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The North China Conference of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been unable to find a girl to place in the College on its “Field Scholarship” during the past year.

The following are extracts from Miss Payne's last report:—Miss Miner left on a much needed furlough in July, having had the joy of seeing, during nine years of tireless devotion, a germ develop into a fruit bearing plant. For when she came to Peking in 1903, the Woman's College was only a hope in the hearts of those who were interested in the development and training of the young women of North China, yet in 1913 twenty-one graduates had passed out to take their part in the education of the women and children of this land,—seven from each of the special courses, the Normal and the Kindergarten training courses, and seven from the College department proper.

A freshman class of twelve matriculated in September. Twelve students have registered for special studies. The total enrollment for the school year has been thirty-five.

Never have the training schools been more popular with the children and never have the student teachers taken more interest in their work. Especially the educated Chinese are coming to realize the importance of the kindergarten training in the life-forming habit of the child and the increased attendance comes mainly from that class.

The registration in the Music department has been larger than ever before, numbering sixteen piano and thirty-seven organ pupils.

The Y. M. C. A. received new life from the summer Conference held at Woa Fu Ssu last June at which they had seven delegates. The majority of the pupils are Christians.

On June 11th the third commencement of the Woman's College was held, when a class of four was graduated. Diplomas were also given to a class of three from the Kindergarten and one from the Normal Training departments. These eight girls will all teach the coming year and if we had double or treble their number we could not fill all the places that are asking for such trained workers.
NORTH CHINA WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

Boarding Schools.

MARY PORTER GAMEWELL SCHOOL.

Gertrude Gilman.
Myra Jaquet. Dora Fearon.
Frances Gray.

For eleven successive years when September has come around, Mrs. Jewell, with money bag swung over her shoulder and a bundle of bedding prepared for the night, has started out for Shan Hai Kuan to bring in the school girls. And as many times at dawn the next morning she has made her way to the Shan Hai Kuan station with a bunch of girls, happy to be returning for another school year, their number to be increased at the various stations along the line.

On the 17th of last September, starting on this same errand, a peculiar sense of loneliness came over us, as we realized that not only on this day, but for many months, we could not have the inspiring presence and leadership of Mrs. Jewell.

A compensating joy was in store for the girls, and as each new group boarded the train, they gathered with delight about Miss Baugh, whom they had not seen for over a year and whom we were all so glad to welcome back to the work.

Looking back now at the close of the year, we find a total enrollment of two hundred seventy-two, of whom thirty-eight were day pupils. These latter have come from quite different grades of society; there was the little Cantonese girl whose mother was an amah, and the bright attractive child whose father wrote from the office of the President. He was asking us to recommend another mission school for his daughter when in May, they moved to the other side of the city. One of the most earnest of these day pupils was a daughter-in-law of Dr. Wu Ting Fang.

Why is it that so often the gatekeeper announces, "There is a caller to inquire about the school"? They often begin with, "We hear that the regulations of your honorable school are very good"; and is it not possible that such words of approval are genuine and may it not be true, as they frequently tell us, that in some government schools, the girls are allowed too many liberties and thus exposed to dangers?
MARY PORTER GAMEWELL SCHOOL.
Visitors Day.

Going to hear Dr. North and Dr. Haven speak.

We, like you, are pleased to have our picture taken.
PEKING

A happy Day School in Peking

On the City Wall for an Outing.
Such inquiries as the following indicate the trend of their desires:—"May she elect from the course? We wish her to study English and learn to play the piano", "Is the English taught by a foreigner?" "She has studied a little in Primary school, is now sixteen, but does not have to be married for ten years. Could she finish this and the Medical course before that?" A young lady who asked if we taught dancing never returned! One came for English and Piano lessons because she had "nothing to do at home." Another left after a few days because, as her husband wrote, she had " Rushing business" at her home; and true it is that some of these young wives in New China do have their time filled with social duties, as they are being invited more and more, to accompany their husbands to social functions.

The attitude of these pupils toward Christianity varies. There was the young lady, whose mother-in-law expressed the special desire that her daughter might be influenced to accept Christ. Another came with special orders from her parents to take no Christian studies. This did not prevent the girl, however, from being touched by the Holy Spirit, and as she read the Gospel story, she exclaimed to a friend, "Is it really true?"

Among other inquirers this year, have been two deputations from the Board of Education. They came armed with note books in which they wrote down our answers to their many previously prepared questions.

A Christian gentleman, connected with the Government Normal School, also looked us over and took notes, frequently commenting on the wisdom of some precaution to safeguard the girls.

Of the boarders, nearly all follow the prescribed course of study. The number continuing for the Middle or High school is still too small, only thirty-five. The Primary numbers one hundred seven and the Intermediate, eighty-eight.

We crave the influence of all in the Conference in helping us to keep the girls on through the High school and thus to better fit them for whatever service the Church may call them to later.

There were only two graduates this year, but we would not put too much emphasis on the "only," for one has decided to enter the Medical College, hoping thus to be better able to lead souls to Christ; the other is our Korean
girl, one who has grown strong through trying experiences. We see her now as she went to the altar to dedicate her life to definite evangelistic work, perhaps, among her own country people in the region to which some of them have fled.

Helpful cooperation on the part of both Chinese and foreign teachers has kept the wheels running comparatively smoothly.

It has been a constant satisfaction to have with us again Miss Liu, giving her third year of efficient service since her graduation. Miss Pang, with a two year's Normal training in the Woman's College; Miss Kao, a graduate from the Presbyterian school in Teng Chow Fu, who came here to study English and Music for a half day, and Miss Chi, our graduate of last year, have all shown an interest in keeping up the grade of the school.

We wish to express our appreciation of the help, so willingly given by Mrs. Ch'en Chi'iu Ying, in managing that important but difficult problem, the food problem.

Another invaluable aid furnished gratis, has been the teaching of two Bible classes by Mrs. Spencer Lewis, and such effective teaching it has been, that often a girl has spoken enthusiastically of the help she was getting from her Bible lesson. With pleasure, too, we noted the chance remark of a girl in Miss Jaquet's class in the Life and Letters of St. Paul,—"It almost seems like a meeting."

It is our cherished hope that in every Bible class, the girls may be enthused with a real love for the Book and connect the teachings received with their daily experiences. Again we owe our thanks to the Peking University for supplying a Professor for the Chemistry class in exchange for the English teaching done by the Misses Fearon; and to Dr. Ch'en for his cheerful response to frequent appeals for help and advice.

Miss Hobart, whose appointment read only; "student of the language," has given us hope and joy, as we saw her already so able to teach an English class and lead an occasional prayer meeting.

A large class applied for drawing lessons when Mrs. George Lowry consented to teach, and thanks are due her for her enthusiasm and faithful work.

Bishop Bashford generously spoke for us on graduation day, of the noble example of the one whose name the school bears.
Dr. Hobart, Pastor Liu, Mrs. Bashford, Miss Paxson and three of her associates in Y. W. C. A. work and Mrs. Montgomery have all helpfully responded to invitations to speak to the girls. Mrs. Montgomery's moving enthusiasm was not lost, even through a Chinese interpreter. We selected for her one of the best, Mr. Wang Chih Ping, a staunch friend of the school from which he got his appreciated wife, "Dorothy." It was he who held the attention of every hearer on October 10th, the day when we hung up the five-colored flags and had a patriotic celebration, because President Yuan was being inaugurated.

Largely due to Miss Jaquet's thorough knowledge of Association work, all the departments of the Y.W.C.A. have flourished. Three Bible study classes, asked for by the girls who attended the summer conference last year, have been started with plans for more next year. This year a delegation twenty strong, delayed their home-going a week in order to attend the second conference held at the Western Hills. Not only was it gratifying to hear of the spiritual help received, but also of their fun and recreation, quite similar to that which enlivens a summer conference in America. We smiled at their "They said ours was the best stunt of all."

During the year all the Temple Fairs, where Gospel tents were erected, have had workers from the Gamewell school.

More afternoon Sunday schools than ever before have been started by Miss Knox and taught by girls appointed by the Extension Committee of the Association.

There is no regular Kindergarten here, but thanks to Miss Elizabeth Lowry and Miss Helen Hopkins, with the help of the other foreign children and several Chinese girls, a Sunday morning kindergarten has relieved the Church service of a distracting element and been the scene of beautiful work for the little children.

A pleasing event of the year has been the reviving of the Standard Bearer society. Several monthly programs had been carefully prepared by Misses Fearon, Gray and Hobart. There was one meeting on Korea, prepared by our Korean girl and brightened by girls in Korean costumes, singing Korean songs. Then those magic "Mystery Box" questions, warranted to arouse interest in any Auxiliary at home, helped in the revival here. A new Membership Committee with Miss Baugh's timely suggestions was the final effort that brought in over
sixty new members at that last meeting of the term, when little Jay Ch’en was voted a life member of the Light Bearers.

It was evident that many of the girls went to their homes with a new determination to teach the women and girls in their villages. Many a bright package of cards was tied up in their bundles and already are coming reports of little schools and meetings started. Two girls have been sent out to a country station to work with a Bible woman there and in the adjoining towns.

As we come to the end of the school year and these gates “have swung to behind us,” we think of Dr. Bowne’s sure prophecy about the important thing when those other “gates of time shall have swung to behind all of us,”—“What He thought of us”, and pray that, year by year, we with all these for whom we labor, may be more truly “built into His Kingdom,” because we are always conscious of the truth that “The real way is His way.”

KEEN SCHOOL.
Anglo-Chinese School for Girls.
Clara M. Cushman, Principal.
Maude Wheeler, Assistant Principal.
Ida B. Lewis. Mildred Pyke.

In the absence of Miss Cushman on her search for restoration of eyesight in Vienna, it falls to me to write a brief report of our year’s work and life in the Keen School, Tientsin.

The year has not, as in former ones, been marked by any such disaster as plague or rebellion. It has been a peaceful one with only the ripples that come in every school year.

Several girls have moved to other places; Frances, Lizzie and Dora have left our school circle for homes of their own. With the exception of numerous cases of measles and swollen glands, the girls have been unusually well.

Almost immediately after opening school in the fall the Y. W. C. A. girls who had attended the Summer Conference at the Western Hills, held a mass meeting for all the girls in school; they served tea and cakes, gave reports of the Conference and invited all to join their ranks. As a result of that meeting over twenty new member came into the society, others joined later. As this year the Summer Conference came before our school had closed, the examinations were so arranged that one of the native teachers and all of our junior
class might attend. They returned reporting a happy and helpful time, with only one episode to dampen their ardor; one morning after a night when all had slept most soundly, as a result of a rather long pleasure excursion, there was consternation all over the camp. A thief had come in and helped himself to many dollars worth of clothing and bedding, some of the latter being taken off the beds of the sleeping owners.

A probationers class of seven girls has been meeting every Sunday afternoon for some time. Two are wives of educated young men, one is engaged to a physician, one plans to be a nurse. When asked at the end of the term whether they would prefer to join the church while we are still worshipping with our London Mission friends in their chapel, or wait until our own new building is completed in the fall, they decided unanimously to wait for the new church. And this brings me to the subject that has taken so much of our time, thought, prayer and planning this past year, our new buildings. The new church is to be a beautiful edifice, meant to seat a thousand people, has a gallery and many class rooms. The buildings that have taken our thought and attention mostly are the Keen School and the Isabella Fisher Hospital. While writing I am domiciled in one of the General Board houses while overseeing the construction of the school building, while Miss Gregg has the hospital under supervision. We are working under the direction of an efficient architect but in August an American gentleman of experience is to relieve us. We find the men require pretty close attention. Chinese workmen like people the world over, like to have their way. Many things appear just as good one way as another. Cement that should be left out doors at least three days should be accepted, so they think, if made on Saturday left out all Sunday and brought in and put in place at six o'clock Monday morning because, "Is not this the third day?" They are always good natured and one day when reproved twice for poor work the head men presented as a peace offering, ten beautiful peaches.

We have arranged, beginning with July 26, to have meetings with the man on Sunday afternoons, the two native pastors coming to preach in turn. The men themselves volunteered the information that they would be glad to use some of the time we do not allow them to work on Sunday, in listening to the doctrine.
Many is the letter Miss Cushman has written to enlist interest in the School, resulting in many generous gifts, including one thousand Mexican dollars from Yuen Shih Kai himself.

The girls have shown a real interest and helpful spirit which was proven by the following notice which appeared in one of the papers not long ago; "On Saturday May 23, the girls of the Sarah L. Keen School gave a lawn party and bazar at the school on Taku road. The lawn was prettily decorated and seats were provided for the guests under the trees. After a nice program of calisthenics and music, tea was served in the school dining room. The police commissioner, Yang I Te very kindly loaned his band for the occasion. The total amount received for admission tickets, tea tickets, bazar etc. was four hundred and eighty dollars which will be turned into the building fund for the new school.” The girls worked hard on their program and entered with greatest zest into the spirit of persuading the guests to buy articles for sale, sweets or bottled water. As more cakes were donated than could be used, the girls came running up asking if they might sell the whole cakes among the company. Very little was left unsold, and the girls were a very happy but tired group when all the effort for "our new school” had spent itself.

The year has been one of hard work, of definite planning for the future and we feel of growth of mind and spirit in the case of many a girl.

Each Sunday eight of the girls have gone with Miss Lewis to help her conduct a primary class in the Sunday School, numbering sometimes over fifty children. Two of our native teachers, Miss Li and Miss Chang have gone in another direction to hold a Sunday School opened during the year. For a part of the year, first Miss Gregg and later Miss Pyke with the assistance of another willing worker among the school girls, held a Sunday school class in another part of the city. Some of the girls have made frequent visits to the hospital to read or talk or sing to the patients.

The enrolment for the term has been one hundred and fifteen; of these seventy four have been classified intending to take the regular course; of the forty one special students many are working toward the course as taught and next term will take their places in regular classes.
Three gentlemen and three lady Chinese teachers have given their faithful service for whole or part time. Gifts have amounted to Gold $2622.22; receipts for board and tuition Gold $1982.80.

We cannot close without mentioning one plan for the fall. We feel many of our girls who have not publicly accepted Christ have a knowledge concerning Him; a belief in Him and should make a public acknowledgement of Him. Hence we were rejoiced to hear of a plan in the minds of our Y. W C. A. sisters which so nearly coincided with our hope; to hold a mass meeting just when all schools open in the fall and urge the girls to accept Christ or at least to join Bible classes with the intention of knowing Him. Many joint meetings of the Y. W C. A. ladies and representatives from the missions have been held and plans are being carefully made for the Evangelistic Campaign.

Our "Call to Prayer" is as follows:—

Let us pray:—

1. That the speaker may be inspired with wisdom and insight and indued with physical strength.

2. For the students:—
   a. That those who have hitherto been untouched may be willing to study the Bible.
   b. That those who already have some knowledge of Christ may be brought to an open confession of Him.
   c. That all Christian students may have their spiritual life deepened and be a power in the campaign.

3. That the workers may gain an entry into all schools, and that the campaign may be widely known and welcomed.

4. That wisdom, power and strength may be given to all workers, especially Bible class leaders.

Will you not join us in this prayer which is inclusive of all girls schools and students in our great commercial city of Tientsin?

Maude Wheeler.
REPORT OF THE LUCY A. ALDERMAN MEMORIAL BOARDING SCHOOL.

Jennie B. Bridenbaugh, Principal. Mary F. Watrous.

I do not know what new or interesting thing I can say about the Alderman School for this year. Its story has been told you for three successive years, and the work of a Primary School is bound to be pretty much the same. Of course it is all new and abounding in interest to me, for this is my first experience in superintending and mothering more than a hundred girls, and I want to say in the beginning that I have enjoyed it more than I can say.

When the school was given into my charge a year ago, I felt as if the whole world were upon my shoulders, but I found that it wasn't—not quite. I learned anew the lesson of faith that I have experienced many times before, that when God gives us hard tasks to do, He does not desert but supplies strength and help. Miss Pyke was so kind as to come to Ch'angli for a week at the beginning and help us get started. Once in harness and with the efficient help of Miss Watrous and the three lady teachers, Miss Feng, Mrs. Yang, and Miss Hu, work went on very smoothly during the fall months. Of course the Chinese teachers knew more about the girls, their duties, and the outside workings of the school than I did, so while the girls were inside studying their lessons I was often outside studying the mechanism of a boarding school. It is indeed a live problem where the girls do nearly all the work of the school in addition to their lessons. And yet I am sure that the problem of work is not so great a one as the problem of idleness. It is much easier to find a task for each and see that she does it than to keep her out of mischief and from quarrelling if she has nothing to do.

We were very sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Verity from our midst in December. Not only did we miss them and their own work miss them, but even the Alderman school missed them, for along with all their other duties, they found time to come over and help us. Mrs. Verity had knitting and crocheting classes and how eager the girls were to learn to knit their own mittens, stockings, and neck scarfs. With the help of two of the older girls we kept it up for a few weeks after she left us, but it lacked her touch and enthusiasm and after a time had to be given up. Mr. Verity had been our
singing master. We did not know how to get on without him to teach the girls to sing. For the rest of that term we didn't sing. The second term Miss Watrous consented to take the vocal music and try giving note singing just as she had taught it to the primary children in America. The girls took it up readily and seemed to like it very much.

Christmas time came. We were richly supplied with dolls and other gifts which came in mission boxes or were brought by Miss Dyer who came back to us at that time. Our school room looked very gay in its dress of green pines and red bells, a heavily laden tree in one corner and dolls hanging everywhere. We gave Miss White's translation of "Bird's Christmas Carol" which you certainly all know. How the girls did enjoy it! It was something quite new to them. They had not had anything with so much acting in it before and they really did their parts very well. Miss Watrous said she thought it would be hard to find a better family of Ruggles's than was ours. It was in all a very happy Christmas.

After Christmas we rested for only a couple of days. Our real vacation came later at the Chinese New Year time. That is the time most convenient for a vacation for it comes just at the close of the first term. Then too it is the time when the Chinese especially want to be at home. We closed then for two weeks and about half of our girls went home. The others lived too far away or had no homes to go to.

Soon after the opening of the second term came the District Conference and special services which had been planned by Dr Keeler. The Conference of course did not interest the school girls, but the evening revival services were a source of much help and inspiration to us. Dr. Twing, Dr. Pyke, Dr. Ch'en, and Dr. Keefer were the principal speakers, and they made their talks especially helpful to students. Beside the regular church services, Drs. Twing, Pyke, and Keefer, were so kind as to come to school and talk especially to the girls. They gave them real live messages in language that they, primary pupils, could understand.

Dr. Twing, of course, preached his "Kai Liang Huei" (International Reform Society). As a result we organized a branch society in our school, which during the spring months would have been very evident to anyone visiting us by the number of blue badges to be seen. Being a primary school we had not had any organizations in our midst, so I was glad
for the girls to have this one. It gave them a new trend of thought, an opportunity to do something besides lessons. I was very busy so I told them they might prepare the programs themselves which pleased them very much. They did some very clever things and we all had a good time as well as a profitable one.

But the crowning event of the year, which though the direct result of these special meetings, yet in reality the result of the teaching, the prayers, and the work that has been done in the Alderman school since it was opened four years ago, came on Sunday, February 28, when fourteen of our girls came into full membership of the church, ten more were baptized and eight joined on probation. The fourteen who joined in full were the older girls of the school, and all of them girls we have reason to be proud of and to expect something from. It is such girls as they are and promise to be that cannot but mean much to Chinese womanhood in this new China. I have watched these girls' souls grow this year and how much some of them have grown. A hard punishment started one girl to growing and a special trust headed another in the right direction. Then there are many whose development is just normal and gradual, for their minds and hearts are open and ready to receive. One girl came to me crying when she saw her name among those who were appointed to lead prayer meeting. She said she couldn't do it, that she was not worthy. I asked her if she dared refuse this opportunity that was given her to speak for Christ. It took for a long time to decide that she could lead that meeting but she finally did and had one of the best meetings of the year.

A gloom was cast over our school in March by the death of one of our most loved pupils, Liu Shu Yien, the daughter of the Rev. Liu Shao T'ang. Her illness was one that we never could really understand. She had been dull and lifeless for some weeks, then a little fever developed which at first seemed to be the same thing that several of the other girls were having at that time, and which had lasted only a day or so, but not so with Shu Yien. She sank into a delirium from which she never recovered, and after a week passed away very quietly. We were thankful that her father arrived in time to be with her when she went away. Another one of our number has gone from us since school was out in June. Many of you have doubtless heard of our four orphans. The oldest one of them
took a very hard cold a year ago in February. This developed into tuberculosis. She was not able to study much this year but lived with her aunt in Shan-hai-ktan. In May she wrote me that she was much better and wanted to come to Ch'angli for the summer, hoping she might improve enough to enter school in the fall. She came back looking very pale and weak instead of better as we had hoped, and died in a hemorrhage one week later. These are the first deaths in the history of the school. It is very hard to see our girls go this way. If we only had a sanitarium where such cases could be sent at first, I feel sure many of them could be saved.

This year also witnessed the first wedding from the school. Hsu Tien Ying, one of the older girls, was married to one of the young preachers and went to live in the mission at Shan-hai-kuan.

This spring was a beautiful one in Ch'angli. We enjoyed many rambles to the hills. We ran away from school for one whole day in May. Fifteen carts carried us across the plains to the high mountains where we wandered around among the pines, ate lunch under a huge spreading spruce tree, and then visited an interesting old temple. I am sure the girls had a picnic indeed that day.

We closed school on June tenth with a program of song, school exercises, and drills. The exercises were made as far as possible out of regular school work so that people might learn something of what we do in school. All were invited to this entertainment and I think they all came. I have never before seen such a crowd in our church since I came to Ch'angli.

Eighteen of our girls who have completed the four years' course go on to Peking next year, not because we want to send them but because Peking has room and we do not. We do not like sending our older girls on so soon for they are a great help in the life of the school and we should like to keep them through the sixth year. We need them. But this seems to be our only resource at present with such a waiting list as we have. Our dire need is more dormitory. The total enrollment for this year has been 132 with not more than 119 at one time. We need room for 150. Tuition receipts for this year are $670 Gold which is more than we have ever received before.
As we look over the work of the past year, we are strongly reminded of the school donkey, a very important member of our working force. The supply of white flour for the steamed bread, the golden millet flour for the Johnny cake and the batter which makes the delicious wafer cakes are all provided by his unceasing journeys around the mill stones, turning them from early morning until night. When the new school house was in process of building we loaned him to the workmen to haul stones. They started off hopefully in the morning but came back before noon with scorn and disgust written on their faces. When asked what troubled them they replied, "This donkey is no good. Everytime that we load up and start off, he goes round and round. It is only by continual beating and pulling that we can induce him to go forward."

Life in the T'alianfu School during the past year has, in many ways, been like this. There have been no tragic, exciting events, but the days have come and gone, each with its appointed task, all very much alike. If peace means prosperity, the year has certainly been a prosperous one. Unlike the donkey, however, although we have gone round and round in our daily routine, we have also gone forward. This was evident in the closing examinations and in the spiritual and mental growth of the girls.

Miss Boddy's furlough left us with our teaching force depleted, but all of our Chinese teachers returned and Miss Knapp took some work in the school, beside her language study. On January the first Miss Dillenbeck came. She has been a blessing and a comfort, both in the school and the home. Although she has devoted most of her time to study, she has done some fine work in teaching music to the girls.

Our total enrollment was one hundred and twenty-seven. Two girls left us because they were unwilling to unbind their feet. They promised to do so, but thought they could deceive us by putting on big shoes and stockings over their little feet. When they found that it would not work, they left for home where they could be free and have bound feet.
There was quite a novel wedding in the autumn. One of our girls was married in the church. Formerly, a bride was so modest and overcome that she had to be supported by an older woman and could hardly walk as she left the church. This bride was quite different. She held up her head and walked up the aisle without anybody's help. The people were so pleased that many of them clapped their hands.

Revival meetings were held in December. At this time our Big Sister Society was organized. All of the older girls selected two, some of them, three little girls, and promised to be their big sister, working for and praying for them that they might become Christians. Each one met with her little sisters every day for prayer and talks about the Christian life. This was a real help to the older girls as well as to the little ones. They found that it was more blessed to give than to receive. As a result of the meetings and this special effort, eleven were received into the church on probation, and twenty-seven were baptized and received into full membership. The society continued through the year and was a great help. Many problems which formerly came to the teacher for settlement were turned over to the big sister.

Dr. Martin went home and we missed her sorely, but Mrs. Kao, her assistant, carried on the work and conducted the school clinic each day. She treated the common ills, sore eyes and heads, frozen feet and hands, but if there was any serious trouble, Dr. Korns of the General Board very kindly came over. With the exception of one case of scarlet fever, there was no serious illness. We have much for which to be thankful.

A new experiment in self-government was tried this year. So much is said these days about the Republic, liberty and the emancipation of women that we thought we would test the girls and see what they could do if given the power. A board of managers, comprised of the older girls, was appointed, a president elected, and they were held responsible for the general good conduct of the school. They met on Saturday night. Disobedient ones were brought before them, cases tried and punishment administered. They gave demerits, imposed fines and used other methods for compelling obedience. The behavior of the girls in the dormitories, the supervision of the kitchen and the dining room were wholly turned over to them. When the woman who grinds the
grain (with the help of the donkey) proved unsatisfactory, they discharged her and all took their turn in grinding for nearly a month until a good woman was found. The greatest benefit, however, came to the managers themselves. They soon found that if they were to have face in governing others, they must first govern themselves; if they were to compel others to be obedient and keep the rules of the school, they must do so themselves. This resulted in developing their characters and in making them more womanly and dependable.

This may seem very unimportant to those in the homeland where self-government has been tried in so many places, but it is a great thing for Chinese girls to be able to do it, especially for those in T'anianfu, Shantung. The people are much more primitive here and we are far behind the large cities and seaports of China in all that pertains to progress.

Our closing exercises were held in the church. Another forward step was taken. In former years the Principal has always presided. This year one of the girls was chosen to preside. She did it with such dignity and grace that all were pleased and surprised. She confessed afterwards that she was much frightened, but she did not show it. The program was carried through without a break, each girl doing her part beautifully.

The next day they went home. Many promised to give of what they had received to others during the summer months. Who can tell what the results will be as these girls teach and preach in their own homes and villages?

Thanking God for the mercies and blessings of the year, we take courage and go forward.
O those Day Schools! Scarcely was I back in Peking, long ere I had any appointment to work, they came pertinaciously pushing their problems before me—problems perplexing and persistent, problems that all the year have pursued me.

Problem 1:—Wanted, teachers. Last year's eight? Married three, to be married one, weary with many years of service one, resigned for other reasons two. Remainder one! (I was glad of that one.) But Mrs. K'ang the tired yielded to persuasion for "once more," and then there were two. A married one's mother-in-law consented to her teaching near home, the Boarding School gave two, two other married women were secured and so we could begin—still short one.

Problem 2:—Repairs. That perennial problem of what ought to be done to be worked out with the little money one has to spend. No need to elaborate on that problem.

Problem 3:—A new school. The money is in hand. Chu Shih K'ou has so long pled for one. Only a location to be found. Sounds easy, doesn't it? But you start out to find that suitable location and see how many trips you will take before you find it and get it in order.

Problem 4:—An easy one. Just to stock up a book store for the expected pupils. Last years customers numbered 360. Yes, the children buy their books, slates and pencils. We do not have to give them as in the olden days. But as many of the children are miles away from a store where they can buy the ones required, I lay in my stock and price it. Problem for you home people:—If there are 131 coppers in a dollar and I buy books on the basis of 100 cents in a dollar, how many coppers shall I charge for books costing for instance 2 cents, 5 cents, or 9 cents each? That is the way I figure my prices.

Problem 6:—Not so easy! Those country schools. "We have waited so long." "We thought surely when you came back."—"We do need them so badly." Only solution, "Wait a little longer and I will see what I can do."
Conference over and a teacher found for the new place, schools begin. New teachers in every place but two, three who have never taught before, and a new course of study. Still some problems for them and for me.

One day in October, at Tartar City school, I found Mrs. K'ang teaching in a hot room, literally swarming with children, her eyes so badly inflamed that she could scarcely see. I had promised to get her an assistant but thus far had been unable to do so. I felt she ought to reproach me, that she had grounds for complaint, but can you imagine my happy surprise when all she had to say was that she was so sorry her house (the use of two-thirds of which she was giving us) was not larger, for there were more children who wanted to come and there was no place to put them. On my way home, saying to myself "Where, oh where can I find some one to help her?" I met Mr. and Mrs. Li. Mrs. Li is Hsia Wen Jung who just a few years ago stole away from home to enter our Hua Shih school. From there she went to the Boarding School, then to assist in the teaching at Hua Shih, and now a bride, married three days ago to a graduate of our Peking University. Old Chinese custom kept young wives at home, but when Mr. and Mrs. Li heard my tale of need how quickly they both disregarded what people might say or think and the very next day Wen Jung went to help in the school. How such forgetfulness of self and willingness to sacrifice for the work does encourage one!

With two teachers for the school we began to use all of Mrs. K'ang's house, got a few more tables and benches and still there was not room for the pupils. So after much searching, we found a small place—three Chinese rooms—took Mrs. T'sui (Yang Lan Ying) who used to teach at Hua Shih before her marriage, and began school with fifteen of Mrs. K'ang's pupils as seed and from these the school grew to thirty nine, and it now has no room to grow any more.

Then a country school was started. "Country" did I call it? I should have said a village school, for it was in a prosperous town on the railroad south of Peking. Alas! the teacher, a lovely young woman, was not well enough to teach more than a month and later was brought to our hospital to die. I could not get another teacher and chaperon for the place, so what few girls would go to the boys school went and the rest had no chance to learn.
Christmas is drawing near, with its problem of what there is to give the children. I had so few dolls that it seemed to everyone that I ought not even to think of giving any, but I knew how those dear little girls were looking forward every one to a doll, and gradually, oh so gradually, there were enough for all but the five and six year olds. I could not help it and tried to make up by giving them each a gay picture book, hoping they would not be too disappointed.

The Boarding School girls gave “The Bird’s Christmas Carol” for our delectation and invited other guests as well, so the school children spent their time in preparing to help in the Christmas entertainments in their respective churches. Two little girls worked up a piece without any consultation with foreigners and appeared with flags on poles, and as one spoke of lights shining all around, east, west, north and south as we say here, the flag was waved in each direction and from a bullseye at the end of the pole, connected with an electric button managed by the little lady, there flashed a light in each direction. Then came the other little miss, with bells ringing all around and her flag had an electric bell at the end which should have rung when she pressed the button. But like some other fine inventions, it suddenly refused to work. The big church was packed. What did little girlie do? Cry and give up her piece? Oh no! She just proceeded to fix that bell and when at last it worked she finished her stunt. New China, you see, an electric age, and here is an eight year old girl who does not stand tottering on bound feet, afraid to hold up her head when folks are about, but a resolute little lady who knows what should be done and does not give up until it is accomplished. Perhaps in the coming years we may hear more from Miss Chang.

After the entertainment in the church the children came to get their presents in the big room of the Boarding School. When I gave one of those six year olds her picture book she said “Thank you, but I don’t want it, I only want my dollie.” Then if you had been the one to tell her how sorry you were but there wasn’t any dollie for her this year, that she must wait until next year, and could have seen how hard she tried to be brave and not cry about it, maybe your eyes might have been a little dim too. Problem:—Will she get that doll next Christmas?

January 2d found me, at 5 A.M., started for a trip by slow train and slower cart, with a teacher and a Bible Woman for
Han T'sun. We arrived pretty cold and remained pretty cold for some time after we arrived, but we were warmly welcomed, for they had been pleading since early fall for us to start the school. Some time before the siege some one had given some money, a balance remained and so it was used in the place for which it was given so long ago, and they had a good school the rest of the year.

Chinese New Year finds me obliged to find three new teachers, two being physically unable to continue the work and Mrs. K'ang about to move out of the City.

Yung Ting Men school has not been pleased with their teacher whom we have already planned to use in a new place where her husband is to have charge of the boys schools. I am unable to supply the vacancy with a person whom I feel can cope with the situation so they are left unsupplied.

What a measley lot we were the second half of the year! Measles and smallpox too, just seemed to travel from one school to the other. More of the former, fortunately, than of the latter, but enough of each to greatly lessen our daily attendance.

From September to April there had been an oft reiterated plea for a school in a place to the northeast, two days cart journey from Peking, and at last I found a teacher and the time to go to Ta Shui Yü, up among the hills next to the Great Wall. No church there, only two or three men, probationers in a church a good half day's journey away, but they gave the place for the school, raised money for a Bible Woman to live with the teacher and gave them a place to live. I found some such dear girls and young women more than anxious to begin their studies, eleven of them at first, and all reports from there have been excellent.

Back to Peking in time to move the school so long located in Mrs. K'ang's home, for she has gone away and the building she rented is to be torn down. A long search resulted in our finding a fine place with a large yard and rooms large enough so I need not feel guilty when I enter the schoolroom door. It means a new burden of rent, $5.00 gold per month, but when one of my fellow workers here started me off with $25.00 Mex. I felt encouraged to get under the extra burden. How I do thank my fellow workers on the field as well as the friends in the homeland for the help they are always giving me.
Last but not least, at Pei Kang Tse (North Summit) Peking, in what seems a most strategic point we opened a school. Not many girls as yet, but crowds at our Sunday School and the pupils all a good class of girls.

But some one at home asks, "How has our school been doing this year?" The Tartar City school and its overflow at Hsien Yu Hsiang Tartar City No. 2 have been mentioned, but perhaps you may be interested in this little picture from Tartar City No. 1. The pupils range in ages from five to thirty-eight years. Here is Mrs. T'ung and her daughter. Mrs. T is thirty-eight, but persistently and persuasively she begged until I could not refuse to take her in, so here she is, in the same class with her daughter aged eight, and working ever so hard to be as good as anyone in the class. Don't you admire her pluck? I do.

Hua Shih (Rondout) is not so overflowing with pupils, but good work has been done and we shall send several girls into the Boarding School this year. You would have enjoyed the first Children's Day service ever held in this church. Both Hua Shih and He Po Ch'ang girls had a large part in the service. Pupils from both schools sang some verses of hymns first in Chinese and then in English. They did their English very well, too. Some day perhaps there may be some one who has time to teach a little English in these schools. They would love to have it.

He Po Ch'ang, the Torch Yard school—how far this torch has thrown its beams! Such lovely girls, so many of them from the better class families, such good order and such a desire to learn! It is always a pleasure to go there and see their bright faces. They wait so interestedly to see whether I greet them in English or Chinese and even the smallest seems so pleased when I give them a chance to say "How do you do" to me.

At the Ch'ien Men I am afraid our teacher missed the joy of service and failed to make the most of her opportunity for work with the children and one young woman from non-Christian homes. We began a Sunday School for them. Only ten came at first and all seemed a little afraid, but now we have from thirty to forty each Sunday and I never go near the place that some child does not ask "Is this Sunday?" so anxious are they for that day to come. Two of the girls came into the Boarding School as day pupils this year, and
during the summer we are having half day sessions taught by a real live wire of a girl, for they were all very unwilling to have the school closed.

The Quine school was not moved as was suggested last year. We kept one teacher throughout the year tho she did marry the day after school closed. There are Chinese schools near, but this is a most important district. Our school has done well this year and the church has been making wonderful strides. If we can get a good teacher for the coming year I see a great future in store for the school.

Chu Shih K’ou’s first year was not improved by having its teacher sick from Christmas until Chinese New Year and then having a change of teachers but we have done well and the wild ways which characterized the girls at first have quite disappeared.

Another little school at Ch’ang P’ing Hsien was taught by Mrs. Wang who does Bible Woman’s work and teaching as well on a salary of $1.50 gold per month. (You will look in vain for her name on the list of appropriations). Some of you know the story of little T’sui Chen, her “daughter,” given by her own mother to the temple when she was but three years old and spurned by the priests and by her mother as well when she became ill. No place was there for her but in the home and heart of this little Christian woman. I wish you could have seen her, as with head up and eyes dancing she passed her little exams this year. She knew and she knew she knew so she did not fear. I found two little girls, the older of whom was nine, living in this yard, miles from home, doing their own cooking and largely caring for themselves in order that they might have a chance to study. Clean, neatly dressed and with hair nicely combed, they too welcomed their examiner.

Twelve li from there in T’ai P’ing Chuang, a place was provided and they asked for only a little money to pay the teacher so I had to grant it for the last half of the year. In Peking, some tables and benches for Nan Hsi Men and Pai Chih Fang where more than half the pupils in the boys school are girls, seemed only fair.

And now the school tale is nearly told. Sometimes it seems rather an old story and one that goes on rather slowly, but do you know I have just looked at a report of five years ago. Then we had an enrollment of 104 and received in fees
$1.85 gold, giving the pupils practically all their books. This year our enrollment reached 524 and the fees were $155.48, with pupils buying all their books except in very few cases.

We have a course of study covering four years of primary work and this year I have tried to pass the old limit of two years and some girls will enter the Boarding School with more than three years work done. I believe we should hold as fast as possible to the full four years work. It is cheaper to train girls in day schools than in boarding schools.

The buildings we are using are all in fair shape. Alas! Several of them are rented. I believe we should have in the Tartar City and in the South City, Peking, at least one graded school building, perhaps built in connection with such buildings for boys.

Our day schools are important. They have grown, they have meant much to their communities and to the church. They reach a class which the boarding schools cannot reach. They should be manned with the best teachers we can get and should be increasingly well equipped in every way. This year for the first time in our history we were “inspected” by the government, and if I can read the signs of the time, it behooves us to get our schools on such a basis that they may be superior to all others. It may cost us something but it will pay in the end. If we wait we may not have the opportunity. To this end, I believe the time has come to co-ordinate our school system and that all the City Day Schools should come under the control and should be managed in connection with the Boarding School.

EMMA M. KNOX.

TIENTSIN DAY SCHOOLS.
Frances O. Wilson, in Charge.

Another year has winged its flight, and now we glance back and try to see what there is to record. Let us style this line of work “The Children’s Corner.” We have spent considerable time in this corner, and do you know what we think? I will tell you. We believe the hope of this great republic is right here. I don’t mean in our day schools only, but with just such as have attended our self-supporting school, for we will begin with it.

Self-supporting Day School.

The year has been one of absorbing interest for this school. It has been as last year, coeducational, yet the girls
have outnumbered the boys. Our prospectus read last year "Self-supporting Day School for Girls." We saw a few noses belonging to the boys slightly curl at this, and when we asked the reason, they replied: "Don't we belong to this school? Don't we have a share in it?" We had to say: "Yes, certainly you belong to us and we are glad to have you with us." So when a new prospectus needed to be arranged, we included the small male element, and had it read: "Boys and Girls." But you will say: "Why did you put the word boys before girls?" That is easily answered. The answer is: "That is the way it should go! It reads more euphoniously!" We believe among the better class or those who are able to pay for the education of their children, that mixed schools are more desirable.

In this "Corner" that has gained the love and interest of the children, we have found much intelligence and seeking after knowledge. The other day in one of our English classes we came to the word "Mexican," and immediately a hopeful youth spoke up: "Are they not the people that have been fighting with your nation?"

At the gate where the children enter when coming to school, has stood day after day an old man with his shop. This shop has been spread out in a most attractive fashion and has consisted of cakes and sweets of all kinds, both foreign and Chinese. The pennies have literally rolled into the old man's cash drawer. We said one day: "If you girls and boys eat these things during school hours, as you have been doing, we shall have to ask the old man to go elsewhere." A little boy with rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes spoke up excitedly: "I don't buy his things! I go to Kisling's!" "Kisling's," we will add by way of explanation, is a swell restaurant and candy store.

This year we have been able to put one lesson a week in modelling into the course, and the hours thus spent have been most delightful. All sorts of designs have been attempted and many perfectly done. There were houses, bird-cages, clocks, rickshas, fruit, and lastly each child modelled his or her hat. If you could have seen these little creations in millinery, you would have been pleased. Some were perfect imitations even to the straw braid. Flowers, tassels, ribbons, etc. were all to be seen in the tints of this beautiful plasticine so pleasing to the child. Each little modeller carried the work of his hands home to show his mother.
There has been growth of soul here in this happy "Corner;" not but that some battles have been fought and often cries have met our ears as we have gone over to the court, yet on the whole there has been an unfolding of the soul life.

One day we discovered the clock had been put back fifteen minutes. On inquiry no trace could be found of any one equal to such a wrong deed! The morning after the little talk, a part of the prayer service, was on the omniscience of God. Quiet pervaded the school room. Suddenly up piped a little voice: "Did God see who turned the clock back?"

**Financial Statement of Self-Supporting Day School.**

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**TING CHUANG DAY SCHOOL.**

Our school at Ting Chuang has gone steadily forward under the management of Mrs. Wang assisted by Miss Li. We have registered over sixty pupils and have had an average attendance of over fifty. The work has been full of interest and inspiration.

The Conference of 1912 gave us permission to use a part of an indemnity fund that we have had since the year of the uprising, to purchase a small piece of land adjoining our day school court, and through the able assistance of Mr. Wang Ho-chai, we have been able to make the purchase and have readjusted the place, so now the court is fairly large and the teachers rooms are more commodious. A new gate house and a recitation room have been built.
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I have given the above in native currency. The sum 770 taels is equal to about $540 U. S. currency. We applied our balance from our Self-supporting Day School, so there is no deficit.

WEST GATE DAY SCHOOL.

Now another school, last but not least in importance, is what is known as the West Gate School. Mrs. Lo has done her best in her work there, and when one has done her best, angels could not do more. This school has averaged thirty in attendance.

THE CHANGLI DAY SCHOOL.

Our Changli Day School has had a most interesting year. We opened the school in September with seven pupils but before spring we had over fifty children, ten of these were children whose mothers were in the training school, the others were from the city and the villages surrounding our Compound. The average attendance for the year was about thirty-five. In November our little family had grown so large that we had to find a larger room. We moved from the regular day school room into one of the large rooms in the Woman's hospital.
CHANGLI SCHOOL

Picnic Day

Scarf-drill: Colors of the Chinese flag.
At Christmas time excitement ran high. Every day for several weeks the question was, "How many days now before we have our tree?" Some of these dear babies had never seen a Christmas tree and it was pretty hard for them to wait. At last the day came and how Christmasy our room looked with its Christmas bells and a tree loaded with dolls, mouth organs, bags of candy, Christmas post cards. Those dolls came in the mission boxes and what beautiful dolls they were. They could open and close their eyes and all had nice new clothes and shoes and stockings. Some of those little girls had doubtless never seen a doll before and to have one all their very own brought great joy to their little hearts. And how the boys enjoyed those mouth organs! The entertainment consisted of songs, reciting verses of scripture and a very helpful little talk for the mothers who were present. This was given by Miss Yang the teacher.

After Christmas the number of children increased and it became necessary to engage another teacher. A former pupil of the Alderman boarding school came and helped us out.

We had one Mothers' meeting during the year. It was held in the assembly room of the Training School. Dr. Kent very kindly gave us two hours of his time and a very interesting stereopticon talk. The women were very attentive and seemed to enjoy the talk very much.

We organized a Sabbath School. We used the Berean graded lessons. The two teachers and two of the girls from the boarding school were the teachers. They did very good work. The most beautiful part of the service was the prayer time when those little childish petitions went up to the Father. Sometimes the mothers came with the children. They seemed to enjoy the work quite as much as the children.

One nice May day we had a picnic. The Training School and the day school combined forces. We rode across the plains to the mountains in carts. Of course the most important part of the picnic was the lunch which consisted of two biscuits, two boiled eggs, two pears and a handful of peanuts. The day was a most enjoyable one.

It is a joy to watch these little lives unfold and progress. Our prayer is that the influence of our schools may awaken a desire in every one of them to work for the Master's Kingdom.
REPORT OF THE DAY SCHOOLS ON THE
SHANHAI KUAN AND LANHSIEN AND
TSUNHWA DISTRICTS.

Clara P. Dyer in Charge.

Whoever says "day schools" to me, touches one of my
pet subjects. I have tried various lines of work on the
mission field and like them all, but my heart still goes out to
the day schools. There is something about the work which
appeals to me even more than any of the others. Perhaps
one reason is because there I find the greatest need and the
least done. The poor day schools have been like orphan
children of the streets, left to the care of anybody who could
get a little time, or to nobody's care. They have been fed
generally or at least the teacher's salaries have been paid
and books furnished, and sometimes a few of them have had a
little discipline and mothering, but most of the time they had
to shift for themselves.

Away up on the Sun-hua District are schools which have
not been visited by a foreigner in three years. Far up to the
north is another which I think has never been visited. But
still they work on, doing their best; sometimes having to be
closed, and then again opening later.

This year we have opened five new schools and closed
one. That leaves us with a total on three districts of twenty-
one and two more are to be opened this summer. Four of
them are cared for by Chinese, that is they ask no money
of the society except for books. But alas! alas! we have
support for only eight. Applications are coming in every
month for new schools. But what can we do? I have pled
and pled for more help from home but so far without results.

There are not any two alike in character. Here is one
which has had three teachers in the six months, and yet it is
one of the best. There is one little school of only seven girls
which is almost perfect. I examined six pupils in five books
one day and found only one mistake in writing. And the
teacher is a girl of very limited education too. Several schools
are taught by young mothers. In one place I found the
teacher rocking her baby in a basket suspended from the roof
while she dictated the writing lesson.

Perhaps my pet school is the one at Shahoi. There is
not one single church member in the town itself. All are in
neighboring villages. Consequently the girls are all from
non-Christian families, fourteen of them, and one of them is a little Mohammedan girl. But they are all going to church the same as the girls in other schools do; they are learning the Christian hymns and Scripture selections, and I found them just as freely affectionate and as interesting as any other child. I had expected them to be afraid of me, but instead they begged me to go to their homes and when I went, their mothers and relatives to the third and fourth generation such as one generally finds in a Chinese family, all greeted me with the same cordiality that our Christian families generally show. So great is the interest aroused through the influence of this little school and the faithfulness of the pastor, that a Bible women has been sent up there to work through the summer. Who shall say what the harvest shall be from the dollars sent by the patron at Morrisville, Vt.?

I have had to make some of the queerest rules for some of the schools. Imagine, if you can, ye who know American day schools, having to say firmly and emphatically that the pupils shall not come to school before six o'clock in the morning, or that if they want to stay till six at night, they must take at least two hours at noon for rest. In one school, I told them that during these hot days, if they would stay till dark they could not come at all in the morning for their school room faces the east and the sun is very hot there in the morning. One teacher told me that she hardly had time to eat or to do any sewing for herself for the scholars wanted to be in school all the time, Saturdays and Sundays included. I did not blame them when I visited some of their homes, for the church premises are certainly more attractive and the atmosphere of peace and homelikeness which prevails in some of them cannot but be felt by even the children.

Many of the schools will not close during the summer but will take a couple of weeks or so vacation in the fall when people, children and all, are busy in the fields gathering the harvest.

What harvest are we gathering from these little schools? It is not for us to tell. Only the Lord of the Harvest can reckon. But we find sparks of ambition, certain notions of cleanliness, a desire for further education, and oft-times real Christian living in the homes where dwell those who have been in our day schools. Not all are greatly benefitted, but the many are, and if we only had more of the schools, oh, how much greater might be the harvest!
Why do people at home put all their interest and money into the Boarding School girl, when but a little more money would keep a whole school full of little girls besides saving time and money for the Boarding School?

May the time soon come when there will be a day school in every section of every district, and a place too where girls can sleep and cook their food if they live too far away from the school to go home every day. We have a few such schools now. May their number increase!

We are wholly dependent upon the General Board for our buildings for we do not own one brick of day school property on these three districts outside of Ch'angli itself. That will be one of the next demands. May the people at home get the needs of the schools on their hearts and in their prayers, and happy days will come for them.

TAIANFU AND YENCHOUFU DISTRICT DAY SCHOOLS.
Grace A. Meek.

The Day School in our compound shows progress. Twenty-eight new pupils have been added to the roll and are doing good work. Mrs. T'ien is the attractive and competent teacher.

T'alian suburb Day School is in a very flourishing condition, growing from six pupils to fifty. This school has had three different teachers during the year. Mrs. Chao, the kind hearted and faithful teacher, had to give up her teaching because of duties at home. Mrs. Yang next took the school. She taught only one month. She too had to resign because of a little one coming into her home. The third teacher, Mrs. Sun, had more time to plan her work, so the number of pupils grew to fifty. Others wanted to come, but the room was too small.

The Hungkou Day School ranks third in number, having thirty-two pupils. Miss Shi is the teacher.

Tungping and Anchiachuang rank next in number. Both of these schools are doing splendid work. Mrs. Wu teacher of the Anchiachuang school and Mrs. Liang of Tungping are born teachers. They are alert, up-to-date, earnest and enthusiastic workers.

I can speak well of all the other schools. All have taken a step forward. Most of the teachers are faithful about sending in their monthly reports. This shows that they are interested in their work.
REPORT OF THE CATHERINE E. THOMPSON MEMORIAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS, CH'ANGLI.

Clara Pearl Dyer, Principal.

The first time I gave an examination to a class of women, a few days before the Training School opened, I felt as bashful as the class did. My work and training had all been with little children and here were some people older than I who were expecting me to teach and discipline them. It was some time before I felt really at home in my new work, but gradually I found that the work among the women was just as intensely interesting as that in the Boarding School had been. Several women had been staying here and studying a little for a few weeks so that there were some pupils already assured.

I do not need to say how glad I was to get back to China and get to work again, but for various reasons it did not seem best to open the school till after the Chinese New Year. That left only four months and a half for the term by keeping the women till the school girls went home.

Because of the lateness in beginning and partly perhaps because of advanced requirements, there was a smaller number in attendance than last year. A total enrollment of thirty seven and an average attendance of thirty one made a rather small school but counting the ten children, the rooms were as full as is consistent with good health. Nonetheless the recent additions, there is great need for more room.

It has been such a pleasure to work in the big airy room of the new building. On the front wall hangs the picture of Mrs. Thompson in whose memory the school is named. This was given to us by her son who lives, by a strange coincidence, in Gloversville! There are some Chinese flags there too for the new flag has a place in homes and school houses which the old dragon flag never had.

If you were to go by the big sunny windows, you might wonder what was going on in there, for you would hear a buzz, buzz, buzz, like a saw mill that needed oiling. Or else if you were to go a little nearer, you would think that surely some of the women in there were in pain for the groanings and mutterings which are issuing forth. But no, they are only studying their lessons, swaying back and forth and singing their sentences over and over in a weird minor tone. As
there are not any two with the same time or the same tune, you can judge of the effect. No, you cannot if you have never heard it.

But even if they are making a great deal of noise, they are working hard and it is hard work too for many of these women who have never studied in their life to settle down to the regular routine of the school room. Some of them can study only one lesson at a time and do not make very much progress in a term, but is that surprising, when they have had to wait till they were thirty or thirty five before they began?

Here is a young girl of eighteen who is betrothed to a school boy who has promised not to marry her till she has had a chance to learn something. She came to us in February absolutely ignorant of Christianity, book learning, and even common courtesy. Three months afterwards I saw her out in the yard telling what she knew of the benefits of Christianity to some visitors from the temple fair. Her face has a new light and the wondering stare has gone from it. It will be some time before she will have enough to be of very much help to others but the beginning has been made, and we will watch the advance with much interest.

Here is a young bride of sixteen, rather wild and decidedly unruly, but she has been sent here to get something of the grace of God into her heart. She had not made quite so much progress in last few months as has the first one referred to, but who can tell what harvest may come from the seed sown? It was sown in His name.

One poor lady went home in tears just after the school opened. She was one of the famous Nieh family, and had gotten a splendid start and was making herself endearing to her associates because of her gentle ways and quick understanding. When her husband went over to the Catholics and came after his wife, she had to go but it was not without many tears and the oft-repeated assertion that she would carry in her heart the remembrance of all she had gained through her brief sojourn in the school among the Christian people.

There was one graduate this year, a young woman who has been in the school five years. This last year she has been teaching as well as studying and doing well at both. She has developed much during her life at the school and now is to go out as a Bible woman. Five years ago she was worshiping
idols in a heathen temple. For the first time we gave a certificate of graduation and she already has it framed and hanging in her room. It means as much to her as any diploma we might gain from a much higher school, and the encouraging thing is that she feels it makes her want to go on studying all the more.

The women in the school are learning something else besides how to read their Bibles. Recently I heard this testimony from a woman not yet a Christian but who has been living in our yard for a few weeks. She said, “You folks here don’t follow all those Chinese customs which down at the bottom are so false. The things you say and do are all true. When I go back to Peking I am going to try to be true.”

One of the big lessons of the term came when we buried the little two year old son of one of the women. We spent much time fixing up with white paper, cloth, and cotton, the box, a freight box which had come from far away America with Christmas things—and when the little form was put in and flowers placed around it, ready for the Christian funeral at the church, it was an object of wonderment to some of the women who had never in their lives thought of doing anything else for a dead baby than to wrap its body up in some old straw and put it out in the field for the dogs to eat. There was no one in their religion who had said “Suffer the little children to come unto me.”

Just a few days after the Training School was opened, a District Conference was held here in Ch’angli, to which all Christian workers were invited. Three times a day meetings were held which were the means of great spiritual refreshing to all. It was a practical conference too, because many topics of vital interest to the home and to daily living, health, cleanliness, and temperance were presented and discussed. The many blue buttons of the “Kai Liang Huei” (International Reform Society) which appeared after the meetings were testimonies to the interest awakened in the society.

In April we were all taken with a bad attack of “spring fever” to be helped only by a trip to the hills, so one Saturday morning found us all, including the little ones of the day school, piled into carts and wending our way up to those beautiful valleys filled with the pink and white blossoms of the fruit trees. It was a new sight to many of the women and some of them were very much impressed with the goodness of the Father who made the world so beautiful for His children.
This year we instituted a Saturday evening prayer meeting. This was somewhat different in character from the regular Tuesday morning one when outside women often came in. This one was just a little family gathering led by one of the women, and sometimes in the dark when it is easier to tell one's heart thoughts. Some of the women made their first attempt at leading a meeting. A few of them did not do very well, but just think, they had been in school only two years at the most. But most of them did better than many of us would do at our first attempt.

We had missionary meetings too. We studied about Japan at one meeting, and had Korea, China, and Africa at others. We wish that the money given every month might go toward supporting some special work. We believe it would be easier to create an interest in the work.

Mrs. Chou has been the same cheery, helpful teacher and friend that she has been these many years. We do not know what we should do without her. The third teacher was a young Peking school girl. Her quiet ways and gentle disposition attracted the attention of one of the women who had been entrusted with the duty of finding a wife for a young man in Peking. Negotiations were opened with satisfaction on both sides and the result was a wedding in July. The young couple are spending their honeymoon in Ch'angli, or rather it might better be called an "acquaintance party," as things go in China, and it is rather amusing to watch their shy ways with each other.

The lessons have been many and varied which have been set before the thirty women. They have learned to sing hymns—after a fashion—and to recite and explain them too. Some of them learn to keep their tempers, and to take weekly baths, and to keep their stockings clean. Some of them had had new notions of taking care of their children, and one of them learned that she ought not to feed green apricots to her four year old son. We will never know just all that has been learned. We can only do our best and leave the rest to Him whose work it is and who loves them and cares for them.

REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE THOMPSON TRAINING SCHOOL.

If you could have seen the contents of the big box which went up to Peitaiho this summer, you would have had a
Christmas Day in the Keen School.
CHANGLI DAY SCHOOL.

Picnic Day.

Jack-o-Lantern Party.
better idea of the work of this department than any report can gave you. Sofa pillows and bags, dainty things for babies and little girls, table accessories and collars, and all sorts of odds and ends, nearly three hundred dollars (Mex.) worth, have gone up to be disposed of if possible at the summer sales. But they all mean a good deal of work not only on the part of the women who have made them but also by the one who has had charge of the work. It takes much time to get ready materials and stamp goods for twenty or more people working an hour every day. Two women have worked all the time, thereby supporting themselves and their children.

We have had a good helper this year in the young woman who graduates because she not only does splendid work herself but understands it well enough after her five years experience to direct others. We also want to express our thanks to Mrs. Rowland because of the great help which she has been in looking after things while I have been away and preparing material.

"But," you say, "how much money have you made?" I have been putting off the answering of that question till the last minute, but the truth must out, that we have almost nothing to report in the way of funds. There were a great many bills to be paid out of last year's summer sales and as the department was run such a short time this year, there were very few orders. Consequently the few sales during the year just about paid expenses. But next year there ought to be a big profit as there is a good deal of material on hand. Gifts will be greatly appreciated, all sorts of stamped goods, blue embroidery silks for baby shoes, all kinds of linen and crash, and in fact anything which would be found in a well stocked art-goods store at home, or even the ten cent store. Even if the department should not be run in connection with the school next year, there will be some women at work all the time, and the proceeds of the sales will always go into the Training School fund. A little money invested in a few yards of cloth or a fifty cent art package sent out by mail when multiplied by the skillful fingers of the Chinese women workers, will sometimes mean an extra two weeks of food money for a woman in the school or perhaps a much needed new window in some room.
Don't forget the fancy work department when you are buying for the Christmas box and don't wait for the Christmas box to go before you send the things, send them by parcel post at twelve cents a pound, care of Mr. A. C. Grimes, Union Business Agency, Tientsin.

Clara Pearl Dyer.
Bible Training Schools.

TAIANFU AND YENCHOUFU DISTRICTS.

Grace A. Meek.

We have two small schools on the T'aian District and one on the Yenchoufu District. Dr. Terry opened these schools. One is at Tungp'ing, one at Feich'eng, and one at Yenchoufu. Mr. and Mrs. Liang and one other teacher, teach in the Tungp'ing school. Mrs. Clara Wang and I visited this school. Mrs. Wang examined some of the students and they proved they were faithful to study and were doing splendid work.

Feich'eng Training School. Pastor Wang Ch'ang T'ai looked after this school. Mrs. Sun is the earnest teacher. Any woman studying under the leadership of Mrs. Sun must do good work, because Mrs. Sun can inspire them to do their very best.

Yenchoufu Training School has done excellent work under the leadership of the Pastor there.

I am sorry to say that all the women studying in these school have bound feet. I talked with some of them about unbinding their feet, and a number of them said very willingly that they would begin this summer to loosen the bindings so they could return in the fall with feet unbound.

NORTH AND SOUTH PEKING DISTRICTS.

It isn't the thing you do but the thing you've left undone, that gives you the heartache, not only at the set of sun but at the end of the year, and only a few days ago as I came across a memo which I made out last fall I realized more than ever, how many even of the things I meant to do were still in the undone list. I ought to have done more. I have had so much help from the District Superintendents on both Districts, and from my fellow workers, both Chinese and foreign.

We started the year with Mrs. Hsieh and Mrs. Pan appointed to Asbury Church, and to them and to the women of the church is to be credited most of the successes of the year's work. They have carried on the Missionary Society. Mrs. Lewis has come to them for the W C. T. U. meetings, and they have had their part in a monthly union woman's meeting for prayer and conference. These meetings, with the exception of a few held in my study, as well as a Bible study class each Sunday have been held in a room adjoining the Pastor's study. This room is now needed for the men's work. It seemed for a time that there was a possibility of having a permanent meeting place for them but no location has as yet been decided upon. We need such a place. Other Missions have it. Can we not?

Hua Shih and Shun Chih Men kept the two Bible women who had been assigned to them earlier in the year, and after some delay Mrs. Yang came for Chu Shih Kou. Mrs. Cheng also remained at Yung Ting Men. At two of these places, Hua Shih and Chu Chih K'ou we had woman's training classes throughout most of the year. Mrs. Ch'en Ch'u Ying helped greatly by going to these classes twice a week.

Our lectures belonging to the Union Lecture Course were not begun very early but we had several most instructive and helpful lectures in each of the Southern City places. I should especially mention one, by Dr. Blaikie on "Our Enemies in Air and Water" with most helpful illustrations.

Revival meetings at each of the three churches in the Southern City proved very helpful to the women and attendance at the regular preaching services has been good.
Late in the fall Mrs. Hsieh and I took a hasty trip to Huang Tsun, Han Tsun and Pei Yiu on the South Peking District, at each place realizing the great need for workers to help the women. At Han Tsun no woman on our premises at all, the preacher’s wife kept at his non-Christian father’s home, the chapel keeper's wife also in his father’s home. “The District Supt. says there must be a woman on the place,” said the chapel keeper, “and my wife is coming, but,” he added with a sigh, “she will only be one more who knows nothing.” Too true! How could she who had never been taught of our Christ help to teach others? One could only hope that she might not hinder.

At another place we found a woman who had studied in the early days with Mrs. Hsieh, but she had gone home and forgotten all she had learned, she told us, and it seemed all too true. I felt at first as if she were much to be blamed, but suddenly I thought of how with just a little start at learning to read and with a little wee bit of Christian teaching she had gone off there among heathen neighbors, with no one to start her at work, to go to see how she did, or to encourage her, and I began to feel that if any one was to be blamed perhaps it was not she. What could you expect of her under such circumstances? But ought we to let such circumstances exist? Ought there not to be some one free to go about over these great North and South Peking Districts so that we make the most of every woman who has had any training? There are so many thousands—even millions—who have had none!

We sent at the beginning of the Chinese New Year (Feb.) nine women to our Training School at Changli. I do not know that there is more than one who promises to add to our force of Bible women this year. One, the wife of a preacher to be, said “I must go and get ready to help women. I have not years to study as a girl entering school would have, I must go and learn quickly how to teach others.”

The Temple Fair work in and about Peking begins at Chinese New Year and lasts through to July. Our women from all the churches are ready to take their share in preaching or talking or in any other way trying to help the crowds of women who come. At every Fair we had a tent for the children too, and the Boarding School girls did excellent work there.
We have had more Sunday Schools in places where we have no preaching in the city this year than before. At He Po Chang we have had a full room all year. The Misses Fearon and the School girls carried on this work. At Mrs. Liu's home we began another. At Pei Kang Tse ever since we opened schools we have had a wonderful attendance. The afternoon Sunday School in Asbury Church has also gathered in crowds of children from non-Christian homes. At our new Day School quarters in the Tartar city each Sunday a goodly number are gathered in. For all this work we use the picture cards from home and rely almost entirely on the Boarding School girls for the teaching. They have also helped in the morning Sunday Schools in all the churches.

A little woman in Asbury Church knew so little about our faith that she was ashamed to have people question her, so decided to offer us the use of one of her three rooms for a training class if we would only find a teacher. We found one and a number of the women of the neighborhood have done most excellent work in the class, one woman reading a synopsis of the whole Bible.

Off with Mrs. P'an for ten days in the country, visiting about a dozen places where we have church members or preaching places. How I wish I could let you see some of the pictures that remain in my mind! Of the Mrs. Liu who, just up from a sickbed, weak and trembling, yet so glad to serve that all day long she stood, poured tea and waited upon the many who came to her home to hear the Gospel. Of the day in the little church which the men had worked all night to get prepared for our coming—that church given by Mrs. Ch'en who had heard the good news of salvation and wanted a preaching place so that the people of her village might hear, so provided it, saying to her sons that the cost might reckon her funeral money. No big expensive funeral for her, a gospel of life for her neighbors instead. Of Ta Shui Yu, away up among the hills next the Great Wall, where the women heard gladly, and opened a little school for which they had long been asking. Of the bright young woman who cried for fear she could not attend the school. Her husband had been a Peking University student, dying a few months after their marriage, and ever since she had so longed for a chance to study that she might go on with work he would have done. Of the young husband in another place so anxious to get his
poor, benighted home people to let his eighteen year old wife have a little chance to learn, and so anxious to lead them all to Christ that he gave a feast and invited them all so they might have an opportunity to hear at least this one time. Such a few years ago he went with the Boxers as they hunted for Christians that they might kill them! Of the young woman whose wedding preparations were all made, when her prospective husband’s family refused to receive her because she had come to our little church for two or three meetings. Poor bound-footed girl, disgraced, wanting to end her life as the only way out, but finally deterred by the hope held out to her that she might come to Peking and go to school. I could not see how I could take her as another burden on my hands, but what else could I do?

O there is darkness, gross darkness, yet among the women of our North and South Peking Districts! There are little girls weeping because of the pain of bound feet, there are little children suffering and dying because their mothers are ignorant and superstitious, and there are homes that are hells upon earth because no Gospel of love and peace has ever been heard. There is a cry from every quarter, “Send the Light.” What are we going to do this year? For fifteen years many of the places (Conference appointments) on our two districts so near the capital of this great country have never even been visited by one of our missionaries. We have had one Bible woman with two giving part time outside Peking where we have twenty-five men appointed to charges. The large proportion of the wives of our pastors and helpers are not able to read even the four Gospels—many of them are in actual heathendom! It is not a picture good to look upon, but alas it is true and what are we going to do about it?

One of our ladies said to me this summer, “Your report ought to be easy to write—it is all needs.” Truly it seems so. I know that we have no more workers in any place than we need. I know it will cost sacrifice and hard work on everyone’s part to even undertake anything like the work we ought to do. But can we neglect it any longer?

Our Woman’s Hospital in Peking has not had a Bible woman except during the summer months and if our medical work is to be followed up we must trust to other denominations to do it. I am glad there are those who can do a little of this work we ought to do but cannot because we have not the workers, but shall we continue to depend upon this?
Our General Board has left open a place which they might have rented, hoping that we might make use of it to offer some training to the preacher’s wives and the prospective wives of the men they are educating for Christian work. There are women—bright young women, there are wistful eyed young wives, there are older women whose hearts long to learn how to help. They ask if there is no place for them to study in Peking. A few, a very few, might go to Changli as in the past years, but what are these few among so many?

There is to be opened in Peking an advanced Union Training School for Women, in which we are asked to join and for which the American Board Mission has set aside one of their finest workers this year. This is good and we hope we may be able in some measure to join in this work, but it does not touch our real problem. Ours is not the problem of the advanced class, it is the problem of the class which has had no chance to advance.

Can we not just for one year try to do Woman’s Work as if we meant it? Can we not for one year put more than a fraction of one woman’s time into it? Can we not this year, just for once, visit all our appointments on our country districts? Can we not for one year give some of our best workers to the training of those whose need is so great? If the schools of these districts had not had a foreign visitor for ten, fifteen or twenty years what would they be? If we had received from home not more than $50 for them all what would we expect? Just a little fraction of the money which is every year put into other work would do such wonders. Can we not try it? I am sure the ladies at home would give if they realized the situation. Has the time not come for us to face the facts (those ugly facts) and for each of us to cry out “Lord what wilt thou have me to do?” He alone can show us. He alone can give strength and courage and faith for this gigantic work.

Emma M. Knox.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN’S WORK ON SHAN-HAI-KUAN AND LANCHOU DISTRICTS.

Clara Pearl Dyer in Charge.

What little woman’s work has been done during these last few months has had to be done in connection with flying trips among the day schools. I had been back in China
hardly two weeks when I started out on my first trip. We were gone eleven days and visited fourteen places, examining eight day schools and traveling 105 miles in a Chinese cart at the tremendous rate of nearly three miles an hour. So you may judge that there was not very much time left for work among the women. In two or three places we had a little opportunity to talk to them in the evening but as it was so near the New Year time everybody was too busy to take very kindly to much preaching. On Sundays we visited in the homes of the church members and realized anew how very much the people in our isolated country stations need help from the outside world. They go on from day to day in the way their fathers did—or their mothers—and though they may be church members many of them are getting very little of the joy which ought to come with Christianity, but is born of knowledge wedded to experience, heart experience.

A few stray visits for over Sunday, again in connection with day school work were made during the term and in every place there was sincere desire for the help which could only be given by a longer stay. When the Training School closed, another trip of two weeks was made over the Lanchou District in the same express train manner. It was such a tantalizing trip, for we could stay just long enough in a place to realize how much the need was and how utterly powerless we were to meet it. I have always felt the call of the country and my experience as woman's worker for the first time these few months has only tended to strengthen it. Truly they are dwelling in darkness and have as yet seen only glimmers of light.

May the time soon come when one can give her whole time to ministering to these needy ones.

Last fall Mrs. Chou spent some time on the Shan-hai-kuan district and her report tells of the eagerness of the people to have her stay longer. The Training School women have gone out a few times into the nearby villages and nearly every Sunday when the weather permitted, some of them have gone into the city to the homes of some of the church members.

I am sorry that I can give no very definite results of the work this past six months, but still I have learned that sometimes the greatest good done in work of this kind is never known by the worker, and the seeds may not bear fruit till long afterwards. We can only hope that the church of Christ may prosper and His Kingdom come quickly.
This year's work was begun with fear and trembling because I knew what a poor worker I would be in comparison with our sainted Dr. Terry. The verses of Scripture that helped me through the year were these, "I will be with thee; I will not fail thee nor forsake thee," and "Be strong and of good courage."

I cannot tell how keenly Dr. Terry has been missed throughout the districts. Everywhere I have been I have heard how Dr. Terry sacrificed for the work, of how liberal she was with her money. She herself supported eleven Day Schools. Three of these schools had to be closed. This year the New England Branch came to our help and have taken the support of two schools, leaving six schools without patrons.
KEEN FOR BUSINESS.

At a temple fair.

A small store.
Open Altar, Temple of Heaven.

A treasure of the Summer Palace.

The Great Wall.
Bible Women. Taianfu and Yenchoufu Districts.
Grace A. Meek.

All the Bible women have worked faithfully, going out to preach whenever the weather would permit.

Mrs. Clara Wang is the most experienced Bible woman on the two Districts. She is a woman that has a passion for souls. On one of my trips around the district I took Mrs. Wang with me. How earnestly she preached. She preached and talked to the people as if it were her last day on earth and as if she must do her very best for the Lord. Mrs. Wang has a real heart experience or she could not do the work she does. As I sat day after day listening to her earnest preaching, I could not but take a great many of her words to my own heart. She talked in such an earnest way it was no wonder that the people listened. She always had a real message from the Lord for them, and their hearts were stirred and they wanted to know more.

In the city of T'aiian Mrs. Ch'ao and Mrs. Shu went out every day to visit the homes and preach. The fruit of their faithful work showed in the number of women that came to Sunday school and church. We have seven and sometimes eight classes for women in Sunday school. These women stay for church and after church attend a meeting for women. Here we drink tea, pray and sing, and Mrs. Wen, the Pastor's wife, or some Bible woman explain the song that has been sung. This is only a short meeting, but many new women are reached and brought into the church. We have from forty-eight to fifty women every Sunday.
Pilgrim Work.

TAIANFU DISTRICT.

Grace A. Meek.

T'ai shan, China's most sacred mountain is located just north of T'ai-an. The history of this mountain as a sacred shrine goes back to the day of Abraham. Confucius came here to worship the goddess of this mountain.

Some of these pilgrims are carried in mountain chairs, but most of them go slowly and painfully up the flight of stone steps until they reach the top, 5500 feet above the sea.

There is a large temple in the city of T'ai-an, where the pilgrims first go before starting on their climb up the mountain. We have a tent pitched in the temple court, and our Bible women preach and give away tracts here. Every day for ten weeks Mrs. Ch'ao, Mrs. Shu and Mrs. Sun faithfully preached. How interesting it was to watch the eager look of the pilgrims while they listened to the Bible women tell them how useless it was to worship the wooden and mud gods who could help them no more than the benches upon which they were sitting. They then would tell them about the true God.

During the pilgrim season the church was crowded as early as eight a. m. by the pilgrims. One Sunday we had more than one thousand in the church. As you may know, every inch of space was taken. The window seats were full of people.

Mrs. Kao, the Hospital assistant had no time to help in the tent meetings during the week, but she was a great help to us on Sunday. She knows how to preach and while preaching she keeps on the lookout for anyone keenly interested and later has a heart talk with that one. This is the work that counts.

We need a Bible Training School at T'ai-anfu to train women for just such work.
WORKER'S CLASS

Nearly fifty of our Chinese sisters gathered at the Gamewell School in Peking August 29th, for a week of study.

Some were Bible women, some preachers wives, some day school teachers, and not a few were earnest women from Peking itself, who came to get a better knowledge of the truth.

Although the plans were hastily made and the days for special preparation few, a most profitable time was spent.

Four talks on hygiene and kindred topics were given by Miss Marion Fang, a student in the Medical College.

For a half hour each day there was instruction in singing.

Miss Wheeler taught a class in Pauline Epistles with special emphasis given to those written from Rome.

Mrs. Pan conducted a topical study of the Psalms.

Miss Knox gave her class teachings from Genesis and Mrs. Chou took up a study of some of the parables and miracles of Jesus.

Miss Glover brought echoes from Mr. Sherwood Eddy's teachings from Acts given at the recent Conference on Evangelism, held at Peitaiho.

Miss Sarah Peters of Nanking gave a very earnest talk one day on the necessity of prayer that God may send forth workers new into the ripe harvest field.

We heard many earnest prayers offered during those days for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all workers and we know God was in our midst. We heard some of the women say that it was the best class they had ever attended.

In the closing meeting the Bible verses chosen as mottoes for the coming year, revealed high purposes and strong resolves to become workers fit for the Master's use.

LOCAL W.F.M.S. AUXILIARIES.

The Auxiliary at Peking and the Standard Bearers in the Gamewell School were reported orally, as was also the society at T'aian and Tientsin.

CH'ANGLI W. F. M. S.

Every month on the first Tuesday at 11 o'clock, the regular weekly prayer meeting of the Training School gives way to a meeting of the missionary society,—a meeting where
oftimes some of the attendants are the very people whom we are trying to reach. "Then what is the use of having an organized society?" you may say. Because we want to impress upon the Christians of our church and school the great need of the world outside of their own little corner,—because we want them to know something of the work of the great society which is behind all the work on the field,—something of the struggles and self-denials necessary to send the money to help them,—because we want them to have the opportunity to give a little of their small store to help their sisters in other places and lands to know their Christ,—because we want them to feel that they are a part of the great world sisterhood whose motto is, "Saved for Service."

To this end we had one meeting devoted to explaining the various badges of the Society and the organizations they represent. At other meetings we translated various articles concerning conditions of life and pioneers in the work in Africa, China, and Japan. The last meeting of the Society, coming just before the close of the school, was made a special affair. Three women were dressed up in the clothes of a Korean widow, preacher, and church member, (kindly loaned by Drs. Kent and Miller), and they told us many interesting things concerning their country and the wonderful progress of the Gospel there.

The society had this year about 45 members and has given about $9.00 in gold. Outside of the organized society at Ch'angli are several members in other places and almost all the country stations take up collections for the work.

We wish very much that the society at home might allow us to break rules and use our membership money to support some form of special work. We believe the women would be more interested if they knew what became of the money. We know it goes into the general work of the society, or suppose it does, but it is too indefinite a thing to us here so far away, and we believe if we were assigned some special girl, woman, or school in some other country, or even in China, it would greatly stimulate the interest. It would be much easier to help the interest in the country stations if we had something definite to write to them about.

C. P. Dyer.
Faculty and first Graduates of the Union Medical College.
THE NEW SLEEPER DAVIS HOSPITAL.

Laying the Corner Stone.

The Hospital in Detail.

The Hospital in Its Setting
MEDICAL WORK

Medical Work.

UNION MEDICAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

The great event of the year has been the graduation of our first class. It consisted of two young women, one from Nanking and one from Peking, both Methodists. The church was well filled with an audience that largely consisted of women who were greatly interested in the occasion. The American Minister, the Honorable Paul S. Reinsch, gave the address. Dr. Leonard, the Dean, read a short history of the college. It was a joy to feel that we were sending out two women well trained for lives of great service.

The two remaining classes have done faithful work throughout the year. Nearly all of the students are Christians. Most of them teach in the Sunday School and are interested in all Christian work.

Dr. Bash of the Presbyterian Board and Dr. Heath of the Methodist have been sent to join our teaching staff, but this year have devoted themselves to the study of this most difficult language.

Dr. Griscom of Philadelphia gave the senior class a few weeks of most valuable clinical instruction.

A large number of students have applied for entrance, but most of our applicants cannot meet the requirements. About twenty students, however, expect to enter the new class in September. The majority of these young ladies are from mission schools in various provinces.

In September we will move into the new building now the Sleeper Davis Hospital which is to become the college building. With more convenient accommodations we hope to do far better work.

UNION TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

We have a Union School for Nurses, indeed, as far as the pupils are concerned. Last year we had the following denominations represented; Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, London Mission, Anglicans and Methodists, all working in perfect harmony, as far as their religious beliefs were concerned. The year has been full of problems, perplexities,
duties, joys and sorrows. Yet they were all interesting because of their human relationships. The joys more than balanced the sorrows and the duties had no black apron strings. The school year began about the middle of September, then our first problem, where should we house our girls, appeared. We were far too many to be accommodated in the hospital and the tennis court had no roof. Miss Knox came to the rescue, took us into a section of her box, so that problem was not much of a one after all.

After the girls were housed, came the question of securing teachers enough for the year. Dr. Leonard was too busy to help any. Miss Mckillican was in America. Dr. Gloss and Dr. Stryker in spite of heavy work, did their usual amount of teaching. Dr. Liu, of the Union Medical College, taught Physiology and Anatomy, also gave a few lectures in Urinalysis and Bacteriology. The opportunity for practical work was splendid, as we were full up most of the time and the cases were very interesting and many really demonstrated what good nursing would accomplish.

Christmas was a bright, happy day, made so partly from the splendid boxes sent from America and the gay hair-bows that each nurse received in addition to other useful gifts. Every patient, large and small, old and young, received dolls. I wish you could see the faces of the women, when a doll is presented to them. I can not tell why they smile so, whether it is because they can see how much some little daughter or grand-daughter is going to enjoy the doll bye and bye or whether they just love it, because they can not help it. A dinner was given to poor children and the nurses gave each child a package, containing bread, uncooked rice and some cakes to take home to the little brother or sister who had not been included in their invitation. On Christmas day the nurses invited all the Medical students and our W F. M. S. family to dinner. The dinner, of course, was good, being Chinese food, well served because my girls did it.

Mrs. Bashford entertained us very delightfully one evening by telling us of other hospitals she had visited and at the close of the evening suggested that we have blue and gold as school colors. The suggestion was enthusiastically received, acted upon and later on grand occasions we appeared properly clad in our colors.
After the Christmas rush was over, we began to think about Commencement. On carefully looking facts and figures full in the face, we found that it would be impossible to graduate our girls before summer, so we settled down to work again in dead earnest.

The principal event of the year was our "joy ride." A real live automobile ride to the Summer Palace, a treat to the Senior class. Real, indeed, because after we were all happily seated, and a Junior stowed away to fill a vacant corner, the machine flatly refused to budge. About a half an hour of strenuous effort on the part of the chauffeur, assisted by the smiles and comments of an admiring crowd, the machine gave a mighty shake and off we started. Commencement Day came at last. June the fifth it was and a nice day too. Being a union school it was almost appropriate as well as convenient to have a union Commencement. This time our union was with the Gamewell school and Bishop Bashford gave the address. Music was furnished by Sir Robert Bredon's band and our girls had nothing to do but to smile and look pleasant. Six girls received diplomas admitting them to a profession that ensures them plenty of hard work, plenty of opportunity for self-sacrifice and an ample remuneration, if they but keep their eyes on Him, who said; "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto Me."

Immediately after the Commencement exercises we hastened to the Delmonico of Peking, where a banquet was served. Useless to attempt to describe a Fu Show banquet, it would bankrupt the English language. A jolly Junior made things lively for a while during the evening by presenting appropriate gifts to the graduates. Miss Li received an elaborate red diploma for bottle washing. Miss Wang, a tiny tea set. Mrs. Shao a call to take charge of a hospital for cats and dogs. Mrs. Li appointed as National Red Cross Secretary. A special delivery letter, assuming to come from the President, Yuan Shih Kai, asking Mrs. Wang to assist in preparing a book on the Care and Feed of Infants. An imitation obstetrical case filled with instruments fearfully and wonderfully made, purchased at a Chinese Fair, was given to Miss Chou. After the laughter had subsided our thoughts were turned to more serious things as Dr. Hu, representing our first graduating class, in a few well chosen words told us of the early struggles of the school, its ups and downs and pictured for us
a brilliant future. I wish you might have heard Miss Sung of the second graduating class as she told us what the Training School had done for her and how much China needed nurses. She gave us wonderful glimpses of homes she had visited professionally, telling of the shocking ignorance and encouraging the younger nurses to press forward and help save the mothers, wives, and babies. Miss Li, of the class of 1914, gave the charge to the Juniors and thanks for a pleasant evening.

Three of the six graduates are already married, two are engaged and the remaining one is a most attractive young lady but we hope to have her with us for at least a year. One of the great joys of the year has been our Victrola, a present from the Mt. Vernon Standard Bearers.

The year has gone by very quickly and pleasantly, because we have secured a private graveyard in which to bury our dead failures.

For the new year we have great expectations. With a new building, a new nurse sent by the Northwestern Branch to reinforce us, what more could mortals ask?

**ELIZABETH SLEEPER DAVIS HOSPITAL.**

Anna D. Gloss, M. D. Frances J. Heath, M. D.
M. M. Manderson, M. D. Minnie Stryker, M. D.

During July Dr. Manderson was alone in the work. About the first of August she left for her well earned furlough in America. She is much missed and we hope will soon return to us.

Miss Powell's return from America in the autumn was a cause of great rejoicing. A marked increase in the efficiency of our nursing force this year proves how necessary are her constant effort, her unfailing patience and wise administration in this difficult task of giving to Chinese young women western training in the care of the sick.

In August, Miss Liu Lan Ying who had almost completed her work in the medical school came into the hospital as intern. It is the first time we have boasted such an office. She was a great help throughout the year both before and after her graduation.

All the summer and fall we were working on hospital plans, trying to make the extensive buildings needed fit into
Dr. Liu, First Interne of the Sleeper
Davis Hospital

Standard Weight Babies
with the Doctor's Care
PEKING HOSPITAL.

Operating: Three Foreign Doctors and two Foochow Medical Students Assisting
our narrow strip of land, and waiting for word from the Annual Executive Meeting to begin to build. Word came at last the day before Christmas, but it was only a message that meant to wait another year. The medical school was demanding our present building which had been promised it for a college building; and without the new hospital, there would be no place for our patients. We were in despair until Mrs. Bashford brought her faith and inspiration to our aid, constituted herself a ways and means committee, and made conditions possible for building this year.

The dispensary, the nurses' home, the extensive alterations on the old building are all left over for another year, but the new hospital insures a place for our patients.

Digging for the new foundation was begun as soon as the frost had gone out of the ground, and the 21st of April, notwithstanding the fact that the court was full of piles of brick, lime and lumber, we invited a few friends to a simple service, and asked Mrs. Bashford to lay the corner stone of the third hospital building erected in the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Sleeper Davis. The first building was destroyed by the Boxers, the second is to be used as the college building for the Union Medical College for Women; and the third at more than twice the cost of the first is now in the process of erection. With its modern equipment we hope this new hospital will furnish the clinical work for both the medical school and the school for nurses for years to come, and prove a place where the bodies and souls of many patients shall be ministered unto in His name.

The daily attendance at the dispensary has averaged nearly one hundred. The introduction of special clinics for the students entails extra work on the physicians, but adds to the efficiency of the service.

A large number of little children are seen every day, and a still larger number come because they cannot be left at home. The weeping and wailing of sick, weary or frightened little ones makes the dispensary a nerve racking place.

About one third of the patients pay something for their medicine, but many are so poor that they not only can pay nothing for the treatment they receive, but their living conditions are so bad that unless they will come into the hospital, little can be done for them.
One day a consumptive ricksha coolie appeared at the clinic. He held wearily in his arms a limp unconscious baby of about two years of age. It had suffered for days with enteritis and the diet of garlic and half cooked beans which it had received was not proving satisfactory. There was not much hope of its recovery but we offered to take it into the hospital if the father would consent to trust it to our care. We expected the usual excuse that the baby could not leave its mother and that she could not leave home, but to our surprise he replied that he was sick, his wife was sick, there was a younger baby to nurse, and that they could do nothing for this child. "Take it and do the best you can," he said "If it dies, there is no help for it." A few days later when he came to inquire, it could smile a welcome to him and was slowly recovering.

The day has at last passed in Peking when patients are generally unwilling to be treated in hospital wards. We have had to refuse many who wanted to come to us.

We have had for us this year an unusual number of major surgical operations, and some of these surgical cases have required weeks of nursing. Hearing of patients who recovered from desperate conditions after operation, a number of our medical cases suffered a craze for surgery. Several times when we tried to send the more chronic ones home as unsuitable for our hospital accommodations, we were met with the plea: "Cut us open! Do anything you like to us, only let us stay." It did not matter to them that their diseases were not surgical.

One old lady sold half her property to pay her expenses to the hospital. She not only went home cured, but carried with her a knowledge of God to a village that had never heard of Him.

A Peking woman tried to commit suicide by driving a chisel-shaped knife five inches long into the region of the stomach. She came to us eleven days later in great pain and very anxious to live. Under an anaesthetic the knife was found and removed, but she was already septic and after weeks of suffering finally succumbed.

A lady who had recovered in the hospital from an acute illness came to us one day and said: "You are building a new hospital?" "Yes", we replied. "Have you money enough for it?" "By no means". "Then I want to give this fifty dollars and I want to join the church and be a follower of Christ."
Of the 394 house patients this year, 85 had never heard of Christ. Many of these went away believing in Him. Some of the students from the Mary Porter Gamewell School have come regularly to the hospital to teach the patients. Prayers have been conducted every morning for nurses and convalescent patients. Mrs. P'an, Mrs. Hsieh, and Mrs. Li have had their days for teaching in the dispensary, and much personal work has been done by others. But we always feel that far too little effort has been put forth to make use of the wonderful opportunity that is at our very door.

The out calls as usual have taken us to all parts of the city and into all sorts of homes. We have visited fewer of the great Manchu families but more of the young Chinese from all parts of the Empire who have come to Peking on official business. In many of these homes we find the husband has been educated abroad and is full of western ideas while the wife is purely oriental or she may have enjoyed the advantages of a mission school.

The obstetrical work increases every year, and we are able to bring more of it into the hospital as the patients learn to prize the more careful nursing received there. For the first time we have had trained Chinese students to send to maternity cases, and the service our medical students and nurses have thus rendered outside the hospital and largely on their own responsibility has been a stimulus to us in our teaching and a promise of a wider opportunity for usefulness and a greater reward for our labor.

Our expenses have been heavy, but we have covered them without asking for an appropriation.

The year has been one of very hard work, heavy cares, and special trials, but God has been with us through it all and we have to thank Him for many blessings.

Dr. Frances Heath arrived in January. She has done splendid work in the language school and we hope will soon take the place that is waiting for her both in the hospital and on the teaching staff.

Dr. Mary W Griscom of Philadelphia gave us several months of most valuable assistance as consultant, operator, and clinical teacher.

Prof. John McGregor Gibb of the Peking University has worked early and late on the building. Without his generous assistance, we would have been helpless.
Dr. Hopkins and Dr. Hobart have been ready with valuable in time of need.

Dr. George Lowry has frequently come to our aid with his skill and experience as a surgeon.

I could go on writing of the mercies that have been bestowed upon us, for they are more than can be numbered. The knowledge that has come to us again and again through letters that dear friends in the homeland were working and giving and planning for the hospital and the medical college, has been a constant inspiration. "So built we the wall, for the people had a mind to work."

Statistical Report.

Number of house patients. 394
Number of out calls or patients treated in their homes. 1233
Number of dispensary patients. 9544
Number of treatments in dispensary 24795
Amount of fees and gifts. $3363.26 Gold.

ISABELLA FISHER HOSPITAL.

Iva M. Miller, M. D. Georgia A. Filley, M. D.
Eva A. Gregg, R. N. (Student of Language only)

The life of a doctor on the mission field is like a grand panorama, with a constant change of scene. Monotony is unknown.

At the beginning of this year the hospital was closed two months, for with only one doctor at the helm, it is necessary to take the summer months for rest and study and many other things which have been neglected during the year. The last week in August we returned to Tientsin and had the hospital and court cleaned up for the last time, for the joyful news had come from home that the remaining appropriations for the new buildings had been sent, and as plans were already under discussion we could begin building as soon as the weather permitted. After the annual conference Dr. Goucher and his daughters visited us and all were much interested in our plans for the coming year. Both Bishops Bashford and Lewis gave freely of advice, suggestions and encouragement.

The property in the French Concession which we now occupy has been sold with the understanding that the possession of the hospital be given July 1st, 1914, and that of
the house and school on Jan. 1, 1915. In view of this we are compelled to take a two months vacation until Sept. 1, when the contractor has promised to have the new dispensary completed ready for use.

The work of the year began with the usual daily clinic at the hospital, visits in the homes and house patients. The first patient to come in brought her four children and her sister all of whom were ill. They stayed five weeks with us and in that time learned something of the Jesus Doctrine. The two women and the eldest daughter accepted Christ and were taken into the church on probation. The girl wishes to train for a nurse and is spending a year in the Keen School preparatory to entering our Training School for Nurses.

The clinics have kept up all year at the West Gate Dispensary where there are numberless pitiful hopeless cases. In that part of the city there is no hospital, tho several small dispensaries. Our new hospital will be available to the people there if they have street car fare. Alas many of them are not fortunate enough to have that, so we shall arrange some plan whereby the pastor of the chapel there can send them to us. Poor old women who have been blind for years, the optic nerve destroyed, have besought the gods to restore their sight but in vain, having heard of the wonderful cures of the foreign doctor, come to us and it is so hard to say "There is no hope," we do however tell them of the hope of the salvation of their souls.

A few months ago the governor of our province died. As his wife had been a patient of ours, we felt it our duty to call upon her the day she received foreign friends and officials. We were greatly surprised to see her almost wasted to a shadow because she had wept almost continually from the time her husband died almost two months previously. We were invited in to her private apartments where to our amazement stood the hideous black coffin and beside it a mat where she pretended to sleep. On the opposite side of the coffin was another mat for the adopted son nine years of ago. Suffice to say the body was buried a few days later. She had many friends with her all the time but not one relative, for neither she nor her husband had one living relative; a very unusual situation for most of them have more than they can count.

A new governor was appointed and just as he was about to take up the duties of office, his father died in the province
of Yunnan three thousand miles from Tientsin. According to the custom in the new republic, the governor announced himself ready to receive condolences from his friends, so on the appointed day the consul generals and military officers from every nationality represented in Tientsin, called at the Yamen. A friend in the Chinese service sent his carriage for us and we went to pay our respects to an old gentleman whom we had never seen. Each guest left his card both in English and Chinese so that the host could review his list of callers at his leisure. Previous to that time the beloved grandson of the governor had had scarlet fever and was then far from well. The Chinese doctors after several failures refused to treat the case as they often do, for they claim to cure only internal diseases. Skin diseases and abscesses are left to Fate or the foreign doctor. When the governor discovered the card of the lady doctor at the Isabella Fisher Hospital, he asked his secretary to write and ascertain a convenient time to send the carriage to invite her to see the baby. An hour was decided upon and we found a child eight months old in apparently good health except for a small tho deep abscess above the left ear. After reassuring them it could be cured tho it would require patience and perhaps a few weeks time, we promised to give the case daily attention.

One day when the baby was almost well we photographed him with his mother, we also took one of Miss Cushman holding this precious boy. She was particularly interested as the baby's mother had been a school girl before her marriage. We were anxious to take the whole family in a group but they politely refused because the fifty days of mourning for his father had not yet elapsed and according to Chinese custom it is not considered proper.

The provincial governor at Moukden had one son whom he dearly loved but sad to say when the son had reached the mature age of fifty years altho he had two daughters and six wives, no son had come to bless his home. He prayed daily to Buddha to give him a son. One day when we exhibited to this man his first son he almost danced for joy. The news was telegraphed to the grandfather at Moukden who wired congratulations with a name for the boy. Great was the rejoicing in that home! A three days feast was prepared and all the friends of the family invited. The baby grew fat and strong and altho the doctor was frequently consulted he was
never afflicted with anything more than indigestion from overfeeding.

Little Lois Chang, the daughter of one of our Methodist families, was very ill with diphtheria. Recognizing her serious condition the parents wanted her baptized. Pastor Mark Liu was invited to administer baptism. In one hour the temperature had dropped three degrees. The faith of those parents was wonderfully increased by that direct answer to their prayers. From that time she made a gradual recovery.

We were pleased to hear of an old doctor in Tientsin who was trained in the first medical school in Tientsin, over twenty years ago. While studying under Dr. Mackenzie he was convicted of sin but had not the courage to take a definite stand for Christ. A few months ago he was soundly converted in the Chinese Christian Church. His testimony to the saving power of Christ is beautiful. He is an intimate friend of the president as well as one of his numerous medical advisers. One day he presented the president with a Bible with these words, "This book is the foundation of every home and every nation. China needs it, you need it, I need it, everybody needs it. It is the joy of my life and I want everybody to know it."

One day a letter came to us from a Chinese engineer who had been born in Africa. He said he was out of work and ill; he had a wife, three children and a slave girl. The latter he had purchased when he was in good circumstances and now with the loss of fortunes he had become a Christian his conscience would not allow him to sell her tho the money was sadly needed in that home. His desire was to place her in a Christian home or school where she would grow up a useful Christian woman. We found her a bright little girl too small for our school but Miss Bridenbaugh said she would take her in the primary school at Changli if we could pay board and tuition for her. So we appealed to the girls in our school who responded very promptly and generously with almost the entire amount needed.

At Christmas time with Miss Gregg’s help a tree was prepared in the hospital waiting room for the in-patients. Each one received a gift from the numerous boxes sent us from America. A vote of thanks to these kind friends.

We were so happy to welcome Dr. Georgia Filley who arrived a few days before Christmas. After a couple of weeks
with us she went on to Peking to the language school where all newcomers begin their missionary labors.

Miss Gregg after five months at the language school came down to supervise the construction of the new hospital building at which she has proved herself most capable. Her professional skill has been called into daily service because of the numerous accidents and emergencies among the workmen on all the new buildings.

We have been very pleased with the work of our architect, Mr. McClure Anderson, who has been faithful and painstaking in season and out of season. Just now we are hoping to secure the services of a superintendent of works who has had several years experience in China. We feel it quite necessary to find someone who can give his full time to this work as every missionary has more work along his line than he can do.

Miss Cushman decided to leave for Vienna early in June for the purpose of having her eyesight restored and Dr. Filley planned to accompany her, so we made plans for the laying of the cornerstones of school and hospital on June 12. Bishop Lewis was in Korea holding Conference but he promised to be in Tientsin on the 12th and we so arranged. A good Chinese friend sent his auto to the station to meet Bishop and Mrs. Lewis then brought them directly to the hospital platform where the programme was carried out. Three addresses were given by Chinese friends, one doctor and two educational men, also Dr. Pyke of our mission, after which the Bishop conducted the ceremony for the cornerstone laying and put on the first trowelful of mortar. Inside the stone was placed a tin box containing the daily papers in English and Chinese, photos of the Bishop, the architect, several of the doctors who have been here beside the present faculty, one Chinese and one American flag; present day coins, stamps and an annual report. Many friends Chinese and foreign were present and all rejoiced with us for the opportunity to do more efficient work.

For the first time in the history of the institution we have had a graduate nurse in charge. Mrs. Wang is a graduate from the Peking hospital and has proved a very capable head nurse.

It is with mingled feelings we welcome the end of our first term on the mission field. We are grateful for the privilege of having worked in the China corner of the Masters vineyard. We are glad to have been here thro one of the most
A Group of the Patients at Priscilla Bennett Hospital.
“I haven't any dolly.”

Coming Home from Church
interesting periods in her history, plague, floods, the revolution and the first years of the republic. We are thankful for the saints we have known both Chinese and foreign. Their sweet influence and example is a great inspiration to newcomers. We are glad for the opportunities of getting close to the hearts of some of these dear people near enough to tell them that God can comfort in sorrow and save to the uttermost.

Many times it has seemed as if the burdens were far beyond our strength. He has been with us to renew our strength and energy. We pray that with the new hospital, its equipment and additional workers we may be able to do more efficient service not only for the bodies but for the souls of these needy women and children.

**Statistical Report.**

| Treatments in hospital dispensary | 3470 |
| No. patients                      | 1036 |
| No. treatments West Gate dispensary | 3342 |
| No. patients                      | 1257 |
| Unclassified                      | 200 |
| Total treatments                  | 7012 |
| Patients seen in homes            | 558 |
| In-patients                       | 100 |
| Fees and gifts                    | $1500.11 |

**PRISCILLA BENNETT HOSPITAL.**

By Mrs. Kao, Assistant in Charge.

Since Dr. Martin returned to America last year. I have been in a difficult position, because my knowledge of medicine is not very great, to say nothing of my lack of general ability. Fortunately Dr. Korns came daily to assist me; for this I can not be grateful enough.

Although there has been no increase in the number of patients over that of last year, yet we are glad to report that there has been no substantial decrease. It made us very happy to see how eagerly those who came for treatment listened to the teaching of the doctrine. We are thankful that by the grace of God we could every evening lead them in prayer and teach them to sing hymns. Among them are some who wish to join the church on probation.
There are patients of whom I should like to tell you. One was blind in both eyes and came to the hospital in an extremely wretched condition. In a short time her eyes were well. She returned home and told every one of the cure that had been effected. Another, likewise afflicted, hearing of what could be done at the hospital, came and after a time, she too returned home seeing. Later still another, who had been blind from childhood, came earnestly entreat ing that she be taken and cured. Because of her misfortune she had suffered a great deal of abuse at the hands of her mother-in-law. We took her in, performed a simple operation and in a little while her sight was restored. What happiness was hers who had not been able to see for so long may well be imagined. Another went to a sorceress for healing and was told by her that her illness was the punishment of the Old Lady of T'ai Shan'" and in order to be made well she must give the goddess presents. She did so but needless to say, she received no help whatever. Finally she came to us and after being treated for some time she was entirely cured of her disease. Not only she but her whole family were inexpressibly happy because of it. When afterwards one of our young preachers went to that village, her brother, a teacher in the government school, did all in his power to help him and as a result many of the villagers came to hear the Gospel preached.

Statistics.

Number of in-patients. 55
" " out-calls. 26
" " dispensary treatments 5172
Receipts in fees and gifts (gold) $69.80


September 22, 1913—An invitation was sent to Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Keeler to live in the Changli W. F. M. S. home.

October 3, 1913—A letter expressing gratitude for the work of Miss Ethel Pyke was sent to Dr. J. H. Pyke.

October 11, 1913—A letter was sent to Bishop Bashford asking for the appointment of Miss Dillenbeck to Taianfu.

January 14, 1914—Miss Dyer was made a member of the Reference Committee instead of Miss Bridenbaugh at the request of the latter.
April 8, 1914—An urgent letter was sent to the secretary of the Northwestern Branch asking for a new nurse for Peking. This was in answer to Mrs. Avann's letter desiring to know whether we wished one.

June 30, 1914—Miss Gilman asked to act as treasurer pro tem.

June 30, 1914—Miss Wheeler was appointed as temporary Chairman of the Building Committee during the absence of Miss Cushman.

August 1, 1914—Miss Glover and Miss Knox were asked to prepare for a workers' class before Conference.

EVELYN BAUGH.
Appointments.

NORTH PEKING DISTRICT.

Mary Porter Gamewell School and City Day Schools.

Principal . . . CHARLOTTE M. JEWELL*
Assistant Principal . GERTRUDE GILMAN
Instructors (MYRA A. JAQUET
  MRS. J. F. WINANS
FRANCES GRAY
LOUISE HOBART
MARY F. WATROUS
  Instructor.

Sleeper Davis Memorial Hospital.

Physicians

{ ANNA D. GLOSS, M.D.
Minnie Stryker, M.D.
M. Mabel Manderson, M.D.*

Superintendent . . . ALICE M. POWELL
Student of the Language and
Physician . . . FRANCES J. HEATH, M.D.

Union Medical College for Women.

Instructors.

{ ANNA GLOSS, M.D.
Minnie Stryker, M.D.
M. Mabel Manderson, M.D.*

Union Training School for Nurses.

Superintendent . . . ALICE M. POWELL
Instructors.

{ ANNA D. GLOSS, M.D.
Minnie Stryker, M.D.
M. Mabel Manderson, M.D.*

Woman’s Work, and Girls Day Schools.

. EMMA M. KNOX

City Woman’s Work . . . CHARLOTTE M. JEWELL*

*On return.

SOUTH PEKING DISTRICT.

Woman’s work and Girls Day Schools.

. EMMA M. KNOX
**APPOINTMENTS**

**TIENTSIN DISTRICT.**

Keen School and City Day Schools.

Principal: **Clara M. Cushman***
Assistant Principal: **L. Maude Wheeler**
Instructors: **Ida Belle Lewis**
Instructor and Student of the Language: **V. Evelyn B. Baugh**

Isabella Fisher Hospital.

Physician: **Iva M. Miller, M.D.**
Superintendent and Student of the Language: **Eva A. Gregg, R.N.**
Student of the Language: **Georgia A. Filley, M.D.***

*On return *

**SOUTH TIENTSIN DISTRICT.**

Woman's Work and Girls Day Schools. **Unsupplied**

**TSUNHUA DISTRICT.**

Woman's Work and Girls Day Schools. **Clara P. Dyer**

**LANHSIEN DISTRICT.**

Woman's Work and Girls Day Schools. **Clara P. Dyer**

**SHANHAIKWAN DISTRICT.**

Alderman Memorial School and City Day School.

Principal: **Jennie B. Bridenbaugh**
Instructor and Student of the Language: **Dora Fearon**
Thompson Training School. **Ella E. Glover**
City Woman's Work: **Ella E. Glover**
Woman's Work and Country Day Schools: **Mrs. Elma A. Keeler**
Woman's Work and Country Day Schools: **Mrs. Fred Pyke**
Kindergarten **Unsupplied**
TAIANFU DISTRICT.

Maria Brown Davis School and Country Day Schools.

Principal . Effie G. Young
Instructors and Students of the Language Else L. Knapp
Priscilla Bennett Hospital.

Physician. Emma E. Martin, M.D.*

City Girls Day Schools Mrs. Irma R. Davis
Woman's Work Unsupplied

*Subject to call from Tientsin

YENCHOWFU DISTRICT.

Woman's Work and Girls Day Schools Unsupplied
MINUTES
of the
Twenty Second Session of the North China
Woman's Conference.
Peking, September 9-14, 1914.

Conference Journal.

First Day—Wednesday, September 9:—

Opening.—The twenty second session of the North China Woman's Conference met in Peking, Wednesday, September 9. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-president, Miss Wheeler, at nine o'clock.

Devotions.—Mrs. Maria Brown Davis led the devotional hour, reading Psalm 103 and leaving with us the verse, "Bless the Lord, O my soul."

Roll Call.—The Secretary called the roll, twenty nine members responding.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected:

President. ... Mrs. J. W. Bashford
Vice-president. . Miss L. Maude Wheeler
Secretary . Miss Frances Gray

Greetings.—Greetings were extended to the following: Mrs. Maria Brown Davis who reminded us of the time when there were only two members of the North China Conference; Mrs. Spencer Lewis and Dr. Spencer Lewis of West China; Miss Glover; Miss Dyer; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Davis and Miss Sadie L. Davis; Mrs. Keeler; Mrs. Korns; Miss Felt; Miss Dillenbeck; Mrs. Hsii; Dr. Heath; Miss Hobart; Mrs. Felt; and Mrs. Mark B. Brown.

Appointment of Committees.—The following were appointed as a Committee on the Appointment of Committees:—

Peking. ... Miss Gilman
Tientsin ... . Miss Wheeler
Taianfu ... . Miss Young
Changli ... . Miss Glover
Reports.—The following reports were read:—

North China Woman's College. Miss Gilman
Mary Porter Gamewell School. Miss Gilman
Keen School. Miss Wheeler
Alderman School. Miss Bridenbaugh
Maria Brown Davis School. Miss Young
Peking Day Schools. Miss Knox
Changli Day School. Miss Watrous
Taianfu Day Schools. Miss Meek
Lanchou, Tsunhwa, Shanhaikwan Day Schools. Miss Dyer

These reports were all accepted.

Dr. Gamewell spoke to us for a few minutes on the importance of Day Schools. Adjournment. Announcements were made and the meeting closed with the use of the benediction used by the W. F. M. S. societies in America, hymn 40.

Wednesday Afternoon Session:—

Opening.—The afternoon session opened at two thirty o'clock by singing a hymn.

Greetings were extended to Mrs. Stuart and to Dr. Baldwin.

Reports.—The reading of reports was continued:—

Training School at Changli. Miss Dyer
Training School at Taianfu. Miss Meek
Woman's Work at Changli. Miss Dyer
Woman's Work at Taianfu. Miss Meek
Woman's Work at Peking. Miss Knox
Woman's Class in Peking. Miss Glover

Mrs. Davis led in special prayer for woman's work.

Music.—Dr. Heath favored us with a piano solo.

Reports.—The reading of reports was continued:—

Woman's Union Medical College. Dr. Gloss
Elizabeth Sleeper Davis Memorial Hospital. Dr. Gloss
Isabella Fisher Hospital. Dr. Miller
Priscilla Bennett Hospital. Mrs. Kao

This concluded the reading of what we all considered a very inspiring and searching rehearsal of the year's work and need. These reports were all accepted.
Presentation.—This being the fortieth anniversary of the wedding of Mrs. Maria Brown Davis, Dr. Gloss presented her with a small gift as a token of the love of all the W. F. M. S. ladies to one who so faithfully served us as an active member and has still continued to serve us as wife of one of the Parent Board missionaries.

Report of Committee on Appointment of Committees.—Miss Wheeler read a report of the Committee on Appointment of Committees as follows:

Appointment Committee:
- Dr. Gloss
- Miss Wheeler

Fraternal Letters:
- Mrs. Keeler
- Miss Gregg

Resolutions:
- Mrs. Korns
- Miss Pyke

Appointment of Bible Women:
- Miss Young
- Miss Wheeler
- Miss Knox
- Miss Glover

Medical Work at Taianfu and Changli.—Dr. Gloss spoke of Dr. Korns' proposition to appoint a committee to consult with a Parent Board Committee for the purpose of considering the giving up of the W F. M. S. hospitals at Taianfu and Changli to the Parent Board; the W F. M. S. to appoint nurses for these stations to work under the direction of the physician in charge. A motion was carried to appoint a committee to consult with the Parent Board Committee. This Committee was appointed as follows: Dr. Gloss, Dr. Miller, Miss Young.

Adjournment.—The meeting was closed with prayer by Miss Glover.

Second Day, Thursday, September 10:—

Devotions.—The second session of the Woman's Conference met on Thursday, September 16th at nine o'clock. Devotions were led by Miss Glover, expressing the thought of faith in God even when work seems too much for us. Mrs. Bashford led in prayer.
Business.—The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected and accepted. Miss Wheeler moved that the Woman's Conference meet at eleven o'clock on Friday with the Parent Board Conference for the reading of Briefs. The motion was carried and Miss Dyer was appointed to prepare the Briefs for that session.

Reports of Standing Committees.—The report of the Educational Committee was given by Miss Young. The question as to the duties of this Committee and the salary of native workers were presented and discussion called for later. The report was accepted.

The report of the Field Property Committee was given by Dr. Gloss as follows:

"Tientsin.—The Hospital Dispensary and Keen School are now in process of erection at the South Gate. A wall has been built around this property and also around the land purchased for the Day School for which the plans are made. The new dwelling house is begun.

Peking.—The place at the corner of the Ch'eng Ken and Mission St. was purchased for the site of the dispensary and nurses' home. The new building for the Sleeper Davis Hospital is nearly finished. The line of the wall between the hospital property and the Catholic Mission has been moved to straighten the line. In doing so a small building had to be taken down and rebuilt. We had to bear the expense of the changes as the Catholic Mission considered it an accommodation to us.

Taianfu.—Land was bought at Ting Chwang to enlarge the school and a new gate house built."

The report of the Program Committee was given by Miss Knox and accepted.

The report of the Statistics Committee was given by Mrs. Winans and with a few changes was accepted.

The report of the Publication Committee was given by Miss Gray and accepted.

The report of the North China Educational Union was given by Dr. Gloss and accepted.

Rate of Exchange.—Miss Dyer moved that in reporting all money to be exchanged from Mexican to gold, the rate of two to one be used. Motion carried.

Adjournment.—The meeting closed with the use of the benediction as found in hymn 40.
Devotions.—The third session of the Woman's Conference met on Friday, September 11th at nine o'clock. Mrs. Spencer Lewis led the devotions, reading to us John 15 and showing us the need of complying with the conditions attached to God's promises if we are to receive the rewards of the promises.

Business.—The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The reports of the Missionary Societies and Standard Bearer societies were given by members from Peking, Tientsin, Taianfu, and Changli.

Music.—Misses Gregg, Lewis and Dillenbeck sang a trio, "Jesus leads."

News from the Homeland.—Mrs. Bashford gave the good news of Dr. Martin's return in October. Mrs. Maria B. Davis spoke of the inspiration of church services at home and of the various calls to speak for missions. Mrs. Bashford read from letters of Miss Lottie McHose and Mrs. Bolt. Miss Glover, Miss Dyer and Mrs. Felt also gave some home experiences.

Reports.—The report of the Union Training School for Nurses was read by Miss Powell. The report was accepted.

The report of the Peitaiho property was given and accepted. Miss Baugh moved that two business managers be appointed for the Peitaiho property next year and given power to attend to the furnishing of the house. Miss Knox amended the motion to include the names of Miss Baugh and Miss Gray to act as this committee. The amendment and the amended motion were carried.

Resolution.—Miss Glover made the following resolution: Whereas the Parent Board are no longer able to furnish the buildings for our day schools, we wish to express to them our hearty thanks for their kindness and generosity in the past years.

Miss Dyer moved that this be embodied in the resolutions. Motion carried.

Woman's Training School.—Miss Gilman moved that the Woman's workers of the North and South Peking Districts be given power to establish a Woman's Training School in Peking and that an emergency call be sent to the General Executive this Fall asking help for such a school. Motion carried.
Miss Wheeler moved that we have a session at three-thirty in the afternoon. Carried.

Mrs. Bashford brought up the question of a Uniform Constitution for all the China W. F. M. S. Conferences.

Adjournment.—Miss Wheeler closed with prayer.

Friday, Afternoon Session:—

Opening:—The afternoon session was called to order by the Vice-president, Miss Wheeler. Miss Glover led in prayer.

Unfinished Business:—Miss Glover moved that Miss Dyer be appointed to prepare the briefs of all reports next year two weeks before Conference. Motion was carried.

Miss Glover moved that a committee of two be appointed by the chair to consider the matter of having a uniform Constitution. Motion was carried.

Miss Gilman moved that the Publication Committee be empowered to decide on the number, contents, and distribution of the Reports, both Chinese and English. Motion was carried.

Miss Glover moved that a committee be appointed by the chair to receive all Missionary Society money and to hand it over twice a year to the Treasurer. The Committee is as follows: Miss Gilman, Miss Knapp, Miss Dyer, Miss Wheeler.

Miss Gilman moved that a new by-law be inserted as follows:—

"By-laws may be changed at any Annual Meeting by a two thirds vote of the members present." Carried.

Miss Knox moved that the last sentence of the By-laws IV, Section 2, in regard to the Committee on Education, be struck out. Motion was carried.

The report of the Field Reference Committee was given by Miss Baugh and accepted.

Moved and seconded and carried that the Tientsin Station accept with thanks from the Parent Board the pond adjoining their new property and pay $650 for the deed.

Miss Wheeler asked to be relieved from the North China Educational Union Committee this year as one term expires. Miss Powell moved that the resignation be accepted and the motion was carried.
Miss Glover moved that we give our hearty approval to the Union Training School for Women, and express our appreciation of the generosity of the American Board Mission in setting aside Miss Miner for this work. The secretary was instructed to send out this communication.

Miss Lewis moved that a committee of three be appointed to look into the matter of salaries of Day School teachers and Bible women and that the committee report as soon as possible. The committee was appointed by Mrs. Bashford as follows: Miss Knox, Miss Glover, Miss Lewis.

**Adjournment:**—The meeting closed by singing the doxology.

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**Fourth Day, Saturday, September 12.**

**Opening:**—The fourth session of the Woman's Conference was opened with song and prayer on Saturday morning, September 12th, at nine o'clock. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

**Unfinished Business:**—Miss Gilman and Miss Knox were appointed as the committee of two to look into the matter of a uniform Constitution.

The report of the committee on the question of salaries for Day School teachers and Bible women was read by Miss Knox and accepted. The report reads as follows:

"(1) **Salaries:**—Day School teachers not graduates of High Schools to begin at $6 per month and to increase gradually, not to exceed $10 per month and Day School teachers be paid throughout the whole year (12 months).

(2) Day School teachers or Bible women not holding certificates from Intermediate Schools or from Woman's Schools, to begin at not less than $5 per month.

(3) In special cases let the salary be determined by the one in charge.

(4) In order that the workers may have an opportunity to improve we recommend that a Teacher's Institute be held in connection with the worker's class for the coming year and that credit be given for attendance; and that a committee be appointed to lay out a home course of study for both teachers and Bible women for which they shall receive credit upon passing examinations."
The resignation of Miss Meek was read by the Secretary. Dr. Gloss moved that we regret the circumstances which call Miss Meek home and send our sympathy with her as she goes, hoping that there she may continue to work with us in the work which is dear to her heart. The motion was accepted.

Miss Gilman moved that the Conference and District Educational Committees be appointed by the Standing Educational Committee as last year. Miss Dyer amended that the Standing Educational Committee and the Conference Committee on Education be one and the same committee; the amendment was carried and the amended motion was carried.

Miss Glover moved that an emergency call be sent the General Executive asking permission for Miss Young to be allowed to use any surplus money from the Bible Training School and Boarding School for Day Schools. Motion carried.

The report of the Appointment Committee was read by Dr. Gloss. Miss Knox moved that this report be accepted. Motion was carried.

Miss Knox moved that the Committee appointed to discuss the medical situation in North China with the Parent Board be continued to act in all further discussion. Motion was carried.

Miss Baugh moved that Miss Powell's name be substituted for her's on the Peitaiho property committee. Motion was carried.

Mrs. Korns read the report of the Committee on Resolutions. Accepted.

Miss Dyer moved that persons be appointed to write for the Woman's Missionary Friend and the Junior Friend, one each quarter. Motion carried. Dr. Heath, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Mark Brown, and Mrs. Korns were appointed to write to the Woman's Missionary Friend. Miss Pyke, Miss Dillenbeck, Mrs. Grow Brown and Miss Hobart were appointed to write to the Junior Friend.

Greetings were extended to Mrs. Grow Brown and a hearty welcome to our number.

The report of the Committee on the Appointment of Bible Women was read by Miss Young and accepted.

Miss Knox moved that the closing session of the Conference be held at eight o'clock tonight. Carried.
Music:—Miss Wheeler sang a solo.

Closing Service:—Mrs. Bashford then led us in a consecration service, reading Romans 6:4, and suggesting the thought of newness of life in Christ, and His resurrection power in our lives. Adjournment.

Saturday, Evening Session:—

Opening:—In the absence of the President and the Vice-president, Dr. Heath was elected to take the chair. Miss Gilman led in prayer. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Unfinished Business:—Dr. Gloss read the final report of the Appointment Committee. This report was accepted.

Miss Gilman read the report of the Committee on Appointment of Committees. Report was accepted.

Miss Gilman read the report of Educational Committee on the Appointment of District Committees. The committees are as follows:—

Peking—Misses Knox, Gray, Powell.
Tientsin, Misses Baugh, Lewis, Pyke.
Changli—Misses Glover, Dyer, Fearon.
Taianfu—Misses Young, Knapp, Mrs. Geo. Davis.

The Minutes of the meeting were read and accepted. Motion to adjourn was carried and Mrs. Bashford led in the closing prayer.
Standing Committees.

Field Reference:—
Charlotte M. Jewell, treasurer    Ella E. Glover
V. Evelyn B. Baugh    Ida Belle Lewis
Elsie L. Knapp    Alice M. Powell

Educational:—
Gertrude Gilman    Jennie B. Bridenbaugh
L. Maude Wheeler    Effie O. Young

Field Property:—
Clara M. Cushman    Effie G. Young
Anna D. Gloss    Clara P. Dyer

Program:—
Louise Hobart    Mary Watrous

Statistics:—
Mrs. J. F. Winans    Dora Fearon
Mildred Pyke    Nora M. Dillenbeck

Publications:—
Frances Gray    Myra Jaquet
Louise Hobart    Liu Mei Di

North China Educational Union:—
Charlotte M. Jewell (2 years)    Anna D. Gloss (1 year)
Resolved.—That we lift up our hearts in gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the divine leadership which has never failed us throughout the year; for the inspiration which has led us to attempt and accomplish great things in His name; for the vision of the future with its infinite possibilities, and for the faith which gives us a reach far beyond our grasp,—a faith which insures success for this new year.

That we express our grateful appreciation of the generous hospitality of the Peking hostesses extended throughout this Conference.

That we express our gratitude to Mrs. Bashford for the helpful way in which she has presided over our sessions and for the inspiration of her presence.

That we express our appreciation of the daily talks given in the chapel by Bishop Bashford.

That we express our gratitude for the safe arrival on the field of our four newest colleagues—Miss Dillenbeck, Miss Hobart, Dr. Filley, and Dr. Heath; and for the safe return to the field of Miss Dyer, Dr. and Mrs. Davis, Miss Glover and Mrs. Felt; and for the expected return of Mrs. Jewell, Mrs. Hobart, Dr. Manderson, and Dr. Martin; and for the pleasure of having Miss Felt with us this winter to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

That we extend our greetings to our new sisters of the General Board—Mrs. F. M. Pyke, Mrs. E. J. Winans, Mrs. Grow Brown, and Mrs. Mark Brown.

That we extend greetings to those of our number now in the homeland.

That our grateful thanks be extended to Drs. Kent, Korns, Hopkins and Lowry of the General Board for their kindly and efficient assistance throughout the year.

That we offer grateful and heartfelt thanks to our dear Heavenly Father for the restoration of sight to our fellow worker, Miss Cushman; and for the news of her’s and Dr. Filley’s safe arrival in New York, during these days of warfare.
That whereas the members of the General Board find it no longer possible to furnish rooms for our day schools free of rent, express our gratitude and appreciation of their kindness to us in the past.

That we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr. Griscom of Philadelphia for her efficient and invaluable service during the time of her stay among us.
Appointments of Bible Women.

North and South Peking Districts.

P'an Cheng Shih;* Wang Li Shih; Yang Yang Shih; Cheng Yu Shih; Chen Cheng Shih;* Wang Meng Shih;* Yin Chang Shih; Yeh Liu Shih; Hsia Yang Shih; Hsieh Chao Shih; Chao Tai Tai.

Tientsin District.

Wang Shang Shih;* Sun Hao Shih; Li Ma Shih.

Tsunhua District.

Chang Liu Shih.

Lanhsien and Shanhaikwan Districts.

Esther Chou; Liu Chang Shih; Wang Ch'en Shih; T'i T'sao Shih; Sung Feng Shih; Kuo Shao Shih; Hao Lan Hsiang; Kuo Yang Shih.

Taianfu and Yenchowfu Districts.

Wang Wang Shih; Kao Tu Shih; Lu Feng Shih.

Note: Names marked with an asterisk (*) are those of women who are self-supporting.
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**Remarks**: Mrs. E. J. Winans

**Branch**: Western

**Station**: Methodist Mis., Tientsin

**Home Address**: Melrose, Mass.
COURSE OF STUDY FOR NEW MISSIONARIES.

FIRST YEAR.

Gospel of John.
Mateer's Mandarin Lessons—50 lessons, or Baller's Primer Revised or Hillier's Mandarin Lessons.
Recognize characters in 50 lessons.
(Write 500 characters Martin's Shuang Ch'ien Tzu) (Write from dictation anything in Sacred Edict Chapter I, 1-4 Sections) Draw a map of the province in which you live, locating prefectures and counties with principal cities. Draw a map of China locating 18 Provinces with capitals, also the great rivers of China.

SECOND YEAR.

Mateer's Mandarin Lesson, 50-100.
Pilgrims Progress, Part I.
Three character classic.
Write 500 more characters in Martin's Ch'ien Tzu or Sacred Edict Chapter II.
Fifteen minutes conversation in Chinese.
Sermon to Native Christians.
Titles of Chief civil and military officers in the Province.

THIRD YEAR.

Complete New Testament; Genesis, Psalms.
Mateer's Mandarin lessons, 100-200.
Sacred Edict, Mandarin, Complete.
Martin's Evidences of Christianity, Part I. (Mandarin)
Pilgrim's Progress, Part 2.
Write 500 more characters in Shuang Ch'ien Tzu, or Write John 17, and review previous two years work.
Analects Part I.

FOURTH YEAR.

Student's choice of book from Classical Bible or Making of a Man, first two chapters.
Martin's Evidences of Christianity II.
The Fortunate Union.
English Reading.
To be read: The Real Chinaman, Holcomb; Life of Pastor Hsü. Mrs. Howard Taylor; The Awakening of China. Martin; China under the Empress Dowager, Bland and Stenhouse; Ways that are Dark, Walse.

SECOND YEAR.

China in Law and Commerce, Jenigan; Imperial History of China, Macgowan; Legge's Prolegomena to Confucian Analects; Giles' Chiua and the Chinese.

THIRD YEAR.

Religions of China, Edkins; China in Convulsion, Smith; Legge's Prolegomena to Mencius.

FOURTH YEAR.

Little's Far East; The Chinese, Thompson; The Chinese Empire, Broomhall; Mission Problems and Mission Methods in South China, Gibson; Travels in Tartary and Thibet, Abbe Hue.
COURSE OF STUDY FOR TRAINING SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

Sheng Tao Ch'ü Chieh.
San Tzu Ching Catechism.
Chen Tao Lüeh Lun.
Memorize I Cor., 13th chapter.
Read or Memorize Hymns.
Yü Ch’ien Ju Shen (Optional).
Writing.

SECOND YEAR.

Gospel of Matthew.
Gospel of Mark.
Selections from Discipline.
Read or Memorize Hymns.
Writing.
Number Work.

THIRD YEAR.

Gospel of John.
Old Testament History.
Pilgrim’s Progress.
Geography 1st and 2nd and 15th Chapters.
Memorize John, 14th Chapter.
Read or Memorize Hymns.
Writing.
Number Work.

FOURTH YEAR.

Evidences of Christianity.
Geography Completed.
Read or Memorize Hymns.
Catechism on Physiology.
Writing.
Number Work.
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§ Transpose Wen Li into Mandarin. * Study the whole book: Commit to memory the words of Jesus. † Construct sentences, incorporating therein words from Sheffield's Lists.
Organ and piano lessons are elective.

Vocal music daily in Intermediate and High School, once a week in Primary.

Drawing, once a week in High School (elective).

Literary exercises once a week Intermediate and High School.

Daily drill in Physical Culture.

Selections from Scripture to be memorized are as follows:

St. John's Gospel, Chaps. I, 1-15; III, 1-21; X, 122; XIV; XV; XVII, Rom., XII; I Cor. XII, 12-31; XIII; Eph. VI, 1-18; Phil. III 1-14; IV, 1-13; I Thes. IV, 3-18; V; II Tim. II, 1-16; Heb. XI; XII, 1-13; I James; Rev. I; II; III; XXI, 1-11; 21-27; XXII, 1-7; Psa. 1; XIX.; XXIII, XXIV; LI: XCI; CIII.

The course in English is as follows:

1st year:—Phonetics, using Pollard's Synthetic Speller; 40 pages Harper's First Reader or equivalent, with conjugation of its verbs in Ind. Mood, present, past, and future tenses; Writing from Chinese and English Dictation; Conversation.

2nd year:—Finish Harper's First Reader or equivalent; conjugate its verbs in all their moods and tenses; Write from Chinese and Dictation; Conversation.

3rd year:—Baldwin's First Reader or equivalent; 40 pages Harper's Second Reader or equivalent; Oral Grammar, Parts of Speech etc; Composition; Conversation.

4th year:—Finish Harper's Second Reader or equivalent; Begin Newsome Grammar; Composition; Conversation.

5th year:—Harper's Third Reader or equivalent; Finish Newsome Grammar; or equivalent; Conversation; Composition.

Special arrangements may be made for the earlier study of English.
Constitution.

Of the Woman’s 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

All representatives of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society are members of this Conference. All Bible-women, teachers of schools, and the women of the General Board are members of this Conference ex-officio. All representatives of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society who have been on the field one year, and such women of the General Board as are engaged in work shall be entitled to a vote in the business sessions of the Conference.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer, 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-third’s 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. Election of Officers.
   3. Appointment of Committees.
   5. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business.
   7. Appointment of Standing Committees.
   8. Reports of Committees shall be given daily after reading of Minutes.

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:—

Field Reference:—

This committee shall consist of five members, each station having a representative thereon.

This committee after obtaining the sense of the various stations shall meet not later than March 1st and prepare a list of estimates for the following year.

All business pertaining to the work of the Conference, arising in the interim of its sessions, 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. **Educational:**

This committee shall consist of one member from each station 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.

3. **Field Property:**

This committee shall consist of one member from each station, 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.

4. **Program:**

This Committee shall consist of two members whose duty it shall be to prepare a program for the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Conference.

5. **Publications:**

The Committee shall consist of the Secretary of the Conference and two assistants to be chosen by the Secretary, whose duty it shall be to edit and publish the Minutes.

6. **Statistics:**

This Committee shall consist of one member from each station, whose duty it shall be to compile a statistical report to be presented at the Annual Conference, and published in the Minutes.

7. **North China Educational Union:**

This committee shall consist of two members appointed in alternate years, each serving for two years. Their duty shall be to represent the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the meetings of the North China Educational Union.

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 act as interpreter at all Chinese meetings of the Conference.
3. — The secretary shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and forward a report of same to the Official Correspondent of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

4. — The Treasurer of the Woman's Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in North China shall be the Treasurer of the Annual Conference and 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.
Statistics of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the Year ending June 30, 1914.

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