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THE most distinctive and far-reaching event of the year for Yenching Women's College has been the resignation of its founder and head, Dr. Luella Miner. Her untiring labors and wise foresight have made it what it is, and her thus severing relations with the college deprives it, at this crucial time, of one of its greatest assets in the past—her ripe experience and judgment, which have made her reputation as an educator of women in China, second to none. Her loss is felt deeply by faculty and students alike.

We also have to record the loss of a great many other teachers, who have done their parts faithfully in various departments in this College. We feel very grateful to various friends who have helped with special classes.

The coming of Miss Milam and Miss Mills to found a Department of Home Economics on principles sound for China is one of the outstanding features of the past year.

To counterbalance the unusually large exodus of faculty this spring, we are looking confidently forward to additions in the fall—a secretary, two teachers for the English Department, one for Biology, one for History, two for Education, two for Music, and one (temporarily) for Chemistry, to fill up our depleted ranks. Such proportionately large changes in personnel make for various problems in teaching continuity and in administration, but we
hope the enlarged staff will enable us to use our time more normally, and to have more time to be with the students.

Our one great piece of good news, which Yenching College greeted with wavings of banners and singing of Yenching songs, was the cable announcing the completion of our Building Fund, which was our share of the Seven Oriental Colleges Campaign. It amounts to about $600,000 gold, a large part of which has already been paid out to start the six buildings now under construction. We have hardly known how to express our gratitude to Mrs. Peabody and all the other women who worked so unstintingly and devotedly, and under such discouragement, to accomplish this large result. The students have written many grateful letters to Mrs. Peabody and often speak of their appreciation of the gift sent to them by the women of America.

The corner-stone of the Russell Sage Building was laid last October, before a large and enthusiastic assemblage, by Mrs. Calhoun, widow of the former American Minister to China.

Our annual gift from our Sister College, Wellesley, was unusually generous this year, and we are grateful for their continued interest.

NEEDS: With the heartening prospect of being able to meet the immediate need for a working unit of academic and dormitory buildings, there at once arises the corresponding need for funds for the upkeep of this superior and modern group of buildings.

We also sadly need a sum for equipment of various sorts, for departmental libraries, and for our small general reference library.

Great is our need, also, for endowment for additional salaries.

Even with the reinforcements which we are expecting in the fall, we still need members to teach in the Departments of Philosophy, Bible, Physics, and Religious Education. Mrs. Barbour has most kindly consented to help in this department, but there ought to be another member cooperating. The staff of the school of Theology has been very generous of help in this, but they are much overworked, and more elective courses in Bible must be
offered in the Women's College. We are slowly shaping up a major course in Religious Education. This service a Christian Women's College ought above all else to render to the Chinese Church.

STUDENTS: Ninety four students have been enrolled for one semester or longer of work. Of these practically one half plan to teach. Of these, 24 are from Congregational Schools, 21 come from Presbyterian Schools, 11 from Methodist Schools, 17 are non-Christians, and the remainder come from various scattered mission schools. 86 students took the entrance examinations last autumn, but only 23 passed. We hope for a larger proportion this year. An unusually large number took the entrance examinations this spring. As no students are admitted except on examinations, this seems automatically to keep our entering class small.

Four students finishing their premedical work this spring will matriculate in the Women's Union Medical College in Tsinanfu this autumn, whither they are planning to move. We are sorry to have this sister college at this great distance; but our interest and coöperation will nevertheless be theirs, and their going to Tsinan will bind even closer together Peking and Shantung.

One woman student expects to graduate from the School of Theology this June, and has accepted an important position in connection with the Congregational Church in Paotingfu. Seven women expect to graduate from the Arts College, two of whom expect to continue their studies in the United States, one at Wellesley, one at Mount Holyoke. A Freshman also goes to Oberlin to pursue her musical studies, on the strength of passing first in the Shantung provincial examinations. The one girl who graduated in January is now in extension social service work in connection with one of the industrial work-rooms in Tientsin.

We have tried to help foster college spirit by allowing students to use one of the usual morning assembly half-hours to discuss important student matters. A new student organization, the Joint Choral Club, composed of both men and women students, has had weekly rehearsals, and had many opportunities for sing-
ing before very varied audiences. The departmental societies and local provincial clubs of the University have had many joint meetings this year. In fact, even the students themselves begin to grumble at so many meetings.

HEALTH: On the whole, the health of the students has been much better this year than last.

The students of this college have been following with great interest the campaign for building funds for the Oriental Colleges, and last fall determined to send in their quota. They gave two performances in Chinese of "Much Ado About Nothing" in the P. U. M. C. auditorium raising over $1200 for the fund. The alumnae did what they could, and raised some additional subscriptions.

During the spring, the student Y. W. C. A. organization gave a small entertainment in the T'ung Fu courtyard, raising $170 for their local budget.

And so the year draws to a close, richest of all in promise—promise of new teachers, new students, new buildings: probably we have only one more year in the fascinating old ducal residence which we now occupy. Yet, though we sigh "How can we leave these beautiful old courts?" we know there will not be lacking a new beauty on the new campus.

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PEKING KINDERGARTEN REPORT

THE new training course we spoke of in last year's report was started this year. According to the new system of education it will include three years of Senior High School. It is called a Kindergarten Normal Course and those who take it can teach either kindergarten or the primary grades. This combined course saves time in teaching, as many subjects are the same, such as stories, games, songs, etc.

Last fall we had ten new girls enter this course. Four of them have dropped out during the year on account of health, poor
scholarship and other reasons. The six girls who are left we think will make good teachers. Besides these ten we had two others. One finished the old course in the preparatory department of the University and graduated this June. She is a Methodist girl and is to open a new kindergarten in the fall. The other girl is a Korean who came for just one year. She had already graduated from a Kindergarten Training School in Korea and taught several years. She wanted to get new ideas and methods to help her in her work. She was greatly handicapped by knowing neither English nor Chinese but she was eager to learn and knew what she was looking for. The visiting of kindergartens was the most helpful to her. I was afraid she had not learned enough to pay her for coming. However, just before she went away she came to see me with her brother who speaks English. Through him she told me how much she had enjoyed the year and how sorry she was to go away. So she at least must have thought the year worth while. Nine of the girls lived in the kindergarten building at the American Board Mission. The wife of the caretaker did their cooking and they took turns looking after the food. Two girls looked after it each month. A woman from the Union Bible Training School had a room there and was always there at night although she had classes in the daytime. In the fall we drew up a set of a few simple rules and the girls really had a sort of self-government. I think on the whole they tried to obey these rules and everything went quite smoothly.

During the year we planned several diversions for the girls. Once in the winter Miss Wannamaker of the American Board Mission and I took a number of the girls to the Princess' Tomb on ice sleds. Then near the end of the school the girls invited their friends to a party. They dressed like children and acted out a kindergarten on the first and last days. One of them was the teacher and on the first day she had a hard time with her unruly pupils but on the last day they were greatly improved. On the first day one child was late and was led in by her nurse who slapped and petted her by turns in a very realistic manner.
By having this course under the University we had the help of several very good teachers and the help and advice of Dr. Galt, the head of the Department of Education. There were seven teachers in all. Miss Wannamaker looked after the health of the girls which is no easy task.

In the autumn I went to Tientsin for a few days. I visited some kindergartens where several of our graduates taught. There were five graduates of our school and one who had studied one year. It was very interesting especially because they were in such different kinds of kindergartens. One of the girls taught the two Methodist kindergartens, one in the lovely kindergarten building which Miss Cushman worked so hard to get built and the other at Wesley Church. Another girl had a private kindergarten in her own home. Still another taught in a government school kindergarten where there were so many children they had two teachers. Two girls taught kindergartens for the American Board Mission. One of these had the children of the women who do sewing and rug making. The last girl had a private kindergarten in the home of a rich Chinese who had a lovely kindergarten building right in her own yard. The work sometimes seems so very slow and the results so few that it was a real pleasure to make this visit and see what really good work our girls are doing.

Our Methodist kindergarten, called the Jewel Kindergarten, which has been in the Mary Porter Gamewell School, was moved this year because the space was needed for class rooms. It was moved to the Primary School at Ma P'i Ch'ang where we had a small kindergarten last year in the afternoons. We were sorry that some of the former pupils could not come as it was so far, but we had all we could accommodate just the same. The attendance has been much more regular for two reasons, one that many of the children live very near the school and the other that they have older brothers and sisters in the primary school to come with. One snowy day there were sixteen children when formerly there would not have been any.

We had a nice room and a court to ourselves. In the beginning we had two teachers so we hoped to have two kindergartens,
one for pay pupils and one for poor children. However one of our teachers left after a short while so we have had only one kindergarten. In this there were 33 children and Miss Ch’en who had them all by herself did very good work.

At Christmas there was the usual Christmas party. The children all received dolls given to them by children in America. Some of the dolls had beds made of boxes so the others were either put in bags or wrapped in handkerchiefs which look very much like the quilts the Chinese wrap their babies in. One dear little girl told the Christmas story of Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus and the shepherds in such a clear and sweet little voice.

There were two Mothers’ meetings held during the year. At one we had a talk on Religious Child Training and at the other, one on Health. At the latter the mothers were given some health literature to take away with them.

There were twelve children who graduated this year. Eleven of these were girls which is quite unusual in China where boys are more highly thought of. These twelve children had garments made of the same kind of cloth which looked very nice. They had their picture taken holding their diplomas and looking very happy. We shall miss them in the kindergarten next year but hope they will all enter the first grade where we can see them often.

This work with the children never grows irksome. Their sunny faces and cheery natures are a continual joy and inspiration. May we ever be their guides to lead them to know and love their Heavenly Father who will never fail them throughout their lives. May they grow to be true and loving men and women who shall help to bring a new day in China.
SOME school years are happy and some are sad. Some are peaceful and some quarrelsome. Some are what we might call "fat" years and some "lean". This last year the Mary Porter Gamewell School has had a very prosperous year. This is because it has been our Fiftieth Birthday Year, and our Children, old and young and many, many friends have been glad to honor the work which has been done during these years.

The Methodist Church of North China pledged its support to the extent of ten thousand dollars for our new much needed Middle School plant, and they have wonderfully fulfilled that pledge. We have no way of expressing our gratitude and appreciation of the hard work done by special secretaries, district superintendents, local pastors, church members and schools. The loyalty and good will expressed by this gift means even more to us, for present comfort and future courage, than the money. We hope Gamewell School will so perform her task in the growing life of North China Conference that she will never lose this loyalty, but will more and more receive it and deserve it.

The Alumnæ Association of Gamewell School pledged thirty thousand dollars to the support of the new school and in spite of the fact that the Conference has been working all year in this campaign, the Association has raised over three thousand dollars of its pledge.

We hope each member of this Association will renew her loyalty to her Alma Mater and determine to do her share each
year toward completing the larger amount. If faith can remove mountains surely this mountain of money can be removed by faith and work. If they trust in God, give of themselves and forge ahead, not daunted by any difficulty, victory will certainly be theirs.

We are sure the present student body has been awake this year to all its opportunities; teachers and students alike have given of their talent unstintingly. The big program in the Fall was so successful that it was repeated. It is doubtful whether any Middle School in the city could have done better. About eight hundred dollars were taken in on those two occasions and all expenses were met from this fund. Six hundred and four dollars were finally turned over to the Alumnae Committee. In the spring a big gymnastic and musical performance was given in the school yard, which brought in about three hundred dollars and cleared about two hundred. This was our share in the Conference school campaign.

Outside of this the usual free will gifts to the Y. W C. A. and Missionary work have been made and at Christmas our gift of over sixty dollars was given to the pastor of the church for the suffering poor. “God loveth a cheerful giver” and I believe this means that He loves our cheerful giving of self as much as our giving of money. What a wonderful inspiration to us to keep on giving when we realize it helps God love us.

The enrollment this year has reached its highest point and one wonders how it can go any higher in our crowded buildings. It can only reach this height because girls drop out continually. The Middle School has registered one hundred and twenty-seven girls and the Higher Primary one hundred and twelve—a grand total of two hundred and thirty-nine.

The faculty has enjoyed a splendid year of work together, co-operating to the full. I think we hardly realized that we were from two different countries. The Christ spirit was uppermost all year long, and how wonderfully that does away with all friction and unhappiness. I covet that kind of Christian co-operation for every school faculty in China.
Miss Pong did her work most successfully and I personally want to say how much I enjoyed working with her and how finely she shouldered all the heavy responsibility I asked her to take.

The school organizations have all had a very good year and have done their usual work. It is naturally to be expected that our academic work might have suffered with so many outside activities going on, but the faithful effort of the teachers have kept up the standard of work.

I have said before and I still firmly believe that if we could divide the two schools, each would grow in a few years to be the size of the present combined schools. Our graduating class was a fine group of nineteen girls. They have been a joy to all their teachers from the beginning and we are proud of them. But how we wish there might have been fifty girls graduating when we hear the calls for workers on all sides. We can never have that number until we separate our schools and expand.

Some girls are going to College to prepare for medical work, one to kindergarten training, one to a Bible training school, one to married life and others to teach. We are glad to say that eleven of the girls were trained in the Normal Department, and they were some of the brightest girls in the class. This is the first class we have had which appreciated Normal Training enough to elect it themselves.

The children in the Lower Primary schools were also interested in helping to raise the money for Gamewell School. They made and sold shoes, book marks, and small garments which with the money they collected amounted to about sixty dollars. One little lad said, "They will probably never let me go to Gamewell School, but my little sister will go some day so I will try to get some money for them too."

There probably was not a happier primary school in this country or any other than the practice school which was supported by the students and taught by the Normal Class of Gamewell School. They paid no tuition because with the exception of one or two they could not have brought any had we asked it.
They practically covered a term's work in ten weeks. They learned more songs, games, and stories, than any other primary school which we have in the city. The Bible stories and children's hymns they loved best of all. This surely is fertile ground to work.

With the constant help of our helpful doctors and a well trained gymnastic teacher and a school nurse, we are glad to report a much stronger life for our girls. The usual Spring depression and weakness were absent. In the Fall the doctors suggested that about thirty girls might be better out of school because of tubercular tendencies. We dreaded to send them to poor living conditions at home and kept them on hoping for improvement. How joyous we were to have the doctor report in the Spring that the names of all but three of the girls could be taken off the tubercular list. I feel we owe regular supervised exercise and play to our girls and regular medical attention. The results this year in stronger bodies and happier spirits have amply rewarded all efforts.

Mrs. Wolferz came to school again to lead special meetings for the girls and as before was greatly used and blessed of God. There has been steady growth in spiritual things this year and good personal work done among the non-Christian girls. Some have become Christians.

Fifty years of steady growth and increased usefulness assure Gamewell its place in the life of North China. We believe that the next fifty years will register greater usefulness in the opening life of the young women of China. We pray for God's continued leadership and guidance, and for ourselves a fuller knowledge of His will, and a greater willingness to follow it, whatever the cost.
As the efficiency of a machine is estimated by the utility of the goods produced so the efficiency of an institution is measured by the growth, healthful activity and service of the pupils passing through that institution. Much hard work and energy have been expended this year—both on the part of teachers and pupils. The number of students has reached the maximum number of two hundred and fifty, fees taken in have amounted to $5495 (gold) for tuition, baptisms have numbered 6 and those taken in on probation 5; 3 who were baptized when babies were taken into the church. But unless lives are richer, and real service given as the result of the year’s preparation, new visions seen and an attempt made to carry out, we feel the year has largely been a failure.

We can report a little advance and service undertaken but we are trusting that unseen to us now, the years may show that what our eyes have not seen, future work and lives may prove that His blessing has been upon the attempts of the year.

It was Tuesday evening, June 12, that “King Lear” was to be given by the graduating class of 1923 and under the direction of Dr. Ida Belle Lewis. The hall—alas, not our own hall, our unrealized hope is more than ever needed—but Nankai hall, loaned for the occasion was ready, and guests continued to arrive, until a houseful of over a thousand listened to an entertainment that everyone pronounced to be a great success. One thousand and forty eight dollars (Mex) were taken in to go toward the addition to the dormitory. Although Nankai refused to take anything for the use of the hall, scenery or services—the other expenses came
to about three hundred dollars. But even so the amount realized was a great help.

During the spring term the Alumnae started a campaign for the same purpose whereby over three thousand dollars was raised by subscription and we were grateful for the spirit and desire to help as well as the actual money raised.

The class of 1923, double the size of any previous graduating class numbered fourteen. The bell they presented to the school, with the date '23 and having the class motto “Awake” inscribed, is typical of the class full of spirit and possibility. May they ever be awake to the noble and good, and ring out clear and certain a call to real service and worth-while activity.

A problem this year has been our Primary Department. Our little girls are growing in numbers and they must have their own school. In the fall we took out our first three grades and made one of our recitation rooms into a Primary Department. But how we needed the room for the older girls, and the dear little people seemed in the way and we longed to get them out of the main building. With the addition to our dormitory we were able to have one room on the first floor for this department and we felt one step had been taken toward the realization of our desires. This department grew in numbers and with the coming of Ruth Nuzum, our primary supervisor, we have been greatly encouraged over the improvement of this department in the school. This arrangement, however, is only temporary as that is the room we want for developing our Home Economics department and then in carrying out the 6—6—4 plan—we want a building for the first six years of Primary work, leaving the present building for Junior and Senior Middle.

The opening of the recreation room in memory of Mrs. Walker was a happy occasion for the girls and in spite of the sad memories it must have brought to the daughter’s heart, she seemed to take great joy in arranging the game tables and making preparations that were to cause the room to ring with merriment.

The music department has continued doing its good work and gave three recitals that delighted those attending. The last was
given by both pupils taking piano and voice culture and in solos, duets and quartetts they showed their excellent training. We are indebted to Mr. O. D. Walker and Mrs. J. C. Huston who with voice and violin, together with Miss M. M. Stahl gave in the name of the school a most excellent concert in Wesley Church. During the year an excellent cantata "Feast of the Little Lanterns" was given in a way that brought great praise to the performers and their conductor, Miss Joyce Walker.

Our affiliation with Hui Wen School has been pleasant and helpful. In exchange for a co-educational class in literature taught by Miss Isabel Luce and a class in English at Hui Wen taught by Miss Monona Cheney and later by Dr. Ida Belle Lewis we have been glad to have Mr. Chen of Hui Wen take a class of students from Hui Wen and Keen in chemistry and Mr. Wigton a class in Geometry at Keen. We hope exchange work may be continued during the coming year.

We have had a fine group of normal girls this year. Of course they have come largely for English but they have joined the Bible classes and have shown an interest in the affairs of the school. We are rejoiced to have four of these with the others join the church on probation at the close of the term.

Our Y. W. C. A. has been active. At the opening of the school the active members were on hand to help all they could with the new pupils; they had two campaigns for raising money for their activities—taking in the amount of $600 from the girls alone. In addition they have been securing money from subscriptions for land and building for their own school that they have supported for several years. At Christmas they had a busy time preparing entertainments and giving out gifts to their four hundred and more children, whom they come in touch with in their Sunday School work. About twenty girls have worked in these schools. In the afternoon at South Gate, Paotai Chuang and Wesley, and also in the Primary departments of the regular Sunday Schools at Wesley and West City and South Gate they have served as teachers.
We have co-operated with Miss Halfpenny this year in carrying on evangelistic trips in the country during the fall and spring. In Oct. and Nov. five campaigns were carried on—the party being made up of a doctor and two nurses from the hospital, one or more teachers and two to four pupils from Keen. Usually the party would start Friday P. M. and return Monday P. M. thus not breaking into their studies very much. At Easter vacation time another plan was tried. Instead of having the party all at one place a larger number went and while the Dr. and nurses stayed in the large central place, groups of two and three went out to villages near by, going in the morning and returning at night. Many sick came for healing, large numbers of children were told stories and taught games, women and men were told the Gospel, and the workers received a vision of their country's need and their relation to the need.

It was a cold windy day when the party that I accompanied started its sojourn. We had planned to go by boat but all water was frozen and so the railway was resorted to. The train was crowded with men coming back from Mukden to their Shantung homes for the winter. One man who occupied half of my seat had heard of Christianity and was intense in his desire to hear more of Christian work being done. When the station was reached where carts were to meet us a terrible wind was blowing and with great difficulty could carts be secured to carry us on our way. Later the weather moderated however, and on Sunday quite a company came to hear and be healed; the next day more came and requests were made that the stay be extended. At this place there was no girls' school but a thriving boys' school. The girls talked to the little school boys and led them in games and a request came from a government school to go to them. In the evening a mass meeting of men and boys numbering three hundred, they said, was held. This was a large number for such a small village. Songs were sung, a prayer offered and talks on health, temperance and the Spiritual life given. Here as in the other places there was just a short time to testify and try to create and meet a crowd need. If this year the plan can be
continued we feel that there may be a little building on the foundation laid. In connection with the Jubilee work done a request came from one of the near-by places that some of the Keen School girls come to help them out on their Jubilee program, which they did with the result that their apportionment was met.

The summer found a busy group more or less closely connected with Keen School. During the month of July a group of seven took work at Nankai Summer School and lived at Keen. In August at different times groups of girls brought five summer schools to the mother school where pictures were taken in the yard to commemorate a month of summer school work among the neighborhood children.

During the year five of our graduate girls have given two periods each day to teach in Keen School while pursuing their college work at Nankai. They have done excellent work and it has been most pleasant to have them, but we feel the need of more native teachers who can give their full attention to the school. Two of our graduates have promised to give full time this coming year to Keen and two more to day schools. We are hoping after another year Miss Lucy Tan, a graduate and four years teacher in our Wilson Primary School, and four years in Morningside College, U. S. A., may come to us as a regular member of our faculty.

You have been at the sea-side and seen the calm in the sea that comes just before a big wave breaks. That is the way our faculty felt this year. We had such a comfortable force of teachers—not more than we needed but as many as we could expect for a school of our size. We had two to assist Miss Stahl in the music department, Miss Frantz was back, Miss Cheney, Miss Luce, and Mrs. Newman were all here for History and English, Miss Walker for vocal work, Miss Shufelt to supervise Kindergarten and Primary schools, several of our graduate girls for Primary classes—and then the wave broke. Miss Cheney left in February, Mrs. Newman a short time before the close of the term, Miss Walker and Miss Stahl at the close of the term, a graduate girl that promised to give full time was called away,
a teacher who had been with us some time heard a call elsewhere, a teacher for the Primary Department left vacant, came but left shortly, and at the end of the year Miss Luce departed. But God was good and in answer to prayer we feel Dr. Ida Belle Lewis came to fill out Miss Cheney’s year. We wish at this time to extend heartfelt thanks to her and Dr. Gamewell who spared her to us. Another one or two graduate girls gave us some time. Edith Shufelt took over Primary English, in addition to her Kindergarten supervision, and Ruth Nuzum came for the Primary schools, and the year closed successfully. For the first time we had quite a thorough physical examination for all of our girls as they entered in the fall, and we are most grateful to Dr. Lantz who made it possible.

It has brought us real joy to read the very cheery letters from Miss Cushman and to know that she has kept well, been so happy, and been used so much in meetings at home where her influence will mean much to the work. We want to say a word of deep appreciation for the three beautiful years given us by Isabelle Luce. A life of such deep devotion, always ready to do more than her part, filling in every place of need—her life has been an inspiration to us. We wish we might hope for the coming back of such a rare life with another whom we learned to deeply respect, because of her life among us.

We are looking forward to the return after due furlough of Joyce Walker, Minta Stahl and Monona Cheney and are hoping for the one promised at the May meeting to come to help fill the places made vacant by the home going of our splendid quartette.

Just now the floors are being painted, walls calcimined, roofs repaired and general repairing and cleaning done. We wish as easily the short comings and mistakes of the school year might be wiped out and cleaned up, and the weak places strengthened, but mistakes have been made and can only be made of profit as we make them stepping stones to help us in the upper climb during the year to come.
In a girls' boarding school such as Alderman each year must needs be largely a repetition of the ones that are past. Although there is very little that is distinctive in this year's work, yet we can truly say that we have had a good year. We were all so very glad to be able to be in school again in peace after our war experiences of last spring. Regular lessons are that much more a joy after four and a half months of vacation, and Chinese girls hail the examination bell with a shout that sounds as if they might be going to a picnic.

We have been unusually free from sickness this year. A large portion of our nurse's work is with eyes; so many of the girls have diseased eyes. The nurse leads brigades of them to the hospital every other day for treatment—herself giving treatment on the off days and to many minor cases.

Our school prayer meeting held on Saturday afternoon has been managed this year by Miss Griffin and a committee of girls. We have had some very good meetings, mostly led by the pupils themselves. There has been a splendid spirit among the pupils and several times this year the testimonies were so free and rapid that I had no opportunity to give one myself.

A few brave girls have held the Standard Bearer Society together. I do not know why the Standard Bearer membership should diminish so, unless it be the membership fee—five cents per month is a good deal for most of these girls and a real impossibility for some. This society has led a missionary meeting at one of the school prayer meetings this year; has led an Epworth League meeting in the church, and in its own meetings has studied the lives of noteworthy women of history.

On April 27th, we gave our annual spring entertainment. This consists of a school exhibit, a program in the schoolhouse
followed by calisthenics and drills in the school yard. We had a beautiful day for it, and were rewarded with a house overflowing with guests.

In connection with the seventy-five year Jubilee which is being put on in China this year, we had what was known as “Life Service Week” in our schools. During this week there were special speakers each morning at chapel, each representing some profession or form of service. I think this week’s work had a very real effect on many of our girls. It was something new and different, and set them to thinking along a new line. Although only High School pupils were allowed to make life service pledges, yet we had one girl who was very eager to pledge herself, and since she is older than many High School pupils, we allowed her to do so. I never saw any one more genuinely happy than she was—and her joy has not waned.

We had a school picnic in apple blossom time. Since carts have become so expensive, we have not been able to afford a picnic for three years. This year we decided to go to a nearer place and walk. Alderman School and her two sister Day Schools, and the Women’s Bible Training School—more than two hundred in all—composed the picnic party; walking through the orchards, roaming through the ravines among the rocks, gathering wild flowers, and supper on the grass were the features of the day. It was great to see them all seated in a big circle for lunch.

After all, there have been some distinctive things this year. One is our handwork. Heretofore our handwork has consisted of one sewing class. This year we have been able to have classes in crocheting, knitting, tatting, and machine sewing, thanks to our Kindergarten teacher who is very apt in all kinds of handwork. Miss Griffin presented us with a new sewing machine a year ago. This had been a need of the school for a long time.

The second distinctive thing this year is our graduating class of thirty-six girls—a much larger number than we have had before. About half of these girls will go out to teach in the fall, and the others will go to Peking High School.
A third distinctive thing is that since our new nurse, Miss Chou came to us this spring, all our lady teachers in both Lower and Higher Primary are Alderman School girls and have been my pupils. We are glad to see our own girls going on and fitting themselves for lives of usefulness in this needy land.

Hence, right in connection with this thought of what our girls are doing, I made a little survey. We have grown from a Lower Primary to a Higher Primary School in the last six years. We have been a bonafide Higher Primary School since 1919. In that time we have had seventy-two graduates, not including this present class of thirty-six. What are these seventy-two graduates doing? Thirty-three of them are teaching in our village Primary Schools, twenty-six are studying in High School, three are taking nurse training, five are at home because of sickness, and four are married. It is very encouraging to see a spirit of service getting into our girls.

Our enrollment for the year is:

Higher Primary 151
Lower Primary 110
Kindergarten 18

Receipts for Board and tuition, $1317.30 (gold)

MARIA BROWN DAVIS SCHOOL, T'AIAIANFU

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If asked to characterize in a word or two the school year that has just ended, we should say it was a year of sharp contrasts. There was much of joy, but it was mingled with poignant pain; there was heartening encouragement and also a good measure of discouragement; there was both glorious victory and humiliating defeat. Yet through the gloomy hours as well as the bright, cheery ones we were wonderfully kept. Strength was given to meet calmly all perplexities and difficulties and to perform the
daily round of duties easily and without undue nervous strain. Best of all, we did not lose our faith in the power of God to cast out of our own lives and those of our teachers and pupils jealousy and self-glorification and to bring forth in their stead the fruits of the Spirit. So despite disappointments, we can truthfully say it was a good year for us all.

The school had a total enrollment of one hundred and sixty one, all boarders except four. There were eighty in lower primary, sixty-four in higher primary, and seventeen in middle school. The amount of fees received was $1258 Mex. It is gratifying to note that the number of self-supporting pupils is becoming larger year by year. In this respect we are moving in the right direction, for as the cost of food and upkeep of property is steadily increasing, it is absolutely necessary that a greater proportion of the funds be obtained from local sources.

The normal department is growing. This year eleven girls were enrolled, seven of whom were of middle school grade. With but one or two exceptions, they did excellent work. During the second term when our regular teaching force was very small, it was the normal girls who filled the breach, teaching nearly all the lower primary classes and thus helping us to carry on until the end of the year.

Nine girls finished higher primary in June. All, except one, plan to enter middle school in September. The experiment of having a union commencement, participated in by the boys' school, the Bible woman's training school, and the girls' school proved to be such a success that we decided that we would never again go back to the old way of having separate graduation exercises.

Health conditions were good during the year. We had hoped to give every pupil a thorough physical examination at the beginning of school, but because of Dr. Oechsli's illness our plans did not materialize. It is most important that it be done this fall as there is a great deal of trachoma in a more or less severe stage and Dr. Martin's examination of a few of the girls in the spring showed more cases of lung trouble than we thought existed.
For the first time in the history of the school we were able to include instrumental music in our curriculum. This long desired addition was made possible through the kindness of Mrs. Leitzel and Mrs. Baker, who gave several hours each week to teaching. Eight girls took advantage of the opportunity and nearly all of them made fine progress. One of our new needs is a piano and a music room.

The girls have been giving out as well as getting for themselves. All the older ones taught Sunday School or Junior League classes and a number went with evangelistic bands on Sunday afternoons during the fall and winter to various places in the city and suburbs to assist in women's and children's meetings. They also gave unstintingly of their time to making garments and quilt tops which were sold and the proceeds given to the Jubilee fund. The total sum contributed by the school for this purpose was $50.

In May a week of revival meetings was held, led by Dr. Li T'ien Lu. Dr. Li, in his earnest, convincing manner, presented the claims of Christ upon the individual life so clearly and effectively that a large number of both boys and girls publicly expressed their determination to seek a deeper and fuller Christian experience. Another time of special heart searching for the middle school students was the week of emphasis upon life service. As they met from morning to morning and heard different leaders give the appeal for evangelistic, educational, medical, and social workers, they were led to think more deeply about their personal responsibility than they had ever thought before. Our three third year girls signed the pledge cards declaring their intention to give their lives to definite Christian work, one as a doctor, one as a teacher, and the other is still hesitating between evangelistic work and a Y. W. C. A. secretaryship.

We owe a debt of gratitude to good friends of the school outside the W. F. M. S. who were of great assistance to us in carrying on the work of the year; to Dr. Ch'eng of the General Board Hospital who gave most faithful and willing attention to the medical needs of the girls, to Mrs. Oechsli and Mrs. Hibbard
who taught English classes, and to Mrs. Ch’eng Fu Hsin and Mr. Ching, of the boys’ school, who so generously gave of their time to teaching for us during the second term.

Miss Young’s recent return from a year of rest and study in the home land brought joy to both Chinese and foreigners. With her rich experience and sound judgment at our disposal we shall begin the new year just ahead with high hopes that the school will prosper in the truest and best sense, leading the young lives entrusted to our care into a real saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and of His will concerning them.

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**PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON THE THREE EASTERN DISTRICTS**

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ONE of the schemes recommended by the Jubilee Committee in the recent campaign was that each church should have a “thermometer” outside the door on which to indicate the progress towards the various goals. If we were to do the same for the primary schools on our three districts, we would have the privilege of registering several degrees of extra “heat” this past year. There have been many contributing causes to this result.

*Uninterrupted Sessions.*—The predicted war which would again devastate our territory, seems to have been postponed indefinitely, so the schools could recover somewhat from the trouble of last spring, and finish the year’s work without a break.

*Advanced Standards.*—We have printed this year a list of requirements for both old and new schools which are a far cry from the old days when we almost went on our knees begging folks to let us open schools for girls. We have even now been accused of perpetrating a plan which is “taxation without
"representation" because of the demands we have made upon the local church in the matter of appointing a school board, furnishing equipment, bearing responsibility, and requiring tuition from the pupils. It is not so easy to get a school and American money as it used to be! We are trying to foster the idea that the schools belong to the local church and not to the W. F. M. S. or the Missionaries. We also believe that the school into which the local church has put the most will be the one which will yield to it the greatest results. So we have put the standards high, and it is a real joy to find that the churches in many places are measuring up to them. At the present time there are four new places which are begging us for schools. They will meet all these new requirements and in two cases even go beyond, but they must still wait awhile until both money and teachers are forthcoming. Yes, the thermometer goes up several degrees on that point.

Teachers.—Of the 45 teachers in these district schools, 2 are High School graduates, 5 are girls with one or two years of High School work, and 25 are graduates of the Grammar School with some Normal work and practice teaching before appointment. Of the remaining 13, all but 4 are to be replaced in the fall with Normal trained girls. This does not sound to American educators like a very high standard, but it is reaching a point far above the days when our teachers were generally the girls who were too stupid to go on in school any longer.

New Schools.—The mercury has not gone up very far in this respect. This is partly due to the greater requirements mentioned above and partly to lack of trained teachers. On the Tsunhua District, of the 9 day schools, one, that at Nü-ke-chuang, was reported last year as a private school, but this year we have assumed the salary of the teacher because the church members have put all their money into the new building. Later when crops are good, they hope to assume her support again.

Of the 17 schools on the Lan-hsien District, one new one, that at Hu-ke-chuang, was opened last February. It has had great success from the first. Although it was not intended as a boarding school, such it has proved to be, for of its 23 pupils, 15 are
hoarders. Within three months after opening the pupils had blossomed out in school costumes, and what is more stylish still, school hats!

Another new venture on this district has been the turning of the Lao-t'ing day school into a boarding school for pupils of the first three grades, when it moved into its new quarters. These two schools will take care of the boarding pupils of these grades from the southern half of this long district, those in the north being scattered among several schools as yet. This is the first step towards another goal to be reached in the near future, we hope, namely, the raising of the grades of our present district boarding schools to the full six years of the new course recommended by the Educational Commission.

On the Shan-hai-kuan District there are only five schools outside of the two in Ch'angli city which are a part of the Alderman School. The little school at Yung-an-pu, away out in the mountains in Manchuria, was reopened this spring after being closed for some time during repairs on the newly purchased property. At Shih-ke-chuang a new school was started in the fall with high hopes and bright prospects, but somehow they have not been realized this first year as we had expected, and it is the tiniest school of all, but we hope that the earnest efforts of the pastor and his lovely wife will be able to put a little warmth into it next year.

This makes a total of 31 day schools, 6 of which are financed by local funds, 3 by American money given on the field, and the rest through appropriations from home. 14 of the schools pay tuition other than the collections for fuel taken in each term. 4 of the schools have two teachers each.

New Property.—Only a short year ago, we were obliged to say that outside of Ch'angli, we did not own a foot or brick of day school property. To-day we are the happy possessors of land, or buildings, or both in eight towns. This has been made possible by local funds, contributions from friends on the field, and appropriations from home. Up goes that thermometer's mercury many degrees! Say you not so?
Two of the happiest days this year were those on which were held the dedication exercises of two new schools. The first one is not included in the above list of eight, is built only of mud bricks, has only paper windows, and the teacher's room is very tiny, but it stands at the very head of the list in interest because it was built wholly from local funds and on personal property. There are only four Christian families in the town, and they are not well-to-do by any means, just farmers possessed of an intense desire to use their money for the glory of their Lord and the good of their country. They built this little school in the yard of one of the families. On the day of dedication, in spite of zero weather outside, we felt a warmth within which did not all come from the heat of the tiny stove, but from the warm hearts of the people who were thus dedicating to the Christian education of the girls of their village this fruit of their toil and sacrificial giving. When I asked them what sort of exercises they wanted that day, they said, "Just preach the Gospel. Nothing is better than that!" We are glad to report that in this tiny village of only a few hundred people, the action of these men has so recommended Christian education that already their school has become the second largest in the district, and that too in spite of the fact that tuition is required.

Another school built wholly by local funds was finished last fall, and although not dedicated by formal exercises, it has been dedicated in the truest way possible, that of constant use as a Christian school and a meeting place for the women of the community. The building of this school was the means used by the preacher to resurrect the dead church to which he found himself appointed, and it has fully justified his hopes.

Towards the building of the other school dedicated this year, the local people gave but little in money, but many days of work, lending their animals for hauling materials, and furnishing some of the sand and stone. On the day of dedication, the little room was filled to overflowing with women and children, the men sat in the yard, and even the pastor who conducted the ceremonies had to stand out doors by the open window. It was a great day
in that small town when the first building ever dedicated to anything was thus consecrated to the Christian education of girls.

There are two more buildings finished this summer which will be dedicated this fall. One of them was built on the 50-50 plan. We duplicated whatever was raised by the local church and the result is a very nice little building with a big airy schoolroom and four rooms for the use of teacher and Bible woman.

We are very sure that the business men of the city of Hsing-ch'eng are fully aware that a girls' school has been there. When the Chinese cement was being put on the roof, it suddenly rained. Now it would never do to let that roof get too wet, so the workmen hustled out and borrowed their k'ang mats from every shop on the street with which to cover it up! Splendid advertisement, that rain!

Not only in the new buildings but in several of the old schools, great strides have been made in the matter of equipment. Gone forever are the days when a girls' schools could be opened in any little dark room with a borrowed table and the church benches for the sole equipment. Now we find graduated seats, blackboards, and in many cases glass windows. In Kepo the funds which built the school were used up before suitable seats and desks were provided. Although the children were nearly all from non-Christian homes, they had been taught to pray by the teacher, and for several months their prayers included petitions for seats. This spring another school in a town not far away was closed and as soon as the supervisor heard of the strait of this school, she sent the seats there. These children believe in the efficacy of prayer.

Pupils.—There has been a total of 692 pupils registered in the 31 day schools. Of these, 31 live in the schools, eating with the teachers. There are five schools with an enrollment of 30 or more, and nine more which have over 20 enrolled. The largest school is at Ch'ien-wei, in Manchuria, the easternmost school. It has 48 on its list, and a close second with 42 pupils is the school at Ping-an-ch'eng-tzu, in the extreme west. These two schools are over a hundred miles apart.
There are yet many places where the old ideas still prevail, and it is hard to get girls to go to school, but all over these districts we find that thermometer of public opinion registering a good many degrees higher than even a few years ago.

**Boarding Schools.**—In numbers of pupils, the three schools have registered a slight advance, particularly in the number of day pupils at Holt; in scholarship grades one school is decidedly improving, while one of them has fallen below a bit; in expansion there is little change. The mercury cannot rise in a thermometer in even the warmest atmosphere, if you give it only a very short tube in which to expand. The Tsunhua school has crowded in a few more pupils, made possible by the rebuilding of another short section of ruins, but there are still long stretches of unbuilt ruins to stare one in the face. The foundations and walls are all there, just waiting for money to finish the buildings, thus making possible the kind of school this great district needs. There are large numbers of Government school girls eagerly awaiting the time when this school will be raised to the full six years course, because there is now no school on the district which fits for Junior High School. And there stand those ruins!

At Lan-hsien, the Holt School buildings are not yet an honor to the name they bear, for the school rooms are too few and far too small, the dormitory space inadequate, and the dining room—well, they had to decide between having a stove or an extra table, and as the latter was an absolute necessity, the 60 boarders eat in the cold.

The Shan-hai-kuan School only has seemed to send its mercury up a few degrees. Extensive repairs made last summer have added to the convenience of the buildings, and a new Chinese principal has advanced the grade of scholarship, so that the school is in the best condition it has been for years. Anybody who looks at the dining room and bathroom, however, would decide there was still a good deal needed in the way of improvement. It rejoices this year in a new large Estey organ, one third of whose purchase price was raised by the school among Chinese
friends. There is a demand for music lessons among the gentry of the city and it is hoped through this means to get into some homes hitherto unentered.

This school had 12 graduates this year, the Holt School 16, and Tsunhua 5, all of whom enter the Alderman School in Ch'angli.

**Institute.**—The Teachers' Institute held this summer pushed the mercury up another inch or two. First we can record a 99% attendance, the total registration, 73; including all but two of the total force of teachers on the three districts. This number also includes the 20 new girls who are to be appointed this fall, plus the Chinese Supervisor and nine of the teachers from the church schools of Tientsin city. There were 10 pairs of sisters in the group of teachers, a rather unique circumstance.

In addition to our local force of workers, Dr. Ida Belle Lewis and Miss Lillian Halfpenny of Tientsin, and Mr. Kao from the Gamewell School Normal Department of Peking furnished inspiration and much practical help. We are deeply grateful to them for holding up to our teachers the two great ideals, that of the heart as shown by Jesus, the Ideal Teacher, and that of the school as a means of developing Christian character.

Neither would we forget our debt to little three months old Enola Dewey who beamed so sweetly upon us all while her mother gave her her morning bath on the platform with 70 delighted spectators. "And she didn't cry once!"

We appreciate also Mr. Dewey's spirited music lessons, and are sure that all over the the districts, feet will be unbound to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia", and the flies will be swatted with the same energy as was exhibited in beating time to the song!

The teachers were very faithful in their work and fifty eight took the final examination. We issued a certificate which is the first of three to be obtained before a regular Summer School diploma will be given, entitling the holder to a raise in pay and other privileges, provided her teaching record also is satisfactory.

**Itinerating.**—As usual in spite of two workers covering the territory formerly belonging to one, we didn't have the time to
devote to the schools we craved. When one adds to the school work, the evangelistic work also, it means that neither can have full time and strength. One of us took charge of both branches of work on the Shan-hai-kuan and South Lan-hsien Districts, being responsible especially for the plans and policies of the evangelistic work, and the other, having the Tsunhua and North Lan-hsien Districts, looked after the general work pertaining to the school, preparing examination blanks, record sheets, etc. We have both of us been out on the districts more than two thirds of the time and yet have been able to visit the day schools only twice during the year, with very few exceptions. If we could only put our hands on the bulb a little oftener and warm up that mercury a little, there might be a few more degrees of “heat” registered. We are quite a ways yet from the “boiling point” but it is “getting warmer” every year, and we feel that this past year has been one of real advance.

We have been very fortunate in the two young women who have been our assistants this past year. Miss Wang Wen Kuei has now had two years’ experience, but Miss Li Feng Ch’ao had her first experience in country work last fall. Both girls have been faithful in service, early and late, through cold and heat, storm and sunshine, over ruts and rocks, through long journeys, and early trains, and have endured the discomforts of country travel and living conditions with a cheery spirit, and have shown a hearty co-operation in all our plans which has made their companionship a pleasure and their assistance especially valuable.

We are earnestly striving to help our schools to attain, and want the prayers of all friends interested in our work and in education in China to help them attain, the standard set forth in the recent report of the Educational Commission, that “The school must be educationally efficient and successful in embodying and imparting the Christian spirit.”
WHAT a privilege it is to be a Freshman in the life task to which God has called one. A green, confused, awkward Freshman—oh, yes, but we hope filled with that freshman enthusiasm and vision that will carry straight to the goal. So God has given us our tasks. Each new morning we look to Him with those wonderful words of Phillip Brooks written on our hearts: “Lord, make us stronger men. Give us powers equal to the tasks of to-day” and the wonderful thing about it is He hears and answers our prayer. It is in humbleness and with deep gratitude to Him who said, “Lo I am with you alway”—that I submit this report to my friends in the home land and those I have come to know and love in China.

We have at the present time five promising schools in Tientsin, two of which have lower and higher Primary. Thirty bright attractive little girls attended our Keen School Primary Department this last semester, most of them from mediocre Chinese homes. Our dream for this school is a model Primary building within our own compound that will be a credit to our splendid Keen School, our mission, and our friends at home. Will you help us to realize it?

Near our mission compound and within the same court we have two schools. P’ao T’ai Chung and P’ei Te—each school having four years in one room. This is not an ideal situation and we hope within another year to move one school to another needy district. P’ao T’ai Chung is supported and cared for by the Y. W. C. A. at Keen School. These splendid girls watch the growth and development of their school with a “motherly” interest that brings joy to our hearts. Truly, they are experiencing the blessedness of service for China’s little ones in His name.

Oh, for the wings, the wings of an aeroplane that we might fly above the bumpy road to Ting Chuang, a forty-five minute ride by rickshaw from our mission compound.
A good substantial Ford that will "ramble right along" will ease the bumps and save much valuable time. We are hoping to have this dream realized in the near future. Ting Chuang cares for forty pupils, the first three years in one large room; the fourth year and two years grammar in a small room not allowing for much growth. Our dream for this school is a happy Kindergarten for many of these tiny neglected tots.

Our largest and perhaps most promising school, centrally located in the French Concession near one of our largest Chinese Churches—a brick building to which we hope to add more bricks—is quite like our schools at home. Last Spring because of crowded conditions we were forced to send the first grade children home at 2.45 so that the Kindergarten might have a place for its session—a plan that did not please the parents who feel that the children should be in school long hours. The possibilities for growth are most promising. Are we going to meet the demand or let this opportunity slip from us? Dear friends, take this upon your hearts this year that we may realize the necessary money to build an addition to this school.

Our Hsi Men Li School situated in the west end of the city is one step in advance of our other schools. Why? Because we have co-education in the first grade. Also—because the administration of this room is in the hands of an educational committee made up of the pastor of the church, several members, the teachers and we as advisory members. In this way the school is largely in the hands of competent Chinese, who being church members give the local church a vital interest in the welfare of the school. After our building is clothed with clean white walls, the co-educational room furnished with up-to-date tables and chairs, our teachers' rooms made comfortable and attractive—then we are ready for any nobility. In this particular school we plan to put on a program in religious education co-operating with Miss Wang, a most progressive keen, Keen girl.

What have been our accomplishments during the past six months. Experience has proved to me that God always blesses beyond our dreams any effort made for Him so He blest us
abundantly in our attempt to raise our portion of the Jubilee money. One large entertainment was held in Wesley Church when each school took part in a program consisting of music, folk games, drills and dramatizations. Through the faithful and untiring efforts of Miss Miriam Yang, the splendid co-operation of the part of the teachers, the loan of Wesley church through the kindness of Pastor Liu, the affair proved a great success, and added to Tientsin Jubilee apportionment one hundred and eighty dollars.

We are indeed sorry to have Miss Yang leave us this year but it is never so hard to say good-bye to one who is entering a larger preparation for His service. Our earnest prayers are with Miss Yang that her two years in school may be rich, happy years, that Christ may become more real to her, leading her into a richer and larger service for her country and her Master.

The commencement exercises at Keen School held early in June and those of the day schools held two weeks later were well attended. The Keen recreation room decorated with the school colors—also the handwork of the children giving a touch of color to our cheery Primary room—added greatly to the social hour at the close of the exercises. We divided our day school exercises into two parts having the dignified program in Wesley Church. Seventeen little girls dressed in white marched down the central aisle of the church and were seated on the platform—the graduating class. Mr. Cramoff, a Russian musician in the city, favored us with two violin solos. Mrs. John Wang of the Y. W. C. A. gave the address of the afternoon. The quiet and dignity of the program was very impressive.

Our "ju nao" time or noisy time as the Chinese express it followed the program at Wesley Church and was held at Wilson School. Quite an extensive display of drawings, sewing, and tatting, done by the children of the various schools was placed in the rooms throughout the building. While tea and cakes were served out in the school yard a dumb-bell drill, flag drill, and songs were given for the enjoyment of the parents and friends.

1. It is the long look ahead that ever keeps us pressing toward the goal. So in the years ahead we hope to make Tientsin
Primary School high in standards of cleanliness—and in standards of scholarship.

2. To put a health program into the schools through clubs, mothers' meetings and if possible by having regular inspection of schools and children by trained nurse.

3. To get a strong mothers' club organized in Wilson School in preparation for raising money early next fall for the new addition.

4. To co-operate with Miss Halfpenny, our evangelistic worker, to make our schools strong in evangelistic enthusiasm.

As a beautiful rose if cared for will in God's time blossom in perfection bringing fragrance and delight to all who look upon it—so may these schools in God's time, blossom as the rose, sending out their rich influence making China God's country.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth P. Nuzum

DAY SCHOOLS ON TAIAN AND YENCHOU DISTRICTS

MRS. LU

BEFORE Miss Greer went home on furlough I went with her to inspect the day schools on these two districts. Therefore I will briefly report a few things concerning this work.

There are more than thirty pupils in the Taian city school, most of them having unbound feet. Their teacher has been very earnest in teaching them. The building is too small for so many and we hope to have a new primary school some day.

An-chia-chuang is the largest town in the Taian district and we often went to this place. The school has three teachers, two ladies and one man. Miss Greer and I went to help at the opening of school last fall in the eighth month. We received eighty pupils that day all of whom were boarders. Besides these there
were twenty day pupils. We certainly thanked God because He had blessed the people of that place in making them see the need of education for girls. Truly it is light shining in darkness.

The teacher at Tung Ping has done very good work but, alas! the people of that place are very slow to believe the Gospel and the education of girls has not progressed very rapidly so there are only about ten pupils.

We also visited Wenshang where Mrs. Chiao is the teacher. Here there are pupils not a few, all using heart on their books and keeping the rules. Their teacher has used a loving heart in her treatment of them.

The other schools on this district are located at Chutien, Hungkou, Fan-chia-chuang, Chiehshou, Manchuang, Hsiaomen, Chang ch'eng, Pei-hsiao-tun, and Tunge. We own no property in any of these places and in most of them the schoolroom is very small and inconvenient but the teachers have done the best they could under the circumstances.

The school at Yenchou has more than thirty pupils. The teacher, Chang Hsiu Chin, is a very earnest teacher and the school has made great progress. The teacher at Tsining was formerly a teacher in the boarding school in Tai-an and is one of the best, as she has had many years of experience. She has about thirty pupils. Her name is Hsü Hsiu Li. Although Tsining is a great city the people are not very progressive and the attitude toward the girls' school is not very favorable.

Tsouhsien, Ssushui and Chüfu we have neglected on account of robbers, so I cannot report their condition. However, the teachers of these places are very dependable so we know that they have done their duty faithfully.

We spent much time in Yenchou because last fall we organized a training class for women in that place. Fifteen women came to study and there were two teachers besides Miss Greer and myself.

I very much hope that God will bless the girls of China and help them to understand the Gospel and that education may progress day by day so that while they are young they may get the
root of the true doctrine in their hearts and that in the future they may be lights to the womanhood of China. This is my earnest prayer.

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GIRLS’ PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON THE CHING CHAO DISTRICT

If variety is the spice of life, country work must at least be the salt and pepper of missionary work. Some of the experiences are uncomfortable at the time but make more interesting stories afterwards as our friend Virgil once remarked or words to that effect.

So first of all I want to tell about some of the difficulties in country schools for girls on this district. The chief hindrance is the indifference of the people in general towards education for girls. In many of these country towns the people are fifty years behind the times even in China. All girls bind their feet in order to get a good mother-in-law. And they can see no use in a girl learning to read and write, or know about the world outside her own little village. In several places we charge no tuition and yet we can get very few pupils for our schools.

Another thing that hinders our schools is the difficulty of getting well trained teachers. Teaching is not a popular profession with girls in our higher schools. The few girls who do take normal training are not enough for our city schools to say nothing of the country. Girls in high schools delight to hear and make speeches about love of country. But when you want them to go back to a country town, very like the one from which they came, they absolutely refuse to go. How can we instil a real love for their own little sisters into these girls who have had so much and yet are willing to give so little?

Then sometimes there is a lack of co-operation on the part of the people in the church. They are willing for their girls to go to the Christian school if they are not asked to help much. They
are not willing to unite in fixing up a suitable school room, even though they promise to do so. And they often fail to give enough money for their little girls' food. How can we make the ordinary church members so interested in education for their own girls that they will be willing to sacrifice for them?

But now let me tell about some of the encouraging things. Many of the little girls, and big ones too, are pathetically eager for an education. One little girl walked into the school house one morning. On her head she had a sort of cap with fringe hanging down over her forehead like bangs. She wore a red dress and her cheeks were as rosy as her dress. She had walked three li to school and would walk home at night. They told me that she was almost never absent, even in bad weather. Needless to say she had natural feet.

In another school is a girl eighteen years old who had never been to school. When she came her feet were bound, her face was dull. A few months later I found that she was doing all the cooking for the teacher and several pupils in order to earn her board. Her feet were unbound and she did very well in her first examinations.

Many times a girl wants to go to school but the family are opposed. They will keep a girl at home on any pretext, to work in the fields or in the home, to do the sewing or look after the baby. Sometimes the girls manage to do a lot of work before coming to school. Sometimes they bring the baby with them. Some of them are too poor to pay any tuition and so they come for nothing. And it is wonderful how much some of these girls improve in one year's time.

There is one little girl in a school not far from Peking. Her people were very poor and did not want her to come to a Christian school. The pastor and his wife did as much as they could to help her and she came quite regularly. Her father was an army officer but he had a chronic disease and died in the winter. The family consisted of four girls and a baby born after the father's death. Before long they began to be actually in want of food. The little girl had heard about General Feng and as her
father had once been under him she decided to go to him for help. She was allowed free fare on the railroad and after a good many difficulties arrived at the camp. She inquired at once for the General but people only laughed at her. She could get no one to tell her where he lived. Finally she saw an old servant getting supplies and followed her to the General's residence. When she asked for Mrs. Feng they told her she was out but the girl said she would wait for her. Later a servant came out and gave her some money and told her to go away. She refused the money but still waited to see the lady. All this time she had nothing to eat. When the gate man wasn't looking she slipped into the house and found Mrs. Feng there. So she told her story. Mrs. Feng remarked about the nice looking gray garment she was wearing. The little girl said, "Do you think this is a nice garment? It was made from my father's military coat and underneath I have nothing but rags." So she opened her garment and showed her. Mrs. Feng then gave her something to eat and telephoned the General. He remembered the girl's father and said to send her over to the part of the camp where he was, so she had another long walk. In the end she did see the General and he investigated the case quite thoroughly. He brought the entire family out to the camp, married the older sister to one of his soldiers and so supports the family. Thus one little girl saved her whole family from starvation and her sisters and herself from something much worse as they were planning to sell them as slave girls.

Another encouraging thing about the country schools is the way some of the teachers develop. They are mostly only Higher Primary School graduates and when they begin are only young girls themselves. Often they have had no normal training. But during the year they learn a great deal from experience and the second term their pupils usually do much better than the first term. They become more self-reliant and are really devoted to their little girls. In some places the teacher can be a help in the church work too. The very fact that their pupils go to church and Sunday School helps of course. Sometimes they have classes
for outside girls on Sundays or market days. It depends more on the pastor's wife than on anyone else how much they are able to help. In one school, where the teacher is older and more experienced, she goes out with the pastor's wife every week to a nearby village and talks to the women and children. What a wonderful work would be possible for each teacher to do, if she would use all her opportunities.

This year there have been a number of unusual expenses. The buildings at Lang Fang, which were the usual mud huts found on the south Peking district were almost completely destroyed by the heavy rains last summer. Enough were rebuilt to keep up the work this year. At Nan-kou a three chien building for dining room, kitchen and servants' quarters, was built in the fall. It is a well built stone and tile building and ought to be useful for many years. Then the failure of crops in a good many places meant that we had to help more pupils in our boarding departments than the year before. Special trips were made to a number of places not visited before in order to plan for future work. One school was closed and two new ones started, making a total of nine this year instead of the eight for last year. At Ku-an, our newest school, the building was put in order and new furniture made possible through the gift of a Chinese friend. We hope there will be other friends who would like to do the same thing for us somewhere else.

During the long New Year's vacation that seems necessary in the country schools, we held a teachers' institute. All the teachers came to Peking to have a little holiday and attend this meeting. Miss Watrous, Mr. Kao and Miss Tirzah Stahl gave generously of their time to make the institute possible. The teachers had real practical help on their own problems as well as instruction in methods of work. We hope to have something like this for them every year.

What are the plans for the future? We can hardly hope to have a girl's day school in every village where there is a church but we do hope to make all the schools that we have better every year. For these two districts north and south of Peking we
ought to have four Primary Boarding Schools and at least ten Day schools. But neither money nor teachers are available at present. When any new schools are started in the future, those places will be selected where the people are willing to do a good deal themselves. But we also want more suitable rooms and much better equipment. Poor light and poor ventilation, long hours sitting on a bench without any back and with legs dangling, doesn’t help little girls physically and so hinders their mental growth too. But most of all we want better trained teachers and teachers with devotion to their work and to the Christ Who loves little children. The more backward a district is, the more we need the prayers and help of all Christian workers, both at home and abroad.

TIENTSIN COUNTRY DAY SCHOOLS

There have been ten girls’ schools this year on this district, seven of these are regular schools and the other three are a continuation of the famine work. The teachers are all brave in carrying on the work in these conservative places where they and the preachers' wives are practically the only women who have been educated. Men in some of these places hiss young women who appear on the streets. Aren’t these pioneer workers among the heroines?

During the Jubilee Campaign six of the schools gave the little pageant “March of the Mites.” Tickets were sold for five and ten coppers apiece. In Nan P’i the teacher was very insistent that no men and boys should be allowed to come to see the school girls perform. For the first time the chapel was filled with women and girls. They were astonished as they saw little girls give an entire program, the greater part of which was motion songs that the teacher had taught them at recess periods. They were so pleased that new scholars came into the school. The other places gave their entertainments to mixed crowds. They were all happy over the results especially when they heard they had helped the district go over the top.
Upon the invitation of the county officials, one teacher, a married woman, helped in an anti-foot binding campaign. They started out to have all girls under a certain age unbind their feet and to tell the harms of foot binding all over the county. The rains prevented a thorough campaign. Our teachers are decidedly glad to help in such community efforts.

One of the problems of the teachers is the use of Sunday. In places where the children are from non-Christian homes, the parents expect the children to be in school all day Sunday as well as Saturday and every day of the week. In one place the teacher has the children come, then together they go to a few homes, sing, and tell the Gospel.

The teacher with her little group of children together with the pastor’s wife make a little nucleus in city or village that gradually but surely changes the attitude of the women of the place. They are proud of the children, and they have an excuse that brings them to the church. We pray that these teachers may faithfully do their work and be rewarded by seeing their little girls and the mothers turn to Christ.

*M. Lillian Halfpenny*

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**TIENTSIN KINDERGARTENS**

How very much we have heard in the last few years of the power and influence of the Kindergarten in the lives of children. What a precious privilege to be able to help nourish the seed that God has put into each little life that the roots may go deep into the Spiritual life and a sprout of health and strength may come forth and a vision of the need of Him in the hearts of men may be realized.

We have been trying to do just this in the lives of the children in our two Kindergartens this past year. We are so happy that the parents are more and more seeing the real valuable results in the lives of their children. The first term there was an
enrollment of twenty-six at Keen School Kindergarten. The second term the number grew to thirty. The Wesley Kindergarten had been larger but because of a misunderstanding and a change of teachers only fourteen were enrolled in September. When it was learned that the Kindergarten was continuing, thirty came the second term.

It is such a joy to walk into the Kindergarten full of kiddies busy at their projects. In one corner a group building a house of large blocks, in another a group with wood and nails and tools making things that require a vivid imagination to know just what they are. At a table are a group of girls making clothes for their dolls. Because of a gift of money from some young people at home we were able to furnish one corner of the room as a home with little wicker chairs and table. In this way the children are developing the instincts of mother-hood, protection, ownership and fair play, and are meeting experiences and problems that will develop character and help them to self control.

In the activities of the year the two Kindergartens united. The projects at Christmas time were gifts for parents, tree decorations, and a “feed” for forty less fortunate little friends. The giving time came first and coppers were brought to the amount of ten dollars. If you could only have seen those bundles of rags and dirt sitting on the circle listening to the Christmas story, singing songs, playing games, and eating “chiao tzus” served by the Kindergarten children you would have understood why we want Kindergartens for “such as these”. The program for parents and friends was so interesting. The children pantomimed so sweetly the Christmas story in five scenes. Then came the tree and the giving and receiving of gifts. What a joy to feel the spirit of Christ so alive at such a time.

For two years Miss Lucy Yang has been our Kindergartener and we were surely sorry when she left to be married. She had been so faithful and so loved. We wish her all happiness in her new life. We were happy in securing two teachers, each to give a half a day, Miss T'ao at Wesley and Miss Yen at Keen Kindergarten. Both were assisted by Miss Kathaleen Sun here from Changli to get practical training in Kindergarten work.
The work carried on and ended with delightful graduation exercises. There were fourteen graduates from both Kindergartens and the exercises were held at the Keen School Kindergarten with the Keen Lower Primary. What joy the parents find in hearing and seeing their children sing, tell stories and play games. Because of this interest we are able to get the mothers together in mothers' meetings. Several were held this past year, and lectures were given on health and hygiene for children and babies and on the care of the home. The teachers gave much time to calling in the homes. We believe that in this way the homes in China can be made real homes in which Christ will dwell in the heart of every member.

We are more than glad to say that Miss T'ao is coming to us from the Normal School for full time work. She will be assisted by two new girls from Changli. Our cry for next year is, "a Kindergarten in every day school." We need the ground and the buildings to realize this. Do you believe that the children of China are a great factor in making this Nation what it can be? If so will you help make more Kindergartens possible?

Edith E. Shufelt

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**EVANGELISTIC WORK, PEKING**

**CHARLOTTE M. JEWELL in Charge**

We have had a busy and not unfruitful year. A part of the time there have been twelve Bible Women at work. A number of Asbury women have given fine help in the weekly meetings, one held each day in a different section of our field. We were especially blessed by the helpful meetings led by our dear old friend and Bible woman, Phoebe Li, who retired several years ago. In the midst, one day, of her beautiful talk on "Our Heavenly Father" she suddenly said, "Mrs. Jewell, please help me a little" and sat down. It was
cerebral hemorrhage that had overtaken her. She is patiently waiting her Home-going. We have sustained four W. F. M. S. Auxiliaries in this city. The total amount raised this year is $188.07. One half of this goes to Home Mission work in Yunnan and one half to the New England branch to which this conference belongs.

**Asbury Church**

This church has two outstanding needs—a young woman for leadership among the young people and regular Sunday and prayer meeting services apart from the student body. The possibilities of this church cannot be brought out so long as its members have no time nor place for meeting except in the church with an insistent student body of nine or ten hundred who are always in the *center of things*.

At our weekly meeting at Ma Pi Ch’ang we have an attendance of from thirty to fifty women, who freely take part in the meeting. This is a real *working* group. It seems to me it is a hint at what the church as a whole might be.

Mrs. P’an, Bible Woman, says—"God has been teaching us and leading us along like children". Asbury people are surely by the help of the Spirit, growing. The members help in spreading the Gospel. Whether in gatherings or in homes they are ready with work or money.

The Sunday Bible class year by year, adds to its numbers those who can read by the Phonetic System: so they are getting a better understanding of the lessons. Those who can read help those who cannot read.

Mrs. Sui, also Bible Woman at Asbury, is a faithful, effective, personal worker; she brings a good report and modestly comments, "I cannot say that I alone have led these women to Christ. The women of our church and I have worked together."

Mrs. Kao, Bible Woman at the Sleeper Davis Hospital, speaks of a woman who was operated upon in the hospital, who showed no interest in Christianity while a
patient, but has since been seen at church. She tells of another patient who, at least, got one truth firmly in mind. One could hear her singing repeatedly, "There is but one God, He is the God of the Heavens." She declared she would never more worship idols. Still another woman, when told of God's grace, said, "We have none of it where I live."

**Fang Chin Hsiang Church**

Mrs. Kuo, the Bible Woman, has good reason to be encouraged. She has many interesting stories to tell, one of which is the following. A Miss Ku became a Christian this year. One of the neighbors speaks of her changed life. The sister-in-law loses no chance to trouble her; nevertheless, she has gotten the mother to studying the Bible in secret. One of her brothers has become a Christian in General Feng's army. The younger brother and sister come to church. It is the avowed purpose of Miss Ku to bring her whole family to Christ.

**Ma Pi Ch'ang School**

This school opened in October with thirteen women registered with the evident intention of coming regularly. Nevertheless, one and another of them, dropped out for one and another reason. Occasionally new ones came in. Some studied the phonetic system and some the regular characters. Happily for us a faithful and beloved old pupil of mine, Mrs. Ch'en Heng Te, came to Peking. She and the regular teacher, Mrs. P'an Hsi Wen, have worked splendidly together. Fine results were shown in the examinations at the close of the class.

**Yung Ting Men Church**

The preacher's wife has been very helpful here. Mrs. Cheng, the Bible Woman, has struggled through the year in much weakness, sometimes able to do nothing. Even so, they say she has been useful just because of what she is. When she could not go to the people they came to see her which gave the pastor's wife a splendid chance to talk to them. Mrs. Cheng says she is happy in the results of the meetings held thereby a group of Bible
Women. Many people heard the Gospel. Some said their hearts were moved and they since have shown signs of repentance. The dear old lady further says—"Two months ago I did not think I should be alive now: but here I am! Alas! I can do little. My breath is short when I try to talk much. I am willing that God should do His will toward me here and I hope He will give me just a little corner in Heaven. A very little corner will be good enough for me."

Chu Shih K’ou Church

This church has lived in rented quarters for the last year, but it has lived and thrived and now has a bright hope for a home of its own soon. Mrs. Hobart with unfailing faithfulness and peculiar skill has taught the Woman’s Bible Class on Sunday morning. Four weekly cottage prayer meetings and a general meeting for women have been sustained. The Bible Woman, Mrs. Wang, has been the soul of faithfulness. She says, “God has truly helped me in my work, and the members of the church have been willing co-workers.”

Mrs. Ch’ang’s Free School and Evangelistic Center

Some of you will remember Mrs. Ch’ang, an ardent Christian young woman, spoken of in my last year’s report. She has opened work near Tien Ch’iao—a very poor and very wicked section of the city on the outskirts of Chu Shih K’ou district. She had visions of industrial work there for the support of her enterprise, but ill health prevented their realization. She thus tells her own story—This school is almost a year old. Christians and non-Christians help support it. At first it was near a terribly filthy ditch which made the place impossible; so we moved to a better location—four chien of rooms and a big yard. It is near the children who come to school, so they are pleased. There are twenty-six of them. There are more who want to come but we have no room for more, which makes me sad. The school is also important as a preaching place. Volunteers come to help in
the meetings which are held on Wednesdays and Sundays. Crowds attend and they are stirred. More than forty have joined the church on probation and ten have been baptized. We think the outlook here is very good. The support of this center comes from free-will offerings. I hope people will continue to help. Our receipts since opening have been $474.60 and expenses $441.00. The enthusiasm and devotion of Mrs. Ch'ang gladden all our hearts.

**Chang Yu Men Church**

We have had a Bible Woman, Mrs. Pi, at this church since last winter; but until we have some swifter conveyance than a riksha, close supervision cannot be given to this center. Mrs. Pi among other things tells of a family originally from Tientsin. It is said they were once in opulent circumstances, evidenced by the man having two wives. The first one was left in Tientsin for a while. The second one's son attended the mission school, became a Christian and is now teaching the primary school at this place. His mother was a confirmed opium smoker. Three months ago she gave it up and a month later joined the church. The son of the first wife has also become a Christian. His mother was brought up from Tientsin very ill. Her husband advised her being taken to the Sleeper Davis Hospital; whereupon, she flew into a rage, saying this was a plan to kill her. Several Bible Women were at our place at the time holding special meetings. One of the women went to her and persuaded her that the Sleeper Davis Hospital is a place to cure not to kill folks. So now the poor woman has gone there for treatment.

**Pai Chih Fang Church**

This is another far-off place for adequate supervision of which a car is needed. The work of our Bible Woman, Mrs. Chia, during the year, and the three days of special meetings held this spring show that the soil at this place yields to cultivation. Mrs. Chia says, "When I used to teach the day school here the place seemed dead. If I went out nobody spoke to me. Nobody
came to see me. Nobody's door was open to me. In the past two years this has all changed. The people are now friendly. The way is open for work.

**Ho Po Ch'ang Church**

This small church has but a few women members. Sundays two girls from Gamewell School have had a junior church for school children. Our Bible Woman, Mrs. Yang, who was sick for some time began work here in April. Since then we have had a weekly women's meeting. Mrs. Yang's work has been mostly in the fifteen Christian and the twenty non-Christian homes from which came the pupils of the day school.

**Hua Shih Church**

There have been no unusual events at this church the past year. We have had a splendid Bible class on Sundays led by one of the Gamewell teachers and a women's meeting after the preaching service. The junior church has been carried on by girls from the Gamewell school. April first we opened a study class for women by which we were reminded that "A little knowledge puffeth up" because the women who had formerly learned to read haltingly were conspicuous by their absence. However, ten new women came. Mrs. T'sui, their teacher, says that sickness and home affairs have interrupted regular attendance. All have tried hard to learn to read and with varying degrees of success. But, for them all the class has been quite worth while. Three of the number have been baptized and two have joined on probation. Mrs. Yeh. Bible Woman here, has encouraging stories to tell. One is of a Mr. Ho who became a Christian which made a big fuss at home; but he paid no heed. It occurred to the family finally, that the man's habits were changed. He formerly was a great consumer of wine; now he did not drink a bit; so they decided the church was not bad after all. Then the son was engaged to take care of the church building. His mother came to see him and met Mrs. Yeh. To make a long story short, the mother was baptized the other day.
Hsun Chih Men Church

This church has not had a full time Bible Woman. The one placed there in the spring was replaced by another from whom we had reason to expect much, but were disappointed. Since her dismissal Mrs. Kao, Bible Woman at the Sleeper Davis Hospital, has given part of two days each week at this place and has given great satisfaction. Mrs. Meng, one of the members, has been a faithful helper. Mrs. Kao reports an attendance of thirty women at her Sunday class-meetings and that at the Tuesday meeting they have been studying the Beatitudes. She tells of a certain family that came in touch with the church through the Reading Room and Bible class. The man's wife and daughter-in-law did not agree at all. Mrs. Meng induced the daughter-in-law to come to church. She came with a sad and sullen look. Mrs. Kao exhorted her to turn to the Lord Jesus and get a new face and kind words to take home to her folks. She and the mother-in-law have since joined the church. In the contribution toward the jubilee fund was found this mother-in-law's wedding shoes which she had hoarded for over thirty years.

EVANGELISTIC WORK ON PEKING COUNTRY DISTRICT

Ortha M. Lane, in Charge

On account of special Jubilee duties, some of the plans which we had made for district evangelistic work could not be carried out, but we are very grateful to pastors and Bible Women who co-operated with us so willingly, in order that as much as possible might be accomplished in the time we had to give to the country work.

Miss Ts'ao, our associate worker of last year, has been taking special Bible training in Nanking, preparing to continue evangelistic work in the near future. Miss Chi, who was appointed
associate worker for this year, did splendid work until her marriage in November. After her marriage, we couldn’t help but feel anxious about our country evangelistic work for no young woman was available to take her place. We need not have been anxious, however, for at once a number of Christian workers in the Peking Hospital, Gamewell School, and city evangelistic work, volunteered their services for a few days or a few weeks at a time, and so eight different Chinese Christian workers went out on various evangelistic trips. Their willingness to sacrifice personal comforts and their earnestness and ability to effectively bring the Gospel message to the people on our districts, scattered over 2000 square miles of territory, gave us new inspiration and faith in the growing leadership of our Chinese Christians.

The eagerness of the people to attend our meetings often taxed the capacity of our little churches and sometimes a large proportion of our audience was grouped outside around the windows. They were not content merely to hear but wanted to see as well, as witnessed by the multitudinous holes in the paper windows. When the weather permitted, we often held our meetings out in the yard or on the street. Meetings were held in a dozen small villages where we have church members, in addition to the 37 places where we have churches. At the close of some of the meetings, a number gave their names as interested in learning more about Christianity and later some of them joined Bible Study Classes under the direction of the pastor, and are now preparing for church membership.

Along with our direct evangelistic work, we tried to teach the folks that “Cleanliness is next to Godliness.” Large colored health charts were used and were explained to about 12000 people, most of whom were amazed at the idea of using a tooth brush and taking a bath once a week. Everywhere we went, we took part of a meeting to fight cigarettes, using an anti-cigarette chart. We also used pictures in our talks against footbinding and not only the women were aroused but the men as well. In one of our large boys’ schools, the boys asked us to hold an extra meeting to teach
them a song against foot-binding, so they could teach it to their mothers and sisters when they went home at vacation time. At the close of one of our meetings, the pastor said to his congregation, “I have been pastor of this church for several years and I've never said a word against foot-binding. To-night I realize my mistake and from now on, I'm going to do all I can to help eliminate this evil.” As a result of our efforts, a number of little girls and several women unbound their feet and many parents promised that they would never bind the feet of their little girls. In our territory, where practically all of the women have bound feet and 95% of the little girls are having theirs bound, surely Christian workers need to do all they can to arouse sentiment against this shameful custom.

We have taught several new songs this year, giving copies, printed on colored paper, to everyone in our audience who could read. It was an inspiration to find as we went from church to church that a large number remembered the song we taught them last year. When we went to one church, an old lady said, “You know last year you taught us that song. ‘There is only One True God. Well, my husband and I do not know how to pray but we can repeat the first verse of that song, so before each meal we repeat it for our blessing, and every night before we go to bed, we repeat it for our evening prayer.”

Again this Christmas, picture cards were sent to all of the Sunday Schools and also a package to each of the pastors, containing a gift for everyone in his family. Since Christmas, as we have visited their homes, the little tots have brought out treasured toys from their hiding places, making a low bow of gratitude. Would that the Standard Bearer girls in Iowa who sent those gifts might have been present to see those round smiling faces, and those happy dancing black eyes!

The plan for encouraging Bible memorizing has been continued this year and 350 men, women, and children successfully passed their examination and received their Bibles. Last year in one of the churches, there was not one person who could
pass the Bible Memory Tests. This year we were rejoiced when we reached that church, to find six persons ready for the examination. We are grateful to the patients in the Peking Women's Hospital for making the colored emblems which are given to those who pass the tests.

We have been surprised at the eagerness of the students in government schools to attend our meetings and to have us hold special meetings for them. Our regret was that we had so little time this year to give to that work and we hope that this coming year we will be able to enter the door to the government schools which in most places is wide open. One of the two government high schools on the district, invited us to hold an evangelistic meeting in their assembly hall, saying that they knew our little church was not large enough to accommodate all of their students. They sent the school gate-man over to the church to lead us to the school and to carry the suit-case organ. 120 young men and their faculty, all non-Christian, greeted us most enthusiastically and listened intently to our message. In another place, we held a meeting in a lower primary girls' school and several times, government schools came to our meetings in a body, accompanied by their teachers.

The pupils in our church schools are always a source of inspiration and help, and their enthusiasm takes various forms. In several places, the school band escorted us out of the town. The missionary had become accustomed to such demonstrations last year, but to the Chinese girl accompanying her, it was decidedly embarrassing to have all the shop keepers and citizens come running out to the street to see what the excitement was about.

We are especially grateful to Dr. Lewis, Miss Full, Miss Caldwell, Dr. Morgan, and Miss Cronquist, who went on country trips with us. Each of them made a real contribution to the work and they will long be remembered by our country people.
We have tried to make the influence of the Bible Women reach just as far as possible, by having them itinerating part of the year, staying several weeks in a place. During this summer, we have sent out eleven students from the two Bible Training Schools for Women, and they have been doing effective evangelistic work, during their summer vacation.

Four station classes were held this year, with a total enrollment of 32 uneducated women. In these classes, during a period of six weeks, the women were taught the Phonetic Script, hymns, how to pray, and passages of the Bible. In one place, the building for the station class was provided by a non-Christian, without cost to us. That station class, a group of 15 women, petitioned that they be allowed to continue studying longer than six weeks, so the time was extended to two months. The women in these station classes not only surprised themselves, but us, in what they were able to learn. We have thus discovered women who have possibilities of becoming Bible women, and now many of them are helping with their local church work and a number are eager to go to a Bible Training School.

Miss Ch'e, who went on one country trip this year and who has just graduated from Gamewell School, is expecting to be associate district worker this next year. Since country evangelistic work is her personal choice for life-work, we are looking forward with great expectation to our year together, seeking to help bring the womanhood of China into a larger, fuller life—a life of service for the Master.

TIENTSIN EVANGELISTIC WORK

This year has given opportunity to work on two of the problems of present day evangelistic work.

The attitude of some Chinese Students in the States, of some who have returned, and some students here, towards conditions in their own country and the call to Christian work, brings a realization of how little is often known of actual needs
of the masses of people. So with the thought of preparing future leadership combined with a desire of helping now in country places where workers are few, Gospel bands have gone out this year. Each band was made up of Keen School girls, one missionary or more, a Chinese nurse, and a doctor. In the fall five of these bands went out to five different places, each trip covering four days. In the spring a larger group of thirteen went at one time to one city, dividing into four small groups each day and going out to surrounding villages, returning in the late afternoon for an evening service in the city. Although this latter plan could not be recommended for thoroughness of work it did give a small opening for local workers and it gave those who went out a little idea of places that are not being touched. Both plans may be improved upon now that we know something of the conditions and of the ability of these student workers. Reports of each trip were brought back to the schools telling that girls and woman still have bound feet, of such funny questions asked, that some of the children do not know what country they live in, that there are so many sick people, and of people who are anxious to learn, etc. Thirty-five students, doctors, teachers, and nurses, had a part in this work. The pastors and people invite us "to come again." The girls who went said that it had given them a vision of the side of their own people that they had never seen. Many of those who went, want to go again, and others including Nan Kai College girls have asked that they may go sometime.

The other problem is the ever present one of how we can reach more women. This year the preachers' wives have come to the rescue. In the fall they met and after classes together decided that this year each one would endeavor to make at least two calls a week and to help ten women read one book through. There haven't been definite reports about the reading but each month the reports of the calling have come in and these busy mothers have over a thousand calls to their credit.

The reports of the Bible women and preachers' wives tell of women in phonetic classes, of weekly prayer meeting groups,
of individual women coming to read, and of women deciding for Christ. One tells of a woman of seventy-two who has become a Christian. One tells of a woman in her fifties who has been an ardent idol worshipper and now is as earnestly telling others of a personal Savior. One tells of a country woman saving twenty dollars because she doesn't gamble since she is a Christian. Another tells of increased church attendance as a result of her calling. One, a volunteer worker, with a glowing face, told of the conversion of her husband. And so on, each has had especially bright spots and the daily faithful work has been bearing fruits.

Miss Glover in her thorough way has been teaching women of the South suburb in addition to the teaching and comforting she has done in the hospital. We are thankful that she could give one more year to her old home city—Tientsin.

The women entered into the Jubilee feeling as though they were tackling the impossible, but are so happy over the results, and after the joy of accomplishing have a desire to try again along a similar line. Perhaps this may be a stepping stone for advance in self support.

M. Lillian Halfpenny

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EVANGELISTIC WORK
THREE EASTERN DISTRICTS

MABEL RUTH NOWLIN
CLARA PEARL DYER

To be following the old trails as well as some fresh ones, to be telling again the old Story which is ever new, has made it seem more of a privilege than ever to be alive here and now. In the twenty-two special evangelistic campaigns conducted during the year, we've been very conscious of a Power and Wisdom other than our own. We would not have chosen the snow storm at
Shih-men-chai, nor the rains at Chien-chang-ying and Sa-ho-ch’iao, but they brought longer seasons of prayer and counselling together than good weather crowds would have permitted. The spiritual blessing that resulted was the kind that “cometh out by nothing save by prayer”.

Our two dauntless itinerating Bible women, Mrs. Yang and Mrs. Chang, have never known a road too long or a day too stormy to venture forth if meetings had been scheduled. Just in time for the fall work we succeeded in adding to our staff Miss Li Feng Ch’ao, whose capable direction has made the children’s meetings so worth while. In fourteen places we have held our meetings in union with the General Board. This has enabled us to reach the whole family by both general gatherings and special groups. The crowds who have attended, revealed more about themselves than they realized. Even the almost unruly mobs who surged in to see the lantern slides told of lives struggling for anything to break the monotony of every day. We’ve longed for a well planned educational program which might follow our campaigns, supplying the many needs which an intensive evangelistic meeting cannot and should not attempt.

The “Good News” has found a welcome among such varying types of folk! Beyond the Great Wall a Manchu woman walked in to the meetings from her home thirty li distant. She carried her bundle on her back and came prepared to make the most of this great opportunity to hear preaching every day. She had never before heard the singing of Christian hymns. It was to her a thrilling new accomplishment. When she went home, it was with the determination to teach every one in the village the two verses of the hymn she had learned. The naive eagerness of these folk from the “regions beyond” is a great contrast to the indifference of many places where chances to go to church are frequent and easy.

Early in the fall we arrived at one place where the preacher, Bible woman, boys’ and girls’ day school teachers were all new and unacquainted in the town. The former pastor and teachers had left under a cloud such that the new force felt too disheart-
ened to make any preparation for the meetings. It looked indeed like “making bricks without straw” but the Spirit of God was with us. One of the men who attended the first meeting was so impressed with what Christianity could do for women that he made arrangements at once for his wife to enter the Women’s Training School. Her letter written in Phonetic to her husband after a month at the school has been the “talk of the village” ever since. The church has taken new courage and is now in a flourishing condition.

The meetings at Nu-kuo-chuang were held in the new schoolhouse which the Christians there had built with much sacrifice and faith. The crowds which came to the evangelistic services held at the dedication of the school were such that the meetings were in three installments a day. After the men’s meeting, they vacated the room, and it was filled to overflowing with women. Following this, the women left and the children flocked into their places. There is no preacher in this village, but the girls’ day-school teacher conducts the Sunday service, not because she has a preacher’s license, but as she says, “there just isn’t any one else to do it” This is true of two other places on these districts.

Amid circumstances totally different the Message had its same quickening power, in the newly opened church at Chin-wang-tao. This city has much in common with Gary, Indiana, for like Gary it was an unknown village until the twentieth century planted busy industries that have “grown up over night”. In China where generations live and die in the same court yard it is surprising to find that few if any of the inhabitants are old settlers. The mines, railroads, glassworks and such industries have brought a new set of people from all over China, many of whom were Christians back home or were educated in mission schools. With no church in the city, it has been easy to drift farther and farther away from Christian living. A walk down the streets convinces one that the devil has made better use of the opportunities here than has the church. Our vigorous campaign of calling met with
such a hearty welcome. The people seemed touched that any-one was interested in their souls. We were not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, assured that it had the power to save Chin-wang-tao as it has other places. We were glad to say a good word for Jesus Christ to everyone we met, regardless of what, his position or record was. The accessions to the church on Palm Sunday morning, the organization of the Ladies' Aid, the girls' school of thirty-eight pupils taught by the frail little pastor's wife, the earnest pastor, the constant help and encouragement of the church's good friend, Mrs. Mildred Pyke Mooney, are evidence that Christ has made a triumphal entry into the city. The hope for the future development depends largely on the action of this Conference, providing for advance or ordering retreat.

Less spectacular a part of our Evangelistic work has been the steady advance that has been represented by the work of our Bible women. Hsü-fang-kou was not only an outpost of the Chihli troops, but was also the northernmost point on the Tsunhua District visited by the Bible woman who upon her return couldn't sleep at night for thinking of the heart-hungry folk she found in that far away place. In a thickly settled farming section of Lan-hsien district a Bible woman has a regular schedule for visiting neighboring villages. The Sunday church service is such a rounding up of those she has seen during the week that the women's corner of the church is more than crowded with women who listen with an interest that shows that the "soil of their hearts has been cultivated". Calling with a Bible woman on the Shan-hai-kuan district in some twenty-five non-Christian homes revealed the fact that through the Bible woman's efforts at least one child from each home was attending our day school, then re-telling in the home what was learned at school. An evidence of the successful "hold" a preacher's wife has on an outlying village where she and her husband hold services every Thursday we noted when we visited the village. Our usually popular children's work leader was quite deserted, as the children flocked about Mrs. Kang, pleading for another of her songs and
stories. In the hearts of those children she stands as one who by precept and example shows them how to live the "Jesus Way"

In one of Joyce Kilmer’s poems, he says,

"The only reason a road is good, as every wanderer knows,
Is just because of the homes, the homes, the homes to which it goes."

That is why even the roughest, rockiest, most impassable of these Chinese roads has made us want to travel it again,—because of the homes and the people in them, over whom we long to write the word Christian. We look forward with earnest prayer and faith to the time when the homes of this nation may say in deed and truth, "Christ is the head of this house."

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TAIIAN CITY EVANGELISTIC AND PILGRIM WORK

MARIE ADAMS in Charge

WITH the first real chance for city work only a few weeks off we should love to pass over this year’s report and talk of next year’s plans; but since the Methodist Conference wants rather a report of what has been done than what is to be done, we shall try to content ourselves with such.

With no city Bible woman, city work is rather uphill business. The Training School women were very faithful in their work in the city on Sunday afternoons. We tried a new plan this year which proved to be very successful. Each Sunday afternoon we sent out joint bands of boys, girls, and women. With the Training School baby organ, two or three cornets from the boys’ school, and the boys and girls to sing, of course we attracted a crowd. After our crowd was rounded up we would divide them, as a rule having four classes,—girls, women, little boys, and older boys and men. We hope next year to have more recruits from the girl’s school and have more bands.
All the available folks were used for the week of evangelism. As in former years groups were sent out to different centers. But it is our feeling that not until we can have weeks of preparation for this week and weeks of follow-up work can we hope to accomplish much. Next year with two Bible women we are hoping for permanent work instead of these spasmodic attempts.

Pilgrim season for the women came a little late this year. Mrs. Yang, the Bible woman from Yen-chou-fu came to take charge of the tent work. The Baptist ladies were very fine to join us. Their Bible women were very faithful in their work. Over thirteen thousand women listened to the Gospel story. We not only gave them the Gospel message but we sought to awaken them on the subject of foot-binding and smoking. Here again more permanent work can be done next year with two Bible women to follow up the work.

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**EVANGELISTIC WORK IN YENCHOU**

**MRS. YANG SHU KUEI**

The work this year has been better than last. In the fall in this place was held a training class with fifteen pupils and four teachers including myself. When this was closed three of the women went to the Training School at Taian.

In the spring I went to Taian to preach in the great temple court for one month. Thousands of people heard the doctrine. Every day two of the women from the Training School came to help for more than an hour. The people were very glad to listen. We hope that the seed sown will not come to naught.

Every year in Yenchou there is a temple fair and I attended this. Old Mrs. Liu helped me preach to them. There were many who came to listen. Every week I have gone to the homes of the church members or the pupils to talk of the Gospel. They are very glad to listen,—not like last year so
unresponsive. However there are still a few true believers.
During the year not more than ten or twelve have joined the
church. They have not yet given up their old habits. Although
they say the doctrine is good they do not truly believe it
enough to accept it. But we still ask God to help us not to
be discouraged and we all want to do our best to help them
to believe. We hope God will greatly bless and open the
people's hearts that they may accept Him and travel the heavenly
road with us.

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**EVANGELISTIC WORK, ANCHIACHUANG**

**MRS. CLARA WANG**

**CONCERNING** the year's work I have done for the Lord in Anchia I cannot tell in detail but will report in general.
I thank the Lord for protecting me and giving me strength to
do His work.

The work this year has made great progress over past
years. I often visit the church members and according to
their condition help them and encourage them to serve the
Lord with fervor, to keep the Sabbath, to search the Script­
tures, to pray, and to give. However, my body is weaker than
in past years so I have not gone so much to the surrounding
villages but have worked in my own village and have preached
to my neighbors. No matter whom I have met I have
exhorted them to believe in the Lord. I have gone only two
or three times, to five or six other villages. I have taken only
one long trip and that was to Chang Ch'eng and Hsiehsueh.
Aside from this I have used most of my time in my own
village.

Those who have heard are certainly not a few. The
result is that there are some who are nearer to the church than
before and some who have received baptism and joined the
church. I have been blessed not a little.
Last winter from Peking came a subscription list for Gamewell School asking me to subscribe fifty dollars. When I saw this I was glad to give but because these years I have a boy and girl in school to support I did not have much money. I certainly did not have the strength to subscribe this amount. Although I had not strength I did not have an unwilling heart and I believe that when men have no way God has, therefore I earnestly prayed for the money. After a month I was answered and at once gave the money to the Lord. Not only mine was subscribed but I was able to help others. Was not this a proof of the power of prayer? I truly believe that when we have no plan if we take our trouble to the Lord there is nothing which cannot be done. I hope the Lord will add to my strength that I may lead more people to Him next year.

UNION BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

In accordance with the decision made by the Board of Managers last year to raise the grade of the school, a class of five was admitted to the new Senior department. These young women, having had early training through the grades, were ready for the Bible courses requiring a previous, general knowledge of the Book. Their faithfulness in these and other classes—Child Psychology, Modern History, and Chinese Literature—proved their earnest desire to prepare for future evangelistic work.

No women were found ready to enter the first year of the junior department, but seven missions have been preparing women for a large class to begin this Fall.

Twenty-seven women were in the two classes studying according to the former course. Of these, nine were graduated in May.
The three Methodist members ranked high in their class. Mrs. Chi who came from Tientsin where she had already done Bible woman’s work, was chosen to speak for the class at the graduation exercises.

Another widow, Mrs. Shen, from a well-to-do home in the West City, Peking, entered with a good knowledge of Chinese but had been in the church only a short time. Her close attention to the Bible teaching has made her one of the most interesting pupils, often inquiring more particularly as to the meaning of some passage. The other, Mrs. Chao, has already been out at the Yung Ting Men for work during the summer. Only four or five years ago, Mrs. Jewell interested her in adding the knowledge of the phonetic to her limited knowledge of the character. She was eager to enter the Training School and during her first year there, she worked one day in an Industrial School in order to earn her board and tuition and since then has been able to get along with only a little help. She seems of the right spirit for service.

The plan for the students to do more practical evangelistic work has been carried out to the extent of sending them out in bands to the different missions. They have led meetings in street chapels, made calls in company with a Bible woman, talked to workers in sewing rooms and to patients in the hospitals. Trips to the model prison and an orphanage have helped to open their eyes to the opportunities of Seed-sowing in such places.

Looking in at the Hua Shih street chapel one afternoon, we found the place well filled with an audience of both men and women listening to a message from one of the band on conditions conducive to happy homes. And then together they sang one of their special songs. It took courage to overcome the fear that some had before these larger audiences but such experiences were a real gain to them.

Reports from last year’s class bring encouraging news of
work in Shansi, Shantung, and several places in Chihli.

It is hoped that this promising branch of our work may be more and more in our thoughts and prayers.

_Gertrude Gilman_

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**WOMEN'S BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL**

**PEKING**

WITH real joy I review this year's work. It has been such a happy, harmonious helpful year. Our teachers made it so. They thought and planned and worked with each other and with me for the good of the school. Each one wanting to do her share, and quick to see the good points of another's work, living with the students and giving them such an example of faithfulness, co-operation and Christian living as I should be proud to have each one follow.

Last September some of our former students started us off pleasantly by giving a little play to welcome the new students. Was it a bit significant that they showed first, some manifestly untrained women at the beginning of their school career; then the same ones when they were absorbed in their school routine; and lastly one, who with her preacher husband had just been sent to a hard country place, the two praying and planning together, then her beginning the campaign of winning the women and girls? It seemed to me to say, "We recognize this as the path by which we have come and which it shall be yours to tread."

We had not as many students the first term as we hoped, for we had tried to hold to our entrance requirements as far as possible; but after we began to work we were all glad there were no more, for so much individual work was necessary. It did seem as though each one was "Conditioned" in something, some had read much, but written little, some were deficient in neither
of these but had not had the religious teaching they needed, to others arithmetic was a rock of stumbling, but by Christmas time we were all well in harness.

It was our privilege to invite the women and children of the District School at Feng Tai to spend this happy season with us and for them and for our neighbors and friends we gave a translation of "The Child of Prophecy—a Dramatic Presentation of the Christmas Message" (Published in the Church School, Nov. 1922). Miss Stahl came to help us prepare some Christmas hymns and after our entertainment we had a wee beginning of a community Christmas tree. It was not a very big tree, but for four evenings the candles were lighted and through the beautiful clear night air rang out the hymns we loved. Those who did not come in, heard from their own courts or the streets nearby. We want to do it again. I was so happy that not only in the school but in the church where we worship we did not have a Christmas "With Christ left out". We pictured reverently His coming, we sang for Him and we gave our money to help His poor with nothing to mar a real Christmas spirit.

Not so long after, came an event which I have known to be most upsetting, both fore and aft, to school work. This one wasn't. For when Miss Wei, who has been with us since the very beginning of the school in 1915, became Mrs. Yang, we took a spring vacation, all enjoyed the pretty wedding; and after vacation Mrs. Yang came back and finished out her year's work as she had promised to do, and we found that we were the gainers, for both her husband and her new mother came to lead devotions for us and help us by their wider experience. In one brief report I could not possibly say half the good things which might be said of this teacher. We only hope the conference may leave her near us where we may still have her help. But near or far we know her heart will be with us, and no one can rob us of what she has been in the life of the school.

Our enrollment was only 30, but represented many classes of society: a wife of a professor in an Anglo-Chinese College.
the wife of a teacher in a Theological Seminary, wives of students in that same Seminary, wives of officers in General Feng's army; the wife of a man in nurses training, some widows, some young women (including a preacher's sister), some well to do, some poor, some whose people were so glad to have them in school, others who only by the strongest stand against persecution were able to come, some exceptionally bright, some slow, but hard-working; all were earnest students, lived together like good sisters, and hope to be able to pass on to others what they learned.

We have not been able to do as much outside work as I hope we may in the future but this summer a little band are out trying to help their sisters in town and country, and through the year we have tried to be interested in and do our share to help in all good causes.

Regular hours for meals, work, and sleep, with exercise outdoors each day and the development of the play spirit has kept us in good health during the year.

Academically we have done better work than in any previous year, though we had no class graduating—this because they themselves desired to remain another term, that they might be able to complete their work more thoroughly.

We have grown spiritually. We love our Bibles more and understand them better. Our prayer life has been deepened, and a spirit of gratitude for our opportunities has made us more anxious that all women should have the same.

Just here I think I should mention the fact, that, while I do not think we have ever stressed the money question, I find that people are willing and expect to pay for women's education as never before. Some Chinese women in the church have recommended worthy women and then helped them financially, for the sake of the work they may be able to do by and by. Do you not rejoice with me in this?

This past year we were able to afford a home for a graduate nurse who was working in the city. What a joy and help she was to us and how we long for a place big enough to
furnish a hostel for such young women. We could so help them and the contribution which these specially trained young women working in various positions can make to us would be invaluable.

This brings us to the point of our needs. We still live in little rented quarters, we need a permanent home. I know just such a place, if only I had the money in hand to buy it. Big enough for years to come, ideally located. We are all praying that this coming year we may be able to get it. That's our first big need, but we've many smaller ones; a piano or organ, a victrola, a lantern and slides for use in the school and outside, good pictures for our walls, money for new books for our library and maps, charts, a sewing machine, and other equipment.

We thank our friends in Peking who have helped us with teaching, medical attention and contributions, and our friends in America for gifts for our Christmas and for all their aid.

We can only say that we are all trying with the Father's help, to make our school better and better and more useful in the Master's service each year. Help us all you can.

REPORT OF THOMPSON TRAINING SCHOOL—CHANGLI.

MRS. ESTHER CHOU.

THE year has passed quickly, and God has granted us special mercies. Last fall after school opened, our principal, Miss Glover, took sick. Here in Changli each winter is getting colder than the last. So we felt it would be better for Miss Glover to go to Tientsin, where she could work in warmer quarters, doing evangelistic work in Isabella Fisher Hospital.

The students were as sheep without a shepherd, but God does not forget shepherdless sheep. The school was in
charge of Mrs. Chou, Mrs. Hao, Miss Tsai, and the W. F. M. S. missionaries of the station. By constant reliance upon God, all has gone peacefully.

Last year when Mrs. A vann visited us, it was decided that the Kao Teng grade of work should be taken out, and the students of that grade sent to the Union Training School in Peking. Five students, who would have finished the Kao Teng if it had remained at Changli, have been variously employed this year—two as Bible women, two teaching independent schools. One of the choicest, Hsing Kuei Lan, was teaching in one of our day schools, when a very sudden illness proved fatal, and she went home to God.

In June Miss Glover returned to us for the Commencement week. The graduation exercises were held in union with Alderman School. There were fifteen graduates, most of whom will go on to the Peking Union Training School. One who is unable to go will teach a station class and act as Bible woman at Hsü-chia-nieh, a place where there is no other Christian work being done. The past summer the graduates have spent their vacation doing Bible women's work, and we trust they have brought the Good News to many who otherwise would have no chance to hear it.

A feature of much interest to the school has been the monthly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This year it has been under the direction of Mrs. Mark Brown, whose assistance has meant so much to us.

It is a sorrow to us all that Miss Glover felt she should retire from active service. She has used all her strength to help us Chinese. We hope that her example of devotion and service—of giving of life for God and His work may be a constant inspiration to us all.

It is our hope that this Conference will appoint a strong, new worker to carry on this important work, which she has so nobly advanced.
"Back to famine and fever,  
Back to the sunbaked plains,  
To the stifling heat and the dusty street  
And the daily fret and strain.  

Back to the joy of service,  
In the Master's will to rest:  
Following Him wherever He leads,  
Knowing His way is best!"

Thus has written some missionary just returning from furlough. If each return from furlough bring the joy that the first one has then we hope returns will keep coming so long as we are of any use to the work.

They say distance lends enchantment and while there was seemingly no need of further love for our work when we pulled away from the wharf in Shanghai, still as each revolution of the screw widened the distance between us and our work the task we were leaving became the dearer.

When on our return the good ship Asia anchored just outside Shanghai at sunset to await the morrow to dock truly we felt that we must wade to the shore, so anxious were we to once more get sight of the "City of Great Peace".

The activities of the school year opened with an evangelistic conference which is now a regular part of the Training School. This time all the day school teachers and the Bible Women were invited to attend. Miss Halfpenny of Tientsin came down to help us. The Chinese still speak in loving terms of He Chiao Shih, for her loving heart meant much to them those days. We cannot measure the results of this conference but we know too well the result of conferences in our own lives to feel that the time was wasted and when we remember
that the Chinese have so little of inspiration as they work out in their country places surely the least we can do is to give them this conference once a year.

A week of repairs followed and then we fell into the swing of the work of another year. Too much cannot be said in praise of the teachers, Mrs. Chi and Miss Hsu. It was largely due to them that we passed the year without one single hitch. We have never gone through a school year when the spirit was as fine. The close personal touch between teachers and pupils brought forth undreamed of results. As we saw those women getting hold of the Gospel truths and entering the prayer world with such ability we felt anew the value of the personal touch. We pray for a greater desire on the part of principal and teachers to follow Jesus, the personal worker.

We cannot fully express our appreciation to Miss Knapp and Miss Dillenbeck for their hearty co-operation in doing exchange work with the girls' school. In trying to be "Jack of all trades" we left out the normal training but by doing exchange work with the girls' school the women have the advantage of splendid work under Miss Dillenbeck.

On Easter Sunday five of the women joined the church on probation. Four came into full membership and six little ones were baptized.

On March ninth one of our first graduates died. It is hard to understand when we are so hard put to it for Bible women but He who took her understands. A beautiful memorial service was held for her in the school which had a very fine influence on the women then in school.

Even though we had only sixteen women in the school we did our share in the Jubilee. The women spent their Saturdays making Chinese baby shoes and hats. When the sale was over we had twenty dollars to add to the Jubilee fund.

The morning after Easter a tiny little visitor came to live with us. A heavy snow on the ground greeted her so she was named "Snow Flower." She proved to be a real benediction
to us during the last three months even if her mother didn't want her and tried to give her away because she was a girl. Through her many a lesson on the care of children was taught and as the women saw the attention given the wee lassie even though she was a girl a new respect for girls sprang up among them.

Two splendid women were graduated this spring. Instead of the girls' school, boys' school, and womans' school, each having its own commencement we united this year. It proved to be a most successful plan and we hope the future will further the plan.

Early in February the word came that the women's hospital was to be given us for the future home of the training school. The money we raised for a new building while at home was given for the necessary remodeling and furnishing. The first of June, masons, tinners, and painters began. It will be real living this fall when we begin school in an adequate building. But with all the new equipment we are most anxious for a deepening of the spiritual life of the women. The new building and the new opportunities for better training will all be for naught if the school fails to "spiritualize" these women.

SLEEPER DAVIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, PEKING.

EMMA E. MARTIN, M.D.
FRANCES J. HEATH, M.D.
MINNIE M. STRYKER, M.D. (on furlough).
LYDIA L. SCHAUM, M.D. (sick leave).

A NOOTHER year has come and gone since our last annual report. It has been a year of busy routine work with anxieties and joys, sickness and health, problems and solutions, but pervading it all the unchanging love and abiding presence of our Heavenly Father.
Dr. Stryker went home on furlough early in the summer and we were so delighted to have Dr. Schaum, just out of language school, to take up the obstetrical work in her place; but God had other plans for Dr. Schaum and she was laid aside with serious illness so that the obstetrical work had to be divided between Dr. Heath and Dr. Martin in addition to their regular work. We got through the year’s work better than we had hoped which is due to Him who gave us strength sufficient for every need and also to our efficient Chinese helpers.

Cupid has brought dismay to the hospital staff in the way he has devastated our ranks this year. Not only has he claimed Dr. Manderson, who we had hoped would return to be our surgeon when Dr. Heath moves to Tsinaifu with the medical school, but also two of our best Chinese doctors who had just reached the place where they could take increased responsibility.

We were so glad to welcome Dr. Julia Morgan who came to us in December. She has done splendidly with the language and will be connected with the Women’s Medical Department of Shantung Christian University.

In May we were honored by the arrival of Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen, eminent surgeon from Chicago, also on the Committee of Women’s Christian Colleges of the Orient. She was with us three months giving us valuable assistance in teaching and in surgery. We were delighted to have her give the Commencement address for our Medical School graduation. This is the last exercise of its kind we expect to have in Peking as the Union Medical School for Women is uniting with the Shantung Christian University, 400 miles south of here, where the students will have better opportunities for study.

The unsettled political conditions, though causing us some anxiety, have not seriously disturbed our work. Babies are born, and people get sick whether China has a President or not. Street traffic goes on much the same as before, the mails come and go, and the railroad is running as usual.
New China with old social barriers removed brings us a social problem; moving pictures, dancing, and automobiles do their share toward demoralizing our young people and bring us all sorts of trouble whether in the hospital or schoolroom, in the homes or on the street.

Our dream for the new out-patient department is at last coming true. At least the cement foundation is laid and we walk around over it and say with joy, "This is the new sunny waiting room, and this the examining room, and this for surgical dressings and this the laboratory" etc., etc.

We have carried on a weekly clinic outside for an industrial school, with a trained nurse in charge to do the follow-up work in the homes, which can easily develop into social service work. Our Chinese doctors have gone out many times to lecture on public health and Preventative medicine in schools, Young Women’s Christian Associations and we want to further develop this side of the work which has been so much neglected.

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ANOTHER year is ended. At Christmas time Miss. Bedell went home to America. There has been no one to fill her place in the laboratory and drug room. Dr. Lantz has done the drug room work as best she could. Dr. Laura Yang has done the laboratory work. Neither one has had the time to do the amount of work Miss Bedell did.

Dr. Lantz spent the month of February in Shanghai attending the China Missionary Medical Association Conference and visiting hospitals in Central China. Dr. Laura Yang spent the month of May in Peking at the P.U.M.C. doing post-graduate work in surgery. In June she had her vacation. Dr. Wu, who had been with us a year, left in June for a new field of work.

Miss Ella Glover who came to us from Changli worked as Hospital Evangelist till June when it seemed best for her to return to America on account of ill health.

Beside our Chinese patients we have had in the hospital this year two Indian women and one Indian baby, three Russian women and one Russian baby, also two American women, wives of Missionaries. Only three of our W.F.M.S. family have needed hospital care. God has been very good to us.

Miss Halfpenny asked to have a doctor accompany her on her country trips so the doctors took turns going with her as often as possible. Twenty-one villages were visited. Health lectures were given and clinics held in these villages.

One day a father came to the hospital from the country bringing his two daughters. One was married. When we told him the only way to help them was by operation, he gave his consent and left the unmarried one. The married one must return home and get the consent of her mother-in-law.
She did not return. One day I saw the one who remained with us crying as if her heart would break. I asked her what had happened to make her cry so. She said, "Here am I getting well and my poor sister will have to die like my two other sisters did." Both had tuberculosis of the bone. The one who is with us has gained in flesh and now has a healthy rosy face. This is just one result of one country trip.

I wish you could have seen little En Tzu the day her father took her home. She had been a little handful of skin and bones. Not at all attractive. For weeks it seemed impossible to make her live. She became the joy and pride of the hospital. A dear winsome little girl. Tears came to the eyes of nurses and doctors as she left for her home in the country.

At the beginning of the school year physical examinations were given to one hundred and eight Keen School girls.

Hospital patients cared for during the year................. 310
Dispensary patients....................................................... 3,333
Treatments done at dispensary....................................... 13,349
Number of minor operations done at the dispensary.... 226
Number of preventative inoculations............................ 136
Number of out-calls..................................................... 411
Itinerating clinics........................................................ 21
Number of patients treated at these clinics.............. 920
Number of health talks given by the doctors in the
day schools in the villages, at the Y.M.C.A., the
Y.W.C.A., Keen school, and Cheng Mei................. 40

Total expenses................................................................. $ 12,108.93
Total income................................................................. 13,491.75
NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL
SLEEPER DAVIS HOSPITAL
PEKING

IF we could picture to you the school life of the past year, it would seem like anything but a dull report. There was nothing dull about having to choose eight candidates out of the fifty-seven who applied. Our number had to be limited to eight, because we had agreed to take the Tientsin first year student nurses. This move was made necessary by the sudden illness of Miss Gregg and her return to America for treatment, thus leaving Miss Battin alone. At the beginning of the school year thirty-eight students were enrolled, and later on three were added. Our Academic year has passed the experimental stage, as we have now finished the second year with this method and find it highly satisfactory. If you want to have the shock of your life, look it up and see how many schools at home have a full Academic year: This Academic year is no dull affair; from morning till eve the first year girls find they have plenty to occupy their time, for besides spending five or six hours in class they put into practice what they have learned for an hour every day, and must needs spend some time in preparation of their recitations. We feel that this has been our very best year, due largely to the higher entrance requirements, and larger classes. Perhaps another reason is that for the first time we were able to give a lecture course on the History of Nursing. This was an evening course, so that all could attend, and was closed with an illustrated lecture on the life of Florence Nightingale. This was a great inspiration to the nurses, and was made possible by some exchange teaching with the Rockefeller Hospital.

Nursing, more than any other profession, needs pleasant diversions, so a certain amount of our time and energy is put into social activities for our nurses. These have been of a varied nature: a welcome to Miss Wilson, returning from furlough; a farewell to Miss Danner, just leaving for America; two evenings
of games and music, supervised by Miss Nuzum; a Christmas dinner for the medical students, followed by play and pictures; a play given in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium, at which nearly three hundred dollars was raised. This sum was afterwards distributed to various charities throughout the city. Christmas is always a joyous occasion; once again the Christmas boxes from America supplied presents for everybody, nurses, patients and servants. With Christmas carols, Christmas decorations, and the Christmas story told by our sunny faced Bible woman,—the day went by without a dull moment. One other social event worthy of mention was our first Alumnae dinner, at which representatives from almost every class which has gone out from our school were present.

Social service work is making a strong appeal to the nurses, and they have been able to help in many of the needy parts of the city. We are looking forward to a better organized effort in the future. The principal event this year was a child welfare week put on by the Y.W.C.A.: our school furnished two nurses each day. General Feng is wise enough to realize the need of nursing, and secured one of our best nurses, who has had a special course in obstetrics, and has also attended the Bible Training School in Nanking, to care for the wives of his officers.

In spite of the fact that we have gym suits, a gym teacher and health shoes, a good many sick days have been registered against us by the hospital. Operations seem to be the order of the day, six of our nurses in an incredibly short time taking their M.A. (minus appendix) degree. Perhaps this was due to the fact that the superintendent of nurses herself set them a bad example.

The religious life of the school is most gratifying. Morning prayers, though attendance is not compulsory, scarcely ever finds a student absent. I am not sure but what our piano has had a great deal to do with it. Bible classes have been held throughout the year; the teachers have been faithful, and we thank them, and hope they will come again. The first year
girls conducted a Sunday School in the Academy court for the children of the professors and seemed to enjoy it very much.

Our junior class, whose scholarships are provided entirely by Northwestern Branch, were so proud to be left in charge of the hospital while the class ahead, a large class indeed, were taking their examinations. There were sixteen in all who took the National Nurses' examination; they will finish training next year, and a finer class we have never sent out.

Many of our Chinese friends have said that our Commencement exercises this year were the best we have ever had. The great Christian General Feng had promised to give our address, but owing to an operation was unable to be present. He sent as substitute General Liu. As this general was being escorted to the meeting, another General whom he met, asked if he might not come also, and speak a few words. So, instead of one speech we had two, both fine. With profusion of spring flowers, banner and band,—it was little wonder that our Chinese friends thought it a delightful occasion.

We believe theoretically in better homes, but practically, when it hits us by taking our splendid graduate nurses, on whom we were depending so much, for a moment we forget our beliefs. The fact that Miss Shih Hsi-en is returning to us this fall reconciles us for the moment.

On June sixth Wang Kuei-ling sailed for America for post graduate work, making our third student to cross the ocean.

*Do You Know* that our school is eighteen years old, and the largest training school in China?

*Do You Know* that we are charging one hundred dollars tuition our first year?

*Do You Know* that we are in need of a good library of Chinese books?

*Do You Know* that we need sheets, towels and bedspreads for our nurses' home?

*Do You Know* that we are thankful for everything you do for us?
ISABELLA FISHER HOSPITAL
SCHOOL OF NURSING
Supt. LORA I. BATTIN
Instructors
DR. VIOLA LANTZ
DR. LAURA YANG
DR. WU
MISS P'AN CHING CHIH, 6 Mos.

The school has felt the loss of Miss Gregg greatly this year. When we found she was to leave last year, we thought the best thing to do was to accept the offer of the Sleeper Davis Hospital School of nursing to take our first year pupils for their first year's academic work. It was with some fear that we undertook this financially but with gifts from friends at home and with our scholarships we were able to finance it nicely. A district nurses' association in America has undertaken the support of one pupil; some nurse friends in still another place gave one year's tuition.

With the teaching of the first year's class being taken care of elsewhere, we were able to give our attention to the other three classes in a way that would have been impossible otherwise. The advantage to the class we think considerable. They were able to get a good foundation in theory and also to learn practical nursing methods so that when they returned to us in the summer they were able to go to work with considerable intelligence in the wards. We expect to follow the same plan this year.

The senior class of seven took the Nurses' National Association examinations in May and all passed successfully.

We were able from time to time to allow our senior nurses to go into the country with a doctor on Miss Halfpenny's evangelistic trips to assist with clinics. They also gave health talks. The people crowded to these talks to see the health charts and to hear the explanations. It is difficult to greatly help the people with one visit but if they have realized a
little their great need for such work and more than that if they have been able to see the Christ a little in this service it has been very worth while. More than all, we think, it has been a fine thing for the pupil nurses to see how they are needed in these country places and we hope it will open the way for Public Health Nursing.

In January we allowed Miss Victoria P'an to go to the P.U.M.C. hospital to get more experience before going to America, for further study. She sailed for America in July and is now in the Detroit Hospital for Children. When Miss P'an left us we had no graduate nurse and the senior pupils have been taking their turns doing this work. It has made more work for the superintendent but we feel that it has been of benefit to the pupils to have this experience.

This spring we began to send two senior pupils at a time for six weeks work in surgery at the Temple Hill Hospital in Chefoo. It is still an experiment and whether we shall continue it or not, we cannot now say. We feel though the wider experience cannot help but benefit them.

The pupils have found time for a few activities outside their studies and hospital work. At Christmas time they gave an entertainment for their friends taking a free will offering and raised about thirty dollars to help towards a riksha shelter which has been put up in front of the compound this last winter. They have also been able to help a time or so in special meetings for women. We feel that all these activities are good for them and will make them more useful and helpful Christian Nurses.

Feeling very strongly our own inexperience and our need of more Chinese language but leaning very heavily on the strength of our Heavenly Father, we began last year's work. As always, He has proven more than worthy of our trust and opened up ways and means, sent us friends that could help with their greater experience, and in many ways made it possible to have what, I think has been to us all, a happy
and profitable year, making us realize anew how much more we might accomplish for Him would we but learn to lean more heavily on His strength.

Respectfully submitted

Lora I. Bullin

NORTH CHINA
UNION MEDICAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
PEKING, CHINA

The end of another year of work marks a milestone in our progress and bids us take stock and count our gains.

In students we have gained ten — bright enthusiastic girls they are, eager to be at their work and help with the load. In alumnae, seven are added to the list, five physicians (making now a total of fifty-seven) and two technician-pharmacists. In faculty, we have gained two, Dr. Waddell, who has come into half-time work, helping with Bacteriology, and a new recruit, Dr. Julia Morgan, who is in language school. Dr. Van Hoosen, visiting professor of gynecology, gave a series of lectures, helpful alike to students and faculty. Her skill in surgical work, and the large number of operations which she performed were a wonderful assistance to the members of the staff, tired with the routine of a long year's work.

In equipment, locally, we made no advance, because plans to affiliate with the Medical School of Shantung Christian University at Tsinan promise consummation in the near future. At the meeting in January of the joint committee from both schools, it was decided that if sufficient money and faculty could be provided to make the transfer feasible, plans could be laid for the admission of women students to the Freshman class in September, 1923, and the removal of upper class students to Tsinan in January.
1924. Dean Leonard, compelled for health reasons to return to America in February, has made a speedy and complete recovery, and the past few months have been devoted to active work in raising funds and organizing the Women's Committee in America. Progress has been rapid and the Committee is working on the financial problem.

The funds reported to date are as follows:

Capital Funds.

Now Available:
From Presbyterian board—Sage Legacy 35,000.00 Gold
" " " —Jubilee Gifts 7,310.00 "
Union College Campaign—Designated Gifts 16,994.38 "
" " " —Undesignated Gifts 17,500.00 "
Total .................... 76,804.38 "

Available in January 1924:
Methodist Women's Board 25,000.00 "

Grand Total ............ $101,804.38 "

Available after Jan. 1928:
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
Not more than .................... $25,000.00 Gold

Available after Aug. 1st 1923.
A possible sum from the Union College Drive of ......................... $17,500.00

The askings for the North China Union Medical School in the Union College Campaign were $425,000.00 Gold. In view of our amalgamation with the fairly well equipped school in Shantung, a capital sum of $300,000 is now considered sufficient, and an approach was made to the China Medical Board for help in securing such funds. A period of five years is proposed, in which the Mission Boards be asked to contribute $150,000, the China Medical Board being asked to contribute a similar amount.

On July 13, 1923, Dr. Leonard and Miss Hodge had an interview with Mr. Greene, and at the meeting of the Executive Committee of The China Medical Board the following resolution was adopted:
"Resolved that the sum of $50,000 be and it is hereby appropriated for the purchase of land, construction of building, and equipment for the use of the Medical School as described above, on condition that the Woman's Board will contribute the sum of $115,000 for the same purpose."

Mr. Greene adds, "With regard to your request for further contributions towards capital expenditure and for assistance in meeting additional maintenance expenses, I shall be glad to look into the matter during my coming visit to China."

Final plans for the new Women's Dormitory and Staff Residence have now been passed, contracts signed, and a start made with the building. The dormitory will be a two-story block, almost covering the four sides of a square, with a garden within, the center wing (facing east) will contain reception rooms, large Y.W.C.A. room, and reading room, and on the second floor, four large common studies in which the women students can work during the evening. The north and south wings will contain accommodations for sixty students (two to each room), and also a commodious suite of rooms for three foreign or Chinese members of the Staff — this suite having its special entrance, and including office, sitting room, dining room, bathroom and four bed rooms. The whole dormitory will be centrally heated and lighted with electricity, and there will be ample bath tubs and sanitary installations.

On the fourth side of the square there will be a large dining room, pantry and kitchen, connected with the corridor on the north wing. This dining room will be only one story, but is being built with sufficiently strong walls and foundations to allow a second story to be added at any time, which could serve as an indoor gymnasium or sports room. In addition to the Dormitory Unit, a separate residence is also being built, which will provide accommodations for three or four members of the women's staff.

The remainder of the north-western corner of the campus is being leveled so as to provide tennis courts and other places of recreation for the women students, together with servants'
quarters, laundry and so forth. This ground is sufficiently large to allow an extension of the dormitories whenever the number of women students make it necessary. This Women's Corner, while a part of the general campus, will also have its own separate entrance on the north.

In the midst of all of these plans, came Commencement—our last in Peking—and hearts were not a little sad in the consciousness that never again would we see the familiar faces and gather in our beloved Asbury Church as a group of faculty and students. But there was withal a thrill of joy in the knowledge that the change means new life, fresh vigor, and enlarged possibilities for work and service. Dr Van Hoosen's address, "Thirty Years of Medicine" rang with a challenging hope for the success of our colleges, and her advice to the graduates was of practical pointers on the road to success.

Success! The word brings back long hours in the school room, definitions, and an old quotation: "Success in life depends upon a firm determination to do good, to do one's duty thoroughly; and honest industrious habits must be formed in youth, or they will never be formed at all." These are the things for which the Medical College stands—Honesty in thought, Industry in effort, and the conviction that only the Good as known in Christ Jesus can lead to ultimate victory.

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NORTH CHINA JUBILEE REPORT

Ortha M. Lane, Executive Secretary
George L. Davis, Assistant Secretary

REALIZING that the evangelistic work was the most important factor in the Jubilee year, the Jubilee Committee did not begin the activities for other special factors of the Jubilee, until after the evangelistic campaigns of the winter. Reports from the various districts indicate that the results of the
special evangelistic campaigns, as planned and carried out by district superintendents and missionaries, were most gratifying and are bringing forth lasting results.

At the request of the Central Jubilee office at Shanghai, members of the North China Conference made six different contributions to the material used in the Jubilee work all over China. They were the Illustrated Life Service Lecture; the History of Methodism in China; the children's exercise, "The March of the Mites"; the design of the Jubilee emblem; a children's Jubilee song; and a Life Service Play, "The Awakening of a Student." The printing of the latter was unavoidably delayed in the Shanghai office, so the copies reached us too late to be used in connection with our Life-Service Campaigns this year.

Life Service Campaigns were held in each of the mission stations with the Jubilee Secretary, Rev. Yard, assisting in three of the stations. The slides for the Illustrated Life Service Lecture were used affectively in each of these series of meetings. All in the junior year of high school or above, were given an opportunity to sign the Life Service Pledge Cards. 70 boys and 15 girls signed the cards. From each station reports come of deep interest on the part of the student body in the question of life-work as presented in these meetings.

An effort was made this year to increase the subscriptions to the church periodicals and the result was 20% increase for the Chinese Christian Advocate; 100% increase for the China Christian Advocate and the subscription list of the Young People's Friend increased seven-fold.

At the New Year time, 13,500 Jubilee Calendars were distributed over the conference and Jubilee literature of various kinds were sent out preceding the Jubilee financial campaign, which began the first of March.

The children's exercise, "The March of the Mites," was presented in 18 places and helped to increase the offerings to the Jubilee Fund.

To encourage the schools of the Conference to have a share in raising the Jubilee Fund, a banner was offered to each dis-
district to the school which made the largest average contribution and a larger banner to the school which made the largest average contribution in the whole conference, these banners to be presented on Jubilee Day at Annual Conference. Many of the schools responded with enthusiasm and brought as their total free-will offering to the Jubilee, $1595.99. The Peking Theological Seminary won the Conference banner, with a total gift of $213, averaging $5.32.

On the Peking, Tientsin, and Chingchao Districts, various hand-made articles and sacrificial offerings were sold at Jubilee Sales, thus adding about $850 to the Jubilee Fund. These offerings included everything from rare pieces of old embroidery, vases, wedding shoes, amber beads and ear-rings, to poodle dogs and hair switches. Some of the women of our church who had always made their contributions in terms of coppers, were surprised to find that by selling their hand work or treasured possessions, their gifts could amount to dollars. One woman who was barely able to give her cash gift of $2, sold offerings enough to make her total gift of $20.

At Annual Conference last year, when it was voted to raise $10,000 as our Jubilee gift for Gamewell School, Dr. Ch'en Wei P'ing generously offered to take the responsibility of raising $1,000, leaving $9,000 as the responsibility of the Conference. To raise that amount meant an average of fifty cents a member for every member of the Conference. All the districts have worked willingly and diligently toward that goal. Five of the eight districts successfully raised their full quota and three of these raised more than their quota. The additional raised by these three districts, combined with a special gift from one of the missionaries, brought the total sum of the Jubilee Fund to $11,040.15 (Mex.)

Probably not all our church members did their best to help make this a Jubilee Year of spiritual power and of rejoicing in souls won and offerings laid on the altar. There were many, many others, however, who more fully than ever before entered
into the joy of service for their Master, and who sacrificially gave themselves and their possessions for the sake of Christ's Kingdom in China.
APPOINTMENTS

Associate Secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church............DR. IDA BELLE LEWIS
Representative on Council of Public Health..................IVA M. MILLER, M.D.

PEKING DISTRICTS

Peking University—College of Arts and Sciences for Women
Instructors..........................ELIZABETH HOBART
                                 CAMILLA MILLS (half-time)
                                 AVA MILAM

Union Training School for Bible
Women ..................................GERTRUDE GILMAN
Mary Porter Gamewell School and Elementary Schools
Principal ...........................MYRA A. JAQUET
Dean. ..................................EDITH P’ONG
Instructors...........................DORA C. FEARON
                                 EVELYN B. KRAUSE (part time)
                                 YANG KUEI LAN

Normal Department and Superintendent of City Lower
Primary Schools ......................MARY WATROUS
Superintendent of District Lower
Primary Schools......................LOUISE HOBART
Nankou School.........................WU KUEI YU
Superintendent of Kindergartens...ELIZABETH HOBART
Assistants ..........................CH’EN HSIU JUNG
                                 CHI CHIH T’ING
City Evangelistic Work.............MRS. CHARLOTTE M. JEWELL
                                 P’AN CHENG SU YING
District Evangelistic Work............... ORTHA LANE
Woman's Training Schools, City and
District ........................................ EMMA M. KNOX
Union Medical College for Women
  Instructors................................. EMMA E. MARTIN, M.D.
       (until Feb. '24)
       MINNIE STRYKER, M.D.
       (until Feb. '24)
       FRANCES J. HEATH, M.D.
       LI WANG PAO CHEN, M.D.
       (until Feb. '24)
       LYDIA SCHAUM, M.D.
       (sick leave)
       JULIA MORGAN, M.D.
       (half-time after Feb. '24)
Union Training School for Nurses
  Superintendent.............................. ALICE A. POWELL, R.N.
  Instructors................................. FRANCES R. WILSON, R.N.
  EMMA E. MARTIN, M.D.
  MINNIE STRYKER, M.D.
  RUTH DANNER, R.N.
       (on arrival)
       LI WANG PAO CHEN, M.D.
       ELIZABETH CARLYLE, R.N.
Sleeper Davis Hospital
  Superintendent .............................. FRANCES R. WILSON, R.N.
  Physicians ................................. EMMA E. MARTIN, M.D.
       MINNIE STRYKER, M.D.
       FRANCES J. HEATH, M.D.
       (until Feb. '24)
       LYDIA SCHAUM, M.D.
       (sick leave)

TIENTSIN DISTRICTS

Keen School and Elementary Schools
  Principal................................. L. MAUDE WHEELER
Vice-Principal .......................... IDA F. FRANTZ
Instructor .................................... EDITH SHUFELT (half-time)
Supervisor of
   Elementary Schools .................. RUTH NUZUM (half-time)
   Supervisor of Kindergartens ....... EDITH SHUFELT (half-time)
City Evangelistic Work....................LILLIAN HALFPENNY
              Li Li Hui Chieh
District Evangelistic
and Educational Work.............. LILLIAN HALFPENNY
Isabella Fisher Hospital
   Superintendent ...................... LORA I. BATTIN, R.N.
   Physician ............................ VIOLA LANTZ, M.D.
Isabella Fisher Hospital School of Nursing
   Superintendent ...................... LORA I. BATTIN, R.N.
   Instructor ............................ VIOLA LANTZ, M.D.
Station Treasurer and Instructor.... RUTH CALDWELL

TAIANFU DISTRICT

Maria Brown Davis School
   Principal ............................ EFFIE G. YOUNG
   Vice-Principal ........................ ELSIE L. KNAPP
Normal Department, City and District
   Elementary Schools, T'aiian and
   Yenchou Districts ................... NORA M. DILLENBECK
          TIRZAH STAHL (half-time)
Bible Training School and City Evangelistic
   Work ................................... MARIE ADAMS
   City Industrial Work .............. MRS. FRED PYKE

TSUNHUA DISTRICT

Evangelistic and Educational Work. CLARA PEARL DYER
   Assistant ............................. WANG WEN KUEI

LANHSIEN DISTRICT

Evangelistic and Educational Work. MABEL R. NOWLIN
SHANHAIKUAN DISTRICT

Ch’angli
Aldermen Memorial School, City Elementary Schools and Normal Department
Instructor ............................................ MRS. MARK BROWN (part time)

Thompson Memorial Training School
Principal ............................................. BIRDICE E. LAWRENCE
Vice-Principal ...................................... MRS. ESTHER CHOU
Instructor and City Evangelistic Work ................................ HOWE CHOU MEI TE

Shanhaikuan
Primary Boarding School ............ WANG JUI FANG
Evangelistic Work and Woman’s Medical Work ....................... CH’ING LIU LAN YING, M.D.
District Evangelistic and Educational Work .......................... BIRDICE E. LAWRENCE

STUDENTS OF LANGUAGE
Tirzah Stahl, Edith Shufelt, Julia Morgan, M.D., CAMILLA MILLS, RUTH NUZUM.

APPOINTMENTS OF BIBLE WOMEN

PEKING CITY DISTRICT

MRS. KAN LIU YUN CH’ING MRS. SUI KUAN LU TE
MRS. YEH LIU MRS. PI CHOU LIEN CH’ING
MRS. KAO TU AI TE MRS. CHIA SU SHIH CHING
MRS. WANG LI PO CHIA MRS. SHEN WANG T’ING LAN
MRS. KUO CHIN MEI JUI MRS. CHI WANG CHUNG HUI
MRS. CHAO WEI FU CHEN

PEKING COUNTRY DISTRICT

CH’E TS’UI CH’ING-Associate with MISS ORTHA LANE
MRS. WANG LI TS’UNG HSIENT MRS. WANG CHANG YUEH CHEN
MRS. YANG WANG WEN CHEN
TIENTSIN DISTRICT

Mrs. Li Ai Te  
Mrs. Lo Wang Wen Fu  
Wang Kuei P'ing  
Chi Li Shou Chen

SHANHAIKUAN, LANHSIEN, AND TSUNHUA DISTRICTS

Mrs. Chang Liu Jui Ch'uan  
Mrs. Yang Hui Ju  
Mrs. Wang Li Kuei Fen  
Mrs. Yang Sai Na  
Mrs. Tung Shu Hua  
Mrs. Wang Shu Jung  
Mrs. Ma Hsiao Hsien  
Mrs. Ma Shu Jung  
Mrs. Chang Li  
Mrs. Yang Hsiu Ying  
Mrs. Liu Wen Ch'ing  
Mrs. Liu Yu Lan  
Mrs. Ch'u Lan Ying  
Mrs. Kuo Li  
Mrs. Wang Ch'en  
Mrs. Chang Shu Hsien  
Mrs. Fu Shou Hsien

TAIAN AND YENCHOU DISTRICTS

Mrs. Wang Wang K'a La  
Mrs. Lo Ching Chen  
Mrs. Yang Shu Kuei  
Mrs. Huang Shu Ch'en  
Mrs. Meng Chih T'ing

EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Peking District

Gamewell School  
Yang Kuei Ling  
Chang Mei Li  
Ma P'i Chang  
Hsia Wen Yu  
Li Hung En  
Tien Lu Te  
Woman's Training School  
Wang Kuei Ch'ing  
Tseng Han Feng Yu  
Chia Shih Hang  
Yang Wei Ma Li
Tientsin District
Keen School
YANG CHAO LU TE
Nieh Yu Ch'ing
Wu Chang Ch'un Chih
Chou Yun Hsien
P'ei Te School
Li Yang Kuei An
P'ei Ken School
Chou
An Yu School
Li Yun Lan

Wilson School
Hsu Kuei Ju
Ma Yu P'u

Lanhsien District
Li Feng Ch'ao

Lanhsien District
Li Yu Hsiang

Shanhaikuan District
Alderman School, Ch'ang Li
Li Ts'ui Yu

Shanhaikuan District
Wan Mei Yun
Chou Hui Fang

Changchao District
Woman's Training School
Yang Ch'en Yu Ch'in

Changchao District
Li Ma Hsiu Chen

Taianfu District
Maria Brown School
Li Hsiu Ying
Ma Kuei Lan
Chao Kuei P'ing

Taianfu District
Woman's Training School
Hsu Chin Hsiang
Wang Pao Lin
MINUTES
OF
NORTH CHINA WOMAN'S CONFERENCE
September 1923

FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5th.

Opening. The 31st session of the North China Woman's Conference opened on Wednesday, Sept. 5th, at 10 A.M. with the President, Miss Ida Frantz in the chair. The meeting was begun with song and prayer.

Roll Call. 37 active and 10 associate members responded to roll call.

Greetings. The following new and returned missionaries were presented and welcomed by the Conference:—Miss Young, Mrs. Pyke and Mrs. Hobart—also three guests—Miss Dinklelacher from Chinan, and the Misses Wanzer and Plum from Foochow.

Reports of Standing Committees. The report of the Reference Committee was given by the chairman, Miss Wilson. Accepted.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was deferred. There was no report for the Educational Committee.

The Field Property Committee reported that plans were being sent around for the new addition to the Bible Training School at Ch'angli. Report accepted.

The report of the Program Committee was given by Miss Hsu Chin Hsiang. Accepted.

The report of the Publications Committee was given by Miss E. Hobart and Miss Yang Kuei Lan. Reports accepted.

The report of the Statistics Committee was deferred.

A report of the Membership Committee was given by Miss Halfpenny.

The Medical report was deferred.
Appointment of Committee on Appointment of Committees. The following were appointed by the President to serve on the Committee for the appointment of committees,—Misses Yang Kuei Lan, Shufelt, Griffin, and Dillenbeck.

New Business. The motion was made that this plan be used to help designate the names of the Conference members:—that the names of the Chinese married ladies be written with both maiden and given names, and that the names of the foreign teachers be written with the given names. Motion carried.

The motion was made that the new Membership Committee prepare a book to contain a list of all Conference members, giving times of entering and leaving service. Carried.

Noontide Prayer.—Miss Lane presented the Country Evangelistic work. The meeting closed with song and a season of prayer.

SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY, 2 P.M.

Opening. The second session of the Conference was opened with song and prayer. Mrs. Bishop Birney was presented to the conference, and gave a few words of greeting. A motion was made to elect Mrs. Birney Honorary President of the Conference. Motion carried.

Reports of Work. The following reports of work were given:

From Ch'angli: Alderman School, Shanhaikuan, Lanchen and Tsunhua District Primary Schools, Evangelistic Report for the Three Eastern Districts, Thompson Memorial Training School.

Report of Committees. The Committee on Appointment of Committees gave a partial report, as follows:

Appointment Committee—Miss Dyer, Chairman, Misses Young, Watrous, Halfpenny.

Resolutions Committee—Miss Adams, Chairman, Miss Nuzum, Miss Yang Mi Li An, Mrs. Kao.

Partial Report accepted.
The Evangelistic Committee made the following report:

Several Institutes or Station Classes have been held in the different districts,—in some of which the books on the prescribed reading course for Bible Women have been studied. Eleven delegates were sent to the Pei Tai Ho Summer Conference. Two women were helped from the interest of the retirement fund. The Preparatory Bible Training Schools are urged to follow a uniform course of study in order that diplomas given may have the same value. Report accepted.

Dr. Lewis gave the Conference a short talk on Educational plans and ideals for N. China, in regard to the coming Foochow exhibit, the new 6-6-4 system of education, and the supervision of District Primary School.

The Devotional Message was given by Miss Yang Kuei Lan. Her subject was "What Makes for our Greatest Happiness in Life." The session was closed with song and prayer.

THIRD SESSION—THURSDAY 10 a.m.

Opening. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. with the Vice President, Miss P'ong in the chair. Miss Knapp was appointed temporary Secretary. The meeting opened with song and prayer, led by Miss Wheeler.

Minutes. The Chinese minutes for the day preceding were read and approved.

Reports of Work. The following reports of work were given:

From Tientsin, Isabella Fisher Hospital, Country Day Schools, City Day Schools, Keen School, Kindergarten, Training School for Nurses.

New Business. The motion was made that two persons be selected to receive the briefs for the Men's Conference. Carried. Miss Yang Mi. Li An was chosen for the Chinese briefs and Miss Knox for the English ones.

A motion was made that the Conference program for Friday afternoon be deferred until Saturday, because of the Entertainment at Central Park. Carried.
The English minutes for the two sessions on Sept. 5th were read and approved.

The motion was made that the Conference members present, who did not arrive in time for the roll call, still be considered as present at the roll. Carried.

Miss Chi Chi T'ing was welcomed as a new full member of Conference.

Music. Miss Ruth Caldwell sang the solo "Just as I am", after which Mrs. Ch'en led in prayer.

Noontide Prayer. Dr. Heath presented the work in the Hospitals. The meeting closed with song and a season of prayer.

FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY, 10 A.M.

Opening. The session was opened with singing, followed by prayers by Mrs. P'an, Miss Yang and Mrs. Ch'en.

Minutes. The minutes of Thursday's session in Chinese and English were read and approved.

Motion. A large bouquet of lilies was presented to the Conference from Miss Walker in memory of her mother whose birthday was on Sept. 6th. The motion was made that the English Secretary send a letter of appreciation and thanks to Miss Walker. Carried.

Introductions. Two returned missionaries, Miss Jaquet and Mrs. Hanson, were presented and welcomed by the Conference.

Reports of work. The following reports were then given: From Peking: City Evangelistic, North and South Peking Evangelistic. After singing "I love to Tell the Story" reports were given for Gamewell School and the Day Schools of the N. and S. Peking Districts. Mrs. Jewell led in special prayer for this district's educational work.

Reports followed for the Peking Kindergarten, The Woman's Bible Training School, and The Union Bible Training School for Women.

The three Methodist graduates of our Union Bible Training School, Mrs. Chi, Mrs. Chao, and Mrs. Shen, were then presented to the Conference.
A discussion was then started on the subject of tuition. How shall we help the really deserving families, and yet, as much as possible, have them help themselves? No action was taken.

Music. Piano Solo by Miss Yueh Te Hsiu.

Noontide Prayer. Miss Wheeler presented the Educational work, especially emphasizing the thought that we are all in the School of Christ. The meeting closed with song and a season of prayer.

FIFTH SESSION—SATURDAY, 10 A.M.

Opening. The session was opened with singing, followed by prayers by Mrs. Kao, Mrs. Li, and Miss Frantz.

Minutes. The minutes of Friday's session in Chinese and English were read and approved.

Introduction. Mrs. Hauser of the Philippines was presented, and welcomed by the Conference.

New Business. The motion was made that each one see that his own report was properly corrected for the printer. Motion changed that a special helper be appointed for the Chinese Secretary for this year, and that the Secretary show the members the kind of paper to be used for the reports another year. Carried.

The motion was made and carried that this helper be chosen at once. Miss Ch'en Hsien Jung was appointed.

The motion was made that the English Secretary also have a helper. Carried. Miss Elizabeth Hobart was appointed.

Bishop Birney was presented to the Conference, and gave a short talk, appreciating and emphasizing the importance of the work of the W.F.M.S. in China; also a word of regret that the delegates elected to the East Asia Conference were all from the Men's Lay Electoral Conference, and a hope that this policy might be changed by constitution before another Conference.

Miss Townshend, National Secretary for the Epworth League in China, was then presented, and also gave a few words of greeting. She told of the plans of the Epworth League, that
the coming E. Asia Conference appoint a Board for the Sunday School and Epworth League to co-operate in their work for China for the future.

The motion was made to change the order of the program, that the English Session of Monday P.M. be interchanged with the Chinese session of this afternoon. Carried.

Reports of work. The following reports of work were given:

From T'ai An, The Edna Terry Training School, Woman's Work on the Taianfu and Yenchoufu Districts, Maria Brown Davis School.

Music. Quartette by Mrs Krause, Dr. Lewis, Miss Dillenbeck and Miss Frantz.

Reports followed for the Taianfu and Yenchoufu District Day Schools and for the Yenchoufu Evangelistic work.

Noontide Prayer. Miss Gilman presented the Bible Training School work, and the meeting closed with a season of special prayer for this work.

SIXTH SESSION—MONDAY, 10 A.M.

Opening. The session was opened with prayer, led by Miss Dyer.

Minutes. The minutes of Saturday's session in Chinese and English were read and approved.

Reports of Committees. The Committee on Appointment of Committees read the names for the Standing Committees.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read in Chinese by Miss Yang and in English by Miss Adams.

The report of the Bible Women's retirement fund was read by Mrs. Jewell. Moved and carried that the report be accepted. It was suggested that the rest of the fund needed, about $800, be raised this year. Moved that a Committee be appointed to consider this matter, and report this afternoon, the Committee to consist of two members for each district one Chinese and one foreign. Carried.
Music. Song by eight of the Gamewell girls and teachers.

The motion was made that the statistical report be included in the Conference Minutes without reading. Carried.

The President appointed the following to serve on the committee for the Bible Woman's Retirement fund:—Miss Dyer, Mrs. Wang Shu Jung, Miss Nowlin, Mrs. Chou, Miss Lawrence, Miss Li Feng Ch'ao, Miss Young, Miss Hsu Chin Hsiang, Miss Knapp, Mrs. Wang Yueh Chen, Miss Halfpenny, Mrs. Li Hui Chieh, Miss Lane, Mrs. Ch'en Heng Te, Mrs. Hobart.

Mrs. Pyke reported on the General Board Ladies' Industrial work for T'ai An.

Mrs. Jewell reported the collections for the various Missionary Societies. The total amount was $446.47.

Miss Wagner from Baltimore, assistant to our home Treasurer, Miss Hooper, was introduced and welcomed by the Conference.

Noontide Prayer. After a song Mrs. Ku presented the subject of Social Service. The meeting closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SESSION—MONDAY, 2 P.M.

Opening. The session was opened with song and prayer, led by Miss Yang.


Reports of Work. The following reports of work were given: Peking University, College of Arts and Sciences for Women, Sleeper Davis Memorial Hospital, Union Training School for Nurses, Tientsin.

New Business. Two members, Miss Yang Kuei Lan, and Miss Nowlin were appointed to serve on the Forward Movement Committee.

The motion was made and carried that the President appoint three members for Committee on Fraternal Letters.

The subject of Tuition and Salaries was brought up again. Moved and carried to refer such problems to the proper committees, such as Educational or Evangelistic, to be discussed during the year and be put into some form to be acted on at next year's Conference Session.
Mrs. Hobart reported for the Committee on the Bible Woman's Retirement Fund, that the different Districts had promised to take over the amounts needed to make up the balance of the fund.

Miss Knox reported a letter from a lady near Pao Ting Fu offering six mou of land to start a new church. Motion made and carried that even though this was not a matter for this Conference to decide, we yet send her a letter of appreciation and thanks.

The Report of the Evangelistic Committee was read by Mrs. Li.

Election of Officers. The following officers were elected for the Conference of 1924:—President, Miss Frantz. Vice-President, Mrs. Ch'ing. English Secretary, Miss Shufelt. Chinese Secretary, Miss Ch'en Hsiu Jung. Treasurer, Mrs. Jewell.

Reading of Appointments. The appointments made by the Evangelistic Committee were read by Mrs. Li, and those made by the Educational Committee were read by Miss Hobart.

The following were appointed to serve on the Committee for Fraternal Letters:—Miss Lawrence, Miss Yang Kuei Lan, Miss Tirzah Stahl.

Minutes. The Minutes of the session, both in Chinese and English were read and approved.

Closing. Dr. Ida Belle Lewis led in a closing consecration service, and the last session of the Conference was then adjourned.
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED:

THAT we express our gratitude to God for His wonderful love, His protection and constant care, and His blessings upon our labors during the past year.

THAT we express our heartfelt thanks to Bishop Birney for his deep spiritual messages during the devotional hour. We are deeply grateful for having Mrs. Birney with us during the Conference sessions.

THAT we extend a most cordial welcome to our returned and new missionaries.

THAT we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Avann in her deep sorrow.

THAT we express our appreciation to Dr. Manderson Durbin and Frances Gray Hayes for their years of faithful service.

THAT we extend our sympathy to Mrs. King and her family in their bereavement.

THAT we feel regret at Miss Glover's enforced return, and sincerely hope the homeland will bring her renewed health and strength.

THAT we express our gratitude to the ladies at home who so kindly permitted Mrs. Jewell to remain on the field another year.

THAT we extend our greetings to each of our workers now in the homeland.

THAT we extend to Miss Ortha Lane our deep gratefulness for her untiring efforts as our representative on the Jubilee Commission.
THAT we express our great thanks to the North China Conference for the Jubilee gift to the Mary Porter Gamewell School.

In face of the great disaster that has befallen Japan, we express our sympathy and pledge our prayers and material help. May God in His own way comfort and sustain those who are suffering these days.

THAT we thank our hosts and hostesses of Peking who have so graciously entertained us these days.

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PETITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FOOCHOW EAST ASIA CONFERENCE

To the Members of the East Asia Conference,

Foochow, China.

Dear Brethren:

WE, the members of the North China Woman's Conference of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, upon finding that the members of our society have no representation at the East Asia Conference, respectfully present the following petition:—

WHEREAS, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is a factor in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and

WHEREAS, this society has work in Japan, Korea and China, and

WHEREAS, the missionaries under this society contribute to the expenses of the East Asia Conference,

THEREFORE, the North China Woman's Conference of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society hereby request assured representation at the meetings of the East Asia Conference.
STANDING COMMITTEES

Reference Committee:

MISSES WILSON, YOUNG, GRIFFIN, WHEELER, BATTIN, GILMAN.

Evangelistic:

MISSES HALFPENNY, NOWLIN, KNOX, LANE, ADAMS, MRS. P'AN, MRS. LI HUI CHIEH.

Educational Committee:

MISSES L. HOBART, P'ONG, DILLENECK, DYER, JAQUET, FRANTZ, MRS. LI YANG KUEI AN.

Field Property Committee:

MISSES WATROUS, NOWLIN, NUZUM, DILLENECK, YANG KUEI LAN, MRS. CH'ING, DR. MARTIN.

Program Committee:

MISSES E. HOBART, CARLYLE, CH'EN HSU JUNG, CHI CHIH T'ING.

Publications Committee:

MISSES YANG KUEI LAN, FEARON.

Statistics Committee:

MISSES KNAPP, LAWRENCE, CALDWELL, GILMAN, WU KUEI YU, HSU CHIN HSiang, MRS. HOWE.

Membership Committee:

MISSES DYER, LANE, WHEELER, WANG WEN KUEI, YOUNG, HSU HSU LI, MRS. JEWELL, MRS. TSENG KUO CHIH, MRS. CHOU.

Medical Committee:

DR. STRYKER, DR. MARTIN, MRS. CHING.
LANGUAGE STUDY COURSE

The same as that of the North China Union Language School, for which see their catalog.
CONSTITUTION
OF THE
WOMANS’ CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NORTH CHINA

ARTICLE I. NAME
The organization shall be called "The Woman’s Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in North China"

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE
The object of this organization is a united effort for advancing the Kingdom of Christ among women and children in North China, and supplementing the efforts of home missionary workers in interesting the church at large in our missionary field.

ARTICLE III. RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH
This Conference shall work in harmony with the North China Conference according to the Constitution of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP
There shall be two kinds of members of our Conference, active and associate, as follows: (1) The Active members shall be all representatives of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society who have been on the field one year; such women of the General Board as are engaged in W.F.M.S. work; all Chinese women who are now engaged in Conference work, who have been engaged in Mission work for at least two years (one of the two years having been in the North China Conference), and who have had at least two years’ study in some institution above high
school: all Chinese women now engaged in Conference work who have been engaged in Mission work for at least five years (two of the five years having been in the North China Conference), and who are high school graduates; and all Chinese women now engaged in Conference work who have been engaged in Mission work for at least ten years, and who completed the former course of Gamewell or its equivalent. These shall constitute the voting membership. (2) The Associate members shall be all Bible women; teachers holding high school or training school diplomas; graduate nurses and doctors in active service; wives of preachers belonging to Conference if such women are in active service; representatives of the W.F.M.S. who have been on the field less than one year; and women of the General Board who are not in W.F.M.S. work. Associate members may be appointed on committees, and their names may be included in the list of appointments, said names to be decided on by the Appointment Committee subject to approval by the Mission.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Custodian of Conference Funds, to be elected annually by ballot and to retire upon the election of their successors.

ARTICLE VI. CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be changed at any Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
I.—This Conference shall convene at the same time and place when practicable, as the North China Annual Conference.

II.—The Order of Business shall be as follows:—

1. Calling of Roll by Secretary
2. Appointment of Committees
3. Reports of Work
4. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business
5. Reports of Treasurer
6. Appointment of Standing Committees
7. Reports of Committees shall be given daily after reading of Minutes
8. Election of Officers.

III.—The Rules of Order shall be as follows:—

1. Each session shall open and close with prayer
2. Resolutions to be discussed must be submitted in writing.

IV.—The Standing Committees shall be appointed by a committee chosen for this purpose and are as follows:—

1. Field Reference:—
   This Committee shall consist of six (6) members, each station having a representative thereon.
   This Committee shall meet or confer in the spring to prepare estimates for the following year.
   All business pertaining to the work of the Conference, arising in the interim of its session, shall be decided through this Committee by a majority vote of the women of the W.F.M.S.; and no representation of such business to the authorities at home shall be considered official unless endorsed by the Committee. The Chairman of this Committee
shall be Official Correspondent, and shall copy in a book provided for the purpose all correspondence with the home authorities, and all business transactions of the Committee.

2. Evangelistic:—

This Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, at least two (2) of whom shall be Chinese. Its duties shall be: to formulate policies for the Woman's Training Schools, Institutes, and Station Classes, arrange their curricula and make plans for their advancement and unity; to arrange for special institutes or conferences whose aim shall be the inspiration and instruction of Christian workers; to fix the salaries and make the Conference appointments of Bible women; to apply the interest of the Retirement Fund for Bible women; to select the delegates to Union Evangelistic Meetings at Peitaiho or elsewhere; to make out a Course of Study for Bible Women.

3. Educational:—

This Committee shall consist of seven (7) members at least two (2) of whom shall be Chinese, whose duty it shall be to investigate the condition of the schools of the Conference and to make and present to this body any plans for the advancement and unity of its educational work, and to appoint associate members for teachers. Three (3) members of the out-going Committee shall be appointed to the new Committee each year in order that more continuity of effort be secured.

4. Field Property:—

This Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, two (2) of whom at least shall be Chinese, and all plans for building or extensive repairs shall be submitted to and approved by this Committee before being presented to the Building Committee of the General Board. The chairman of this Committee shall record in a book provided for the purpose a copy of the plans of all new buildings with cost of the same and such other data as shall be of use in future building operations.

5. Program:—

This Committee shall consist of four (4) members, two (2) of whom shall be Chinese, whose duty it shall be to prepare
a program for the Annual Meeting of the Womans' Conference.

6. Publication:—

This Committee shall consist of the English and Chinese Secretaries of the Conference with an assistant to be chosen by each, whose duty it shall be to edit and publish the Minutes.

7. Statistics:—

This Committee shall consist of four (4) foreign and four (4) Chinese, whose duty it shall be to compile a statistical report to be presented at the Annual Conference, and published in the Minutes.

8. Medical:—

This committee shall consist of three (3) members, whose duty shall be to appoint associate members and decide other matters pertaining to medical work.

V. Duty of Officers:—

1.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference.

2.—In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside, and shall act as interpreter in the Chinese meetings when necessary.

3.—The Secretary shall keep a full record of all proceedings and forward a report of same to the Official Correspondent of the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society.

4.—The Custodian of Conference Funds shall have charge of all funds collected in the Conference and disburse the same by order of the Conference.

VI.—A majority of the voting members attending the Conference shall constitute a quorum.

VII.—Change of By-Laws:—

The By-Laws may be changed at any Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
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