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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Moderator	Mr. C. G. Vichert
Vice-Moderator	Mr. B. A. Slocum
Clerk	Mrs. Jane B. Dye
Mission Secretary	Mr. J. E. Moncrieff
Mission Treasurer	Dr. E. S. Burket
Statistician	Mrs. Carol Schaefer
Health Supervisor	Dr. R. B. Ainslie

Reference Committee: Mission Secretary, *ex officio*, Mr. B. A. Slocum, Mrs. A. M. Salquist, Dr. D. C. Graham, Dr. D. S. Dye, Dr. E. S. Burket.

Auditing Committee: Mrs. J. B. Dye, Mrs. Vichert, Miss Brodbeck.

Language Study Committee: Mr. J. E. Moncrieff.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Vichert, Dr. Graham, Miss McConnell.

Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Vichert, Dr. Ainslie.

Policy Committee: personnel to be elected by Station Councils.

Property Committee: Dr. Dye, Dr. Graham, Mr. Moncrieff.

Woman's Committee: Miss Brodbeck, Miss Esther Nelson, Mrs. Salquist.

Representatives to Other Bodies and Committees:

China Baptist Council: Mr. Moncrieff.

Council on Health Education: Mr. Moncrieff.

Joint Personnel Committee: Miss Archer, Dr. Dye, Dr. Graham, Mr. Vichert.

Union Theological College Board of Management: Mr. Moncrieff (Dr. Graham, alternate).

United Hospital Board: Mr. Moncrieff.

West China Union University Board of Directors: Mr. Moncrieff.

Woman's College Board: Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Salquist.

MEMBERS OF THE WEST CHINA BAPTIST MISSION, FEBRUARY, 1946.

Chengtu:

- Burket, E. S., Mission Treasurer, 1916 (wife in U.S.A.)
 Dye, D.S., and wife, College of Science, Union University,
 1908.
 Graham, D.C., Ph.D., and wife, Union University and Union
 Theological College, 1911.
 Moncrieff, J. E., Mission Secretary, 1915 (wife in U.S.A.)
 Salquist, Mrs. Anna M., 1897.
 Stocum, B.A., and wife, University of Nanking, 1932.
 Whittington, H.B., Ph.D., and wife, Ginling College for
 Women, 1943.

Chungking:

- Cressy, E.H., National Christian Council, 1910 (wife in
 India)

Loshan (Kiating):

- Graham, D.C., Ph.D., part time Pastoral Work, 1911 (wife
 in Chengtu)

Ipin (Suifu):

- Archer, Miss L. G., Educational Work, 1920.
 Brodbeck, Miss L.E., Woman's and Girls' Work, 1918.
 Griswell, Miss M.I., M.D., Medical Work, 1931.
 Denison, Miss M.C., R.N., Medical Work, 1920.
 Gates, Miss Dorothy, M.D., Language Study, 1943.
 McConnell, Miss A.R., R.N., Medical Work, 1942.
 Schaefer, R.W., and wife, Pastoral Work, 1940.

Yaan (Yachow):

- Ainslie, R.B., M.D., Language Study, 1942 (wife in U.S.A.)
 Nelson, Miss Ada, Woman's and Girls' Work, 1931.
 Nelson, Miss Esther, R.N., Medical Work, 1924.
 Vlchert, C.G., and wife, Pastoral Work, 1930.

On Furlough:

- Argetsinger, Miss M. A., 1919.
 Brininstool, M.O., and wife, 1929.
 Crook, R.D., M.D., and wife, 1920.
 Downer, Miss Sara B., 1920.
 Kennard, J. S., Ph. D., and wife, 1936.

Lenox, J. E., M. D., and wife, M. D., 1930;
 Peterson, Miss Astrid M., 1930.
 Phelps, D. L., Ph. D., and wife 1921.
 Theroff, Miss Frances R. N., 1918.

MEMBERS OF THE WEST CHINA BAPTIST MISSION PRESENT AT CONFERENCE 1945.

Chengtu:

Dr. Burk t, Dr. Dye, Dr. and Mrs. Graham, Mr. Moncrieff,
 Mrs. Salquist, Mr. Slocum.

Loshan:

Dr. Graham (listed also as present from Chengtu)

Ipin:

Miss Archer, Dr. Criswell, Miss Denison.

Yaan:

Mr. and Mrs. Vichert, Dr. Ainslie, Miss Ada Nelson.

MEMBERS OF THE DISCIPLES MISSION PRESENT AT CONFERENCE, 1945.

Mrs. Edna Gish, Miss Cammie Gray.

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WEST CHINA BAPTIST MISSION CHENG TU, 1945.

Committee on Arrangements: Mr. Moncrieff, Mr.
 Slocum, Dr. Graham.

Feb. 9, 1945, 9.00 a. m. Meeting held at the home of the
 Mission Secretary, Mr. Moncrieff.

The Mission Secretary asked last year's Moderator to
 take charge of the meeting, which was then formally
 opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer by the
 Moderator, Mr. Vichert.

There was some discussion as to whether we should
 meet as a Conference, or what we should call ourselves.

1945-1. *Voted*, That we go into a Committee of the
 Whole. Mrs. Dye was asked to act as Secretary
pro-tempore.

- 1945-2. *Voted*, That the Mission Secretary and Mr. Vichert act as a Business Committee.
- 1945-3. *Voted*, That Mr. Vichert be re-elected as Moderator of Conference.

Reports from Stations. Reports of the work in the different stations were given as follows:

For Yaan; Mr. Vichert
For Loshan; Dr. Graham.
For Ipin Medical Work; Dr. Criswell.
For Ipin Educational and Church Work: Miss Archer.

Feb. 9, 1945, 2.00 p. m. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn, and prayer was offered by Dr. Burket.

With the arrival of Miss Ada Nelson from Yaan, the anticipated attendance from stations outside Chengtu was complete, and the question again arose as to whether we might consider ourselves a regularly constituted annual conference. Grounds were given for expecting that absent members would approve, and it was therefore felt that we might proceed with the election of officers as for a properly constituted conference.

- 1945-4. *Voted*, That the following be elected as Nominating Committee: Dr. Criswell, Miss Ada Nelson, Dr. Dye.

Reports from Stations were then continued, as follows:

For Chengtu: Dr. Graham.
For the Disciples Mission: Miss Cammie Gray.
Mission Secretary's Report: Mr. Moncrieff.
Mission Treasurer's Report: Dr. Burket.

At 4.00 p.m. the meeting adjourned for tea at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Graham.

Feb. 10, 1945, 9.00 a. m. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer by Miss Archer.

After a report from the Business Committee, it was

1945-3. *Voted*, That this gathering be considered as an Annual Conference of the Mission with full powers unless a majority of the members of Ipin Station Council fail to approve of such action, the other Station Councils having reported a unanimous vote in favor of a Conference with full powers.

1945-6. *Voted*, That a record be made of the vote on each motion, and that such actions as are adopted by a less than two-thirds vote of members in attendance at these meetings, be submitted to the absent members for their vote before they be considered as finally adopted.

1945-7. *Voted*, That on important matters of business a vote shall be taken only when fully two-thirds of those in attendance at Conference are present.

(*Note*. As fifteen members of Conference were in attendance (see list above) it be will seen that by these two minutes no vote on important business could be taken unless at least ten of the fifteen were present, and no action was considered as finally adopted unless there was a vote of at least ten for its adoption. As a matter of record, all motions were adopted by unanimous vote.)

After a report from the Nominating Committee, it was

1945-8. *Voted*, That officers and committees of the Mission be elected as listed above. Messrs. Vichert and Moncrieff then reported that Dr. Ainslie and Dr. Gates were both making satisfactory progress in the study of the language, doing excellent work, in fact.

It was reported that no communications had been received during the year from the China Baptist Council, owing to disturbed conditions in other parts of China.

A comprehensive report was received from Mr. Wallace Wang, acting President of the Union Theological College. It was felt to be a very interesting and significant report, and it was sug-

gested that copies be sent to both Dr. Fridell and Dr. Lippard, Editor of *MISSIONS*.

No report having been submitted this year by the administration of the West China Union University, Mr. Moncrieff, our representative on the Board of Directors, made a report.

A report from the Mission Property Committee was given by Mr. Moncrieff.

The devotional period was led by Mrs. Salquist, her text being "Seek ye *first* the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness."

Feb. 10, 1945, 2.00 p. m. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn, and with prayer by Dr. Dye.

The minutes of the morning meeting were read and adopted. It was

1945-9. *Voted*, That the members of the Disciples Mission in Chengtu be invited to attend the Conference as fraternal delegates.

The Mission Secretary gave a report of present conditions of our work, stressing the three points: (1) that we are greatly in need of additional personnel if our present work is to be continued, (2) that financial problems are staggering; and (3) that there is need for immediate consideration of the question as to who is to replace Mr. Moncrieff as Mission Secretary when he goes on furlough some time this year.

After adjournment, tea was served in the Moncrieff home.

Feb. 12, 1945, 9.00 a. m. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer by Mrs. Salquist.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

In accordance with a suggestion from the Business Committee, it was

1945-10. *Voted*, That we resolve ourselves into small committees for the consideration of different

phases of conference business, and the formulations.

The committees elected were as follows:

Administration: Dr. Graham, Mrs. Salquist, Mr. Moncrieff.

Educational: Mr. Slocum, Mr. Vichert, Miss Archer, Mrs. Dye, Mr. Whittington.

Medical: Dr. Criswell, Miss Denison, Dr. Ainslie.

General: Mrs. Vichert, Mr. Graham, Dr. Burket.

Pastoral: Miss Archer, Dr. Graham, Miss Ada Nelson, Miss Gray.

Personnel: Dr. Dye, Miss Denison, Miss Ada Nelson.

Property and Fienance: Dr. Burket, Miss Archer, Dr. Dye, Mr. Vichert.

1945-11. *Voted*, That on account of the West China Border Research Society lecture to be given at 4.00 in the afternoon, we advance the afternoon session one half hour, opening at 1.30 p. m., and closing at 3.30 p. m.

1942-12. *Voted*, That we adjourn and break up at once into the smaller committees as provided above, to meet again at 11.30 a. m. for the devotional period.

The deotional period was led by Dr. Ainslie, who took as his text "The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah."

February 12, 1945, 1.30 p. m. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer by Mrs. Gish.

The minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved.

After hearing a report from the Medical Committee, the following actions were taken:

1945-13. *Voted*, That we recommend to the West China Baptist Convention the immediate union of the

two hospitals in Ipin, such union to be subject to the approval of the A. B. F. M. S. and W. A. B. F. M. S.

1945-14. *Voted*, That we recommend to the Convention that the details of organization relative to the merging of the two hospitals be worked out by the Ipin Executive Committee, and submitted to the Convention Executive Committee for decision.

1945-15. *Voted*, That we recommend to the Convention that it approve of Baptist Mission hospitals registering with the Government if they so desire, but that before subsidies from the Government are accepted, Convention approval should be obtained.

1945-16. *Voted*, That we recommend to the Convention that the students of the Nurses' Training School in Ipin be granted the facilities of the two hospitals during their period of training.

1945-17. *Voted*, That we recommend to the Convention that the Training School in Ipin continue its present status under the West China Baptist Convention.

After hearing a report from the Committee on Administration, the following action was taken:

1945-18. *Voted*, That the subject of further constructive steps in cooperation in the Christian enterprise be taken up by the Reference Committee in consultation with the West China Baptist Convention Executive Sub-Committee, looking towards the assumption of greater responsibilities by the Convention.

1945-19. *Voted*, That the various committees continue their work until 8.00 p. m., when we shall again meet to take action on subjects as reported, especially such as should be considered in the joint meeting with the Convention Executive Sub-Committee to be held on Tuesday, February 12.

The meeting adjourned at 3.30 p. m. and tea was served in the Slocum home.

February 12, 1945, 8.00 p. m.

The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer led by Dr. Graham.

The Mission Secretary announced plans which he and the Convention Executive Secretary, Mr. Fu, had prepared for the meeting the following day with the Convention Executive Sub Committee.

After hearing a report from the Educational Committee, the following action was taken.

- 1945-20.** *Voted*, That we recommend to the Convention that it consider the advisability of establishing a complete Junior and Senior grade Middle School in one station, even if it necessitates the closing of the other Baptist Middle School for Boys.

After hearing a report from the Committee on Property and Finance, it was

- 1945-21.** *Voted*, That we consult with the Convention Executive Sub-Committee as to the general proposition that we dispose of such property as does not lend itself to prospectively fruitful Christian use within the next ten years.

- 1945-22.** *Voted*, That we recommend to the Station Councils that, in consultation with the local Church Executives, they review all land holdings of the Mission and local church in every station and forward their recommendations as to retention or sale to the Reference and Executive Committees.

- 1945-23.** *Voted*, That we ask the Conference Moderator, the Mission Secretary, and the Clerk to review and edit the reports of the various special committees, passing on to the Convention Executive Sub-Committee the recommendations to that body, and incorporating anything else of value in the reports as the findings or affirmations of

this Conference, such findings to be incorporated in the printed minutes.

1945-24. *Voted*, That we meet again at 8.00 p. m. on Tuesday, February 13.

1945-25. *Voted*, That Mr. Moncrieff and Dr. Dye act as a committee to make recommendations as to suitable charges for light, heat, travel and board for those attending Conference.

February 13, 1945. 8.00 p. m. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer by Mr. Vichert.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Mission Secretary reported at some length an interview he had earlier in the day with Mr. Richard Service, American Embassy Secretary, who had just returned from Chungking.

1945-26. *Voted*, That we ask Miss Agnes M. Moncrieff to represent us at a meeting of Mission Secretaries called by Bishop Maxwell to meet at the home of Mr. Stockwell on the afternoon of February 14 to consider the present situation as regards the disposition of missionary personnel.

After hearing a report from the Committee on Personnel, it was

1945-27. *Voted*, That Dr. and Mrs. Crook and Miss Astrid Peterson be asked to return to the field in 1945.

1945-28. *Voted*, That we recommend to the Convention that all missionaries of the West China Baptist Mission now on furlough be urged to return to West China at the close of their furlough periods.

1945-29. *Voted*, That we recommend to the Convention that we ask for the following new missionaries:

Woman's Board: 2 nurses, 2 women educational workers, 2 women evangelistic workers.

General Board: 1 doctor, 3 pastoral workers, 1 educational worker for union work.

1945-30. *Voted*, That as a priority list we suggest the following as urgently needed: 1 nurse, 2 men for pastoral work, 1 woman evangelistic worker, 1 woman educational worker, 1 science teacher for the Union University.

Feb. 14, 1945, 9.00 a. m.

The meeting was opened with a hymn and with prayer by Miss Ada Nelson.

The minutes of the Mission Secretary of his interview the previous day with Mr. Richard Service was the subject of some discussion, after which it was

1945-31. *Voted*, That in accordance with prevailing usage in other Missions we adopt the following classification of our missionaries on the field:

Class A: Dr. Criswell, Miss Ada Nelson, Miss Esther Nelson, Mrs. Salquist, Mrs. Vichert and children, Mrs. Schaefer and children.

Class B: Mmes. Dye, Graham, Slocum; Mlles. Archer, Broadbeck, Denison, Gates, McConnell.

Class C: Messrs. Ainslie, Burket, Dye, Graham, Moncrieff, Slocum, Vichert, Schaefer (the last two only if not required by their families).

After hearing a further report from the Committee on Property and Finance, it was

1945-32. *Voted*, That we request the Home Board to permit the use of such funds as may be obtained by the sale of outstation properties in the evangelistic program of the district concerned.

The devotional period was led Lettie Archer who spoke on the general theme of 'Fishing for Men.'

Feb. 14, 1945, 1.30 a. m. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn followed by a few minutes of silent prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected, and adopted.

1945-33. *Voted*, That all minutes previously adopted re-

garding the election of a Mission Secretary be rescinded.

1945-34. *Voted*, That Mr. Moncrieff be elected Mission Secretary.

1945-35. *Voted*, That we meet again this evening at 7.30 p. m.

After hearing a report from the Committee on General Topics, it was

1945-36. *Voted*, That we request the Boards to take up with other Mission Boards carrying on work in West China, plans for the education of missionaries' children in West China after the war.

1945-37. *Voted*, That we recommend that the Boards, as far as possible, invite each missionary on furlough to the Board Rooms for meetings and conferences.

1945-38. *Voted*, That, if feasible, we should like replies to letter sent to the Home Department, and suggestions as to what material in each letter is most valuable.

Feb. 14, 1945, 7.30 p. m. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer by Mrs. Dye. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A report was given by Miss Agnes M. Moncrieff of the meeting of Mission Secretaries which had met at Mr. Stockwell's home in the afternoon.

The Committee appointed to recommend rates for expenses of Conference light, heat, board, and travel, made a report which was accepted, after amendment.

After hearing a further report from the Committee on General Topics, it was

1945-39. *Voted*, That members of the Policy Committee in the different stations draft plans for post-war work, and send them to the Reference Committee by March 10 at the latest.

The latter part of Mr. Forrest Smith's letter no. 589 of Nov. 17, 1944, on the subject of finances, credits, and transfers, was read for the information of those present.

1945-40. *Voted*, That we ask the Mission Secretary in conference with the Convention Secretary to draw up a general statement on Conference and Convention business.

1945-41. *Voted*, That we refer to the Convention for its consideration Mr. Cressy's City Church plan for Ipin as a carefully conducted experiment, provided that it does not cut into the present budget for pastoral work.

After hearing a report from the Resolutions Committee, it was

1945-42. *Resolved*, That we express our sincere appreciation to the members of the Chengtu Station for the cordial hospitality extended to visiting members during the Conference period.

1945-43. *Resolved*, That we extend to Mr. Moncrieff and to Miss Agnes Moncrieff our appreciation for the use of their home for the Conference meetings.

1945-44. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation to the Mission Secretary, to the Mission Treasurer, and to the members of the Reference Committee for the careful consideration which they have given to the difficult questions arising out of the present emergency situation.

1945-45. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Fu for their hospitality in entertaining the members of Conference at dinner on February 13.

1945-46. *Resolved*, That we reiterate the resolution of last year expressing our appreciation of Mr. Fu's service as Convention Secretary.

1945-47. *Resolved*, That we extend to Dr. Dacker a very cordial welcome to West China, and assure him of our whole-hearted interest and cooperation.

1945-48. Resolved, That we instruct our Secretary to send through the Home Boards a message of greeting to our colleagues on furlough, and our hope that they may soon rejoin us.

Jane B. Dye, Conference Clerk
J. E. Moncrieff, Mission Secretary

The morning and afternoon of February 13 were given to a joint meeting of the Mission Conference with the Executive Sub-Committee of the Convention held at the church. The actions taken at that joint meeting are reported in sequence with the minutes of the Convention Executive Sub Committee, bearing the serial numbers 45-6 45-17. They were reported to the members of the Mission in a communication from the Mission Secretary sent out on Feb. 23.

J. E. Moncrieff, Mission Secretary.

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