be waivered when it is brought about (acquired) by the lapse of the time fixed in this law. Waiver of prescription should be explicit. Custodians, executors, administrators and also persons forbidden from exercising the right of possession in any property cannot waiver prescription when acquired.

**Article VI.** In the case of registration of properties the price of which was less than one thousand tomans, the registration fee will be collected at the rate of one shahi per toman, and the government will bear the expenses involved in publication notices.

**Article VII.** The registration fees for transfer of registered properties will be at the rate of one half a shahi per toman.

**Article VIII.** As to the registration of immovables for the registration of which application has been made prior to the approval of this law, in case the fourth notice has been published the time limit for filing objections will be four months as under the previous law.
Article IX. The ministers of justice and finance have the charge of the execution of this law.

This law which consists of nine articles was approved in the session of Bahman 21, 1306, Feb. 11, 1928.

Sd. Hossein Pirnia
President of the National Consultative Assembly.

A copy of this law from which the above was taken was furnished Mr. Wysham by the American Minister in Teheran.