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and the
North China Woman's Conference

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W W Davis

Secretary

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I. OFFICERS

(Throughout this journal names in Double parenthesis denote non-Annual Conference members)

(a) Of the Annual Conference

PRESIDENT

Bishop Wilbur E.
Hammaker

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((Oliver J. Krause))

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Peking ,,
Shanhaikuan ,,
Tientsin ,,
Tsunhua ,,

Meng Yün
T'ien Yin-Ch'ing
Chia Yü-Tsung
Li Hsien-Chih
Shang Chiu-Ch'eng
Ma Tsun-Ch'ing
Yang Yuan-Lin

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EDITORS OF THE CONFERENCE MINUTES The Secretaries

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS AND ASSOCIATES

(Appointed for ensuing year.)

Chingchao District
Lanhsien ,,
Peking ,,
Shanhaikuan ,,
Tientsin ,,
Tsunhua ,,

Wang Shou-T'ung
Shih T'ing-Tung
Wang Shou-T'ung
Ch'ing Shou
Lee Lien-Ying
W. W Davis

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Carl A. Felt
Horace E. Dewey
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((Hsü Wan-Liang))

VICE-PRESIDENT

((Ma T'í-Ch'ien))

SECRETARY

((Liu Hsüan))

TREASURER

((Yang Ssu-Cheng))

II. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

(a) Boards

(1) CONFERENCE WORK

EDUCATION, BOARD OF (Joint Board with the Woman's Conference)

Kao Feng-Shan, Chairman

Chiang Hsiu Feng

Ch'ing Shou

Hsü Wang-Liang

Liu Fang

Shang Wen-Chin

Wang Shou-T'ung

Yang Ssu-Ch'eng

Lee Lien-Ying

W. W. Davis

Liu I-Hsin (Ex-officio)

Miss Tseng Hsiu-Hsiang

„ Liu Yu-Mei

„ Myra Snow

„ Marie Adams

„ Yin Chih

„ Chang P'ei-Jan

„ Chang Feng-Shih

Dr. Lois Witham

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Kao Feng-Shan

Vice-president

Tseng Hsiu-Hsiang

Recording Secretary

Chinese

Shang Wen-Chin

English

Ellen Studley

Director of Religious Education

Liu I Hsin

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Hsü Wan-Liang

Liu Fang

Shih Ting-Tung

Yang Ssu-Ch'eng

Liu I-Hsin

Miss Ellen Studley

Miss Myra Jaquet

Mrs. Wu Wang Jui-Fang

Miss Sui Li-Ying

Miss Ma Te-Yin

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Meng Te-Jung

Ch'en Yung-Kuei

Shih T'ing-Tung

Su Ming-Han

Liu I-Hsin

Miss Ortha M. Lane

Miss Ke Kui-Hsin

Miss Ma Te-Yin

Miss Chen Ming-Hui

Mrs. Carol Dewey

Mrs. Liu Tsao Te-Chen

Mrs. Yang Shoo-Hsien

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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E. E. Dixon	Li Feng-Ch'ao	Wang Shou-T'ung
Lee Lien-Ying	Ortha M. Lane	W. W. Davis
A. B. Coole	Ellen Studley	<i>Liu I-Hsin</i> (ex-officio)
Shang Wen-Chin	Ch'en Ming-Hui	

SUB-COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK

Myrle Aeschliman, Chairman

Mary Watrous	Shang Wen-Chin
Ch'i Yu-Feng	Chang Ying-Chieh
Yang Mei-Ling	Mrs. M. Berkey
<i>Liu I-Hsin</i> , (ex-officio)	Chang Wan-Yu

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E. E. Dixon, Chairman

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Marie Adams	E. J. Winans
Pansy P. Griffin	Kao Chu-Lin
Ma Te-Yin	A. B. Coole
<i>Liu I-Hsin</i>	E. J. Aeschliman

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Lee Lien-Ying, Chairman

Ch'en Ming-Hui	Wang Shou-T'ung
K'e Kuei-Hsiu	Chiang Hsiu-Feng
Mrs. Carol Dewey	E. R. Hibbard
Hao Chou Mei-Te	Shih T'ing-T'ung
	<i>Liu I-Hsin</i> , ex-officio

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Lora I. Battin	F. M. Pyke
Li Feng-Ch'ao	E. E. Dixon
Ma Te-Yin	Samuel L. S. Lee
	Ma Chen-Ou
	<i>Liu I Hsin</i> , ex-officio

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Lee Lin-Sheng, Chairman	W. W. Davis	Li Jung-Fang
Yang Yuan-Lin, Registrar	Horace E. Dewey	Liu Ching-Ch'ing
E. J. Aeschliman	Howe Te-An	Shang Wen-Chin
Chang Wan-Yu	Carl A. Felt	Wang Yueh-T'ing
Chiang Hsiu-Feng	Kao Feng-Shan	E. J. Winans

STEWARDS, BOARD OF (To serve through 1939 Conferenee)

1939 Howe Te-An	Li Jung-Fang	Wang Chen-Tung
1940 Tseng Kuo-Chih	Hsü Yung-Chen	W. W. Davis
1941 Carl A. Felt	Yang I	Yang Jung-Sen

(2) HOSPITAL AND SCHOOL BOARDS OF MANAGERS

(HOSPITALS)

CHANGLI MARTYRS' HOSPITAL

Conference:	1940	Horace E. Dewey	Yang Jung-Sen
	1942	Ch'ing Shou	Shih T'ing-T'ung

HOPKINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Conference:	1939	Howe Te-An	Meng Te-Jung
	1940	((Oliver J. Krause))	Wang Shou-T'ung
	1941	Ch'en Yung-Kuei	Liu Fang

(SCHOOLS)

ALDERMAN GIRLS' SCHOOL

Conference:	1939	Yang Jung-Sen
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CHANGLI HUI WEN ACADEMY

Ex-officio		((Hsü Wan-Liang))	
Conference:	1939	Kao Feng-Shan	
	1940	Shih T'ing-Tung	
	1941	Ch'ing Shou	
Mission	1939	Horace E. Dewey	
	1940	(B. M. Wiant)	
	1941	(Thomas E. Breece)	
Alumni		(Chang Chung-Yi)	(Lee Lien-Ying)
		(Chao Hsi-Yü)	
Co-opted		(Li Shu-T'ien)	(Dr. M. I. Ting)
		(Nieh P'ei-Yu'an)	(Shih Shu-Te)
		(T'ang Chin-K'ai)	(Yang Yung-Hsing)
Honorary		C. P. Wang	(Chang Jui-T'ing)

GAMEWELL SCHOOL

Conference:	1940	F. M. Pyke	Wang Shou-T'ung
	1942	Lee Lin Sheng	Yang Yuan-Lin

KEEN SCHOOL

Conference:	1940	E. J. Aeschliman	(Liu Shen-En)
		E. E. Dixon	Lee Lien-Ying

KU-AN HUI WEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ex-officio		(Yang Ssu-Ch'eng)	
Conference:	1939	Carl A. Felt	F. M. Pyke
Mission	1939	(Mrs. F. M. Pyke)	
Alumni	1939	(Hsieh Yu-Hai)	
Co-opted	1939	Wang Tzu-Ching	

LANHSIEN HUI WEN SCHOOL

Ex-officio		Shih T'ing-Tung	Principal
Conference:	1940	Chang Tzu-Sheng	Liu Fang
	1942	Ch'en Heng-Te	Ch'ing Shou
Mission	1939	(W. J. Simpson)	
	1940	E. J. Aeschliman	
	1941	(Mrs. E. H. Clay)	
Alumni		(Kuo Yu-T'ang)	(Wang Ching-Ch'un)
		(Lee Lien-Ying)	(Wang Hsiang-Jung)
		Li Jung-Fang	(Wang Huan-Wen)
		(Li Mo-Lin)	(Wang Ju-P'ing)
		(Liu Shen-En)	
Co-opted		(Chang Chan-Ao)	(Mrs. Kung Hsueh-Li)
		(Ch'in Hsu-Ch'ang)	(Wang Hsiang-Jung)
		(Hsü Huan-Chang)	(Wang Kuei-Shan)

NEW LIGHT SCHOOL Conference Lee Lin-Sheng

PEKING HUI WEN ACADEMY

Ex-officio		Kao Feng-Shan	Principal
Conference:	1940	Li Jung-Fang	Wang Shou-T'ung
	1942	Tseng Kuo-Chih	
Mission	1940	Bishop W. E. Ham-maker	E. J. Aeschliman
	1942	N. S. Hopkins	
Alumni		(Huang Tsung-Fa)	(Wang Ching-Ch'un)
		(Wang Che-Hsiang)	
Co-opted		(Ch'en Hsiao-Chung)	Carl A. Felt
		(Chin Shu-Ch'u)	(Ho Hai-Ch'iu)
		(Cho Ting-Mo)	

PEKING FIRST HUI WEN PRIMARY SCHOOL (K'uei-Chia-Ch'ang)

Ex-officio		Shang Wen-Chin	Principal
Conference:	1940	Wang Shou-T'ung	Yang Yuan-Lin
	1942	Kao Feng-Shan	
Mission	1939	(Mrs. F. M. Pyke)	
	1940	W. W. Dawis	
Alumni		(Cheng T'sai-T'ing)	(Wang Hou-Chai)
		(Liu I-Hsin)	(Liu Lan-Chiang)
Co-opted		(Chu Kan-Ch'ing)	
		(Chu Yu-Jen)	
		Carl A. Felt	
		(Li Mao Shu-Ch'ing)	(Mrs. Yang I-Jen)
		(Li Ming-Chung)	(Yang P'eng-Ch'eng)

PEKING SECOND HUI WEN PRIMARY SCHOOL (Chu-shih-k'ou)

Conference	1940	Wang Shou-T'ung
	1942	Su Ming-Ham
Mission	1940	E. J. Aeschliman
	1942	Arthur B. Coole

PEKING THIRD HUI WEN PRIMARY SCHOOL (Shun-chih-men)

Conference	1940	Tseng Kuo-Chih
	1942	Meng Te-Jung
Mission	1940	(Reno W. Backus)
	1942	W. W. Davis

PEKING FIFTH HUI WEN PRIMARY SCHOOL (Shatuyuan)

Conference	1939	Hsü Yung-Ch'en
	1941	<i>Yang Hua-Tung</i>
	1942	E. J. Aeschliman

PEKING THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Ex-officio		Lee Lin-Sheng, President	
		Carl A. Felt, President Emeritus	
		Wilbur E. Hammaker, Resident Bishop	
		(O. J. Krause)	
Conference	1939	Lee Lien-Ying	Chiang Hsiu-Feng
	1940	Tseng Kuo-Chih	Wang Shou-T'ung
	1941	N. S. Hopkins	Wang Chin-Hsi
Mission	1940	E. E. Dixon	
	1941	H. E. Dewey	
Shantung Conference		Perry O. Hanson	
Alumni:	1939	Shao Yun-T'ing	1940 Chang Hung-Tu
Co-opted:			
North China Woman's			
Conference:	1939	(Miss Alice M. Powell)	(Miss Mary Shih)
	1940	(Miss Li Feng-Chao)	(Miss Ortha Lane)
At Large:	1939	Dr. Ch'eng Ching-Yi	
	1940	(Mrs. Ruth Yang)	Harold T. Cook
		(Wang Ching Hsin)	J. Wesley Day

PEKING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (K'uei-ch ia-ch'ang)

Conference	1940	Kao Feng-Shan	Wang Shou-T'ung
	1941	A. B. Coole	(P'an Chih-Pin)
	1942	(O. J. Krause)	F. M. Pyke
		Tseng Kuo-Chih	

PYKE MEMORIAL BIBLE SCHOOL, THE JAMES HOWELL

Executive Committee:	Wang Shou-T'ung		Carl A. Felt
	F. M. Pyke		Lee Lien-Ying
	O. J. Krause		Shih T'ing-tung
	Chiang Hsiu-Feng		Wang Chih-P'ing
	Ch'ing Shou		W. W. Davis
		Horace E. Dewey	

SANICHUANG HUI WEN SCHOOL

Conference	1939	Howe Te-An
	1940	E. R. Hibbard
	1941	Liu Fang

SHANHAIKUAN HUI WEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Conference	1940	Ching Kuo-Liang	Li Hsien-Chih
	1942	Ch'ing Shou	Yang Jung-Sen
Mission	1939	(Mrs. H. E. Dewey)	
	1940	Horace E. Dewey	
	1941	(Pansy Griffin)	
Alumni		(Hsü Wan-Liang)	(Liu Shen-En)
		(Yü Hui)	
Co-opted		(Kung T'ien-Min)	(Wang Huan-Wen)
		(Yang Yü-T'sang)	

TIENTSIN HUI WEN ACADEMY

Ex-officio		Liu Fang, Principal	
Conference	1940	E. E. Dixon	
	1942	A. B. Coole	Lee Lien-Ying
Mission	1939	E. J. Asschliman	
	1940	(Miss Ida Frantz)	
	1941	E. R. Hibbard	
Alumni		(Liu Wen-Hua)	
Co-opted		(Chin Pan-P'ing)	(Pien Shu-Ch'eng)
		(Chung Ping-Feng)	(Paul K. B. Young)
		(Pien Pai-Mei)	(Yang Pao-Ling)
			(Frank Yung-T'ao)

TSUNHUA HUI WEN SCHOOL

Ex-officio		Chiang Hsiu-Feng, Principal	
Conference	1940	Kao Feng-Shan	Liu Shao-Tang
	1942	<i>Ch'i Kuang-Tou</i>	T'ang Yung
Mission	1939	W. W. Davis	
	1940	Miss C. P. Dyer	
	1941	N. S. Hopkins	
Co-opted		(Hsieh Yao-T'ing)	(Ma Tze-Chen)
		(Hsu I-Ching)	(T'ang Hao-Jan)
		<i>Liu I-Hsin</i>	(Tsung Yu-Chai)

WOMAN'S UNION BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

Conference		Wang Chin-Hsi
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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Conference	1940	O. J. Krause
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HORTICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

(O. J. Krause)	(W. J. Simpson)
Chairman	Ex-officio
H. E. Dewey	Chiang Hsiu-Feng
W. W. Davis	Lee Lien-Ying
	Ts'ao Yü-Pao

(b) Standing Committees

AUDITING AND FINANCIAL ADVICE

N. S. Hopkins, Chairman	(T. E. Breece) Liu Ma-K'e	Tseng Kuo-Chih
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BOOKS AND TRACTS

Lee Lin-Sheng	Yang Yuan-Lin	Hsü Yung-Chen
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COMITY

Han Tien-Ying	Chi Wei-T'sun
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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Carl A. Felt F. M. Pyke	E. J. Aeschliman Tsou Chin-Ching	Liu Shen-En
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ex-officio	Bishop W. E. Ham- maker	(O. J. Krause)
Term ending	1939	Chiang Hsiu-Feng Ch'ing Shou Kao Feng-Shan
		Liu Fang Tseng Kuo-Chih Wang Shou-T'ung
	1940	Carl A. Felt (Hsü Wan-Liang) Hsü Yung-Chen
		N. S. Hopkins F. M. Pyke
	1941	E. E. Dixon W. W. Davis Lee Lin-Sheng
		Horace E. Dewey Lee Lien-Ying Shih T'ing-Tung

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Cabinet shall be the Nominating Committee—subject to the annual approval of the Annual Conference.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Howe Te-An	Li Ch'ang-Ying	Kuo Feng-Lin
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HOME MISSIONS

F. M. Pyke	Shang Wen-Chin	T'ang Yung
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PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS

Yang Yuan-Lin <i>Chang T'ien-Yu</i> <i>Liu Chih-Chung</i>	Tien Li-Kung H. E. Dewey	Wang Chen-Tung Wang Chin-Hsi
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POLICY COMMITTEE (Joint with the Woman's Conference)

Bishop W. E. Hammaker, Ex-officio Chairman

Wang Shou-T'ung, Vice Chairman

E. J. Aeschliman, Secretary

Ch'ing Chou	Lee Lien-Ying	(Pansy P. Griffin)
E. R. Hibbird	Lee Lin-Sheng	(Elizabeth Carlyle)
N. S. Hopkins	Liu Fang	(Ida Frantz)
Liu I-Hsin	Shih T'ing-Tung	(Frances Wilson)
F. M. Pyke	W. W. Davis	(Ellen Studley)
(Ch'en Hsiu-Jung	(Shih Hsi-En)	(Ch'en Ming-Hui)
(Lora Battin)	(Ortha M. Lane)	(Mrs. Liu Tsao Te
(Clara Pearl Dyer)		Chen)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CONFERENCE)

The Annual Conference Program Committee shall be composed of the local Pastor, the District Superintendent and Associate and the North China Woman's Conference Program Committee.

RELATIONS, CONFERENCE

Term Ending

1939	Chiang Hsiu-Feng	Howe Te-An	Hsü Yung-Chen
1940	Carl A. Felt	Shih T'ing-Tung	Yang Jung-Sen
1941	W. W. Davis	T'ien Hsi-Nien	F. M. Pyke

REPORTERS FOR PAPERS

The Conference Secretaries and E. J. Aeschliman

RESOLUTIONS

Liu Shang-Chen (Mrs. M. L. Berkey)

SELF-SUPPORT

Wang Chin-Hsi Hsü Yung-Chen T'sao Yü-Pao

SOCIAL REFORM

Wang Chih-P'ing, Chairman	Li Jung-Fang	Chi Kuang-Tou
(Reno W. Backus)	Li Ch'ang-Ying	Yang Shun

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Shih T'ing-Tung T'ang Yung Tseng Kuo-Chih

UNITED SESSIONS

Lee Lin-Sheng

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(E. H. Clay)	Li Hsien-Chih	T'ang Yung
A. B. Coole	Liu Shang-Chen	T'ien Yin-Ch'ing
C. A. Felt	Lee Lin-Sheng	

EVANGELISTIC

F. M. Pyke	E. R. Hibbard
Wang Shou-T'ung	Howe Te-An
Yang Yuan-Lin	Lee Lien-Ying
E. J. Aeschliman	Ma Chen-Ou
Ch'ing Shou	Shih T'ing-Tung
H. E. Dewey	Wang Chih-P'ing
	E. E. Dixon

McBRIER EVANGELISTIC BANDS

E. E. Dixon	Wang Shou-T'ung	Lee Lin-Sheng
E. R. Hibbard	Chiang Hsiu-Feng	W. W. Davis
O. J. Krause		

QUARTERY CONFERENCE, REVISION OF

Lee Lien-Ying	F. M. Pyke	Shih T'ing-T'ung
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RURAL WORKERS

Lee Lien-Ying, Chairman	E. R. Hibbard	Shih T'ing-Tung (W. J. Simpson)
Chiang Hsiu-Feng	<i>Liu I-Hsin</i>	Tien Li-Kung
Ch'ing Shou	<i>Ch'i Kuang-Tou</i>	T'ien Yin-Ching
E. H. Clay	Liu Shang-Ch'en	Wang Shou-T'ung
Han T'ien-Ying	Ma Tsun-Ch'ing	Yang Yuan-Lin
E. E. Dixon	F. M. Pyke	

SUSTENTATION FUND

O. J. Krause	Lee Lien-Ying
H. E. Dewey	W. W. Davis
Yang Yuan-Lin	Meng Te-Jung
Wang Shou-T'ung	A. B. Coole
Shih T'ing-Tung	T'ien Yin-Ch'ing
Ch'ing Shou	

NORTH CHINA WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

(Parenthesis omitted from this list.)

(a) Officers for 1938-1939

President	Ch'en Ming Hui
Vice-President	Mary Bedell
English Secretary	Lora I. Battin
Chinese Secretary	Li Feng-Chao
Custodian of Conference Funds	Elizabeth Hobart

(b) Standing Committees 1938-1939

FIELD REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Pansy P. Griffin, Chairman	Ch'en Ming Hui
Elizabeth Carlyle	Liu Ts'ao Te-Chen
Ida Frantz	Ellen M. Studley
Frances Wilson	Bessie A. Hollows, Ex-officio

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS WORK FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Ortha M. Lane, Chairman	Mrs. Carol Dewey
K'e Kuei-Hsiu	Liu Ts'ao Te-Chen
Ma Te-Yin	Mrs. Yang Hsiao-Hsien
Ch'en Ming-Hui	

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ellen M. Studley, Chairman	Sui Li-Ying
Myra Jaquet	Ma Te-Yin
Wu Wang Jui-Fang	

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tseng Hsiu-Hsiang, Chairman	Yin Chih
Liu Yu-Mei	Chang P'ei-Jan
Myra Snow	Chang Fang-Shih
Marie Adams	Dr. Lois Witham

MEDICAL COMMITTEE

I. Hospital & School of Nursing Section	II. Public Health Section
Shih Hsi-En, Chairman	Lora I. Battin, Chairman
Chao Chen-Hua	Alice M. Powell
Dr. Julia Morgan	Dr. Earnest Clay
Dr. Ching Lan-Ying	Ch'i Kuang-Tou
Elizabeth Carlyle	Li Yü Kuei

STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

Clara Pearl Dyer, Chairman
Ts'ao Ch'en Shu-Fang
Mary Bedell
Mrs. Yang Hsiao-Hsien

Ma Ling-Hsiu
Ch'en I-Ti
Florence Evans

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Li Feng-Ch'ao, Chairman
Myra Jaquet

Liu Ts'ao Te-Chen
Mrs. Hao Chou Mei-Te

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dora Fearon, Chairman
Yang Mu-Chen
Mary Bedell

Hsü Chen-Wen
Hsing Hsiu-Ying
Mary K. Russell

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE FUNDS

Elizabeth Hobart, Chairman
Dr. Ch'ang Shu-Hsiu

Chou Shu-Chen
Pien Wen-Che

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION

Lora I. Battin, Chairman
Two Co-opted Members

Li Feng-Ch'ao

APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

Ida Frantz, Chairman
Shih Hsi-En
Ch'en Ming Hui
Dr. Julia Morgan

Mary Watrous
Clara Pearl Dyer
Ortha M. Lane

FIELD PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Alice M. Powell, Chairman
Mrs. Ch'ing-Shou
Li Feng-Ch'ao
Mary K. Russell

Mary Bedell
Jennie Bridenbaugh
Sui Li-Ying

POLICY COMMITTEE

Reference Committee
Lora I. Battin
Clara Pearl Dyer

Ortha M. Lane
Shih Hsi-En

III. PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1938 SESSION

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH, 1938

I. Daily Journal

Morning Session

ASSEMBLY

The North China Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for its Forty-fifth session in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Peking, Hopei, on Wednesday May 4th, at 8:30 A. M. with Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker in the chair.

NOTE: On account of war conditions in North China in August and September, 1937. it was impossible to hold a session of the Conference in the year 1937

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

The devotional service was conducted by Bishop Hammaker. After the singing of hymn 232, "Church of China Rise and Stand", the Bishop made a prayer which was interpreted by Lee Lin-sheng. The prayer was followed by the singing of hymn 4, "Come Thou Almighty King"; after which Tseng Kuo-chih, pastor of Asbury Church, read the scripture lesson from John 19th chapter, verses 1 to 10. After singing hymn 112, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" the Bishop made a brief address on the familiar Methodist Conference hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive" In this Address he emphasized the very great help and comfort received, during the last few months of disturbed conditions, from Psalm 46, verse 1, "God is our refuge and strength" The devotional service closed with prayer by the Bishop.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by Bishop Hammaker, assisted by Bishop C. P. Wang, Rev. Tseng Kuo-chih, the district superintendents and the associate district superintendents. After a special hymn sung by H. E. Dewey and Mrs. Dewey, the service closed with the benediction by Rev. Tseng Kuo-chih.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tseng Kuo-chih was chairman for this service. After the singing of hymn 512, "Nearer, my God to Thee," Ch'ing Shou led in prayer. Tseng Kuo-chih read from Hebrews 11:1-6 and then spoke briefly in memory of Wu Yü-K'un, Mrs. Te Jui and Mrs. G. R. Davis, who passed to their reward since the last session of our Conference. The Memorial Service closed with the singing of hymn 12, "This is my Father's World"

RECESS

The Bishop announced a recess for twenty minutes.

BUSINESS SESSION—10:40 A.M.

ORGANIZATION

The Conference assembled for business session at 10:40 A.M. with Bishop Hammaker in the chair. After the singing of hymn 333, "A Mighty Fortress is our God", Howe Te-An led in prayer.

OFFICERS

At the Conference of 1936 (See Minutes of 1936, page 49) the following were elected as officers for the present session of Conference:

English Secretary...	...	...	...	...	W. W. Davis
Chinese Secretary	...	...	...	...	Wang Yüeh-Ting
Assistant Chinese Secretary	...	...	...	...	Liu Shang-Ch'en
Treasurer	...	...	...	...	O. J. Krause
Statistician	...	...	...	...	O. J. Krause

It was announced that Wang Yüeh-Ting was in Szechuen and was unable to be present at the Conference. Howe Te-An nominated Liu Shang-Ch'en for Chinese Secretary. He was elected.

TRANSLATORS

The following were elected as Translators. Lee Lin-Sheng, Yang Yuan-Lin, Kao Feng-Shan, and P'eng Pi-Te.

TIME-KEEPER

Li Ch'ang-Ying was elected time-keeper.

BAR OF THE CONFERENCE

On motion of Liu Fang it was VOTED that the Bar of the Conference be fixed so as to include all the seats of the central section of the church in front of the third row of pillars. After the Bar of the Conference had been fixed, the Bishop requested that all members of the Conference sit within the Bar.

LAY CONFERENCE

At this point the members of the Lay Conference withdrew to effect their organization. The Bishop appointed H. E. Dewey as adviser to the Lay Conference.

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES

Ma Chen-Ou was elected assistant Chinese Secretary, and E. J. Aeschliman assistant English Secretary.

ROLL CALL

The English Secretary called the roll and the following answered to their names:

ELDERS

Aeschliman, E. J.	Hsü Yung-Chen	Shih T'ing-Tung
Chang Hsiu-Ling	K'ang Yung-Kuei	Su Ming-Han
Chang Hung-T'u	Kao Feng-Shan	Sun Heng-K'uei
Chang Pai-Lin	Lee Lien-Ying	T'ang Yung
Chang Tze-Sheng	Lee Lin-Sheng	T'ien Hsi-Nien
Chang Wan-Yu	Li Ch'ang-Ying	T'ien Li-Kung
Chang Yung-P'ing	Li Hsien-Chih	T'ien Yin-Ch'ing
Chao Lien-I	Li Yung-Te	T'sao Yü-Pao
Ch'en Kwang-Yü	Li Yü-K'e	Tseng Kuo-Chih
Ch'en Yung-Kuei	Liu Chen-Hsiang	Tu Wen-K'uei
Chi Wei-T'sun	Liu Chi-Yung	Wang Chen-Tung
Chia Yü-Tsung	Liu Ching-Ch'ing	Wang Chih-P'ing
Chiang Hsiu-Feng	Liu Ch'ing-Hsiang	Wang Chin-Hsi
Chin Ch'eng	Liu Ch'ing-Yün	Wang En-Chao
Ching Kuo-Liang	Liu Fang	Wang Shou-Tung
Ch'ing Shou	Liu Shang-Ch'en	Wang T'i-Ch'ing
Davis, W. W.	Liu Tsun-Sheng	Wu Hsi-Hsien
Dewey, H. E.	Ma Chen-Ou	Yang Ching-Ch'un
Dixon, E. E.	Ma Tsung-Ch'ing	Yang Jung-Hsuan
Fu Hai	Meng Te-Jung	Yang Jung-Lin
Guh Chung-Yao	Meng Yun	Yang Jung-Sen
Han Tien-Ying	P'eng, Pi-Te	Yang Shun
Howe Te-An	Shang Wen-Chin	Yang Yuan-Lin
		Yü Lien-Chung
		Yü Yu-Hsin

DEACONS

Chang T'ien-Yu	Tsung Ho-Ming
Kuo Feng-Lin	Yang Chien-Ch'ang

PROBATIONERS

Ch'i Kwang-Tou	Li Yen-Lin	Shang Chiu-Ch'eng
Hou Ping-Lin	Liu Chih-Chung	

INVITATION TO SIT WITHIN THE BAR OF THE CONFERENCE

On motion of Liu Fang it was VOTED that lay appointees of the Board of Foreign Missions and of the Conference be asked to sit within the Bar of the Conference and enter into the discussions but without the right of vote.

LETTERS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS

The English Secretary read letters from C. A. Felt, who on account of sickness could not be present, and Wu Yü-Feng, who on account of present conditions in China was unable to be present at the Conference. Both sent their greetings.

The Chinese Secretary read letters from Sun Mao-Lin and Wang Yüeh-T'ing, who on account of present conditions in China were unable to be present; Tsou Chin-Ching, on account of business conditions, was unable to be present, and also letters from two retired members, Chang Tzu-Sheng and Hsü Ching-P'ing, all of whom sent their greeting to the Conference.

The English Secretary also read a letter from A. B. Coole, now in America, who had not been informed of the date of the Conference. Rev. Coole's letter contained a couple of paragraphs from Secretary Diffendorfer thanking the Conference for their action taken in 1936 in regard to his re-election as Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

LETTER FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

The English Secretary read a letter from the two Corresponding Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Mission sending greetings from the Board to the Conference and assuring us of their sympathy and prayers.

LETTER FROM P. O. HANSON

The Bishop announced having received a letter from P. O. Hanson, of the Shantung Conference. In this letter Rev. Hanson informed the Bishop that Wen Jung-Tai had been appointed as fraternal delegate from the Shantung Conference to the North China Conference but on account of present conditions it was impossible for him to make the journey at this time. However, Rev. Wen had sent us a letter of greeting. This letter has not yet been received.

REPLIES

The two secretaries were instructed to give proper replies to these various letters.

BISHOP WANG CHIH-P'ING

Bishop Wang being present, Bishop Hammaker asked him to come forward and address the Conference. Bishop Wang briefly addressed the Conference giving his greeting and explaining that he was particularly glad to be present at this session of the Conference. He was very ill last Winter and for a time it looked as though he would never be able to attend another session of the Conference and even during these days he would not be able to spend all his time with us because it was necessary for him to go to the hospitals for physical examinations.

Bishop Hammaker expressed the hope that the doctors would find nothing radically wrong with Bishop Wang.

USHERS

The following were elected as ushers for the Conference: Shang Wen-Chin, E. E. Dixon, Liu Fang and Chang Wan-Yu.

COMMITTEES ON THE JOURNAL

It was moved that we appoint two committees on the Journal, one for the Chinese and one for the English Journal. The following were elected:

Chinese Journal—Howe Te-An
Hsü Yung-Chen

English Journal—H. E. Dewey
E. E. Dixon

INVITATIONS TO SIT WITH THE CONFERENCE

On motion of Shang Wen-Chin the following were invited to sit within the bar of the Conference: Rev. Wang En-Chih

Rev. J. Wesley Day, fraternal delegates from the Methodist Protestant Church.

Rev. Harold T. Cook, fraternal delegate from the English Methodist Church; Mrs. M. L. Berkey, Dr. Ralph A. Felton. Mrs. Wang Chih-P'ing. and Liu I-Hsin.

FORMING OF NEW SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES

It was VOTED to re-adopt the rules of the preceding session of the Conference in regard to the formation of new special and standing committee (See Page 21, Journal of 1936).

TIME LIMIT FOR REPORTS

On motion of Liu Fang it was VOTED to adopt the time limit for the various reports as in the preceding Session; namely, district superintendents 8 minutes, pastors 2 minutes. Discussions on the floor of the Conference by any one person not to exceed 5 minutes.

PROGRAM

On motion of Wang Shou-T'ung it was VOTED to adopt the program as printed with amendments covering the afternoon of the first day and the mornings of the second and third days.

EVENING MEETINGS FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND DAYS

Since the evening meetings deal with topics of vital importance to the church, on motion of Lee Lien Ying it was VOTED that these sessions be regarded as regular business sessions of the Conference.

The Bishop announced that though Dr. Felton would be unable to give his lecture on the evening of the first day as scheduled, nevertheless the substance of the lecture would be given by some other person, and that since the topics to be considered were of vital importance they would be discussed and considered in a Session on Friday morning.

ADJOURNMENT

It being 12:00 o'clock the Conference adjourned after the benediction by Liu Fang.

Afternoon Session—May 4th, 1938

The Conference re-assembled in business session at 2:00 P. M. with Bishop Hammaker in the chair. Kao Feng-Shan led in prayer.

RELIEF FUNDS

Howe Te-An announced that the National Christian Council had sent to North China \$10,000 to be used as a relief fund and that the distribution of this relief fund would be decided at a meeting to be held in Peking on May 17th; also that our church had been asked to send a representative to this meeting. On motion it was VOTED that C. A. Felt be our representative with Wang Shou-T'ung as alternate.

CHANGE OF AGE LIMIT FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL

In connection with the question of admission on trial, it was moved by W. W. Davis that the age limit for admission be changed from 40 to 45. The motion was followed by a long discussion and finally on motion of Howe Te-An, the question was laid on the table.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

QUESTION NO. 20 Who have had their credentials restored without re-admission to the Conference? None

QUESTION NO. 21. Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conference? None

QUESTION NO. 22 Who have been readmitted?

- (a) After Voluntary Location? None
- (b) After Involuntary Location. None
- (c) After Restoration of Credentials? None
- (d) After Withdrawal? None
- (e) By Judicial Procedure or by General Conference? None

QUESTION NO. 23 Who have been Received on Credentials and from what church? None

QUESTION NO. 37 Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference? None

QUESTION NO. 38 Who have died? Wu Yü Kun and Tung Jui-Lin (an accepted supply)

QUESTION NO. 45 What institutions and Organizations are approved by three-quarters vote of the Conference for appointment of Ministers in the Effective Relation with annuity claim? On motion it was VOTED that the following institutions be approved under this question: Yenching University, Cheloo University and Feng Lan Middle School, an institution of the English Methodist Church at Tangshan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After announcements the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Yang Jung-Lin.

Afternoon Session

May 4th, 1938—4:00-5:30 P. M.

Rev. Howe Te-An presiding.

The meeting opened with the singing of Hymn 227. "O, Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling", after which T'ang Yung led in prayer. The chairman then introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Reverend Earl H. Ballou, of the North China Kung Li Hui, who has recently been acting as a secretary of the National Christian Council in preparation for the International Missionary Conference. Mr. Ballou spoke of the "Significance of the International Missionary Council for the Church in China". After a most interesting and inspiring address, the subject was discussed by the Conference. It was decided that the pastors make use of the Discussion Syllabus on "The Meaning and Function of the Church" in groups of church members during the coming year.

Evening Session

Rev. Lee Lien-Ying, presiding

After the singing of Hymn 223 "From Greenland's Icy Mountains", Li Ch'ang-Ying led in prayer. The chairman briefly introduced the subject of the evening and called upon the speaker, Ch'i Kuang-Tou, who was taking the place of Dr. Felton, who was ill. Mr. Ch'i spoke upon "The Larger Parish", emphasizing the need of enlarging our work. He made three points:

- (1) Our appropriations have gradually decreased.
- (2) There are three classes of preachers in the Chinese church:
 - a. Well trained preachers
 - b. Poorly trained preachers and
 - c. Unpaid local preachers,
- (3) The problem of self-support.

The church would be helped by making use of the plans of an enlarged parish which would consist of three to six churches served by one paid pastor and assisted by volunteer workers.

Miss Lane then presented a brief report on the Christian Home and Miss Battin one on Public Health.

The question was then thrown open for discussion and a number of well directed questions were put to Mr. Ch'i, who answered them in a masterly manner.

The meeting closed with prayer by the chairman.

Second Day Thursday, May, 5th 1937

Morning Session

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE, 8:30 A. M.

The Bishop took the chair. After singing hymn 19, "Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee", Liu Sheng-Ch'en led in prayer. A quartette from Peking Theological Seminary sang "My Home is in Heaven". After this the Bishop began the devotional service. He announced that his general topic would be,—"Some Beginnings" and that this morning the particular topic would be 'God' Mankind has always been asking questions about God, seeking and searching after Him. "In the beginning, God" The service closed with prayer by the Bishop.

JOINT SESSION

At 9:30 A. M. the Conference went into a Joint Session with the Woman's Conference. The Bishop asked Miss Ch'en Ming-Hui, president of the Woman's Conference to sit with him on the platform.

COMMITTEE ON THE JOURNALS

The Committees on the Journals reported that both the English and the Chinese minutes were correct.

REPORT FROM THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

President Ch'en called upon Miss Lane to present a report on the plan of a school for preachers' wives, on Miss Studley, who spoke of our responsibility to graduates and former students of our schools, and on Miss Dyer who presented a report on Stewardship, and on Miss Yin-Chih, who presented a report on Primary Schools and in particular on a special 1000 character book designed for the use of children. As Miss Dyer's Report on Stewardship grew out of recommendations of the Policy Committee rather than of the Woman's Conference, it was VOTED that the report on Stewardship be recommended to the Policy Committee for bringing in its recommendations after recess.

JOINT AND UNITED SESSION

At this point the Bishop invited Mr. W. L. Hsü, president of the Lay-Conference, to the platform, and the session was enlarged so as to become "A Joint and United Session." The Bishop called upon President Hsü for a report. He reported 27 lay delegates present.

The officers of the Conference are; chairman, Hsü Wan-Liang; vice-chairman, Ma Ti-Ch'ien; treasurer, Yang Ssu-Ch'eng, and secretary, Liu Hsüan. Chairman Hsü called upon Mr. Liu Hsüan, secretary of the Lay-Conference to present certain recommendations adopted by the Lay-Conference. Mr. Liu presented three recommendations from the Lay-Conference as follows:

- 1.—That we shall emphasize the growth of our church members in various ways.
- 2.—That we shall emphasize the education of our illiterate church members through the Chu Yin Fu Hao (an alphabetical system of writing Chinese)
- 3.—That our Conference Schools shall emphasize the religious training of our students.

Mr. Hsü then spoke upon the difficulties they had experienced in assembling an adequate Lay-Conference. The Bishop thanked both the Woman's Conference and the Lay-Conference for their messages.

FRATERNAL DELEGATE FROM THE ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Harold T. Cook, fraternal delegate from the English Methodist Church, was escorted to the platform by Shang Wen-Chin. He brought greetings from the English Methodist Church, both in North China and in England. He stressed the fundamental characteristics of the Methodist Church and made a plea for greater unity, looking forward to the time when we would have one united church in China. After a suitable reply by the Bishop the Conference took a recess from 10:45 to 11:00 o'clock.

JOINT AND UNITED SESSION CONTINUED

At 11:00 o'clock the three conferences re-assembled. After singing hymn 12, "This is my Father's World", Liu Ch'ing-Yun led in prayer. This was followed by singing of hymn 501, "I need Thee Every Hour"

STATISTICS

On behalf of the statistician, the secretary reported that the statistics from the Chingchao, Lanhsien and Tientsin districts were not yet complete.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES FROM THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

Rev. Wang Wen-Chih and Rev. J. Wesley Day, fraternal delegates from the Methodist Protestant Church, were escorted to the platform by E. E. Dixon. Reverend Wang brought greeting from the Methodist Protestant Church at Kalgan, telling of their difficulties during the war and expressed his hope for union. The Bishop replied and then asked Rev. Day to address the Conference. He spoke stressing the points in common between our two churches and expressed strong hope for union. The Bishop replied saying that if the present plan to unite has gone down a better plan will be worked out.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON STEWARDSHIP FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Miss Dyer reported that the Policy Committee recommended that we re-affirm the recommendations in regard to stewardship adopted by the Conference of 1936 and that we emphasize the necessity of stewardship through the coming year. (See page 95, Journal of 1936).

TRAINING CONFERENCES

Miss Shih secretary of the Policy Committee brought in five recommendations in regard to training conferences, which were adopted by a standing vote.

RECOMMENDATION IN REGARD TO SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Miss Shih, secretary of the Policy Committee brought in a report recommending that better Sunday Schools be made one of our main emphases for the coming year. This recommendation was also adopted by a standing vote.

E. E. Dixon extended a special invitation to the members of both the Lay and the Woman's Conferences to be present at the ALDERSGATE meeting at 4.00 P. M. on Friday.

After announcements the Conference adjourned with the benediction by E. J. Aeschliman.

Evening Session—May 5th, 1938

The evening session opened at 8:15 with Lee Lien-Ying in the chair. After the singing of hymn 494, Tang Yung led in prayer. Chairman Lee then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Felton, who spoke on "A Minimum Salary Plan for Preachers" Ch'i Kuang-Tou then read the Minimum Salary Plan for Preachers which had grown out of the discussion in the Rural Church Conference and had been drawn up by a subcommittee elected by the Policy Committee. This plan was discussed at considerable length by Dr. Felton, Ch'i Kuang-Tou and the members of the Conference. The discussion ended with a further explanation and summary by Dr. Felton. After singing the Doxology the benediction was pronounced by Liu Ch'ing-Yün.

Third Day, May 6th, 1938

Morning Session—8:30

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

The devotional service began at 8:30, Bishop Hammaker in the chair. Hymn 339, "Faith of our Fathers" was sung and Liu Fang offered prayer. Miss Howe Tsung-Hsüeh, a daughter of Reverend Howe Te-An, sang a solo, "For God so Loved the

World". The Bishop then made the devotional address. It was a continuation of yesterday's subject,—“Some Beginnings”, the topic of the day being “Abraham” who listened to the call of God. He felt he could never know peace unless he followed the gleam. To him God became the all and in all. The service closed with prayer by the Bishop.

UNITED SESSION

The united session opened with the Bishop in the chair at 9.34 A.M.

COMMITTEES ON THE JOURNAL

These committees reported that both the Chinese and English Journals were correct.

RECORDED AS PRESENT

At the request of the secretary, Hsieh Hung-En, who had been in Conference on Thursday, was reported as present. Li Jung-Fang was also reported as present. The Bishop then asked for the names of the officers of the Lay Conference. They were reported as follows:

Chairman—Hsü Wen-Liang
Vice-chairman—Ma Ti-Ch'ien,
Treasurer—Yang Szu-Ch'eng
Secretary—Liu Hsüan

The chairman of the Lay Conference reported that the names of the Lay Conference had been turned in to the Secretary of the Annual Conference. These names are as follows:

Chingchao District

Jen Chen-chung
Li Te-Ying
Liu Ke-Lin
Liu Hsi
Yang Hsü-Ch'eng

Lanhsien District

Ch'en Tzu-Yang
Li Sheng-Ch'en
Chang Tso-T'ing
Peking District

Chai Ke-Chou
Chia Chih-Chen
Kung Hsien-Cheng
Ma Ti-Ch'ien
Tung Chen
Yang Chien-Chen
Mrs. Yang Ch'en Lu-Te

Shanhaikuan District

Hsü Wan-Liang

Tientsin District

Chang Yueh
Li Pao-Chen
Liu Hsüan
T'ien Pao-Hsiang

Tsunhua District

Ch'en Wen
Han Shao-Yü
Kao Tung-Shan
Liu Feng-Tai
Liu Shang-Tai
Liu Tso-Shan
Shih Te-Juei
Wang Jen-Tsai

The Bishop then asked the Disciplinary questions for the United Session.

QUESTION NO. 1—Who are the members of the Lay Conference present, and who are its officers? See Journal for the names of the Lay delegates. Chairman, Hsü Wan-liang; Vice-chairman, Ma Ti-Chi'en; Treasurer, Yang Ssu-Ch'eng; Secretary, Liu Hsüan.

QUESTION 2—Is the Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline?

At present incorporation is impossible under the laws of China.

QUESTION 3—What officers and persons holding moneys, funds, etc., are bonded, and in what amounts according to the requirements of the Discipline?

Oliver J. Krause, Treasurer, bonded for \$10,000 local currency.

REPORT OF MINIMUM SALARY PLAN FOR PREACHERS

The plan as discussed the previous evening was presented by Lee Lien-Ying, Chairman of the special sub-committee of the Policy Committee. Hsü Wan-Liang moved that the subject be discussed item by item. The discussion continued until 10:30 when the Conference took a recess of ten minutes. On re-assembling, hymn 494, "I hear Thy Welcome Voice", was sung and after the singing of this hymn the discussion of the report on the Minimum Salary Plan was continued. On motion of Kao Feng-Shan it was VOTED that we omit "and from the sale of unused properties." On motion of Hsü Wan-Liang it was VOTED that this report be sent to a Special Committee who shall bring in a report on Monday morning. Hsü Wan-Liang moved that this committee consist of five members from the United Session, together with Dr. Felton. The following were elected as members of this Special Committee:

W. W. Davis
Hsü Wan-Liang
Shih T'ing-Tung
Lee Lien-Ying
Kao Feng-Shan

It was VOTED that the report on a "Larger Parish" be left to the same Committee.

The Bishop announced a United Session for Monday morning to consider these reports and finish up other business of the United Session.

QUESTION 4—What are the Statistical and Financial Reports for the year?

(a) From the Statistician. (See Statistical Report)

(b) From the Treasurer. The secretary presented the Treasurer's Report. (See Treasurer's Report)

It was VOTED that this report be received and our thanks extended to the Treasurer.

QUESTION NO. 6—What Reports and Exhibits are presented by Conference Boards and Institutions?

It was VOTED that the reports of our institutions, boards and Committees be included in the printed Minutes.

QUESTION NO. 7—What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. None.

QUESTION NO. 8—What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions? None

QUESTION NO. 9—What are the claims on the Conference Funds?
For annuity distribution—years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$3.00 per year

For Necessitous distribution \$_____

Total

QUESTION NO. 10—(a) What has been received on these claims?

From the Book Concern	Nothing	
From the Chartered Fund	Nothing	
From Board of Pensions and Relief		\$ 457.85
From Annual Conference Investments		\$ 984.67
From Pastoral charges	Nothing	
From other sources	Nothing	
Total		<u>\$1442.52</u>

The Treasurer also reported that a special gift of \$5658.05 had been received to replace losses due to the failure of certain institutions in Shanghai where funds were invested.

(b) Now has it been applied? (See report of Conference Stewards).

It was VOTED that we extend a vote of thanks for the generous gift reported by the treasurer.

EXTENSION OF TIME

The Time-keeper having called time, Hsü Wan-Liang moved that the time be extended for ten minutes.

QUESTION NO. 11—What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? Nothing.

QUESTION NO. 13—What Approved Financial Campaigns are to be carried on in this Conference during the ensuing year, and for what amounts? Endowment funds for retired local Preachers.

QUESTION NO. 16—What shall be the Evangelistic and Religious Educational Plan for the ensuing year? (See Report of the Policy Committee).

QUESTION NO. 19—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Changli extended an invitation to the Conference but

the Bishop suggested that the question be deferred until we can be sure the Woman's Conference joins in the invitation.

ADJOURNMENT—The session closed with the benediction by Lee Lien-Ying.

Afternoon Session

Friday Afternoon, May 6th, 1938

ALDERSGATE MEETING

Rev. E. E. Dixon, presiding

The meeting opened with a Song Service of Wesley hymns led by Howe Te-An.

During the period of quiet medication Howe Te-An read John 3:1-16 and then led in prayer.

Harold T. Cook, of the English Methodist Church spoke on "The Significance of the Aldersgate Celebration." He gave a brief summary of the celebration in England. The English Methodist Church during this year will make a re-evaluation of their method of work. He stated that they were following John Wesley's methods through: (1) Class Meetings, (2) Circuit System, and (3) The use of Lay Preachers.

After singing hymn 76, Hsieh Hung-En spoke on the use of small Fellowship Groups in the work of the Presbyterian Church in Peking. He told how his own life had been changed and his ministry strengthened through these groups. He urged that our churches start such groups as part of the Aldersgate celebration.

Liu Tsun-Sheng told of the work of the Larger Parish on the Laot'ing Hsien Circuit on the Lanhsien District. The larger use of volunteer lay workers has made it possible to start churches in several villages and has deepened the spiritual life of the church.

Yang Jung-Sen of the Changli City Church told of the use of lay workers and urged that larger use of lay workers be made during the coming year.

In closing Mr. Cook spoke of the literature that had been prepared and was available to help in the observance of the Aldersgate celebration and emphasized Wesley's message of assurance—"The best of all God is with us."

Third Day—Evening Session

The evening meeting for the Third Day took the form of the Commencement exercises of Peking Theological Seminary, at which three men were graduated, namely;

Ch'en Mao-Lin
Chou Chi-Ch'eng
Lü Wen

Fourth Day, Saturday, May 6, 1938

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

The Conference assembled at 8:35 A.M. the Bishop in the chair. After singing hymn 154 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones", Wang En-Chao led in prayer. A quartette from the faculty of Peking Academy sang,—"I Will Follow" The Bishop called especial attention to the Ordination Service set for Sunday afternoon, stressing the point that it was one of the most important services of the Conference.

The Bishop then spoke on "Amos" who is generally classed as a minor prophet but who was really one of the great prophets. His great message was that "All life is to be measured by moral standards" The devotional service closed with prayer by the Bishop.

BUSINESS SESSION

The Conference met in regular business session at 9:15 with Bishop Hammaker in the chair.

REPORTS ON THE JOURNALS

The Committees on the Journal reported that both the Chinese and English Journals were correct.

INTRODUCTIONS

E. J. Winans, who has recently returned from the United States, and was present this morning for the first time at this session, was called forward by the Bishop and presented to the Conference.

C. A. Felt, who on account of illness had not been able to be present at the earlier meetings of this session, was called forward and presented to the Conference by the Bishop.

CHANGE OF AGE LIMIT FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL

W. W. Davis, chairman of the Conference Relations Committee presented a unanimous recommendation that the age limit for those being admitted to the Conference on Trial be raised from 40 to 45 years of age. Su Ming-Han moved that this recommendation be laid on the table. The motion to lay it on the table being lost, the motion to adopt the recommendation for changing the age limit was carried.

The Disciplinary questions were then taken up.

QUESTION 24—Who have been received on Trial?

(a) In studies of the First Year.

The chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations acting on behalf of that committee and the Board of Ministerial Training, recommended the following candidates for admission on trial and to be placed in the Studies of the First Year:

Chang Ying-Chieh
 Cheng Ju-Keng
 Chi T'ing-To
 Liu I-Hsin
 Szu Ping-Ch'uan

These candidates were recommended one by one and having also been recommended by their district superintendents, were called forward and presented to the Conference. After they had retired it was VOTED in each case that the candidate be received on trial. None were received on trial under Sections (b) and (c) of Question 5.

QUESTION 6—Who have been continued on Trial was taken up.

(a) On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, Shih Li-Ya, who is studying in the United States, was continued in the Studies of the First Year.

(b) Studies of the Second Year?

On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations and seconded by the district superintendents, Ch'i Kuang-Tou, Hou Ping-Lun and Liu Chih-Chung were continued on Trial and placed in the Studies of the Second Year.

On recommendation of the same Committee, Ch'iu Shang-Pin, who had been caught in the war area in Shantung and so unable to attend the Conference, was continued on Trial in the Studies of the Second Year.

QUESTION 7—Who have been Discontinued? None.

QUESTIONS 8 AND 9—Questions 8 and 9 were taken up and on recommendation of the chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations, acting for both his committee and the Board of Ministerial Training, seconded by the District Superintendents, Li Yen-Lin and Shang Ch'iu-Ch'eng were admitted into full membership, elected to Deacons' Orders and put in the Studies of the Third Year.

QUESTION NO. 10—What Members are in studies of Fourth Year?

On recommendation of the chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations, acting for both his committee and the Board of Ministerial Training. Chang Tien-Yu, Kuo Feng-Lin, Tsung Ho-Ming and Yang Chien-Ch'ang were placed in the studies of the Fourth Year, but in the case of the last three named with one condition each, namely. Third Year Discipline.

QUESTION NO. 29—What members have completed the Conference Course of Study? None

QUESTION NO. 31—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?

(a) As Local Preachers? On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations and the Board of Ministerial Training, seconded by the District Superintendent Huo Chao-Tang was elected a Local Deacon.

QUESTION NO. 32—What others have been elected and ordained Elders? None

QUESTION NO. 33—Who have been left without appointment to attend one of our schools?

On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, Shih Li-Ya and Cheng Ju-Kang were placed under this question.

QUESTION NO. 34—Was the character of each preacher examined?

The name of Wang Shou-T'ung, District Superintendent of the Ching-chao District, was called. His character was passed and he read his report which was accepted.

The name of F. M. Pyke, Associate Superintendent of the Chingchao District was called and his character was passed.

The names of the following Elders on the Chingchao District were called, their characters passed and those who were pastors presented their reports:

Liu Shang-Ch'en
Ma Chen-Ou
Sun Mao-Lin
Meng Yun
T'ien Hsi-Nien
Yang I

The name of Shih T'ing-Tung, District Superintendent of the Lanhsien District was called, his character passed and he read his report. His report was accepted.

The name of H. E. Dewey, Associate Superintendent of the Lanhsien District was called, his character passed.

The names of the following Elders on the Lanhsien District were called, their characters passed and they presented their reports.

Chao Lien-I	T'sao Yü-Pao
Li Ch'ang-Ying	Tu Wen-K'uei
Liu Tsun-Sheng	Wang Chen-Tung
Liu Ch'ing-Yün	Wu Hsi-Hsien
	Yü Yu-Hsin

At this point a recess was taken for fifteen minutes. During the recess a photograph of the Conference was taken in spite of the of the fact that the picture had to be taken in the rain.

At 11:05 Conference re-assembled.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS FROM SHANTUNG CONFERENCE

The Chinese Secretary read a letter from Wen Jung-Tai, fraternal delegate from the Shantung Conference. On account of war conditions Reverend Wen had found it impossible to leave T'aian at this time. It was moved that the Chinese Secretary be instructed to send a proper reply to this letter.

QUESTION 24 was again taken up: Who have been received on Trial?

The chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations explained that the change in age limit had enabled the Peking District to recommend for admission on trial Yang Hua-Tung, and that he had successfully passed his examinations and had already fully satisfied the Committee on Conference Relations of his fitness. The chairman, therefore, moved that Yang Hua-Tung with the unanimous consent of his Committee be received on Trial and placed in the Studies of the First Year. This motion being seconded by his District Superintendent was carried and it was so ordered.

Wang Shou-T'ung, District Superintendent of the Peking District, read his report for that district. His character had already been passed under the Chingchao District.

C. A. Felt, Associate Superintendent of the Peking District, was called and his character passed.

The names of the following Elders on the Peking District were called and their characters passed.

Tseng Kuo-Chih	Hsü Yung-Chen	Chang Hung-T'u
Wang Chin-Hsi	Ch'en Yung-Kuei	Liu Chen-Hsiang
Meng Te-Jung	Su Ming-Han	Li Yü-K'e
Li Jung-Fang	Lee Lin-Sheng	Yang Yuan-Lin
Wang Yüeh-T'ing	E. J. Aeschliman	Ch'en Kuang-Yü
T'ien Li-Kung	Kao Feng-Shan	Yang Jung-Hsüan
Jen Huai-Te	Chang Wan-Yu	Shang Wen-Chin
Liu Ching-Ch'ing	Yü Lien-Chung	Chia Yü-Tsung
N. S. Hopkins	Liu Chi-Yung	Li Yung-Te
		Yang Jung-Lin

At this point Reverend F. A. Argelander, of the Kiangsi Conference and at present Principal of the North China American School at Tungchow, was called forward and introduced to the Conference. He spoke briefly.

QUESTION 15 was resumed. The name of Ch'ing Shou, District Superintendent of the Shanhaikuan District was called and his character passed. He presented his report.

The names of the following Elders on the Shanhaikuan District were called and their characters passed. Those who were pastors presented their reports.

Ching Kuo-Liang	Wang Te-Yuan
K'ang Yung-Kuei	Yang Jung-Sen
Li Hsien-Chih	Yang Shun
Liu Ch'ing-Hsiang	E. J. Winans

AFTERNOON SESSION

It was VOTED to have an afternoon session from 1.30 to 2:30

After announcements, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by F. A. Argelander.

Afternoon Session

Conference re-assembled at 1:30 P.M. After singing a hymn and prayer by Chi Wei-Tsun, Question 15 was resumed.

The name of Lee Lien-Ying, District Superintendent of the Tientsin District was called, his character passed and he presented his report, which was accepted.

The names of the following Elders on the Tientsin District were called and their characters passed. Those who were pastors presented their reports.

Chi Wei-T'sun	Han Tien-Ying	Liu Fang
Arthur B. Coole	Howe Te-An	

The name of W. W. Davis District Superintendent of the Tsunhua District was called and his character passed. He presented his report which was accepted.

The names of the following Elders on the Tsunhua District were called, their characters passed and those who were pastors presented their reports.

Chiang Hsiu-Feng	Chang Hsiu-Ling	Ma Tsung-Ch'ing
Chang Yung-P'ing	Fu Hai	Tang Yung

The following men serving under special assignments were called and their characters passed:

F. D. Gamewell	Guh Chung-Yao	Liu Yung-Sheng
C. P. Wang	Peter P'eng	Sun Yueh
E. R. Hibbard	Kao Huai-Lai	Wu Yü-Feng
Hsieh Hung En	Chang Hui	E. E. Dixon
I. T. Headland	Chou Fu-Chuan	

QUESTION 42—Who are the Retired Ministers?

The names of the following Retired members were called and their characters passed.

Chang Pai-Lin	Hsü Ching-Ping	Sun Chiu-Kao
Chang Tzu-Sheng	Li Wei-Yung	Wang En-Chao
Ch'en Heng-Te	Liu Ma-K'e	Wu Ch'i
Chin Ch'eng	Liu Shao-T'ang	Yang Ching-Ch'un
	Liu Yueh	

Wang En-Chao being present was called forward and he briefly addressed the Conference.

QUESTION 41—Who are the Supernumerary Ministers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?

R. F. Lowry 9 John McG. Gibb 8 Hsü K'un-Shan

R. F. Lowry has held this relationship for eight years. The chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations referred to the action of the Third Day of the last Session, page 26, in which it was VOTED that R. F. Lowry be located at this Session of the Conference unless we previously hear from him requesting different action. As no member of the Conference had heard from R. F. Lowry in the interval, it was VOTED that he be located.

John McG. Gibb and Hsü K'un-Shan have held this relationship for seven years. On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations and a two-thirds vote of the Conference in each case, it was VOTED that they be continued in this relationship provided they comply with the rules of the Discipline.

Time having expired, after announcements and the benediction by C. A. Felt, the meeting adjourned.

Fifth Day, Sunday, May 8th, 1938

LOVE FEAST

Love Feast began at 9:30 A.M. with Tseng Kuo-Chih in charge. Many members testified of God's goodness during the year.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The morning worship service began at 11:00 o'clock. The young people's choir entered the church singing hymn 1, "Holy, Holy, Holy". After the choir and the officiating clergymen had taken their places hymn 52, "Crown Him with Many Crowns" was sung. Tseng Kuo-Chih read the Scripture, the 26th Chapter of Acts. Pastor Tseng also made the opening prayer. After an anthem by the choir, hymn 29, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" was sung, verses 1 and 2. Bishop Hammaker then preached from the text "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian", Acts 26:26. The sermon was followed by the singing of the 3rd and 4th verses of hymn 29, after which the Bishop pronounced the benediction and the choir and officiating clergymen withdrew singing hymn 341, "How Firm a Foundation"

ORDINATION SERVICE


The Ordination Service was held at 3:30 P.M. The procession was headed by the three candidates for ordination accompanied by their invited Elders and District Superintendents and their associates, together with the Bishop. C. A. Felt made the opening invocation. After singing hymn 62, "Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove", Lee Lien-Ying offered prayer. Hymn 29, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" was sung and Shih Ting-T'ung read the Scripture Lesson, John 1, verses 1 to 14. After the singing of hymn 36, "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Ch'ing Shou presented the three candidates for ordination:

Huo Chao-T'ang
Li Yen-Lin
Shang Ch'iu-Ch'eng

The ordination was conducted by the Bishop assisted by the district superintendents and their associates. The service closed with the singing of hymn 307, "A charge to Keep I Have" and the benediction by the Bishop.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This certifies that on the 8th day of May, 1938, at Asbury Church, Peking, Hopei, China, I ordained Huo Chao-i'ang, Li Yen-Lin and Shang Ch'iu-Ch'eng, as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, being assisted by the District Superintendents, Associates and the other Elders chosen by those to be ordained.



Peking, Hopei,
China
May 8th, 1938

Presiding Bishop

Sixth Day, Monday, My 9th, 1938

The Conference met at 8:40 A.M. for devotional services. After the singing of hymn 455 and prayer by Peter P'eng, a duet was sung by two young ladies of the Woman's Conference. The Bishop then spoke on the subject of "Jonah" The message of the Book of Jonah is not that of a whale but a great revelation for the scattering of our darkness. "These people are mine and I love them" The Book of Jonah teaches the universality of the love of God—The Great All-Father." The devotional service closed with prayer by the Bishop.

UNITED SESSION

Conference met in United Session at 9:40 A.M.

QUESTION NO. 4. What are the Statistical and Financial Reports for the Year, was again taken up.

(a) Statistical Report. W. W. Davis on behalf of the Statistician, O. J. Krause, presented the main items of the statistical report. This report showed healthy growth along several lines. A vote of thanks to O. J. Krause and his associates was ordered.

REPORT ON ENDOWMENT FUND FOR RETIRED LOCAL PREACHERS

W. W. Davis presented a brief report showing that though we have made progress we are still far from our first goal of \$2500.00. (For details see Report) This report was received and a continuance of the campaign was authorized.

QUESTION 5. What are the Items and Aggregate of General Conference Benevolence apportioned to this Conference? What amount are fixed by this body as the minimum goals for General Conference Benevolences for the ensuing year?

The answer to both parts of this question is none.

QUESTION NO. 10: (a) What has been received on these claims?
The treasurer reported as follows:

From the Book Concern	. \$ Nothing
From the Chartered Fund	Nothing
From Board of Pensions and Relief.	\$ 458.75 local currency
From Annual Conference investments.	\$ 984.67
From Pastoral Charges .	Nothing
From other sources	Nothing
Total	\$ 1443.42

QUESTION 11, What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?

It was explained that up to the present the pastoral charges have never taken a collection for this fund. It was VOTED that for the coming year we set \$60.00 as an amount to be raised by pastoral charges for this fund and that the Conference Treasurer have the authourity to apportion this amount to the various districts and pastoral charges.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MINIMUM SALARY SCALE FOR PREACHERS

W. W. Davis and Lee Lien-Ying presented a report of the Special Committee on Minimum Salary Scale for preachers. This report was adopted and it was further VOTED that it shall hereafter be called the "Sustentation Fund" (See Report)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Nominating Committee appointed by the Cabinet. W. W. Davis presented nominations for the various boards, standing committees, special committees and boards of managers. The report was accepted. (See list of Committees).

ENLARGED PARISH

W. W. Davis, for the Special Committee, presented a Report on The Enlarged Parish, which was accepted. (See Report)

QUESTION I3—What Approved Financial Campaigns are to be carried on in this Conference during the ensuing year, and for what amountns?

- (a) Endowment Fund for Local Preachers: First goal \$2500.00
Second goal \$5000.00

- (b) Endowment for Sustentation Fund called for in the Report on Minimum Salary for Preachers. Amount unspecified.

QUESTION 14—What is the schedule on Minimum Support?

60% of the average salary¹ of Conference members serving in pastoral charges, except in case of bachelors, in which it is 50% of the average salary.

QUESTION 15—What are the Approved Claims for the support of the District Superintendents, Bishops, and Conference Claimants for the ensuing year?

For District superintendents	\$3600.00
For Bishops	575.00
For Conference Claimants	60.00
	\$4235.00

QUESTION 16—WHAT SHALL BE THE Evangelistic and Religious Educational Plan for the ensuing year?

(a) Stewardship

See Report of the Policy Committee on (b) Training Conferences

(c) Sunday Schools

QUESTION 17—What Standing Committees shall be appointed by this body?

See List of Committees,

QUESTION 12—What are the Items and Aggregate of Annual Conference Benevolences Approved by this body for the ensuing year?

It was VOTED that we set our World Service at \$100.00 local currency.

It was VOTED that we meet our Central Conference Expenses in accordance with the apportionments laid down by the Central Conference.

QUESTION 19—Where shall the next Session of the Conference be held?

Invitations were presented from East Suburb Church at Changli and Asbury Church, Peking. The Bishop ruled that we should vote by ballot and appointed as tellers, H. E. Dewey, E. J. Aeschliman, Lee Lien-Ying and Chang Tso-T'ing. After all had voted the tellers retired to count the ballot. The Bishop announced September 5th, 1939 as the probable date for the next Session of the North China Annual Conference.

QUESTION 18—What other items of business shall be considered by the United Session?

No other items being presented the United Session closed and the Annual Conference assembled in ordinary session.

QUESTION 41—Who are the Supernumerary Ministers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?

As this question had not been completed or Saturday, it was taken up again.

On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations and a two-thirds vote of the Conference, Wang T'i-Ch'ing, who has

held this relationship for six years, was continued in this relationship for another year, but notice of location was served on him unless he is able to present good cause to the contrary.

On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, Ch'en Wei-P'ing was restored to the effective relationship.

On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations Tsou Chin-Ching was left in the Supernumerary relationship.

On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations the following who last year asked for leave of absence were given a Supernumery relationship:

Chou Fu-Ch'uan
Liu Yung-Sheng

Sun Yueh
Wu Yü-Feng

CHARACTERS PASSED

Characters of all preachers under Question 41 were passed.

RETIRED MINISTERS PRESENT

Several retired ministers being present they were called to the platform and briefly addressed the Conference:

Chang Pai-Lin

Chin Ch'eng

Sun Chiu-Kao

Sun Chiu-Kao aged 78, is the senior Chinese member of the Conference. He said he had been a Christian 61 years and had never regretted the fact. When he became a Christian a friend said to him,—“This is just a matter of play with you.” To him the Christian religion had never ben a matter of play. He exhorted all the preachers to press steadfastly on in their Christian service. Brother Sun, brother Chang and brother Wang are all acting as supply pastors.

QUESTION 42—Who are the Retired Ministers? was taken up again.

The name of Sun Heng-K'uei was called. His name had been inadvertently dropped from the list of Retired pastors at some previous Session. His character was passed and his name reported under Question 42.

EXTENSION OF TIME

It was VOTED that the time be extended so that the Disciplinary Questions might be finished.

QUESTION 43—Who have been granted leave of absence? Liu Chi-Yang

QUESTION 44—Who are Triers of Appeals?

It was VOTED that the same Triers of Appeals as were elected in 1936 be retained as follows:

Liu Fang
Chiang Hsiu-Feng
Arthur B. Coole
Howe Te-An
Tseng Kuo-Chih

Alternates: F. M. Pyke
E. R. Hibbard

QUESTION 35—Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?

On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations it was

VOTED that the following be continued as accepted Supply Pastors:

Chang Wan-Shan	Chang T'ing-Huai	Chang Yun-Chen
Chang Yü-f'ing	Chang Yü-Wen	Ch'en Kang
Cheng Yun-Fang	Chia Ch'ing-Yün	Chou Chan-chi
Chu Ping-Sheng	Chu Kuei-Chen	Hsü Fü-Lin
Huo Chao-T'ang	Jen Chen-Chung	Kao Hsien-Mo
Li Ch'ang-Yuan	Li Chen-Sheng	Li Ch'ung-f'u
Li Jung	Li T'ing-K'ai	Liu Chen-Sheng
Liu Hsi	Liu Kuei-Chen	Ma Huai-Te
Ma Jun-T'ang	Pai Kuei-Sen	Po Min
Shih Ling-Ch'un	Sun K'un-Shan	Ssu Ching-Hsin
Ti Yung-Hsing	Ts'ui Lien-Sheng	Wang Chiu-Te
Wang Pao-Tsung	Wei Pin-Ch'ao	Yü Liang

On recommendation of the same Committee it was VOTED that the following be added to the list of Accepted Supply Pastors:

Wang Ch'ing-Yun	Ch'en Mao-Lin	Ch'en Tzu-Yang
Wu Ling-Chun	Lü Wen	Weng Feng-Hsin
Yen K'uei	Chou Chi-Ch'eng	Wang Jung-Ch'uan

QUESTION 36—(b) Was the character of each Accepted Supply Pastor now in charge examined?

The characters of the Accepted Supply Pastors were examined and passed, but owing to the fact that the Discipline in use of the Chinese Church is the Discipline of 1932 and not of 1936, it was found impossible to answer the other questions under (a) and (c) i. Under (c) ii should appear the name of Huo Chao-Tang, who was elected on Saturday to Deacon Orders and ordained on Sunday, May 8.

QUESTION 37—Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences? None.

QUESTION 39—Who have had their Conference Membership terminated?

To (a) (c) (d) and (e) the answer is none. Under (b) the name of R. F. Lowry should appear by action of last Saturday

QUESTION 40—What other Personal Notation should be made? None.

The tellers for question 19 made their report and the result of the vote was as follows:

Asbury, Peking. 42

East Suburb, Changli 37, so the next session of the Conference will be in Peking.

FINAL SESSION

The Bishop announced that the Final Session would be held in the late afternoon and after other announcements the Session adjourned with the benediction by Ma Chen-Ou.

Afternoon Session—Monday, May 9th, 1938

The Conference assembled in regular business session at 4:00 P. M. with the Bishop in the chair. After singing hymn 494, "I hear Thy Welcome Voice," the Bishop led in prayer.

COMMITTEES ON THE JOURNAL

The committees on the Journal reported that both Journals were correct up to and including Sunday afternoon.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL

At the suggestion of the Bishop it was moved that the Chinese Journal be adopted as the official Journal.

COMPARISON OF JOURNALS

It was VOTED that the two secretaries compare the Journals.

MINUTES OF MONDAY'S SESSION

It was VOTED that the Minutes of Monday's Session, both morning and afternoon be accepted without reading.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

On behalf of the Conference Board of Education, the chairman, Kao Feng-Shan presented six recommendations which were accepted. (See Report)

CHU YIN FU HAO

Ma T'i-Chien, who is an expert on the Chu Yin Fu Hao, or syllabic system of writing Chinese, spoke briefly on the advantages of this system for teaching illiterates to read.

BISHOP'S ADDRESSES

On motion of Kao Feng-Shan it was VOTED that the Bishop's addresses, both for the devotional periods in the morning and on Sunday, be printed in the Year Book.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES

It was VOTED that the Cabinet be given power to appoint the necessary fraternal delegates.

PRINTING OF MINUTES

It was VOTED that 200 copies of the Chinese and 100 copies of the English Minutes be printed and that the payment of the same be referred to the Finance Committee for action.

ACCEPTED SUPPLY

On recommendation of the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors, it was VOTED that the name of Hsü Wan-Kuo be added to the list of Accepted Supply Pastors.

QUESTION 45—What Institutions and Organizations are approved by three-quarters vote of the Conference for appointment of Ministers in the Effective Relation with annuity claim?

It was ordered by three-quarters vote of the Conference that the Presbyterian Mission be recognized as an organization for appointment of Ministers in effective relationship with Annuity claims.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On recommendation of the Nominating Committee it was decided that the name of Hsü Wan-Liang be substituted for the name of E. J. Winans for membership on the Finance Committee, it being understood that this action was taken at the request of both members concerned.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD ON MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Lee Lin Sheng, chairman of the Board of Ministerial Training, presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

1. It is recommended that the first Sunday in August be designated as a Sunday to present the Christian Ministry as a Life Work and to recruit young men for the ministry. The Peking Theological Seminary will supply sermon material for that Sunday.
2. It is recommended that each district be asked to elect a visitor to visit and study the work of the Peking Theological Seminary.
3. It is recommended that Dr. Lee Lin-Sheng, Dr. Yang Yuan-Lin and E. J. Aeschliman be asked to make a temporary revision of the Conference Course of Study until such time as the Central Conference Committee on Course of Study complete their course of study.

OFFICERS FOR NEXT SESSION OF CONFERENCE

The following were elected as officers for the next Session of Conference

Chinese secretary—Liu-Shang, Chen
 Assistant Chinese Secretary—Ma Chen-Ou
 English Secretary—Arthur B. Coole
 Assistant English Secretary—E. J. Aeschliman
 Statistician—(O. J. Krause)
 Assistant Statisticians—

Chingchao District: Meng Yün
 Lanhsien District: T'ien Yin-Ch'ing
 Peking District: Chia Yü Tsung
 Shanhaikuan District: Li Hsien-Chih
 Tientsin District: Shang Chin-Ch'eng
 Tsunhua District: Ma Tsun-Ch'ing

CHANGE IN RULES COVERING STUDENTS IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

On motion of Lee Lin-Sheng it was VOTED that we alter our ruling in regard to students entering the Theological Seminary not holding local preachers' licenses and that we strongly urge our students in the Theological Seminary to secure local preachers' licenses. The reason for this change is that in this way the wives of students in the Theological Seminary might receive scholastic help from the Bashford Memorial Fund.

USE OF HOME MISSION FUND

On motion of Shih T'ing-Tung it was VOTED that the reports which have been adopted as part of the Conference Program and also 6000 copies of the Catechism be printed as soon as possible and that the Conference Treasurer be authorized to defray the cost of this printing from the Home Mission Fund.

TIME LIMIT FOR PRINTING THE JOURNAL

It was VOTED that we urgently request the secretaries to get the Journals printed within ninety days.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

W. W. Davis moved that following the devotional service and the reading of the appointments the meeting adjourn sine die.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

After reading from John 10th chapter, verses 1 to 12, the Bishop gave his closing message. The great danger of a preacher is that of degenerating into a mere hireling, looking after the sheep for a living. The good Shepherd laid down his life for the sheep. Jesus said "I came to seek and to save," Let us do the same. John Wesley wrote that after his experience at Aldersgate, he was changed from an hireling into a shepherd. The Session closed with prayer by the Bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

The appointments were then read, The Bishop read the names of the District Superintendents and Associate District Superintendents. Each District Superintendent read the appointments for his own district. At the request of the Bishop, W. W. Davis read the list of special appointments and Liu Shang-Ch'en read the appointments of the Woman's Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

The Conference Session closed with the benediction by Bishop Wang Chih-p'ing.

IV. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

A. UNITED SESSION

1. Who are the members of the Lay Conference present, and who are its officers? (See Secretary's record for names of members.)

President:	Hsü Wan-Liang	Ch'angli, China
Secretary:	Liu Hsüan	Hui Wen School, Tientsin
Treasurer:	Yang Ssu-Ch'eng	Ku-an, China

2. Is the Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?

No Incorporation yet possible under Chinese Law

3. What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc., are Bonded, and in what Amounts, According to the Requirement of the Discipline?

O. J. Krause, Treasurer, for \$10.000. L. C.

4. What are the Statistical and Financial Reports for the year?

(a) From the Statistician. See Statistical Report.

(b) From the Treasurer. See Treasurer's Report.

(c) Other items. See

Report on Edowment Fund for Retired Local Preachers
(Accepted Supplies).

5. (a) What are the Items and Aggregate of General Conference Benevolences apportioned to this Conference?

World Service, \$ None; Episcopal Fund, \$575; L. C. General Administration Fund, \$ None

Total \$575 L. C.

- (b) What amounts are fixed by this body as the minimum goals for General Conference Benevolences for the ensuing year?

World Service \$100 L.C.

Episcopal Fund \$575. L. C.

6. What Reports and Exhibits are presented by Conference Boards and Institutions?

See Reports of Schools and Hospitals as printed.

7. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?

None

8. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?

None

9. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?

For Annuity distribution.....years, multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$3.00 L. C. per year. \$855.75 L. C.

For Necessitous Distribution \$658.58 L.C.

Total \$1517.33 L. C.

10. (a) What has been received on these Claims?

From the Book Concern,	Nothing
From the Chartered Fund,	Nothing
From Board of Pensions and Relief	\$458.75 L. C.
From Annual Conference Investments	\$984.67 L.C.
From Pastoral Charges	Nothing
From Other Sources	Nothing

Total \$1443.41 L.C.

(b) How has it been Applied? See Reports of Conference Board of Stewards and of Treasurer.

11. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? \$60.—L. C.

12. What are the Items and Aggregate of Annual Conference Benevolences approved by this body for the ensuing year?

Home (Chinese) Missions. Amount not stated.

13. What approved financial campaigns are to be carried on in this Conference during the ensuing year, and for what amounts?

(a) Endowment Fund for Retired Local Preachers.

A. First Goal \$2500. L. C.

B. Second „ 5000. L. C.

(b) Endowment for Sustentation Fund. No Amount Stated.

14. What is the schedule of Minimum Support?

60% of the Average Salary of the Pastors and District Superintendents.

15. What are the approved claims for the support of District Superintendents, Bishops, and Conference Claimants for the ensuing year?

District Superintendents. \$3600; Bishops, \$575; Conference Claimants, \$60; all L. C.

Total \$4235, L. C.

16. What shall be the Evangelistic and Religious Educational Plan for the ensuing year?

See Reports (a) Lay Training (b) Sunday Schools. (c) Stewardship.

17. What Standing Committees shall be appointed by this body? See List of Committees.

18. What other items of business shall be considered by this United Session? None
19. Where shall the Next Session of the Conference be held?
Asbury Church, Peking, China

B. ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

20. Who have had their Credentials Restored without readmission to the Conference? None
21. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences? None
22. Who have been Readmitted?
- (a) After Voluntary Location.
None.
 - (b) After Involuntary Location.
None.
 - (c) After Restoration of Credentials.
None.
 - (d) After Withdrawal.
None.
 - (e) By Judicial Procedure or by General Conference.
None.
23. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?
None.
24. Who have been Received on Trial?
- (a) In Studies of First Year.
Chang Ying-Chieh
Cheng Ju-Kang
Ch'i T'ing-To
Liu I-Hsin
Ssu Ping-Ch'uan
Yang Hua-Tung
 - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
None.
 - (c) Exempt from Course of Study under Seminary Rule.
None.
25. Who have been Continued on Trial?
- (a) In Studies of First Year.
Shih Li-Ya

(b) In Studies of Second Year.

Chiu Shang-Pin
Hou Ping-Lun
Liu Chih-Chung

(c) In Studies of Third Year.

None

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.

None.

26. Who have been Discontinued?

None.

27 Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.**

Li Yen-lin
Shang Chiu-ch'eng

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.

None

(c) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.

None

**(d) Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected by—
Conference. None****28. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?****(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.**

Li Yen-lin
Shang Chiu-cheng

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.

None

29. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

Chang T'ien-yu
Kuo Feng-lin (One Condition)
Tsung Ho-ming (One Condition)
Yang Chien-ch'ang (One Condition)

30. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.**

None

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.

None

- (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
None.
- (d) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
None.
- (e) Ordained Elder, having been previously Elected by——
Conference.
None.
- (f) Ordained Elder elsewhere under our Election.
None.
31. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
- (a) As Local Preachers.
Huo Chao-Tang
- (b) Under Seminary Rule.
None.
- (c) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
- (d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
None.
32. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
- (a) As Local Deacons.
None.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
- (c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
None.
33. Who have been left without Appointment to Attend One of our Schools?
- Cheng Ju-Kang
Shih Li-Ya
34. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?
Yes.
35. Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?
- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Chang T'ing-Huai | Li T'ing-K'ai |
| Chang Wan-Shan | Liu Ch'en-Sheng |
| Chang Yun-Chen | Liu Hsi |
| Chang Yü-Ting | Liu Kuei-Chen |

Chang Yü-Wen
 Ch'en Kang
 Ch'en Mao-Lin
 Ch'en Tzu-Yang
 Cheng Yün-Fang
 Chia Ch'ing-Yün
 Chou Chan-Chi
 Chou Chi-Ch'eng
 Chu Ping-Sheng
 Chu Kuei-Chen
 Hsü Fu-Lin
 Hsü Wan-Kuo
 Huo Chao-T'ang
 Jen Chen-Ch'ung
 Kao Hsien-Mo
 Li Ch'ang-Yuan
 Li Chen-Sheng
 Li Ch'ung-T'u
 Li Jung

Lü Wen
 Ma Huai-Te
 Ma Jun-Tang
 Pai Kuei-Sen
 Po Min
 Shih Ling-Ch'un
 Sun K'un-Shan
 Ssu Ching-Hsien
 Ti Yung-Hsing
 Ts'ui Lien-Sheng
 Wang Ch'ing-Yün
 Wang Chiu-Te
 Wang Feng-Hsin
 Wang Jung-Chüan
 Wang Pao-Tsung
 Wei Pin-Ch'ao
 Yen K'uei
 Yü Liang
 Wu Ling Ch'un

36. (a) What Accepted Supply Pastors now in charge are taking

1. The Conference Course of Study?

1. In the First Year.
2. In the Second Year.
3. In the Third Year.
4. In the Fourth Year.

II. The Local Preachers' Course of Study?

1. In the First Year.
2. In the Second Year.
3. In the Third Year.
4. In the Fourth Year.

(b) Was the character of each Accepted Supply Pastor now in charge examined? Yes

(c) I. Are the District Committees on Qualifications of Local Preachers nominated by the District Superintendents approved?

(c) II. What Local Preachers have completed satisfactorily the studies prescribed?

1. For Deacon's Orders.
 Huo Chao-T'ang
2. For Elder's Orders.

None.

37. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

None.

38. Who have Died?

Wu Yü-Kun

Tung Jui-Lin (An Accepted Seeply)

39. Who have had their Conference Membership terminated?

(a) By Voluntary Location.

None.

(b) By Involuntary Location.

R. F. Lowry

(c) By Surrender of the Ministerial Office and Credentials.

None

(d) By Judicial Procedure.

None

(e) By Withdrawal.

(1) To Join the Ministry of another Church.

None

(2) From the Ministry.

None

(3) From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.

None

(4) Under Complaints or Charges.

None

40. What other personal Notations should be made?

None

41. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?

Chou Fu-Ch'uan	1	Sun Yüeh	1
J. M. Gibb	8	Tsou Chin-Ching	2
Hsü K'un Shan	8	Wang T'i Ch'ing	7
Liu Yung-Sheng	1	Wu Yü Feng	1

42. Who are the Retired Ministers?

Chang Pai-Lin	Liu Shao-Tang
Chang Tse-Shang	Liu Yueh
Ch'en Heng-Te	Sun Chiu-Kao
Chin Ch'eng	Sun Heng-K'uei
Hsü Ching-Ping	Wang En-Chao
Li Wei-Yung	Wu Chi
Liu Ma-Ke	Yang Ching-Ch'un

43. Who have been granted Leave of Absence?

Liu Chi Yung.

44. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Liu Fang Chairman | Alternates, |
| 2. Chiang Hsiu Feng | 1. F. M. Pyke |
| 3. A. B. Coole | 2. E. R. Hibbard |
| 4. Howe Te-An | |
| 5. Tseng Kuo-Chih | |

45. What institutions and organizations are approved by three-quarters vote of the Conference for appointment of Ministers in the Effective Relation with Annuity Claim?

Cheeloo Theological College

Feng-Lan Middle School

Presbyterian Mission

Yenching University

46. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See List of Appointments.

V. APPOINTMENTS 1938

Names in parenthesis are Accepted Supplies

Names in Italics are in the Course of Study.

Numbers in parenthesis indicate the number of time the pastor has been appointed to a charge.

Indicates at least that many years if not more.

Chingchao District

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (Seventh Year) Wang Shou-T'ung
(P.O. Peking)

ASSOCIATE

(First Year) Carl A. Felt
(P.O. Peking)

NANKOU	(5) (Cheng Yun-Fang)
Ch'angpinghsien	(1) (Ch'en Mao-Lin)
HUAIJOUHSIEN	(2) (Shih Ling-Ch'un)
Kaoliying	(1) Liu Chen-Hsiang
Niulanshan	(6) (Chia Ch'ing-Yun)
HUALAIHSIEN—K'ANGCHUANG	(6) (Liu Hsi)
HUANGTSUN	(2) (Sun Chiu-Kao)
Taying	(10) (Ma Huai-Te)
Chao-t'sun	(2) (Ch'en Kang)
KUANHSIEN—YUFA	(11) T'ien Hsi-Nien
Liuch'uan	(4) Ma Chen-Ou
Lihsien	To Be Supplied
NIUT'OU, PEIAN, CHÜ KOU	(1) <i>Yang Hua Tung</i>
LANGFANG	(9) Liu Shang-Ch'en
Han t'sun	(4) (Szu Ch'ing-Hsin)
MIYUNHSIEN, HSISHAOCHU, SHIH	
HSIA, PINGMAYING	(11) Meng Yun
PAHSIEN, CHIENCH'AP'U	(9) Sun Mao-Lin
TAPEIYIN, PIEHKUCHUANG, MATOU	(10) Yang I
YENCH'INGHSIEN, LAOCHUNT'ANG,	
YUNGNING	(2) (Jen Chen-Chung)
KUANHSIEN JUNIOR MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Principal	(8) (Yang Ssu-Ch'eng)
KUAN HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL	(2) (Wang Chiu-Te)
CHURCH MEMBERS BIMONTHLY	
Editor	(2) Liu Shang-Ch'en

Lanhsien District

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (Eighth Year) Shih T'ing-Tung
(P.O. Lanhsien)

ASSOCIATE (Second Year) Horace E. Dewey
(P.O. Changtli)

ANKECHUANG (Community Parish) (5) (Wang Chen-Tung)
Chiupaihu—I An (1) (Yen Ku'ei)
Shahoi To be supplied

CHENTZUCHEN—Yuкеchuang, (1) Ts'ao Yü-Pao
Wanguanying (6) Wu Hsi-Hsien
Chaokechuang

WANGTIENTZU (17) (Chang Yün-Chen)

CH'IENTANHSIEN (5) Li Ch'ang-Ying
Chiench'angying (8) To be supplied
Tachangtzu (5) (Li Chung-T'u)

EMICHUANG (13) (Yü Liang)
Peichiatien (5) (Chu Kuei-Chen)
T'angchuangtzu (5) (Ma Jun-T'ang)

LANHSIEN (5) T'ien Yin-Ch'ing
Ch'angning (1) Chao Lien I
Mach'ang To be supplied

LAOT'INGHSIEN (13) Liu Tsun-Sheng
Hsinchai (3) To be supplied
Hsink'aik'ou (1) (Wang Jung-Ch'uan)
Huchiat'o (1) (Ch'en Tzu-Yang)
Huili (14) (Ti Yung-Hsing)
Mat'ouying (1) To be supplied
T'angchiaho (3) (Liu Kuei-Tseng)
Yenkechuang (5) (Wei P'in-Ch'ao)

PENCH'ENG (9) Tu Wen-Ku'ei
Hukechuang (1) Yü Yu-Hsin
Kunganch'iao (1) (Wang Ch'ing-Yün)
Lienpeitien (1) (Wang Feng-Hsin)
Paikechuang (3) (Wu Ling-Chun)
Tingliuho (6) Liu Ch'ing-Yün

LANHSIEN HIGHER PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL
Principal (8) Shih T'ing-Tung
Associate Principal (1) Jen Huai-Te

SUPERINTENDENT OF DAY SCHOOLS (8) Shih T'ing-Tung

Peking District

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (Eighth Year) Wang Shou-T'ung
(P.O. Peking)

ASSOCIATE (Third Year) Carl A. Felt
(P.O. Peking)

ASBURY CHURCH (8) Tseng Kuo-Chih
Assistant for Student work (4) *Yang Chien-Ch'ang*
Fangchinhsiang Church (8) Wang Chin-Hsi
Changhsinchuang (11) (Chang T'ing-Huai)

CHUSHIHKOU CHURCH (11) Hsü Yung-Chen
Assistant (4) Chang Hung-T'u
Shatuyuan (10) Ch'en Yung-Kuei
Yungtingmen (1) Yang Shun
Nanyuan (9) (Li Ch'ang-Yuan)

HUASHIH (8) Meng Te-Jung
Tsoanmen (5) (Chu Ping-Sheng)

SHUNCHIHMEN (1) Su Ming-Han
Changyimen (1) Li Yü-K'e
Paichihfang and (4) (Pai Kuei-Sen)
Nanhsimen

STUDENT WORK ((Mrs. F. M. Pyke))

YENCHING UNIVERSITY (20) W. W. Davis
Professors (17) Li Jung-Fang
(Shunchihmen Q. C.)
(20) ((T. E. Breces))
Huashih Q. C.
(15) ((B. M. Wiant))

PEKING THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Chancellor and President Emeritus (26) Carl A. Felt
President (12) Samuel L. S. Lee
(Asbury Q. C.)
Vice-President (1) Ch'en Wei-P'ing
(Asbury Q. C.)
Professors (15) Yang Yuan-Lin
(Asbury Q. C.)
(13) Wang Yueh-T'ing
(Asbury Q. C.)
(2) E. J. Aeschliman
(Asbury Q. C.)

Associate Professor and
Director of Extension Work (1) *Ch'i Kuang-Tou.*
(Tsunhua Q. C.)
Instructor (2) ((Wu Hsiao-Ling))
Assistant Librarian (3) Ch'en Kuang-Yü
(Chushihkou Q.C.)

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FIRST HUI WEN HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal	(10) Shang Wen-Chin, (Asbury Q. C.)
Teachers	(11) Liu Ching-Ch'ing, (Shunchihmen Q.C.) (13) Yü Lien-Chung, (Huashih Q. C.)

SECOND HUI WEN HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL (CHUSHIH-K'OU)

Principal	(10) Hsü Yung-Chen
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THIRD HUI WEN HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL (SHUNCHIH-MEN)

Principal	(1) Su Ming-Han
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FOURTH HUI WEN PRIMARY SCHOOL (HUASHIH)

Principal	(8) Meng Te-Jung
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FIFTH HUI WEN PRIMARY SCHOOL (SHAT'UYUAN)

Principal	(1) Ch'en Yung-Kuei
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HUI WEN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Director	(10) Chia Yu-Tsung (Asbury Q. C.)
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HOPKINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Superintendent	(38) Dr. N. S. Hopkins
Associate Superintendent	(9) ((Dr. Reno W. Backus))
Eye Department	(14) ((Dr. F. H. Yao))
Business Manager	(11) Mark Liu (Asbury Q.C.)
Hear Nurse—Nurse's Training School	(2) ((T'ien Li-Fu))

Shanhaikuan District

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (Eighth Year) Ch'ing Shou
(P. O. Changli)

Associate (Second Year) Horace E. Dewey
(P. O. Changli)

CHANGLI, EAST SUBURB	(8) Ch'ing Shou
CHANGLI, EAST STREET—Kepo	(9) Yang Jung-Sen
Liu shou ying	(16) (Li Jung)
CH'IENTWEI—Lihot'un	To be supplied
FUNINGHSIMN—T'ait'ouying	(3) K'ang Yung-Ku'ei
SHANHAIKUAN	(5) Li Hsien-Chih
Ch'ienso	(6) (Sun K'un-Shan)
T'iehch'angpou	(14) (Po Min)
Yunganpu	(1) (Hsü Wan-Kuo)
SHENHO	(1) T'ien Li-Kung
Haiyang	(17) (Wang Pao-Tsung)
SHIHKECHUANG—Liut'aichuang	(8) (Chou Chan-Ch'i)
SHIHMENCHAI—Huangt'uying	(7) Liu Ch'ing-Hsiang
Chuts'aoying	To be supplied

CHANGLI HUI WEN ACADEMY

Principal (on leave)	(12) ((Hsü Wan-Liang))
Associate Principal (in charge)	(8) Edward J. Winans
Instructor in English	(8) ((Mrs. E. J. Winans))

CHANGLI MARTYRS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Superintendent	(10) ((Dr. Ernest H. Clay))
Matron and Dietician	(10) ((Mrs. E. H. Clay))
Evangelist	(1) Horace E. Dewey
Associate Evangelist	(1) Hou Ping-Lun
Work with Hospital	Wang Te-Yuan

SUPERINTENDENT OF DAY

SCHOOLS (8) Ch'ing Shou

NORTH CHINA HORTICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Director	(8) (((Dr. W. J. Simpson))) P. O. Peitaiho Beach
Associate Director	(3) ((Kao Chu-Lin))

Tientsin District

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (Tenth Year) Lee Lien-Ying
(P. O. Tientsin)

ASSOCIATE (First Year) E. E. Dixon
(P. O. Tientsin)

LIT'ANHSIEN CIRCUIT (9) Han Tien-Ying
Tawangchiao, Chunghsien
Ch'inghsien (5) (Chang Yü-Wen)

NANP'IHSIEN CIRCUIT (6) (Chang Yu-T'ing)
Tungtsunchen, Kuot'outsun
Kuangchangchuang, Manchuang, Yungkuanghsien

TAICH'ENGHSIEN CIRCUIT (2) *Liu Chih-Chung*
Hants'un
Takuangan (2) (Li T'ing-K'ai)

TUNG TZUYA CIRCUIT To be supplied
Wangchiak'ou, T'ai't'ou, Hsinchang

TIENTSIN CITY

South Gate Church Circuit	(1) <i>Tsung Ho-Ming</i>
Student Work	(1) E. E. Dixon
Children's Center, Adviser	(1) ((Mrs. E. E. Dixon))
West Gate Church Circuit	(4) Chi Wei-T'sun
and Yang Liu Ch'ing	
Wesley Church Circuit	(9) Howe Te-An
Assistant Pastor	(3) <i>Shang Ch'iu-Ch'eng</i>
San i chuang	(2) <i>Li Yen-Lin</i>

TIENTSIN HUI WEN ACADEMY

Principal	(11) Liu Fang
Associate Principal	(1) E. E. Dixon
Treasurer	(1) ((Mrs. M. L. Berkey))
Head of English Section	(12) ((Mrs. M. L. Berkey))

SUPERINTENDENT OF DAY

SCHOOLS (10) Lee Lien-Ying

CHIAOHOHSIEN (Unused Property)

Tsunhua District

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (Second Year) W. W. Davis
(P. O. Peking, West)

FENGJUN AND LAOCHUANGTzu (13) Fu Hai

HSINGCH'ENG AND HSINCHI (1) Ma Tsun-Ch'ing
Ti'ehch'ang (1) *Kao Feng-Lin*

P'INGANCH'ENGTZU AND

SHAOTAOTI

Tunghsinchuang tzu and
Tungliangtzuho

Mashenchiao

SANTUNYING

SHALIUHE

Luchiayü

Tatangyü

Yangwukuant'un

TSUNHUA

Assistant

YAHUNGCH'IAO

YÜT'IEN

TSUNHUA MIDDLE AND HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal

Instructors

(13) Chang Hsiu-Ling

(1) Supplied by
Chang Pai-Lin

(1) Chang Yung-P'ing

(13) Supplied by
Wang En-Chao

(15) T'ang Yung

(9) (Liu Chen-Sheng)

(1) (Hsü Fu-Lin)

(14) (Kao Hsien-Mo)

(11) Chiang Hsiu-Feng

(3) *Chang T'ien-Yu*

(19) (Ts'ui Lien-Sheng)

(19) (Chang Wan-Shan)

(13) Chiang Hsiu-Feng

(1) *Chang T'ien-Yu* and
(Lü Wen)

DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Superintendent

(10) Chiang Hsiu-Feng

TSUNHUA T'UNG JEN HOSPITAL

Superintendent

(12) (Han Shao-Yü, M.D.)

Special Appointments

Missionary-at-Large

F. D. Gamewell,
(Asbury Q. C.)

Pastor-at-Large

(3) Wang Chih-P'ing
(Wesley Q. C.)

Mission Treasurer

(34) ((O. J. Krause))
(Asbury Q. C.)

Associate Mission Treaurer

(1) Arthur E. Coole

Office Secretary

(9) ((Miss Melissa J.
Davis))Conference Secretary of Religious
Education(2) *Liu I-Hsin*,
(Asbury Q. C.)

Children's and Young People's Dept.

(3) *Chang Ying-Chieh*

Director, Church Members Bible Institute

(5) F. M. Pyke,
(Nank'ou Q. C.)

McBrier Evangelistic Bands:**Director**(3) E. R. Hibbard
(South Gate Q. C.)**Members**(1) Li Yung-Te
(Langfang Q. C.)(1) *Ssu Ping Ch'uan*
(Langfang Q. C.)(1) *Ch'i T'ing-T'o*
(Fengjun Q. C.)(1) (Huo Chao-Tang)
(Fengjun Q. C.)**Peitaiho Community Church**(2) Ching Kuo-Liang,
(Changli Q. C.)**Work with the Presbyterian Mission**(9) Hsieh Hung-En
(Huashih Q. C.)**Professor, Mount Union College**I. T. Headland,
(Asbury Q. C.)**Instructor, Northeastern University**(10) Guh Chung-Yao,
(Asbury Q. C.)**Professor, Cheeloo Theological College**(4) Peter P'eng,
(Wesley Q. C.)**Fenglan Middle School:
Instructors**(10) Kao Huai-Lai,
(Changli Q. C.)(1) Chang Hui
(Changli Q. C.)**Left without Appointment to Attend
School**(2) *Shih Li-Ya*,
(Asbury Q. C.)(1) Cheng Ju-Kang
(Asbury Q. C.)**Leave of Absence**

(1) Liu Chi-Yung

APPOINTMENTS

FOR

NORTH CHINA WOMAN'S

CONFERENCE

Chingchao District

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS WORK FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Associate Director
Bible Women

K'e Kuei-Hsiu
Ch'i Yu-Feng
(Wang Mao-Jui)
(Li Shu-Ching)
(Jen Hsiu-Ju)
(Liu Ching-Huan)
(Sang Ch'un-Hui)
(Wang K'e-Ch'ing)
(Wan Jei-Lan)

DIRECTOR OF LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Ho Shu-Ching

Peking District

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Lecturer

Tseng Hsiu-Hsiang

MARY PORTER GAMEWELL SCHOOL

Principal
Dean and Instructor
Instructors

* Cheng Nai-Ch'ing
Henrietta B. Rossiter
Marie Adams
Dora C. Fearon
Mary F. Watrous
* Gertrude Cone
Ch'i Shu-P'ing
Liu Yü-Mei
Sui Li-Ying

DIRECTOR OF LOWER PRIMARY EDUCATION

Instructor
Kindergarten

Mary F. Watrous
Hsiang Ch'un-Ching
Ch'en Hsiu-Jung

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS WORK FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Associate Director
Bible Women

Yang Su Shao-Hsien
Elizabeth Hobart
(Lo Wang Wen-Fu)
(Lin Yu-Ying)
(Ni Hui-Chen)

	(Ch'en Shu-Chieh)
	(Li Hsin-Min)
	(Kao Chang Kuang-Tsu)
	(Wang Chieh-Ch'ing)
	(Wang Hsiu-Chen)
	(Wang Pin-Chung)
	Li Yü-Kuei
Public Health Nurse	
SLEEPER DAVIS HOSPITAL	
Superintendent and Treasurer	Alice M. Powell
Business Manager	Kuo Huan-Ch'iu
Medicine and Pediatrics	Ch'ang Shu-Hsing M.D.
Public Health Nurse	Chang Hsien-Jung
SLEEPER DAVIS SCHOOL OF NURSING	
Principal	Elizabeth Carlyle
Associate Principal	Shih Hsi-En
Superintendent of Nurses	Hsing Hsiu-Ying
Instructors	Shih Hsi-En
	Hsing Hsiu-Ying
	Ch'ang Shu Hsing, M. D.
	Chang Hsien-Jung
	Alice M. Powell
	Elizabeth Carlyle

Shanhaikuan District

ALDERMAN SCHOOL

Principal	Pansy P. Griffin
Director of Normal Department and Practice School	Jennie B. Bridenbaugh
Instructors	*Marguerite Twinem
	Chang P'ei-Jan
	Ch'ing Liu Lan-Ying, M.D.
	(Li Jui-Chih)

NEW LIGHT WOMEN'S SCHOOL

Principal	To be supplied
Instructor	Hsü Chen-Wen
Treasurer	Clara P. Dyer
School Physician	Ch'ing Liu Lan-Yiug, M.D.

DIRECTOR OF CH'ANGLI RURAL HOME EXPERIMENTAL CENTER

To be supplied

DIRECTOR OF MASS EDUCATION CENTER

Ts'ao Ch'en Shu-Fang

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Wang Yueh-Chen

**SUPERVISOR OF SHANHAIKUAN
DISTRICT OUTSIDE OF
CH'ANGLI**

Associate
Itinerating Evangelist
Bible Women

Mrs. Horace Dewey
Liu Ch'un-Yi
(Wu Hsiao-Shan)
(Cheng Hao Lan-Hsiang)
(Ch'ien Ch'en Shu-Chen)
(Wang T'ien Shu-Chen)
(Wang Yt'ieh-Ch'ing)
(Yang Ch'un-Fang)

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AND MIDWIFE

Supervisor

Ch'en I—Ti

Lanhsien District

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS WORK

FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Associate Director
Bible Women

Ma Te-Yin
(T'ang Juei-Jung)
Wu Wang Jui-Pang
(Chang Li Feng-Hsiang)
Yang Han P'ei-Chen)
(Yu Shu-Chieh)
(Wu Hsueh Yün-Ch'ing)

Tsunhua District

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS WORK

FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Associate Director
Bible Women

Ch'en Ming-Hui
(Liu Yü-Huan)
Chang Chin-Fang
Chou Shu-Chen
(Li Ai Yung-Hsien)
(Wang Jei-Hua)
(Chia Yt'ieh-Hsien)
(Hsiao Wen-Pao)

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Three Eastern Districts

DIRECTORS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Yin Chih
Clara P Dyer

Tientsin District

KEEN SCHOOL

Principal

**Liu Fang, D. D.

Associate Principal and Dean
Instructors

Ida F. Frantz
Mary E. Bedell
Myra Jaquet
Myra Snow
*Minta M. Stahl
*Emma Wilson
Chang Feng-Shih
Chang Wang Jo-Min
Chao Chen-Hua
Pien Wen-Che

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS WORK
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(TIENTSIN COUNTRY)

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VI. REPORTS

(A) District Superintendents

CHINGCHAO DISTRICT

WANG SHOU-T'UNG

District Superintendent

CARL A. FELT

Associate

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Immediately after these meetings we planned for a week at Nank'ou in which meetings we were to stress the bringing of other members of the family to Christ. On account of illness I could not go but others held the meetings. At a later period I went to the church at Huailai where we had special meetings, the workers of the W.F.M.S. co-operating with us. We preached in the villages during the day and held special meetings in our church at night. We preached on the big Fair day, at which time many people filled the church. We urged these people who were attending the Fair to come to our Sunday church service, and when they should become believers to register as probationers.

Later we went to Yench'ing where we also held special services, preaching on Fair day. During these meetings many people seemed to be moved with the truth of the Gospel. Upon our return to Peiping we could not rest as we must still carry on the work of the Peiping District.

In November we went again to the Huaijou church visiting the out appointments as well as the central church. During the day we called upon the church members in their homes teaching them and their neighbors who would gather in their homes. In the evenings we had meetings in the central church. The chapel was often more than full, some people standing on the outside to listen through the open windows. In addition to visiting the church members and preaching in the homes we often preached on the street where the people gathered in large numbers and seemed

very much interested in the Gospel message. This completed our circuit of the area to the north of Peiping. In addition, we made a visit to Hantsun Circuit, not only to the central church but to the out appointments. After working in the various appointments of this circuit we came back and were sick for some days. We went again to Miyun Circuit north of Peking on February 26th where we held a very fine meeting, which Mr. Pyke conducted. There were many persons moved. Later, because of a special Rural Church Conference conducted by the Peking Theological Seminary many of our preachers came to this meeting and received much help from many speakers, especially from Dr. Ralph A. Felton, who was for the time being, visiting Peiping and the Seminary.

During July there was great difficulty in many churches because of the arrival of the Japanese soldiers. A study of the damage to our various churches has been made by C. A. Felt, who was appointed to take over the work of Associate in the absence of Mr. Pyke. Not only were a number of our churches damaged slightly but at Niuto the church was almost completely demolished and the pastor, Rev Tung Jui-Lin, was killed instantly. As soon as possible we visited the church at Nank'ou to comfort the church members there and do what we could. We are very thankful that the people of the various churches north of Peiping have remained faithful in their Christian purpose and were drawn to Christ more closely. In the work of comforting the churches Pastors Liu Shang-Ch'en and M¹ Chen-Ou were very helpful in visiting places where we could not go.

In February 1938 we had a training conference at Taying. We had teaching for those who attended in the morning and both teachers and students all went out to preach on the streets. Many persons were inspired to become probationers in the church, some were baptized and others were received into the church as full members. March 15th we went to Ping Ma Ying where we held meetings morning and evening. Later we went to Huaijou and from there back to Peiping. On March 2nd we carried on similar meetings at Langfang which were attended by about thirty young people. At this place the meetings were especially fine because Mr. Kao Chu Lin conducted the evangelistic meetings. Many of these young people were moved to deeper Christian lives and they will be the strength of the church in the future.

In closing let me say that my colleagues have been very diligent and we are grateful to God for keeping us firm in the faith.

New Probationers.....	317
Adults baptized.....	160
Children baptized.....	25
Financial Report: Support of pastors.....	\$ 261.
Local benevolences.....	116.
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	18.
Board of Foreign Missions.....	1.

Addenda by Associate

The above report was prepared by District Superintendent Wang. It only remains for me to add that my connection with the district began with the return of Mr. Pyke to America in May 1937, from which time the District Superintendent consulted me with regard to district matters. In September, 1937 I was appointed to the district officially.

As indicated in Mr. Wang's report these months have been exceedingly difficult from every standpoint so far as the administration of the work is concerned but I want to say that I have been very much pleased with the spirit of the men during these months. We find it difficult to be happy over everything that has happened on the district this year but we do thank God for a group of men who can meet difficulties in the spirit of their Master and have continued zealously preaching the Gospel.

We are expecting Mr. Pyke back next fall when he can begin carrying on the work of this district as in the years gone by.

LANHSIEN DISTRICT

SHIH T'ING-TUNG

District Superintendent

HORACE E. DEWEY

Associate

Quick indeed is the flight of time! Nearly two years have elapsed since our last report. What has come to pass within this period of time is given below.

In this district we have 30 churches, one Middle school, one Higher Primary school, sixteen Primary schools, twelve members of Annual Conference, fourteen accepted Supply Preachers and 3468 church members. The district extends 300 li from north to south and 80 li from east to west. At our last Conference 25 pastors were appointed to 25 churches, while five of the churches had no preachers, but four of these churches are now asking for preachers on the self-supporting basis. I am sorry that we have not yet found suitable persons for these churches. The average attendance at the Sunday services is 80 per cent of the membership. In regard to the churches where we have no preachers we arranged with the pastors of the nearby church, in conjunction with his members, to supply these churches on Sundays. Never once has this plan failed although conditions during this past year have been very exceptional. Still, generally speaking, with us it has not been so very bad; every church is safe and the members have diligently studied their Bibles giving help to the preachers in carrying out the plans of the local churches. The blessing of God has been with everyone of us.

EFFORTS OF OUR CO-WORKERS

All of our fellow workers on this district have been doing their duty, trying their best to develop the work, preaching to the members and advocating the general welfare of the community.

What gives us the greatest joy is that the members are careful in following the rules of the church and in assisting the pastors. Therefore, every church is prosperous. Moreover in spite of the hard conditions there has been an advance in the matter of contributions and all of our preachers have made progress in their work in spite of the fact that their salaries have been cut. None of our members is indifferent to the matter of increasing his contribution. This is one result of the preachers' hard work in the various churches. Now we have a plan for all the churches to work together and help each other so that all of the churches are like one big family. This new plan gives us great pleasure.

NEW CHURCHES

Under the present unhappy conditions and the existing financial stringency it might be regarded as difficult for the churches to keep up their present condition but since last Conference on this district three new churches have been established entirely as a result of local contributions. Indeed, God's blessing is to be seen in this.

At Paikachuang a fine new church has been built costing something over \$2000.00. The Holy Spirit is really in this church. The average Sunday attendance is about 300, a number rarely found even in the churches in the large cities.

During the past few months \$1000 has been spent at Changning for the purchase of new property. The average attendance here is something like 20. It has been extremely difficult to establish a church at Changning on account of local jealousies although some of the earnest Christians there have longed for this result for a long time but now the church has been erected and they are asking for a preacher.

Hsink'aik'ou is a seaport. For several years we have been hoping to establish a church here but the lack of funds has prevented us but recently some of the earnest members there have pawned a piece of property for \$300.000 and at last a church has been opened. Now they have decided to try and secure another \$1500.00 in order to put the church on a secure foundation.

Huchiat'ao is a market town east of Laoting. At this point a number of earnest Christian have secured a house to be used for church purposes. This is a very promising place. Lot'un is 50 miles northwest of Chienan a well-known town on the south side of the Great Wall. A few earnest Christians there are making good progress toward establishing a church. Thank God for His blessing so that even in these hard times we have been able to erect several new churches.

GOSPEL TENTS

On this District we have seven Gospel Tents which are used for preaching purposes in the spring time in the various villages. Every time the tents have been set up the attendance has been very good averaging two to three hundred a day. In addition,

many of the village women have stood close to the tent in order that they might listen. In the villages where Gospel Tents have been used a great many people have become interested in Christianity. The weak point in this type of work is that our preachers are too few so that we have difficulty in keeping in touch with those who have become interested. We plan to do better next year in order to keep from losing what we have gained. During the past year owing to financial difficulties it has been impossible for us to have these Gospel Tent results satisfactorily handled but this year Rev. Dewey wrote he would help us with \$1.00 each day for our Gospel Tent work. As soon as his generous offer was known, both the preachers and earnest Christians got together and took turns in preaching. Therefore, this year there has been great improvement in the preaching. If Rev. Dewey is able to help us next year we are sure of having better results.

TRAINING CLASSES

For several years we have had training classes for our church members. In the past we had only one class for the whole district with an attendance varying from 20 to 50. The results were good but owing to the great distance many of the members were unable to leave their homes for one month on account of business difficulties so that in the past many who should have attended these classes were unable to do so. But this year Rev. F. M. Pyke gave us permission to change this plan and hold more training classes. This past year we had training classes at seven points with an attendance of from 20 to 50 at each place, making a total of about 200. For the work of the training classes Mrs. Ma Te Yin and Tang Kui Jung are held responsible. They have been assisted by the pastors at the various centers. The results have been very satisfactory. If we can use this plan again next year and at the same time open more classes so as to give others a chance to attend, the results will be very much better.

UNSATISFACTORY SUPERVISION WORK

All of these various achievements of our fellow workers have to be set down to the Christian workers on the whole district. I must point out that being confined very closely with the work of the Lanhsien School I have been unable to make many trips on the district and therefore I know that not a few important church affairs must have been neglected. I am confident that the results would have been much better if there had been time for me to make more trips over the district. But I am very thankful to all of the preachers for their sympathy and willing co-operation.

STATISTICS

New probationers	...	...	...	...	...	...	555
Adults baptized	...	...	...	...	...	...	449
Children baptized	...	...	...	...	...	...	294
Total probationers	...	...	...	...	...	...	626
Total church members	...	...	...	...	...	...	3468
Contributions for self-support	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$3600
Missionary Collection	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Training Classes	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Attendance	...	...	...	...	...	...	1105
Sunday Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Teachers	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Total S. S. members	...	...	...	...	...	...	1880

PEKING DISTRICT

WANG SHOU-TUNG

District Superintendent

CARL A. FELT

Associate

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In January, 1937 Bishop Hammaker conducted a series of meeting in Asbury Church from the 25th to 31st. He had written to Dr. Kao, Principal of Peking Academy, suggesting holding special meetings with the students. The committee here decided that it would be well to have meetings which would include the church members as well as the students, and this was arranged. The meetings held during this week were very fine because of Bishop Hammaker's power and effectiveness in preaching. Many people were moved and determined to give their lives in service to their God.

On the Shunchihmen Circuit special meetings were conducted by Mr. Chao Te Li. These meetings lasted ten days. He is a member of our church at Chushihk'ou. He has proven himself in many places as a man whom God loves to use in His service. As a result of these meetings a large number of people repented of their

sins and decided to become Christians. Following the work of Mr. Chao, the Reverend Yang Jung Lin continued the meetings for another week with very splendid results.

The members of the church were saddened by the death of their faithful pastor the Reverend Wu Yü K'un, who had given many years to this church; was much beloved by the members and highly respected in the community around about the church, so that his place has been difficult to fill. Because we could not get in touch with Bishop Hamaker for consultation, temporarily we asked Mr. Yang Hua Tung, who had been working in Peking Academy for several years, to assist in this work. He carried forward very effectively up until Conference time.

During Easter Week we asked Reverend Moe, of Tientsin, to conduct a series of meetings in Asbury Church. He is known as a man who preaches with power; he lived up to his reputation as to work among us. The congregation grew day by day, Christians were revived in their faith and others confessed their sins and became Christians. In these meetings were people from several of our other churches in the city who having once attended continued to come daily even though they lived some distance from the church. We express our thanks to Reverend Mr. Moe for his faithful service among us.

This year and a half since our last Conference has been a difficult one because of the national crisis. Even though difficult, work has been faithfully done by our pastors. Special mention should be made of the work of Pastor Su at his church outside of Changyimen. His very efficient work in caring for a very large number of refugees was very much appreciated not only by the people but praised by the welfare groups of the city who, when they knew of his sacrificial work came to his aid with money. During the year the Associate Missionary has helped our pastors with money on several occasions, for which the pastors are thankful as well as myself.

During this time the Peking Theological Seminary has held two conferences both majoring in the Rural Church problem. These conferences have been very effective, particularly because of the presence of Professor Felton of Drew Theological Seminary, who has spent two years in China, spending much time in Nanking but assisting in Rural Conferences elsewhere. We appreciated very much his presence among us and feel sure there will be good results from his work.

As we close we thank our Lord for assisting us throughout the many months of this long Conference year. Without Him we could not have gone forward successfully. Therefore, to him be all the praise.

Addenda by Anociate

In addition to the report above as prepared by District Superintendent Wang, I want to add my word of testimony to the faithfulness of our District Superintendent and pastors during these months. Much has come to discourage them but they have been

able to renew their courage daily because of their strong faith in Him on whom they have learned to depend.

This District could well use the whole time of a district superintendent. There are many opportunities in the city for a man like brother Wang but being District Superintendent of the Chingchao District too, he must spend time thinking and working with the brethren of that district. When the time comes that another man can be appointed there we will surely have larger results in the city with our district superintendent giving his full time to the work.

SHANHAIKUAN DISTRICT

CH'ING SHOU

District Superintendent

HORACE E. DEWEY

Associate

After the Rural Church Conference held in Peking last year, the workers on the Shanhaikuan District decided to put the plans and suggestions presented by Prof. Ralph A. Felton into operation throughout the district. The report consisted chiefly of the results of our labor of the past year.

(1) MASS EDUCATION

Throughout the whole district twenty-four schools were held during the year promoting mass education and the number of students in these schools was 517 in all.

(2) PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

Efforts were made in every church to promote the work of public health. Twenty-two public lectures on health were given to great crowds of people. A temporary clinic was held and over 900 people were vaccinated.

(3) FARMING REFORM WORK

Public lectures on farming and agriculture were held and horticultural lectures were also given to the people who were interested in tree-planting, etc. Eighty-five catties of selected seeds of grain, 15 catties of cotton seed, over 200 grapevine shoots, and over 40 different kinds of fruit-trees were given out. A short term farmer's school was held with an attendance of over thirty people.

(4) EVANGELISTIC WORK

Home visitation over nine hundred times. Bible study classes were held at 23 places. Revival services were conducted eleven times and training for the volunteers twice. New year preaching camps were held at nine places and the number of listeners was 15,880. Fifty-nine joined the church on probation. Family worship was held at thirty-five places and five places carried on shop-preaching work. Thirty-two people acted as volunteer preachers.

(5) RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday School work was carried out according to the age and grade of the pupils and the total number of classes was twenty-seven.

(6) OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

People were instructed to give to the church what they would and thus some gave things, some gave time and labor, some gave produce, etc.

(7) RELIGIOUS MEETINGS AND SERVICES

Special religious services were held throughout the year according to the calendar of the church, such as,—Thanksgiving, Christmas, Passion Week, Easter, Pentecost, and Children's Day, etc. A short preaching service for the children was held every Sunday in connection with the Sunday service.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Inquirers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	288
Probationers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	188
Baptisms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107
Copies of the New and Old Testaments sold	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	560
Gospel Portions sold	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,000

Contributions

Central Conference	...	...	...	...	...	\$	6.00
General Conference	...	...	...	...	...		3 00
General contributions	...	...	...	...	...	\$	2437.00
Benevolences	...	...	...	...	...		139.00
Retired Fund		1.00
Repairs		265.00
Miscellaneous		106 00
Sunday School		21.00
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THE REPORT OF TIENTSIN DISTRICT.

LEE LIEN-YING

District Superintendent

E. E. DIXON

Associate

Right after the last annual conference, all of the workers of our district decided to work hard and to improve our work under the guidance to our great leader, Bishop Hammaker. So there was a union families' movement in Tientsin city. It lasted two weeks with Miss Ortha Lanc as the adviser. Five churches and the Ai Yü Social Service Society of the Sanichuang church took part in the movement. The condition was very good.

Wesley Church opened a Book-study class for the women. And they also held a few home prayer meetings. Tientsin South Gate

church opened a study class for women. Sanichuang church organized an Ai Yu Social Service society. The above organizations had so much to do with the Christain homes.

In the beginning of February. 1937. Bishop Hammaker came to Tientsin. In the mornings he spoke to the young people in the Tientsin South Gate church and he spoke to the adults of the different churches in Wesley Church in the evenings. Bishop Hammaker was strong spiritually and physically. All of the audience were greatly influenced by him. To sum up, one hundred and two registered in our church and eighty-nine wanted to become inquirers.

In April, all the country pastors met in Peking to attend the Rural Church conference. The conference was called by the Peking Theological School. Dr. Felton, our leader contributed very rich materials. Those who were present in the conference were greatly benifited.

At the end of June, Wesley Church invited Dr. Chen Shuo Ching to come to Tientsin. He was with us five days. All what he said concerned our spiritual lives. What he gave us was just what we needed. From June 9th to 13th, all the staff of our district met in Chinghsien church. Our district conference was held there. The conference lasted five days. We talked about the ways and plans how to better our work in our district. By the time of our conferences, we held a few special meetings and discussion groups in order to train some laymen leaders for the country churches.

Since the trouble in North China began, a large part of our work stopped with Wesley church as the exception. Our lives have been in danger. When the street fighting began in Tientsin city, South gate church and West Gate church were between the two rivals. Every body understands what danger we were in then. But we were not killed. On one hand it was due to God's blessing and on the other hand God gives us more days to repent. As for the pastors in the country they suffered more than we. They escaped from among cannon and guns, carrying their old and young. Their things and clothes were entirly lost. They wandered many days here and there. We are thankful to the brethern who showed sympathy to us in spirit and with materials. Three churches were completely destroyed by the cannon. In Hsitzuya there was a church member named Pi. There were twenty-one people in his family. All were killed but one. Pitiful! This year Rev. Aeschliman, the Missionary in charge of our district, removed to Peking and Rev. Coole was on forlough. Fortunately Miss Battin and Miss Carlyle lived in South Gate with us. They went to English concession to send or take patients during the time of War. Their bravery and love we appreciate very much.

One day while I was just eating, suddenly a great figure was in front of me. When I looked at him I found it was Rev. Dixon. To please us that he came to us by the dangerous time.

He was just like a heaven-army to us. Beginning from that day, he became our friend in time of trouble. On that same day he became the Associate District Superintendent of Tientsin district. A great help!

We resumed our work from last September. We planned to help the people in the war area. We had a three week revival meeting. Rev. Troxel and Rev. John Moe preached in South Gate church two weeks and Rev. Dixon preached a week in Wesley Church. The result in both churches was very good.

From March 5th-20th. 1938, a Social Service-Workers study conference was held in Wesley Church. All the specialists and Professor Peter Peng formed the teaching staff. The above mentioned conference was called by the Tientsin Church Union. There were one hundred and eighteen students and thirty teachers. The condition was splendid from the beginning to the end.

On April 13th, the Zion Evangelistic Band came to Tientsin. They preached two weeks in South Gate Church and in Wesley church. They spoke about the repentance and in addition to this, they specially gave directions to the lives of the young people. They were welcomed very much. Last of all we can not but thank our Lord. He saved us from all dangers. We would again offer ourselves to be His servants. We also pray our Lord to bring us forward to face the present situation. From September 1936 to April, 1938, we received.

Probationers.	341
Baptized children 86—Adults.....	152
Self-support.....	4726
Wesley raised \$10,000.00 endowment for the church.	
Other collections.....	173.39

TSUNHUA DISTRICT

W. W. DAVIS

District Superintendent

When the Bishop appointed me superintendent of the Tsunhua District at the Annual Conference of 1936, I told him that on account of my teaching duties at Yenching University. I could not give the District anything like the attention it deserved. Every day since then this sad fact has been borne home to me. The District needs the care and leadership of a full-time worker. On account of my heavy teaching schedule at Yenching University and attendance on Conference Committees during short vacations, I have been able to make only three trips to the District. Most of my work has been carried on by correspondence. But to compensate for this the District has received much help from outside sources and all the preachers have responded splendidly to the needs of the situation.

In the matter of outside help we have especially to thank the following:

1.—Mr. Liu I Hsin and Miss Lane and their assistants for the Young People's Institute held at Tsunhua in October, 1936. This was a very successful Institute.

2.—Rev. F. M. Pyke, Mr. Liu I Hsin and their assistants, especially Rev. Ma Chen Ou and Mrs. Kao, for the session of the Pyke Memorial Bible School held at Yut'ien in December, 1936 and January, 1937. This School was attended by more than 40 church members and the results were excellent. It was the first time that any church on the Tsunhua District had received the benefit of this type of work. Brother Pyke was much pleased with the School and its results and rated it as the most successful school of its kind that he had conducted.

3.—To Miss Lane, Miss Battin, Mr. Liu I Hsin and their assistants for the Training Conference for Volunteer Christian Workers held at Yut'ien in December, 1937 and January, 1938. Though this meeting was held for the whole of the North China Conference, the Tsunhua District was naturally the one that received the most benefit. The Conference was well attended and the students were enthusiastic about the results, as were Miss Lane and Mr. Liu. A good share of the success of these two institutes goes to the credit of the pastor, Rev. Chang Wan Shan, for his fine co-operation.

4.—To Rev. Chao Te Li for very effective revival meetings at Yut'ien, Yahungch'iao and T'iehch'ang.

5.—To the members of the McBrier Bands for their assistance and inspiration to several churches, especially to the Church at Feng Jun.

6.—To the W.F.M.S. Workers for their constant, enthusiastic and successful efforts to improve the conditions all over the District, and especially those among the women, inside and outside of the church.

However, these last two groups can hardly be classed as being outside the District.

But the District has also shown notable advances from within.

1.—Marked new life in all the churches but especially at Tsunhua, Yut'ien and Fengjun. The Fengjun church has long been held up in our Conference as the classic example of a "Dead Church"; but today it is a Revived Church. Pastor Fu himself had a deep religious experience: he then secured funds to repair his church, and has regularly re-opened it for preaching on market days; in this work he has had the enthusiastic support of several of his members and he has achieved results. Brother Fu reports 7 adults baptized and 20 new probationers. The Yut'ien Church reports 37 adults baptized and 33 new probationers, and the Tsunhua Church 61 adults baptized and 86 new Probationers. The Tsunhua church is essentially a Student Church and Principal Chiang serves as pastor. The greater number of the new accessions

there, but not all, are students from his school. He has been able to enlist the consistent and effective co-operation of his Christian work. All the other churches have also made advance and shown signs of life.

2.—The Settlement of the Tunghsinchuangtzu Case. Largely as a result of the successful diplomacy of Rev. Ts'ui Lien Sheng, of Yahungch'iao, the family of Yang Yun moved out of this church early in 1937; a retired member of Conference, Rev. Chang Pai Lin has taken charge and we once more have a church at this town.

3.—The Rebuilding of the Tsunhua Church. This church building had been in a dangerous condition for several years. It has been thoroughly and substantially rebuilt at a cost of about \$2000. Our thanks are due to Dr. N. S. Hopkins, who generously contributed money, time and thought to the work of rebuilding. Great credit is due to Rev. Chiang Hsiu Feng, who secured the necessary funds, and to his students, whom he inspired to such an extent that they succeeded in raising 40% of the required money among their friends and families, many of whom were non-Christians.

4.—The Re-occupation of Hsingch'eng. This large market town situated on the Lan River was long the scene of a successful church. Later on it declined and in the days of "Retrenchment" our workers were withdrawn and our church building closed. Last June while tramping the eastern section of the District in company of Rev. Ma Tsun Ch'ing, of Ti'ehch'eng, he called my attention repeatedly to the needs of that unhappy market town. After parting from him, I went through the town, with its closed church, but its many splendid memories of better days; it was most depressing. But soon there after God opened for us a way to finance a worker at Hsingch'eng and re-open the work there. Our thanks are due to Miss Dyer for allowing us the use of the W.F.M.S. property there. In October, Rev. Ma himself volunteered to undertake the work there, and, as it was within the bounds of his circuit, I gladly allowed him to go. Since then, in spite of two month's of severe illness, he has worked diligently and successfully and done much to revive the church in Hsing-Ch'eng and the neighboring villages.

5.—New Property at Yut'ien. The church property at Yut'ien is far smaller than the average. The Members there under the inspiration of their Pastor, Rev. Chang Wan Shan, raised money and secured a good piece of property just east of and adjoining the old church yard. They are financing this purchase themselves and by renting a portion that fronts on the main street they hope to have the whole place paid for in a few years. It was this additional property that made possible the holding of the two very successful schools at Yut'ien during the two winters just past.

6.—Debt-Paying at Yahungch'iao. In spite of hard times the members of this church are making progress in paying off their debt. Another \$375.00 will clear up matters entirely.

7.—Tsunhua School. The particularly bright point of the whole District is the Tsunhua School, where, under the leadership of Principal Chiang and his faithful teachers, a group of well over 200 boys and girls are receiving a Christian Education. But Brother Chiang will give a full and separate report for that splendid institution.

Christian Work on the Tsunhua District was started sixty years ago, and during these years much fine and earnest work has been done by many workers, American and Chinese, Tsunhua District bore the brunt of the Boxer persecution. Many fine Christian men and women have grown up on the district. A large number of these have put in their best efforts elsewhere.

If one considers the total amount of work to be done in thoroughly Christianizing this region, by far the greater part remains to be done. But just now the people are everywhere open for the Gospel and the opportunities are tremendous. May God give his workers here the insight, courage, and grace to make the best of their opportunities for Christ-like service.

In considering the Statistics one must remember that the Conference year has been unusually long, but as compared with 1936 these figures show considerable advance.

Year	1936	1938
New probationers	49	203
Adults baptized	14	146
Children baptized	32	69
Total probationers	621	688
Total full members	691	810
Inactive members	1456	1470
CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Self-support	\$ 823.	\$1795.
Church building and repairs	\$1918.	\$2141.

(b) Standing Committees and Boards

(1) CONFERENCE WORK

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the North China Conference made the following resolutions:

1. Approving the registration of the Fifth Hui Wen Primary school at Shat'uyuan, Peiping, with the Board of Education and proper steps taken for registration with local authorities.
2. Concurring with the resolution presented by the Lay Conference for more emphasis on the advancement of popular education by all our churches and schools and other institutions of learning within the jurisdiction of the North China Conference.

3. Concurring with the resolution presented by the Lay Conference on the improvement of educational methods and means especially in the extensive use of the phonetic script for children and adult education.
4. Resolved that a request be made for every dollar raised on the field an equal sum be sent from the Board of Foreign Mission; for the relief of war "Refuges" and needy students.

In view of the closing of the large number of schools in the occupied and war zones, thus rendering thousands of students destitute-homeless and school-less—the raising of such a fund for the care and education of these refugee students is a matter of great necessity and constitutes an urgent appeal for service on the part of the Church.

Peiping Hui Wen First Higher Primary

School	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$ 2295.00
Peking Academy	...	...	...	...	...	...	7487.00
Tientsin Academy	...	...	...	...	...	...	1000.00
Changli Academy	...	...	...	...	...	...	2230.00
Tsunhua Hui Wen School	...	...	...	...	...	...	2700.00
Langhsien Hui Wen School	...	...	...	...	...	...	2200.00

5. Resolved that more emphasis be put on religious education in all our schools in the North China Conference. (Resolution by Lay Conference concurred in by the Board).
6. Resolved that more effort be exerted on the part of this committee in co operation with other units in the important work of revitalizing the Sunday School in all our churches of the Conference. It is to be understood that this is to be our special line of emphasis for the coming conference year.
7. Resolved that in order to effectively realize the aim of resolution No. 6, special classes in Sunday School teacher training, Sunday School organization and other features related to efficient Sunday School work, be offered in our Lay Workers Training Institutes, and further that attention be called to the need of selection of qualified persons in all our churches to attend such institute.
8. Resolved that the excellent book entitled "Four Year Plan" be made available to all members attending this Conference and that various projects outlined in the book be applied in the church activities as far as possible.
9. Resolved that an Education Week set for the first week of May be observed in all our churches during the coming conference year, and that materials for such a week be furnished by the Conference Director of Religious Education.
10. The following are recommended to serve on the various committees under the Board of Education:

NORTH CHINA CONFERENCE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I Hsin Liu,

Secretary

From July through October, the unsettled political conditions prevented our taking trips out through the country sections. However, we were kept busy in the office in Peiping, classifying religious education materials and sending out supplies to Daily Vacation Bible School workers in the villages throughout the Conference. During the summer of 1937 425 Daily Vacation Bible Schools registered in our office, but most of the reports from these schools were delayed in reaching us due to the fact that the Annual Conference could not be held in the fall. Usually the pastors bring these reports when they come to Conference. Since the Peiping Sunday Schools were unable to get supplies from Shanghai for several months while communications were cut off, materials were prepared and mimeographed in our office and distributed to them. During this period of delay in Peiping, we had an opportunity to have special sessions with the Peking Methodist Christian Fellowship and also with the Peking "Ch'iu Ling Hui" (Young People's Institute Fellowship).

From November 18th to December 18th, we assisted with a Lay Workers' Institute for the Peiping and Chingchao Districts, held at the Sha T'u Yuan Church, Peiping, at which twenty-five church members were enrolled. Most of these students came from country churches where they had undergone the hardships of warfare. The distressing experiences through which they had passed made them especially receptive to the spiritual message brought by the leaders of the institute.

From November 4th to 14th, Mr. Chang Ying Chieh, assistant in the Religious Education Department, accepted the invitation from Miyūhsien to help with a ten days' church members' training class.

December 18th to January 18th, the North China Conference Lay Training Institute was held at Yūtien, Tsunhua District. In this institute, the Woman's Conference cooperated with us. There was a faculty of twelve men and women and sixty men and women were enrolled as students. In addition to the regular curriculum, there were a number of special activities, including meetings for the local gentry and for non-Christians in the nearby villages.

From February 15th to March 16th, the Secretary acted as Dean of the Interdenominational Lay Workers' Institute at T'unghsien. Thirty-four volunteer workers, upper primary graduates or above in educational qualifications, came as students. At this institute, as well as the one held at Yūtien, the N.C.C.R.E. Lay Training Curriculum was followed.

A series of talks on "Rural Youth" were delivered by the Secretary at the Peiping Union Bible Training School for Women during the last week of March.

Realizing the pressing need of the young people in the present situation for spiritual guidance, the Secretary became the leader of the Zion Gospel Team to work in the student centers. Four young men and one young woman made up the Team which visited Ch'angli and Tientsin in April. During the week spent in each of these centers, in addition to the large meetings held in the mornings and evenings, time was set aside for personal interviews and thus direct guidance was given to many young people in solving their life problems. In each of these places, before the Team left the Student Christian Fellowship had been re-organized and re-vitalized, and had become a functioning group, ready to carry forward the work begun by the Team.

In the North China Rural Workers' Institute held at the Peking Methodist Seminary during the last two weeks of April, three two-hour periods were given to Religious Education. The Secretary led these discussion periods. One evening of this Institute was given to a play visualizing religious education work in the villages.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Recommendation No. 1—Conference Claimants

We recommend that for the fiscal years,—October 1, 1937 to September 30th, 1938, and October 1, 1938 to September 30, 1939 Conference claimants be paid according to the following schedule:

Claimant	Years	Disciplinary Claim @ \$3.00	Necessities Distribution	Total
1. Sun Chiu-Kao 孫九皋	30	\$90.00	\$ 20.00	\$110.00
2. Chang Pai-Lin 張栢林	22	66.80	9.00	75.00
3. Ch'en Yu-Shan, Mrs. 陳玉山太太	20	45.90	3.00	48.00
4. Wu Ch'i 吳 璩	15	45.00		30.00*
5. Li Wei-Yung 李繼煥	15	45.00		30.00*
6. Liu Yueh 劉光鏡	14	42.00		30.00*
7. Liu Kwang-Tzu, Mrs. 劉祖太太	16	36.09	32.00	68.00
8. Liu Shao-T'ang 劉召棠	15	45.00		30.00*
9. Wang I-Heng, Mrs. 王義亨太太	22	49.50	16.50	66.00
10. Chang Tze-Sheng 張自盛	25	75.00	15.00	90.00
11. Tu Wen-Yu, Mrs. 杜文郁太太	15	33.75	26.25	60.00
12. Kui Yin, Daughter of 郭英一女	23	17.25	8.63	25.87
13. Wang Ch'ing-Ho, Mrs. 王清河太太	11	24.75	97.21	121.96
14. Sun Heng-K'uei 孫恒奎	21	63.00	41.50	104.50
15. Tu Pu-Yün, Mrs. 杜步雲太太	16	36.00	48.00	84.00
16. Wang En-Chao 王恩兆	23	69.00	31.00	100.00
17. Hsu Chin-P'ing 徐景平	18	54.00	27.00	84.00
18. Wu Feng-Yu, Mrs. 吳鳳羽太太	2	4.50	55.50	60.00
19. Wu Yi-Kun, Mrs. and 1 child 吳玉崑太太一子	24	74.00	228.00	300.00
Total		912.75	658.58	1517.33

* Part of Claim surrendered

1. Approve of above schedule for the year October 1, 1937—September 30, 1938
2. Approve of above schedule for the year October 1, 1938—September 30, 1939 p. 81 and 82

Recommendation no. 2—Conference Claimants

Retired Local Preachers and their widows.

We recommend that in the case of Retired Local Preachers and their widows for the fiscal years October 1, 1937 to September 30, 1938 and October, 1. 1938 to September 30, 1939, payment be made according to their claims as follows:

Lanhsien District	Units*	Shanhaikuan District	Units*
Ch'ang Fu-Lung	5	Chu Ch'eng Hsü	7
Liu Wen-Yuan, Mrs.	9		
T'sao Wan-Jung, Mrs.	10	Tientsin District	
Wang Ching-Hsin, Mrs.	7	Chou I Yu, Mrs.	10
Wang Liang	6	Li T'ing K'ai	5
Peking District		Tsunhua District	
Chang P'ing	1	Chang Hsien-Wen	3
Kao Yen-P'eng Mrs.	10	Ho Ch'eng-Lung	3
Liu Ch'eng-Mei	6	Ma Ch'un-Tai	3
Liu Ming-Shan	10		
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* Whatever money is available for this fund on January 15, 1938 shall be divided by 95 (Total number of assigned units for this year) and such person shall receive that amount multiplied by the number of units assigned to him (or her) by the Conference Board of Stewards, as shown above.

(2) HOSPITALS AND SCHOOL BOARDS OF MANAGERS

CHANGLI GENERAL HOSPITAL

E. H. CLAY, M. D.

The time since last Annual Conference has brought us regular and steady progress. There has been only very slight interruption in the hospital work and this was for only a very brief period. Demands for hospital services have shown steady growth from month to month. Every period shows a healthy improvement over the corresponding period of the preceding year and some periods show as much as fifty percent increase. There has been a healthy increase in patients and services rendered as well as in income from services. At times there has been a question about finances due to the increased cost of drugs and supplies but thus far we have been able to keep our charges the same as of old. There has been a healthy increase in demands for our first and second class rooms and these have been filled most of the time. Many, many times we have had to turn away third class patients for lack of empty beds and accommodations.

At the annual meeting of the hospital Board of Directors in the winter, it was voted to proceed with plans for building an addition to the present men's third class ward. Funds have been available from a special gift from a friend at home and with these funds we are now making the addition. The rainy weather and excessive demands for building materials here at Changli have contrived to halt our building operation but before summer we expect to have the new wing completed and during the summer to have it equipped and ready for occupancy this Fall.

During the Spring more of the old dilapidated Chinese buildings at the rear of the hospital were destroyed and have been replaced by two new rooms for housing our staff. We have added another man doctor to our staff as well as a pharmacist and they will occupy these new rooms when completed. We still have only a couple of old rooms left of the original buildings here when the mission acquired the property years ago. These two rooms will be torn down this summer to make a place for a couple more rooms for others of our hospital staff. As the hospital increases in size, it is necessary to increase the staff and we must provide adequate housing for them.

Chief addition to our equipment the past months has been the X-ray. This has been a great help to us in many, many cases and local folks have come in numbers to have it used in diagnosis of their illnesses. And we have spent much time in giving special examinations with it to the girls of the local Kuei Chen school as well as to numbers of the boys of Hui Wen school. With it we have been able to make accurate diagnosis of many cases of incipient disease.

Recently the local Japanese adviser to the county government was a patient in our hospital and the X-ray was of very definite value in making a proper diagnosis of his trouble. Most of our work with the X-ray machine at present is fluoroscopic and not taking pictures, but we are slowly and gradually establishing our reputation for taking pictures and folks are coming for them. But the low economic condition of this section makes it difficult for many folks to have pictures when they need them,—for radiographs are expensive.

We have continued our co-operation with Kuei Chen school in giving the senior girls training in first aid work. Each senior girl has had a period of training at the hospital in our out-patient department and she has learned to do common dressings, bandages, etc. so when she goes out to teach in country schools she will know how to proceed to care for cases seen among her own students and their immediate families. Each girl is taught how to vaccinate and will be urged to take vaccination to their schools next year. This is our initial venture in this sort of training and we plan to increase and extend it next year. The Union Bible Training School, in Peking, may send some students to Changli during the summer for a similar training.

The hospital has co-operated fully with the local Child Welfare Association of the Chamber of Commerce and we now have a maternity work established and managed by this Welfare Association. A graduate midwife is in charge and she has two students in midwifery. These students are working in close co-operation with the hospital students in midwifery. In addition to maternity work, this organization is sponsoring a "Better Babies" work.

Much interest has been manifested by the staff in the appointment of Miss Ruth Danner of the W.F.M.S. to our hospital for part time work. We all feel that the two organizations here at Changli are in a peculiarly fine position to thoroughly co-operate in the medical work. For the past five years W.F.M.S. have made possible a woman nurse through an annual grant for her salary. Now they are going farther and appointing Miss Danner to part time work here in the hospital and the country and our staff are all anxiously awaiting her arrival. We feel that she will make a great contribution to the improvement and progress of the work, and with her here we hope to make a closer co-operative effort with the country public health work as well as the health work in the schools. Our institution has grown in size so we can qualify for a nursing school if we desire and this is one of the problems left for Miss Danner to consider. We at present maintain only a school for midwives.

Interest in our institution as a place for healing has grown very rapidly the past few months and our hope and prayer is that we may be able to live up to the expectations of those coming to us for healing. Country folks are becoming more able to recognize the true from the false and this progress is coming rapidly. Already some of the city joints have had to close for lack of consideration and we are pressed harder to handle the increased numbers coming to us. Our prayer is that we may keep pace with the demands and render a satisfactory service that will be a credit to the Christian cause in China.

A few more months and our term of service here will be ended and we will be on our way home. The Bishop has been impressed with the situation here and it is suggested that Miss Danner will be able to render a significant service while we are home on furlough. The need for a foreign doctor as relief was emphasized but it has been stated that such a doctor is not available, and Miss Danner and the Chinese staff will carry on while there is no foreign doctor. Because of her previous tenure of service in China Miss Danner is well qualified to meet the situation and problems that may arise. And so we pray for her and the staff the heartiest co-operation of all other Christian workers in the days that are ahead.

HOPKINS MEMORAL HOSPITAL

The Conference period just ending has been for this Hospital, as for all other North China mission units, a time of contrasts, and therefore of special interest. From the autumn of 1936 to the summer of 1937 all departments of the work were on a level of prosperity and general efficiency above that of any previous year in the fifty-one years of hospital history.

But in July misfortune came with abrupt suddenness; in September, at the usual time of meeting of the Annual Conference, in-patients and out-patients were the lowest they had been for many years. The Administrative Committee reduced salaries and rigorously cut all but the most necessary expenditures in preparation for a long period of depleted income. Fortunately the beginning of 1938 brought a slow return to a more normal status, so that we are now moving ahead as usual, with the number of out-patients even greater than last year at this time. In-patients are still somewhat below the number of last year, due presumably to the still remaining uncertainty and financial stringency resulting from the undeclared war. On the whole, the Hospital has undoubtedly been far more fortunate than the average hospital or other mission institution in the area of conflict. For not being forced to face loss of important staff members, property losses, or indebtedness, we are indeed grateful.

Certain departments are especially to be congratulated on the progress made in this trying period. The Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic and the Surgical Clinic showed a relatively early recovery from the initial depression, and have been particularly busy. The General Eye Clinic has, during the spring months, shown a new maximum in number of cases treated, the clinic registrations during the average week-day in March being only a little below 200. There has been a noticeable increase in the tuberculosis patients seen in the Medical Clinic and X-ray Department, as well as in the X-ray work done for the Sleeper Davis Memorial Hospital. Our clinical laboratory is a very busy spot, serving both hospitals and doing roughly four times the amount of work of a few years ago.

The School of Nursing, like other departments, suffered a setback last autumn, omitting the reception of a new class of students at the usual time. But with the improved outlook this spring class of nine men was admitted in March. We are glad to note greater interest in this important training in conversations with pastors and other church workers, and as we have tried constantly to raise the standards of nursing education, we hope that our men will prove themselves increasingly valuable to China as time passes.

The one division of the institution which has been completely closed by the military confusion of the past year is the Western Hills Tuberculosis Sanatorium. After its fine record of service and growing popularity, the very first rumblings of war near the

Marco Polo Bridge in July rendered it a place of danger and uncertainty, and all of its eighty patients were brought into the city as rapidly as conditions would permit. All neighboring sanatoria were soon likewise closed, and to date none have reopened,—a serious loss to many a tuberculosis patient who may thus be forced to contribute his life as a part of the cost of national conflict. Though but a few miles from the city walls, the sanatorium is too near the domain of the “irregulars” for safe occupancy, and there is no immediate prospect of resuming work. The opening of a temporary establishment inside the city is being considered as a substitute.

We are glad to end this report by recording the daily expected return of Dr. N. S. Hopkins and Helen from the United States. With over a half-century of experience in China “incidents,” Dr. Hopkins considers the present one as not of sufficient threat to prevent his return to a needy and satisfying service among his lifelong friends. For this too we are grateful.

TSUNHUA TUNG JEN HOSPITAL

HAN SHAO YU *Superintendent*

When we think of the war and general situation during the past two years, we feel that God has been with us. During these two years the local and general situation has been very bad, yet our small institution is still successfully carrying on. Do you not agree with us that this is an evidence of God's love and care?

During the first of these two years business was not very good and we had very few patients. Therefore our income was very small, in fact it was not sufficient to pay our running expenses. But that was the general situation. All business was dead. The cause was the war of several years ago and the great losses especially those of the farmers. People had no way to make a living and even those who were desperately sick had no time to come and see a doctor.

But this last year the situation has been much better. We have had a goodly number of patients, an average of 20 per day. Living conditions have been much better than those of the previous year, in fact, they have been good. With our patients we have been very successful and all have made good recoveries.

During these two years our buildings have required many repairs, which have been attended to. All our workers are in good health and they are true to our hospital.

(Schools)

CHANGLI ACADEMY.

W. L. HSU, *Principal.*

(Introductory—The writer of this report, just returned from furlough in February, 1938, having been held up an extra four months in America by conditions in China. He was therefore, absent from the field for the period of 18 months covered by this report. This is not a report of the happenings and events of that period, but of the accomplishments observable on his return.)

The Principal.

The principal, Mr. W. L. Hsü, has worked faithfully and strenuously in building up the school for nearly 12 years, raising money, building new buildings, developing the faculty and attracting an ever increasing body of students. It is very regrettable that it had told upon his physical and nervous condition so that he has been compelled to ask for a leave of absence for a much deserved rest and needed recuperation. Mr. Hsü is a very capable and forceful leader and organizer. He will be greatly missed at the school, and his speedy recovery and early return are desired by all his students and fellow workers. It is an arduous task to step into his shoes in the middle of the year and carry on where he left off.

The New Library Building.

During the school year of 1935-6, a move was started to raise money for a much needed library building. In the spring of 1937 construction work commenced, and the writer, on his return, found a beautiful, commodious building already completed and in full operation. The main central hall is used as a library reading room, for the night study of the senior middle classes and also for some meetings and assemblies. The east end of the building has two floors for the stack rooms, while the west end is used for the office downstairs and a faculty room upstairs. The building is constructed of the local white granite and has a slate roof. It is generously lighted with windows and is an extremely usable building. It was completed just in time to care for the increased enrollment in the fall of 1937.

Enrollment.

The school has been growing steadily for several years. In the fall of 1935 the Academy leased for three years the property of the Agricultural Experiment Station. The Higher Primary Department was moved to that site and the limit set for the middle school at 400 students. This taxed class rooms, laboratories, dormitories and dining hall to the limit. The new library provided better

facilities for studying but did not meet living requirements. Because of the location of Changli in a very quiet region away from the cities, it was not so severely affected by the trouble which broke out in 1937. Many students from this region who formerly had gone to school in the cities came to Changli instead. This brought nearly a 20% increase in the student body causing overcrowding in every department. (The present enrollment is 145 in S.M.S., 302 in J.M.S., 102 in H.P., and 30 in L.P. Of this number 44 are girls.) But, we could not turn these students away; for that was why we are here, to teach and to serve.

Girl's Department.

Though we had been admitting a limited number of local girls to our classes during recent years, 1937 saw a big increase of girl students. A newly erected residence near the school compound was rented as a girl's dormitory and twenty five girls admitted to residence. About nineteen other local girls, also applied for admission. Miss Hsü Mei Li, the school nurse, was made matron and a new experiment in coeducation was launched. The need in this region for a school for girls which will meet government requirement and prepare for senior middle school and for college is very pressing. It is a field which we do not feel qualified to enter. We wish that our sisters of Alderman Girls' School could arrange to meet this problem. If they cannot provide the entire educational program, to provide a hostel for girl students attending the boys' school would be a great help and open for them a growing field of service among the girls of this region.

Agricultural Department.

When the Academy leased the property of the Agricultural Experiment Station, we had a dual purpose, on the one hand to use the buildings for the higher primary department and on the other hand to launch a rural educational project. Mr. S. C. Nien was put in charge of the farm and a group of students brought in to work part time on the farm and study part time. This past year long fiber cotton was raised on rented land and several hundred pounds of seed have been sold to the farmers of the neighborhood who saw at once the superiority of the new product. Experiments in the field of animal husbandry have shown that a cross of the Poland China pig with the local Chinese pig is very much heavier than the ordinary Chinese pig and that the mixed breed is far more prolific than the pure breed Poland China. Therefore, the half-breed boar at the farm has been of great service to the near by farmers. Thus, in our midst connected with the school is going forward a project which is showing the farmers the value of better seed and better breeds of stock. Also our students are realizing the practical and economic problems of rural farm life. Mr. Nien is now endeavoring to provide a goat herd to provide milk. Many of our own students are drinking milk and the advice of nurses and

doctors is increasing the demand. So here again the farm is helping the students.

It is interesting to return after 18 months absence and find growth, development and progress in many lines. It shows the faithful work and planning of the principal, Mr. Hsü, the loyal cooperation of his staff of teachers, and the fine spirit of the students who are eager to learn everything which will help them to be better citizens. Before the return of the writer, Rev. H. E. Dewey rendered very valuable and necessary service to the principal in meeting local situations, which was very greatly appreciated. Further the work of Rev Ch'ing Shou, pastor of the East Suburb Church, through church services, Bible classes, and indirect work with the students has kept the Christian spirit of the school on a high level. His faithful wife, Dr. Ch'ing, is always a welcome speaker at chapels with her helpful hints on healthful living. Though the number of Christian students is not large, the Christian spirit of the school and its program is strikingly evident and the student Y.M.C.A. is an active organization in the school life.

These are my observations on return to Changli Academy after 18 months absence.

LANHSIEN HUI WEN SCHOOL

SHIH TING-TUNG—*Principal*

In regard to the work of this school much improvement has been made during the last couple of years and the number of students has greatly increased. Two years ago there were only 100 students but now we have 270, with 13 teachers. This is three times the number of students we had in 1930. There are now sufficient students to form the three classes of the Junior Middle school. Last year 9 students graduated from the Junior Middle School seven of whom entered a higher middle school and two secured satisfactory jobs. At present there are 42 students in the third year class; 52 in the second year and 47 in the first year class. In addition, in the fifth and sixth years of the Primary School there are 45 students. This gives a total enrollment of 223 students.

Since in the year 1936 both the dormitory and class room space was insufficient, the Board of Directors authorized us to buy a piece of property just east of our school which contained more than 40 rooms at a cost of \$2500.00. Owing to the fact that this property had long been occupied by soldiers all of the roofs and windows were in a broken condition and 15 of the rooms were in a very delapidated condition. To make the necessary repairs an additional \$2500.00 was required. The repair work was undertaken during the Summer of 1937 so that this past year it has been possible for us to take in a large number of additional students.

If we wish to take in more new students next September it will be necessary for us to complete the repair work or we will not have room for them. Our dining room, dormitory and class rooms must all be increased.

Within the bounds of the Lanh sien District there are 50 primary schools in which more than a thousand students complete the course each year. On the other hand there are only four or five Middle Schools within this area so it quite impossible to look after all of the students who wish to attend middle schools.

During the last five years our school has had very excellent results which are widely known. If we push on earnestly it will be easy for us to have over 300 students. More teachers have already been engaged but the question of a science laboratory and library can not longer be ignored. If we start both the library and the laboratory and greatly increase the books and equipment, after five years everything will be completed.

Owing to the unhappy condition of the country the ability of the students to meet their bills has steadily decreased and the school has been piling up a deficit. However last semester on account of the increased number of students our receipts increased in spite of the fact that we spent \$800.00 for new furniture and other equipment. It is evident that the more students we have the easier it will be for us to meet our expenses.

Since the breaking out of the present trouble prices of everything have gone up; the cost of running the school has increased by \$900.00 a year. In addition the hiring of more teachers has compelled us to spend more money for salaries. Now, if we can clear up our indebtedness it will be relatively easy for us to purchase equipment for our laboratory and books for our library, both of which will be of great benefit to the school. However, when we depend entirely upon tuition fees to run the school, the first two months of each term have been quite easy but the balance of the term has always been a time of financial stress and it has been difficult to run things smoothly. Now, however, with our increased receipts we are more hopeful; most of the parents of our students are sympathetic with us and our reputation is growing day by day. The number of our students is increasing. Under these conditions they will be greatly disappointed if we do not find a way to purchase scientific equipment and books. Close attention must be paid to this problem.

In order to raise money for the cost of repairing our buildings I have made trips to Nanking, Shanghai, Tsinan, Peking and Tientsin asking our friends and school mates for contributions and they have all been glad to give us help. At Tsinan we were promised \$1500.00 and we immediately started the work of repairs. At Tientsin Messes. Liu Jung Hu, Liu Yin Yuan and Li Ching Han each subscribed \$200.00, paying half of the amount in each and the

remainder to be paid within seven months. Unfortunately, the present trouble broke out and it is now impossible to collect the balance of these pledges.

We are very grateful that Bishop Hammaker is paying so much attention to our Lanhsien School. Just a short time ago we received a letter from him promising to give us \$200.00 and at the same time to secure other contributions for us.

In conclusion if I myself have neglected or mismanaged anything I hope you will not refrain from correcting me so as to make me more careful in my duties toward the school.

PEKING ACADEMY

KAO FENG-SHAN, *Principal*

Owing to the political uncertainty and the economic depression in North China, Peking Academy has suffered from a considerable decrease in the number of students enrolled for the past three years because our students come from every province in China and even from Overseas. We have been confronted with financial difficulties for three years and I am very sorry to report that we have had to turn over to the Mission the two buildings which we bought four years ago. The fact is that in the past our support came largely from our American friends but now more than ninety-five per cent of our annual budget comes from student fees.

The second semester of the 1936-37 session showed somewhat of an improvement in our student enrollment and so we began to make out better plans for the next school year. Certain changes had been decided upon, especially in our English Department with reference to textbooks and methods of teaching in order to keep up our high reputation in this respect. But since the Sino-Japanese incident at Lukouchiao broke out last July we have been confronted with unprecedented situations. We have run our school as usual but with a small enrollment of 339. We used to have about six hundred students in our dormitories but now we have only one hundred twenty-five.

The most pressing problem is finance. Quite a number of students have not been able to pay full fees and some of the refugee students are even unable to secure the necessary funds. The amount we have spent for this purpose during the past conference year is \$7487.00. We hope that Board of Foreign Missions will do something to help us financially for the care and education of these needy students.

I am very glad to report that all of our faculty are facing the situation courageously and cheerfully and are united in the determination to carry on in whatever ways may be possible even

though their salaries have been reduced to such a point that they are unable to pay their house-rent or to pay tuition to send their own children to school.

The life of the students, as a whole, has never been overlooked. Equal attention has been given to their conduct and religious life as to their studies and physical well-being. Rev. E. J. Aeschliman and Mrs. Ruth Leitzel, and some of the other teachers have rendered faithful service in the development of the students' religious life and as a result twenty-one students joined the church as probationers and thirteen were baptized in the year 1936-37.

Students enrolled for the past conference year-

Senior Middle	...	...	...	...	822
Junior Middle	...	...	...	...	511
Graduates:					
Senior Middle	...	...	...	...	152
Junior Middle	...	...	...	...	67
Faculty	...	...	...	...	82

PEKING HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL

SHANG WEN CHIN, *Principal*

Since the beginning of September, 1936 up to date it is a year and a half. During this period of time many difficulties were met. The most everlasting incident of Lukouchiao happened on July 7, 1937. The most difficult problem of the school is the financial one because so many of the pupils fled with their parents. Therefore, the income of the school is greatly decreased, so we have only about fifty per cent of our former income and this has made necessary a fifty per cent cut in the salaries of our teachers. The number of our students is reduced from four hundred fifty to two hundred fifty. Anyway we have caught up to three hundred beginning from February, 1938.

What can we do in time of war? We must try our best to carry on and leave the rest to God. We have decided to emphasize teaching methods and how to become a modern teacher at the same time. It is not fruitless. The progress of our pupils' standard is improved very evidently at present.

I have not forgotten all I saw in Japan, when I followed the North China Christian Educational group when making a trip to study education in Japan last spring. We visited more than ten large cities and saw more than fifty universities and colleges, middle schools, primary schools and kindergartens, etc. The group was very much impressed while we were in Japan, especially among the Christian schools and the missionaries.

After I studied some methods from Japan, we started a new program of living together with pupils. That is to say, while

they are eating, playing and sleeping we must look after them. Our plan is to live among the pupils, and the pupils live with us, we are one.

In regard to the Junior Church or church for children. I can boast enough to say, it is going along nicely. about two hundred pupils attend the Junior church every Sunday. We go to classes first, then we teach songs and have the devotional service. Choir and music are always prepared in the program. Pupils can sing many kinds of songs and can memorize a number of verses from the Bible. Many well-known speakers were invited to preach to the students. The pupils are more happy than on week days because we are offering them what they need most.

PEKING THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—1937-38

SAMUEL L. S. LEE, *President*

We have been most fortunate in being able to carry on our academic work during the past year while many institutions of learning in Peking have either closed their doors to the students or moved to some remote region in the interior of the country to resume their class room work. The hand of God can be seen working in this institution during the most difficult and trying time and the year just closing should go down in the record as a year of considerable achievement and significance in spite of having gone through this year of hostilities. The administration has received immense help and guidance from the chairman and members of the Board of Managers from time to time in the steering of the work of the Seminary, and a word of appreciation to the entire Board is not out of place. The morale of the life in the Seminary throughout the year has been excellent and this was due to the assiduous and faithful teaching on the part of the faculty and the whole-hearted co-operation on the part of the students. Thanksgiving and praise should be offered to the Heavenly Father for whatever the accomplishments have been during the past year.

Because of the new and unprecedented situation which the Seminary has had to face since the latter part of last Summer, at the request of the writer to the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers and later, with the official approval of Bishop Wilbur E. Hamaker from Hongkong through correspondence, President Emeritus and Professor of Old Testament, Dr. Carl A. Felt, was made Chancellor of the Seminary. This was a wise and necessary step to take for the presence of Dr. Felt and especially his far-sightedness and unflagging zeal for the greater development of the Seminary has meant a real blessing to this institution.

Perhaps the most significant event in the history of the Seminary this past year has been the notable additions to the faculty. Dr. W. P. Chen, Ph. D., with his long years of pastorate work and teaching, was elected Vice-president and professor of the Department of Practical Theology and Church administration. He

will assume his academic duties beginning with the next school year. Mr. Kuang Tou Ch'i, B. A., B. D., our first returned student from America graduated from Drew Theological Seminary with honors was made Head and Associate Professor of the newly established Department of Sociology and Rural Church and also Extension Service to Rural Churches in North China. The training he received at Drew eminently fits him for the task he has undertaken. The chair of the Department of Chinese Literature, vacated by Professor K. H. Liu, was filled by Mr. Hsiao Ling Wu, who received his B. A. degree in Chinese under Dr. Hu Shih, of the Government Peking University. Mr. Wu has charmed his students with his Chinese learning and his method of teaching has made the study of Chinese a pleasure instead of a drudgery as it used to be in the old fashioned Chinese school of former days. For the work of the Department of Sacred Music and Voice Culture, it was most fortunate for the Seminary that we were able to secure the services of Mr. Li Pao Ch'en, B. A. of Yenching University, and B.S.M. of Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Mr. Li is now a candidate for the M.S.M. degree from Oberlin. In developing the Chinese musical ability of the students, Mr. Wang I Shan, a Chinese musician of distinction, was invited to teach Chinese instrumental music in the Seminary. Thus the teaching force has been greatly strengthened because of these additions.

The total enrollment of students for the first semester was thirty: ten in the freshmen year, two in the sophomore year, six in the junior year, three in the senior year, five in the non-credit course, and four auditors. The class of the non-credit course was discontinued in the second semester and the number of the students in the second semester was reduced to twenty-eight. Of the entire student body in the first semester twenty were men and ten were women. The number of men students in the second semester was eighteen and the number of women students remained the same. There has been a steady increase in the number of women students studying in this Seminary and the Seminary is doing all that can be done in preparing these young women for the service of the Lord in the church. We are well aware of the fact that the women workers have their rightful place in the rank and file of the Christian ministry especially in the work of Christianizing the homes.

Work of quality was done in each department by the professor in charge. Because of the claim on his time and service by both the Chingchao and Peking Districts and the Mission alike, Dr. Felt was not able to do any teaching in the Seminary this past year. But the time he has spent in the work of the Seminary was of no small amount. Teaching in the Old Testament Department was shared by both Miss L. Maude Wheeler, the saintly and motherly spirit of the Seminary, and Associate Professor K. T. Ch'i. Professor E. J. Aeschliman ably and efficiently fulfilled his duties in the Department of New Testament. The work in the Department of Theology and Philosophy of Religion was competently carried on throughout the year by Professor Y. L. Yang. Our Librarian

and Professor of the Department of Homiletics and Religious Education was not able to come back to Peking because of interrupted communications. The work of this department was shared by other members of the faculty. We were most fortunate in being able to get Miss Marie Adams, of the Mary Porter Gamewell School, to give a course in Religious Education to our junior and senior students in the second semester. Her service to us was of great value and the Seminary owes her a great debt. We were also fortunate enough to secure the services of Reverend Shou T'ung Wang, B. A., Chairman of our Board of Managers and District Superintendent of Chingchao and Peking Districts, to teach a course in the Department of Pastoral Theology and Church Administration. The Seminary is likewise a debtor to Reverend Wang for his splendid service rendered to this school. Miss Kathryn B. Felt voluntarily and cheerfully gave her time teaching a class in English, and Mrs. O. J. Krause generously and sacrificially devoted herself to teaching our students how to sing the hymns in the new hymnal "Hymns of Universal Praise" throughout the year. A class in Japanese language study was started in the second semester with the Reverend Yasozo Chimizu, pastor of the Japanese church in Peking, as the teacher. The entire student body was enrolled for this class. Reverend Li Kung T'ien returned to his work at the Seminary Experimental Parish at Ch'angp'ingsien after his year of advanced study in the Nanking Theological Seminary. The writer himself struggled the best he could in carrying on the work of the Department of the History of Religions and of the Church and the other duties in the Seminary throughout the year.

Two unit courses composed of eight lectures each were given to the students during the year. Rev. W. Y. Chang, S.T.D., of Peking Academy, gave one course in the first semester in Religious Education on "Organization of Religious Education in the Church and Home" and Rev. James A. Hunter, B. A., M. S., of the Luho Rural Service Center, at T'unghsien, gave one course in agriculture on "Soil and Fertilizer". All students were required to take these unit courses. The Seminary is indeed grateful to both Rev. Chang and Rev. Hunter for their valuable service to the Seminary.

November 24th might be called a red letter day for the Seminary when we celebrated the twenty-five years of distinguished service rendered to the Seminary by Dr. Carl A. Felt in connection with the Seminary Founders' Day Exercises. The celebration was made merrier because the day happened to mark the sixtieth birthday of Dr. Felt. Address of "An Appreciation" was well delivered by Professor Y. L. Yang for this occasion. Associate Prof. K. T. Ch'i delivered his inaugural address on the subject of "The Making of the Preachers' Mind". The occasion was well attended by the alumni and friends of the Seminary to honor the man who has given the greater portion of his life and means for this institution together with his gracious and beloved wife. The whole service was simple but was impressive and the occasion will long be remembered by those who were present.

A concrete piece of practice work started in the Department of Religious Education was the formation of the primary Sunday School in the Seminary. The Seminary refectory with its few adjoining rooms are ideally fitted for a Sunday School with class rooms and assembly room separated and yet on the same floor. The total enrollment in this Sunday School was about fifty with Mrs. E. J. Aeschliman in charge, who is an instructor in the Department of Religious Education. Some of the Seminary students acted as Sunday School teachers to get practical experience through teaching under the proper supervision. This seems to be the best method for the students to do practice work outside of their regular studies. Plans for starting a department for those of teen age are already under way and it is hoped that this can be carried out this Fall.

For the physical welfare of the students arrangements were made along the line of health insurance with the authorities of the Methodist Hopkins Memorial Hospital where the students could go for treatment for various physical ailments at a minimum of expense. The Seminary deeply appreciates this co-operation on the part of the hospital with the work of this institution. Students made good use of all the facilities for recreation and games prepared by the school and the work of caring for the health of the students was well looked after throughout the year.

We believe in the saying that "a strong mind needs a strong body", and "cleanliness is next to godliness". For the sake of producing preachers sound in health, strong in mind, and reverent in spirit, we lost no opportunity throughout the year to create a spiritual atmosphere through the daily chapel period, as well as the Thursday prayer meetings, both of which are conducive to profound spiritual insight and aspiration, with the object of actually reaching a stage of spiritual living in the lives of the students. We feel it is our main task to keep our students spiritually alert and alive, and to constantly keep fresh their "heavenly vision"

The students themselves had their own devotional meetings every week during the year for spiritual culture and edification. It has been our custom every year to invite some outside speaker to come to conduct revival services with a view to enriching the spiritual life of the Seminary. This year we had the privilege of attending the revival services held in Asbury Church during Holy Week from April 10th to 17th with the Reverend John J. Moe, of the National Holiness Association, as the leader. We were bountifully blessed with the Grace of God through attending these services. One special altar service was held in the Seminary under Rev. Moe's leadership and we all rededicated our lives to the work of our Lord. It is interesting to report that this year of unusual happenings in many ways did not derive us of the privilege of hearing men of renown from other countries occasionally as the City of Peking has never lost its charm as a center of attraction to world travelers.

The Seminary enjoys the felicitous affiliation with the James Howell Pyke Memorial Bible School, the McBrier Preaching Bands, and the Horticultural Experiment Station. Much good can be reasonably expected from our Church in North China from this close-co-operation between the different units of work. A unified program can well be worked out and duplication of effort can be avoided in carrying out the projects desired. This long felt need in our common task in the church will be adequately met through such affiliations.

Another achievement that ought to be recorded in the history of the institution during the last year is the building of a four "chien" house back of the Chen Chiang Hutung teachers residence for the girls dormitory. The cost of this house amounted to Eight Hundred Dollars and the writer has to gratefully acknowledge that it was a gift from Dr. Felt as the Seminary was unable financially to put this project into operation at present. In connection with this, the writer has to report that a drastic cut in the salaries of the staff had to be carried out since last September owing to the falling off of the gifts from our friends in America. But one thing for which we are grateful is that no one was discouraged because of the cut for everyone realized that he was doing the Lord's work and the Lord will take care of His children.

A supreme sacrifice was made by Dr. Felt all through the year in sharing some of the expenses of the Seminary with his own exchequer. He helped some of the needy students, paid the salary of the music teacher, Mr. Li Pao Ch'en and the Chinese music teacher, Mr. Wang I Shan, and also part of the salary of Mr. Wu, of the Department of Chinese Literature, beside a number of other items of expense. The writer fears that Dr. Felt's profound love for the school he started will eventually drain his resources. It is not far from right to say that Dr. Felt truly believes in "laying up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal". Lack of funds in the Seminary necessitated the reducing of janitors and thus the students were made to mop the floors in the dormitory where they lived throughout the year. But this was not without advantage to the students themselves through working with their hands. The financial prospect of the Seminary is still far from bright and effective steps will have to be taken to secure funds to carry on the work of the Seminary. Members of the staff are still on reduced salary scale and will be until funds are forthcoming to meet the current expenses. It is our hope and prayer that our friends near and far will give us the needed support for our work at this time of dire need. Gifts of any amount will be greatly appreciated. We believe the friends of the Seminary will stand by us in this hour of trial for had they not stood by the Seminary so loyally and sacrificially during the past years it is difficult to imagine how we could have survived to the present time. We fell for the moment like St. Paul when he said he was "perplexed but not despairing, struck down, but not destroyed." The reason why Paul could say

that was because he had absolute trust in God. We have the same trust in God, the Father.

One more matter of real interest is the Rural Church Conference held again in the Seminary this year from April 21st to 30th. This Conference is held under the auspices of the "Joint Council on Extension Service to Rural Churches," composed of three units, namely; the North China Christian Rural Service Union, Hopei Branch, Yenching University and our Seminary. Owing to difficulties in travel in some parts of the country in this region some of the churches could not send their delegates to this Conference as they did last year and so there were only seven denominations represented at the conference this year namely the Church of Christ in China, the Congregational Church, The English Methodist Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Church, the Presbyterian Church, and the Salvation Army. The total attendance was 192 including the Seminary students. The preachers of the rural districts in North China can never forget the name of Professor Ralph A. Felton, Ph. D., for the most valuable contribution he has made to the work of the rural church in this area. The Seminary is likewise indebted to him for his keen interest and help in the newly established Department of Rural Church in the Seminary. He is affectionately related to us for Associate Professor K. T. Ch'i, who is in charge of this Department, was his former student at Drew. Professor Felton has given his consent to becoming the permanent adviser in the work of this Department. Thus his teaching and influence will be perpetuated in the life of the Rural Churches of North China through the work of this Department in this Seminary.

The graduation exercises were held at the time of the North China Annual Conference session on the evening of May 6th. This year in the history of the Seminary marks the completion of twenty-six years of work in training young men for the Christian ministry. We had two notable speakers, beside Dr. Felt who spoke on the subject "Our Seminary", on our graduation program this year. Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker delivered an address on "Charge to the Graduates" and Professor Ralph A. Felton brought to us "Greetings from Drew and Nanking Seminary". The service was well attended by the alumni, members of the Annual Conference and friends of the Seminary. The writer is happy to report that the Seminary was honored in having Prof. Ralph A. Felton as our lecturer for the James Howell Pyke-Wang Ch'ing Yun Lectureship in connection with our graduation this year.

Before bringing this report to a close, it is necessary to state that the Seminary is confronted with a number of needs, a few of which are extremely urgent. The most pressing need is that for one additional missionary teacher to be added to the present teaching staff. The next urgent need is a suitable building for the library. The stack room in our library is dark and overcrowded and it is impossible to display the books adequately so as to create a desire to read. The books are so crowded together that it is hard

to find them. The present reading room is also too small for our student body. We need sufficient reading rooms so that our students and also the pastors of the city can carry on research work. As ours is the only theological library in Peking we can render great religious service to the community with adequate library facilities at our command. Our third item of need is a suitable room or rooms for our Museum of Religion. At present our museum collections are crowded in a small room on the third floor of the Seminary building. We are trying to make this museum a treasure house where religious relics and objects of historic interest can be preserved and displayed for the purpose of a studying the growth of Christianity in North China. It will also serve the purpose of a laboratory for the classes in comparative religions. Our fourth item of need is rooms for the offices of our affiliated units. Last but not least we need additional financial aid for our Rural Church Department.

We are hoping and praying that some of these needs stated might be met through of some of our friends.

PEIPING HUI WEN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

CHIA YÜ TSUNG, *Principal*

It is with a heart full of gratitude to God for His protection over us through the past year that I am making the report of the year's work in general and not in detail.

I. LIFE WITHIN THE SCHOOL

(1) *Enrollment of students.* No new students came to us from the districts, except two from the Peking District. This was due to the war conditions in the North since the hostilities started last July. Therefore, the total number of the old and new students was fifteen.

(2) *Recent doings of our graduates.* Some of our graduates have remained in school and some are out working privately or in co-operation with others. We have had good reports of their work.

(3) *Our Staff.* There are five of us and we believe in putting our best into the work we are doing. We lost no time in developing our technical ability throughout the year with the sole purpose of serving society and we wanted to set a good example for our own students.

II. OUR WORK

Honesty is our motto in working for others and because of practicing honesty in actuality we have been entrusted with plenty of work to do by the different units of work in our church and the individuals in our church. During the past four years, the writer has had the privilege of attending the North China Engineering School specializing in architecture

and the training received has helped so much in the work I have been doing. I am also happy to report that I was granted the privilege of registration at the Construction Bureau of the Municipal Government of the City of Peking after successfully passing the required examination. The new church building of the Oriental Missionary Society was built by us.

III. OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION

The money used for the payment of the salaries of the staff was from the profit gained through working outside. We were not able to find much work to do after the hostilities started and then the increase in the price of all commodities made things all the harder for us. It was purely through the saving of former years that we could pay off the salaries of the staff during the past year.

IV. OUR RELIGIOUS LIFE

All of our students are Christians and we did our best throughout the year to help them to best develop their Christian life in various ways. We have never lost sight of the importance of religious knowledge to the students.

In conclusion it is my earnest prayer that God will continue to be with us in our work and we will never fail to glorify His Holy Name in whatever we do during the coming year if we are permitted to live and carry on the work.

REPORT OF TIENTSIN HUI WEN ACADEMY FOR 1936-37

LIU FANG, *Principal*

ENROLLMENT

Lower Primary.....	130
Higher Primary.....	93
Junior Middle.....	251
Senior Middle.....	259
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Total pupils for the year.....	742
Faculty and Staff.....	
Full Time.....	42
Part Time.....	5
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Total.....	47

ATHLETICS

In the autumn of 1936 more than forty schools took part in a City Track Meet. Our Junior Middle took third place and the Senior Middle took first place.

In the spring of 1937 with more than thirty schools participating our Juniors took first place and the Seniors second place. Hui Wen won first place in individual records.

RELIGIOUS WORK

With students:

This year only one-seventh of our enrolled students were Christians. The Student Christian Fellowship met once each week. Sometimes speakers were invited. At other times the boys discussed among themselves subjects of importance to them. Every Sunday evening in South Gate Church a young people's meeting was held. Many of the boys attended. On Sunday mornings from seventy to a hundred boys attended Sunday School in the same church. Some week-day Bible classes were held for Junior Middle boys.

With teachers:

On Friday evenings, faculty prayer meetings were held, the teachers taking turns leading these meetings. The teachers learned to know each other better and were mutually helped.

Special meetings:

February 2-5, 1937. Bishop Hammaker was with us to lead in special services for students of both Keen and Hui Wen. In the mornings the students and teachers met in the church. The afternoons were given over to conferences with small groups or with individuals. The result was that 102 boys signified that they wanted to study Christianity more thoroughly.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

An Oratorical contest for primary students was sponsored by the City Y. M. C. A. Twenty schools were represented and forty-four boys took part. Our School took first place. One of our boys took first and another fifth place.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

School for poor children:

There were 160 boys and girls enrolled in the school for poor children. Our boys raised enough money for students and teachers so that these children were at no expense whatever and the boys did all the teaching after school hours.

Monthly Magazine:

Each month for ten months, a school magazine was published. This was done at an expense of \$800.00 but the money was all given by the students.

NEW BUILDING

Three years ago money was raised to the amount of more than \$7000.00 for the erection of a new auditorium and library. This amount was insufficient so in the spring of 1937 enough more money was raised so that the new building was erected and was completed in June. Money to the amount of \$1500.00 was given by one man for the purchase of chairs. The Jen Li Company gave the material for the curtain for the auditorium.

FALL OF 1937

After the Tientsin Incident, the Boards of Keen and Hui Wen met and decided to open school on our own premises. They also voted to ask The Tientsin Educational Bureau for financial aid, if our enrollment should be very low. It was thought best to close the school temporarily if we could not get this financial aid. Students were all notified that the school would open on October 6th. The first day only 25 students came. Because of fear to come to this section of the city, many of our students had gone to other schools in the concessions. Our teachers were willing to go on even at great sacrifice so we kept open and after a few weeks we had 86 students. Teachers received only one-third of their regular salaries, but these teachers put forth their best efforts in spite of the fact that they were not receiving even enough to buy food for their families.

This report takes up to the end of the first term of 1937-38. We should add and that this second term has been much brighter. Our enrollment is up to nearly 300 and we are paying four-fifths salary. Bishop Hammaker has been very sympathetic and although he has been unable to do much for us in a financial way, he sent to us Miss Gertrude Cone, of Nanchang, who has been of great help to us. With her experience and great ability she has done her best and the school has greatly benefitted by her presence.

This past year and a half has brought to us many, many problems, but we feel we have had God's help and guidance and feel grateful to Him. We are ready to go forward because we know He will continue to be our help.

TSUNHUA HUI WEN MIDDLE AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS

CHIANG HSIU FENG, *Principal*

From September 1, 1936 to the time of our Annual Conference, May 4th, 1938, our work of both general and religious education in the schools, has been very fruitful and the enrollment of students is the largest since I came here as principal in 1926. Therefore, we must first of all, thank our Lord for His guidance and protection; also the friends and donors of the school for their financial support and earnest prayers for our Work; and also the teachers for their co-operation and hard work with the aim of developing the work. The following is a report of our work since the last Conference.

I.—The Sign of Prosperity. During my principalship of 12 years God has never failed to help me carry on his work here, especially under these unhappy conditions when I can not go out to solicit money from Chinese friends in large cities as I did in the previous years. He sent us more students last year from whose fees a portion of the lost income has been made up.

II.—The Rebuilding of the Church: The Church which is on the school campus, has been used by the school as a Student Church. Because the roof of the Church was about to fall even though it was held on by strong poles it often made noises and dropped pieces of dirt or bricks from the roof, which made the audience very uneasy and fearful whenever meetings and Sunday services were held in it. At last we were led by God to make a decision to rebuild the Church. Plans for raising money were made.

As the Church was in memory of Dr. N. S. Hopkins for his good work here, as the "Hopkins Memorial Church" we decided to write to him for financial help. In answer to our request he not only helped us with a large sum but also he sent his most dependable man to come and stay here for the supervision of the work till it was finished. Right after the roof was pulled down he and Dr. Backus came too and stayed over a week for giving instructions and directions on the work. In short, the Church was rebuilt more strongly and beautifully this time.

The second way to get money was through the help of the students. Therefore, I called a meeting of the student body and explained the need for a strong church. To what I said to them they (Christians and non-Christians) unanimously voted their willingness to raise money for the rebuilding of the Church. We helped them to divide the students into groups. Five students were in one group. We prepared three prizes for the first three groups of students who got the largest amount of money. Besides, we also prepared metal badges for any student who secured more than one dollar. I am very thankful to say that they raised much beyond our expectation. This shows their good spirit of co-operation with the school.

The third way to get money was from friends and teachers of our school. We received a large sum from them also.

The total receipts from the above ways and the expense of rebuilding the church were as follows:

1. Dr. N. S. Hopkins, a check for \$500.00 and materials	\$600.00
2. From friends and teacher	466.42
3. From students	834.67
The total receipts which were all used for the rebuilding of the church... ..	\$1901.09

III. The Big Days from June 19th to the 22nd.

1. The Rededication of Tsunhua Church, known as "Hopkins Memorial Church"
2. The Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the School.
3. The Baccalaureate Sunday Service
4. Graduating Exercises

The Big Days were passed with success and happiness. If the good Bishop and Mrs. Hammaker had been able to come as they decided to, the Big Days would have been spent with more success and happiness but unfortunately they got sick in Peking one day before they were to start for this rural city-Tsunhua. Thanks and credit must be given to Rev. W. W. Davis because he came and took the Bishop's place at all the meetings beside his own. Oh, he did excellently during the Big Days.

IV Religious Work. The methods of helping students to become Christians are as follows:

1. Through the celebration of Christmas and Easter Sunday, on which days we receive probationers and full Church members.

2. Through experienced Christian workers. In the past year we had Miss Clara Pearl Dyer, Rev. W. W. Davis, Miss Lora I. Battin, Dr. N. S. Hopking, Dr. R. W. Backus, Dr. Ortha M. Lane, Mr. I. H. Liu and others. Both teachers and students had a very good impression made upon them because they were really helped according to their needs.

3. Bible Study. The Bible classes are open to both Christian and non-Christian students. In the classes the Bible is the only Text book. So far the attendance has been very satisfactory.

4. Special entertainments, at which religious plays from the Bible and special songs are the main features.

5. Group Meetings. All students are divided into groups. Each group has a Christian teacher as its Big brother. The group meetings have produced good results in the way of winning students to become Christians.

6. Christian Fellowship. It meets every Saturday afternoon and its force in influencing students to join this group has been very great, and effective.

7. Through good example of Christian teachers.

Besides, we wish to have more ways by means of which we may win more Christians for Him and our Church.

From the last Conference to the Conference of this year the number of new Christians is as follows: Probationers 86; Baptized 61; Children dedicated 5.

V. Needs: 1. Rebuilding fund. We have been planning to rebuild Dr. G. R. Davis' residence as "Davis Memorial Hall", so that it can be used for a library and a science room. The estimate for the rebuilding is \$4000.00 Chinese currency.

2. Scholarship Fund. We need special contributions for supporting poor students in our school. We have 95 students who can pay only partial fees, some of them pay no fees, but board, and some are even unable to pay their board and the school has to help them to pay a part or all of their board money.

3. Endowment Fund for teachers' salary. From 1932 up to the present time the teachers' salaries have been reduced. The principal has many times wished to restore their salaries or pay them a little more, but even the low salaries and the necessary school expenses have caused the school a big debt. The reason is because the yearly income from students and friends has become insufficient for many years. Though the teachers have received so small salaries, they have tried to co-operate with the principal in every possible way and work hard for the development of the school. Therefore, the principal has been exceedingly grateful to our Lord who has guided us to carry the work and protected us all the time, to friends or donors of the school, who have continually helped our work and poor students with money and with prayers, and to our teachers who, in spite of hardship and meager salaries, have tried their best to work hard for the development of the school. May our Lord continue to bless the friends and donors of the school, and guide the teachers as well as the principal to carry His work more successfully in the coming year.

OTHER INSTITUTIONS

HORTICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION—REPORT,

MAY, 1938

NEW FRUIT VARIETIES FOR EXTENSION

The most encouraging feature of the past year's progress is the beginning of a supply of the *new fruit varieties for extension*. We could have had thousands of trees of ordinary varieties ready several years ago but have been sure that our task should be first one of testing and selecting. A number of the two hundred varieties of fruit that have been under test have failed to measure up to our standards of quality and hardness, but some of the new improved varieties show promise of becoming important new fruits in our North China area. Because they bear very young, the berries and grapes have been the first to prove themselves, and a number of varieties have been sent out to different areas to further prove themselves. Each succeeding year should add new ones to the list as they come into bearing and prove worthy of further trial and recommendation.

About two thousand cutting and scions of tested grapes and fruit trees have been distributed through our Methodist Area the past year. These cuttings and scions should give the farmer as good results, if he will give them good care, as we are getting with them. Each year we receive from America cuttings and scions which have been in the mail six weeks or more,—a greater test than those which we are distributing have to meet, and we are building up our fine collection of new varieties in that way. It is necessary to put a price upon nursery stock that has been grown for a year or more in our nurseries, to care for the labor and other

expenses; but we are giving these cuttings and scions to those who will take good care of them, asking only that they pass on to others the cuttings of those which succeed in their localities, thus multiplying the extension forces. A number of pamphlets have been prepared telling how to grow the different kinds of fruit. We are most anxious that churches which want to secure these cuttings and scions in the future begin now to prepare the soil for a good nursery, and plant seeds of the wild pear or apple for grafting pear and apples and peach or apricot for grafting peach, plum and prune.

LAND RECLAMATION EXPERIMENTS

Our land reclamation experiments have come along very satisfactorily and other shrubs and trees have proven valuable to use along with the amorpha, which has given better results than ever the past year. We have found several new aids in propagating and planting these shrubs and more than a hundred lots of amorpha seed have been distributed this past year. We will soon have a million plants of amorpha yielding, besides several large plantings which others are making, so that it will be possible to get a better idea of the yield on large areas of wasteland.

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING SCHOOLS AND CLASSES

Joining with other groups of our mission special agricultural training-classes were given in the churches were special institutes were held. Practical elementary farm methods and orchard care were introduced to these meetings. Pyke's Memorial Bible Class was the best opportunity for such work this past year.

In addition to these classes, a new plan was begun in two places on the Shanhaikwan District, which we hope can be extended to other areas as well,—Circulating Agricultural Schools. This past year seed-improvement, land reclamation and the production of fertilizer, and fruit growing were the subjects taught, in the day meetings, with evangelistic meetings in the surrounding villages in the evenings,—a combination which proved very successful. The apprentices of the Horticultural Station helped in these meetings and were helped by them.

These first trials of circulating schools have been encouraging and we hope there may be several well distributed centers of this kind. One of these places has planted fruit trees and grape vines in the church yards which measure about two mou, and was formerly poorly used land. This church hopes to develop a fruit-garden which will help with God's work, One church member is planting twenty mou of land in fruit and will care for the trees in the church yard.

CHURCH MEMBERS' AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES

To facilitate extension work agricultural improvement groups were organized among the church members of different districts. Lan-fang, which is located in a fruit growing area, is a good example. The church members there have organized a Fruit

Fruit Growers Society with the aim of improving the varieties of fruit, to control insects, and to learn new methods of managing fruit trees.

APPRENTICES AND CHURCH MEMBERS TRAINING PLAN

Young men interested in fruit growing have been admitted to the experiment station as apprentices, after being recommended by pastors or others who understand the purpose of our work. These apprentices come with the understanding that they are to learn by practical field work. One of our greatest inspirations has been the work of these men who come to us from different parts of the country to learn by working, and their influence as they go back to their homes, even for short visits at New Year's time, carrying with them cuttings of new fruits and improved seeds has been convincing of the possibilities of this plan of training.

We are beginning another plan for young farmers who are really interested in learning new methods of fruit growing, but can not leave their work for long periods. At selected periods in the year, we will invite a few at a time to come to the experiment stations and work with the apprentices, learning to do certain types of experimental work, and staying for long enough time to understand the aims of our work. They will work without pay but we will give them selected nursery stock which we are preparing for that purpose to the amount of their railway fare. This gives opportunity for a church located rather distantly from our two stations to send a good earnest young man to learn something of our experiments and to have his travel expenses paid in new varieties of fruit trees or plants.

SEED DISTRIBUTION

Improved seeds, including the No. 811 Millet of Yenching and the Improved Cotton of Tingsien were distributed among the church members of Chingchao, Shanhaikuan, Lanhsien and Tsunhua districts. About 500 chin of millet and 120 chin of cotton have been distributed the past year to farmers.

PRINTED ARTICLES

Several bulletins have already been printed and distributed and others are almost ready. The list includes the following:

The Control of the Peach borer

The Control of *Lecanium corni*, a scale of peach.

The Control of 10-spotted Leaf-beetle of Grape.

Late-Grafting and Early Budding,—Year—round propagation.

Leaflets telling how to grow—Pears

Grapes

Berries

Prunes

Apples

Horticultural Experiment Station,

Kao Chu Lin

W. J. Simpson

McBRIER BAND REPORT

1937-1938

The following is a rough translation with a few changes and additions of the Chinese report which is the co-operative result of the members of the Band:

The McBrier Band has been working almost four years. It started to work at Laochuangtzu, a branch church of the Fengjen Circuit, on the Tsunhua District. This place was on experimental area for three months. Later the Band moved to other villages where the work was hard and this fact accounts for the simplicity of this report. During this time of experiment when the result is uncertain, it is the time for work and not for talk. God has helped us. This report will tell of purpose, methods and results.

ORIGIN OF NAME

An American by the name of Mr. McBrier gave the money to start the work of the Bands. The name came from him. But, another name is also used, namely, Methodist Evangelistic Team.

AIM

The aim is to establish a self-supporting church from the beginning. After a new village is opened, a fellowship gradually develops. When fifteen adults are baptized in this fellowship this group is called a Village church. Then, the aim is to unite these village churches into a Larger Parish.

BAND WORKERS

There are now three bands working, composed of both men and women. There is one pastor, four seminary graduates, one local elder and five Bible women.

PLACES OF WORK

There are two Bands in the Fengjen Circuit of the Tsunhua District. One band was at Sungkechuang 1937-1938, a Nukuo-chuang 1934-1935, at Hsiaopatichuang 1935-1936, and at Hen Ko chuang 1936-1937. One team at Hsinamuchuang established a Village Church 1934-1935; Kaokechuang has a fellowship. A team was here 1936-1937.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

(1) *Volunteer Workers' Institute.* Three were held, one at Chinese New Year, one in the Autumn at Tsunhua and one in the Summer time at Fengjen. There were over thirty delegates at Fengjen.

(2) *Bible Study Class.* This is held yearly for two weeks in one village as a center. There were from fifteen to thirty delegates present. Delegates were also sent from the villages where the Bands are, to the Pyke Memorial Bible School. There were two men delegates and six women delegates.

(3) *Women's Bible Study Class.* The Women's Conference sent leaders to Jenkochuang where such a class was held for a month. As a result this women in the village became very enthusiastic for God.

(4) *Revivals.* Each Band had its yearly revival. There were four leaders from the Band and four leaders from outside.

(5) *Family Week* was held in nine places. There were three classes during the Parents' Week Campaign.

HELPERS

The work of the Band is like that of farmers. It must both get rid of rocks and cultivate the soil. To do this work the need is great and the workers are few. Hence, many from outside assisted the Band. Among these were the following: Miss Ch'en Ming-Hui, Miss Chang Chin-Fang, Miss Yang Mei-Ling, Rev. Chang Hsui-Ling, Mr. Chao Te-Li, Rev. Ma Chen-Ou, Miss Ortha Lane, Miss Hsiao Wen-Pao, students from the Union Bible Women's Training School, Miss K'o Kuei-Hsin, Miss Ch'i Yu-Feng. The Band is most grateful to every one who has helped with service, gift or prayer.

The Women's Conference sent seven persons for ten days to six places to the east and south of Peking.

SOME RESULTS

There have been definite changes in persons. Three persons stopped smoking opium. Twenty-one stopped gambling, smoking and drinking wine. Homes are more harmonious. Workers have been taken by cart to and from their destination without charge. Houses have been provided, free of charge, to the Band. Hsinamu-chuang has a village church which carries on its own worship, has a co-operative and a place to cure opium smokers. There are three volunteer women workers here, a mass education class. Money and produce are given to the church. The pastor is taken into the home. The children sing. The people are polite. The atmosphere is religious.

The total of those who have been won are as follows:

Baptized	67 adults
Probationers	174
Enquirers	491

EVALUATION

The work of the Band has both its strong and its weak points. Some of the strong points are: the farmers take responsibility in the Village Church or fellowship. Some can lead worship. The church belongs to the church members and not to the leaders only. Worship can be held every Sunday during the year. Some of the weak points are: The Band has been weak on follow-up work in the old places. The Band worker does not know how to do individual teaching in the most effective way. There is a tendency to

think too much in city terms instead of rural terms. The wall is too long and the workers are too few. Hence, one wall is built very slowly.

WITNESS BY BAND MEMBERS

- (1) God changed me so that I have pure love for others.
- (2) My heart has been heavy with sorry because my home is in great difficulty, my house has been burned and all the children ran away. But, all this I committed to God and my heart became peaceful.
- (3) After I surrendered to God, he daily guides me.
- (4) Each day, both morning and evening. I have a quiet time to listen to God. As a result bad thoughts are conquered.
- (5) When a person criticises me rightly, I receive the criticism; but, when wrongly, I thank him for the criticism.

E. E. Dixon, Acting Director.

Peking,

May 12, 1938

(b) Reports of Standing Committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE.

The Stewardship Committee reaffirms the recommendations passed by the Conference last year with the hope that the recommendations will be carried out during the coming Conference year.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF POLICY COMMITTEE ON

TRAINING CONFERENCES.

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That the Policy committee appoint a committee on Training Conferences, consisting of one representative each from the North China Religious Education Department, the North China Committee on Religious Education for Women and Children, the Pyke Memorial Bible School, the Peking Theological Seminary, the McBriar Gospel Teams, and the North China Public Health Committee.

2. We recommend that each district hold a church members station class for every one, two or three circuits within the district, conducted by the district workers and local pastors and Bible women, in cooperation with the Pyke Memorial Bible School. In

addition to Bible study and other studies regularly offered in such station classes, classes in Thousand Characters should be provided for all who are unable to read.

3. That every district hold annually one two weeks Institute for volunteer church workers below the grade of Kaoteng graduates (Ch'u-Chi Grade) in which the Conference workers cooperate with the District workers as far as possible. Outstanding church members from the different circuit station classes should make up the student body of this district institute. The Conference Committee on Training Conferences should assist the district workers in making plans for these institutes.

4. (a) That an all Conference Volunteer Workers Institute of one month be held annually (place to be decided by the Committee on Training Conferences) to which outstanding volunteer workers below the grade of Kaoteng graduates (Ch'u Chi Grade) from all the districts come as students.

(b) That the Policy Committee appoint the dean of this Institute.

(c) We recommend that the Conference Committee on Training Conferences be given the responsibility of making all the definite plans and arrangements for this Institute.

5. That for the Institute for Volunteer Church Workers above the grade of kaoteng graduates (Chung Chi Grade), we continue to cooperate with the other denominations of North China, furnishing a share of the faculty and sending well qualified lay workers as students.

The Committee wishes to call attention of the Conference to the following action taken by the Policy Committee September 15th, 1936: "Any district or department of work planning to hold an institute or conference is to inform the North China Religious Education office of the time and place." This action has not been carried out and we urge that it be strictly observed in the future.

The following Committee on Training Conferences was appointed. Ortha Lane, Convener. Liu I Hsin, Ma Chen O, Lee Lien Sheng, E. E. Dixon, and Lora Battin.

Mr. Liu I Hsin was appointed Dean by the Policy Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. The Join Policy Committee recommends that every Church in the North China Conference be urged to promote the organization and carrying on of Children's and Adult Sunday Schools as a major project for the coming Conference year.

(c) Reports of Special Committees

REPORT ON LOCAL PREACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

APRIL 27th, 1938

Balance on Hand Conference 1936	\$ 1226.62
Contributions	449.53
Interest	111.29

NEEDED TO REACH FIRST GOAL OF \$2500, when one-half THE INTEREST WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	712.56
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NEEDED TO REACH THE SECOND GOAL OF \$5000, when all THE INTEREST WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	3212.56
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(Signed) W. W. Davis,
Chairman, Committee

SUSTENTATION PLAN

for

MINISTERS OF THE NORTH CHINA CONFERENCE

(1) The Minimum Salary: How Determined

The minimum salary for a married minister who is a member of the North China Conference shall be the equivalent of sixty percent of the average pastoral salary of all pastors who are members of Conference. In the case of an unmarried minister the percentage shall be fifty percent instead of sixty. For each dependent child of a conference member, below the age of twenty, five percent shall be added to the above mentioned sixty percent, until, by such additions, a maximum percentage of eighty shall be reached.

(2) When Determined

The minimum cash salaries shall be determined annually during or immediately preceding the annual conference. During each annual conference the salaries of the conference members shall be reported in order that the committee on Minimum Salary shall be able to fix the average salary. This average salary may change from year to year.

(3) Committee

The Conference shall elect a committee of eleven members on Minimum Salary for Ministers. Such committee shall elect its own officers including a President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer, annually to perform the usual functions of such officers. The term of office of this committee shall be four years. Members shall not be subject to immediate re-election. The committee shall keep complete records of its transactions. All accounts must be audited by qualified auditors approved by vote of the Conference.

This committee shall fix the apportionment which each member of Conference shall make to the Sustentation Fund, and also the apportionment which the church or circuit shall make to the same fund.

This Committee shall initiate steps to reduce or remove inefficient or unsatisfactory members of Conference.

(4) Apportionment

The Committee on Minimum Salary shall make a graduated apportionment to Conference Members and their churches or circuits to raise the necessary funds.

Retired members of Conference and those whose salaries are less than One Hundred dollars per year are not expected to pay to this Fund.

All Members of Conference in affective relation, including members on leave of absence, supernumerary members, missionary members, and also probationers, whose salary is above One Hundred dollars per year, shall be expected to pay into the Fund according to the following scale:

<i>Salary</i>	<i>Rate</i>
100 to 150 dollars	1% of salary
151 to 200 dollars	1-1/4% of salary
201 to 250 dollars	1-1/2% of salary
251 and above	2% of salary

The apportionment to the pastoral charges shall be equivalent to the apportionment to the ministers.

(5) Failure of the Minister to pay

The treasurer of the Sustentation Fund shall inform the pastor and parish quarterly the amounts they should pay. When the money is paid in the treasurer shall issue a receipt therefor. The money will be deposited in a reliable bank approved by the Conference. The committee shall report to the Annual Conference who have failed to complete the required payment on or before the third day of the sessions of the Conference. If a pastor fails to pay into the Fund on account of protracted illness or extreme calamity he may be excused from paying by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

(6) Honor Roll

Those Ministers and also the pastoral charges that have met their apportionment shall be listed in an Honor Roll which shall be published annually in the year book of the Conference.

(7) Mission Funds

All evangelistic funds from the Board of Foreign Missions for pastors' salaries, including direct appropriations, special gifts, interest on investments, and income from local sources shall be administered as formerly, but a complete report of such payments shall be made to the committee on Minimum Salary Fund.

(8) An Endowment

The Committee on Minimum Salary shall be instructed and empowered to begin at once to raise an endowment, both in China and abroad, and by special campaigns. The income from such endowment shall be used for payment of salaries in accord with this plan.

(9) A Pastor's Income

A pastor's income for the year from his church shall be computed as including: his cash gifts, crop gifts, his income from local endowment held by the church, rentals of church property, and all side-line remunerative occupations,

(10) Distribution

The Committee shall make distribution of the Fund annually during, or immediately after the close of the sessions of the Annual Conference, provided, however, that no distribution shall be made to any member who shall have failed to meet his apportionment.

(11) Proportional Payment

If the Minimum Salary Fund is not sufficient to meet the needs of the pastors and pay all the claims upon it according to this plan, then, after providing for the expenses of the committee, each claimant shall be paid his proportional share, and no money shall be distributed arbitrarily or on the ground of special need.

(12) Right to Sue Denied

No part of this plan shall be construed so as to give a minister the right to sue the Conference. He can only present his case to the Annual Conference for adjustment.

(13) Making the Plan Operative

This plan of a Minimum Salary for pastors shall become operative when adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Conference.

(14) Amendments

Any change may be made in this plan at any Annual Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Conference.

REPORT ON THE LARGER PARISH

We recommend,—

THAT we ask the Extension Service for Rural Churches to establish approximately ten (10) larger parishes within our Conference area and to make a report at the next session of Conference.

E. REPORT OF CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN

1. Table No. 1

Property Valuations (General Summary)

TABLE NO. 1
GENERAL SUMMARY OF PROPERTY VALUATIONS

Including Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Property
(Enumerate with values of Land and Buildings attached.)

Report Only Methodist Property Bd. of F.M. and W.F.M.S. No Union Institutions	No. of Building	Value Mex.
University and College Property.	—	—
(a) Board of Foreign Missions, M.E. Share	—	—
(b) Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	—	—
Theological and Bible Schools.		
(a) Board of Foreign Missions.	6	90000
(b) Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (1936)	4	24260
Middle Schools. (Years 7-12).		
(a) Board of Foreign Missions.	51	887469
(b) Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (1936)	14	420100
Primary Schools (Years 1-6).		
(a) Board of Foreign Missions	80	117850
(b) Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (1936)	92	43580
Hospitals and Dispensaries.		
(a) Board of Foreign Missions.	28	180400
(b) Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	7	227372
Industrial Schools, Orphanages, Leper Homes, etc.		
(a) Board of Foreign Missions.	5	10500
(b) Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	—	—
Printing Press, Machinery, Stock, etc.	—	—
Residences:		
(a) Board of Foreign Missions.	15	264000
(b) Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	4	66000
Churches (exclusive of property used for schools and reported above)	125	535088
Parsonages	118	115703
Total No. of all Buildings and Value of All Property	549	2982322

PARTIAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY

DISTRICTS	Baptisms		Preparatory		Full members		Pastors Self	
	Adults	Infants	Members	Rec'd Total	Total	Increase	Paid	Increase
Chingchao	106	23	187	721	1817	52	534	32
Lanhsien	449	177	555	1347	3448	283	3465	1074
Peking	252	210	402	2204	2878	175	4185	1556
Shanhaikuan	112	20	196	464	1365	102	2437	574
Tientsin	152	86	341	957	1558	105	4726	812
Tsunhua	146	69	203	588	825	134	1674	936
Total	1217	585	1884	6261	11891	851	\$17021	
Increase	120	139		604	851		\$ 4920	
Decrease				1840				

NOTE:—Statistics cover one and one-half years.

E. & O. E.

I PART I
Personnel Statistics

PART I PERSONNEL STATISTICS

Name of District or Circuit	STAFF OF WORKERS														MEMBERSHIP																			
	CHINESE							FOREIGN							Bap- tisms	Preparatory Members		Full Members										Inquirers Under Regular Instruction	Average Total Attendance on Sunday Worship	No. of Subscribers to Christian Advocate	No. of Christian Stewards (Tithers)			
	Chinese Members of Conference	Local Preachers	Accepted Supply Pastors	Not appointed	Exhorters	Bible Women	Other Appointed Workers	Missionaries				All other foreign men workers	All other foreign women workers	Adults Baptised During the Year		Infants Baptised or Dedicated During the Year	Received this Year	Total Preparatory Members Now on Roll	Full Members as Reported Last Year	Died	Expelled or Withdrawn	Transferred by Letter	Received by Letter	Received from Probation	Total Members Now on Roll	Inactive Members	Total Membership							
								B. of F. M.	W. F. M. S.	Ordained Men	Unordained Men																					Wives	Single Women	Missionaries (W.F.M.S.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32			
SUNMARY																																		
Chingchao District.....	8	2	6	11	6	4	7								106	23	167	721	1765	26	1	2	1	80	1817	73	2611	293	710	6	94			
Lanhsien District	12		15	5	36	5	21								446	177	555	1347	3165	63	57	25	6	422	3448	237	5032	626	2056		216			
Peking District	33		4	25	9	9	59	2	3	5	1	7			252	210	402	2204	2607	45		4	14	306	2878	1660	6742	1207	2000	18	87			
Shanhaikuan District	12		4	6	8	3	6	2	1	2		4			112	20	166	464	1265	14	3	2	2	119	1365	20	1859	296	967		44			
Tientsin District.....	9	4	5	8	8	3	2	1		2		2		2	152	86	341	937	1455	26	19	2		155	1558	143	2638	1117	1057	10	107			
Tsunhua District.....	10		5	11	25	2	4	2							146	69	203	588	691	15				149	826	1470	2888	448	688	66	61			
Total 1938.....	84	6	44	66	92	26	99	7	4	5	1	18		2	1217	585	1884	6251	10944	162	80	35	29	1231	11807	3613	21765	3978	7479	95	609			
„ 1936.....	81	7	40	77	96	28	111	8	3	11	2	23			1097	446	3724	5657	10270	138	89	70	9	1055	11040	3503	20149	4318	7540	115	617			
Increase.....	3		4						1					2	120	139		594	674	58			14	176	851	110	1616							
Decrease.....		1		11	4	2	12	1		2	2	10					1840				9	35					335	61	20	8				

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
CHINGCHAO DISTRICT																															
Changpinghsien	1	2	2	2											7			71	124					7	131	20	222	10	90	5	12
Huaijuhsien			1												5	2	12	12	106		1			5	110		122		50		9
Huailaihsien			1	1		1									5		6	47	161					5	166		213	21	60		5
Huangtsun																		33	97						97		130				
Kuanhsien	2			1	1	1	7								23	4	36	243	229	8				23	241		484	60	160		11
Langfang	1		1	4	4	1									25	5	80	167	149	3		2		11	155	17	339	90	75		14
Miyunhsien	1				1										13	3	5	75	203	1			1	13	216	28	319	20	110		14
Niuto	1			2											12		15		135	1				12	146		146	30	30		
Pahsien	1														12	4		143	12						131	8	139	40	65	1	11
Peiyin	1		1	1		1									4	5	12	21	176	1				4	179		200		70		9
Yenchinghsien																	21	52	245						245		297	22			9
Total 1938	8	2	6	11	6	4	7								106	23	189	721	1765	26	1	2	1	80	1817	73	2611	293	710	6	94
Total 1936	5	6	8	12	7	4	9								95	22	1505	736	1689	19	1		1	95	1765	76	2577	372	780	13	93
Increase	3														11	1		76		7		2			52		34				1
Decrease		4	2	1	1		2										1318	15						15		9		79	70	7	
LANHSIEN DISTRICT																															
Ankechuang	2		1	1	3	1	5								33	28	45	66	200	3				33	290		356	40	160		26
Chentzechen	2		1	1	4										88	30	50	80	658	32	40	25		88	649	70	799	100	200		55
Chienan	1		2	1	9	2									112	43	152	199	623	6	3		4	112	727	3	929	140	300		23
Emichuang			3		4		1								57	30	5	7	275	5				30	300	94	401	30	180		16
Lanhsien	3		1		2	1									42	13	91	59	144	2			2	42	186		245	75	180		20
Laotung	1		5		10	1	8								72	6	133	441	622	10	4			72	680	35	1156	114	450		35
Pengcheng	3		2	2	4		5								45	27	79	495	586	5	10			45	616	35	1140	127	586		41
Total 1938	12		15	5	36	5	21								449	177	555	1347	3165	63	57	25	6	422	3448	237	5032	626	2056		216
Total 1936	11		11	17	33	5	25			1		1			638	202	1553	1154	2716	48	54	5	3	553	3165	211	4530	505	2126	3	211
Increase	1		4		3										189	25	998	193	449	15	3	20	3		283	26	502	21			5
Decrease				12			4	1		1		1												131					70	3	

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Name of District or Circuit	STAFF OF WORKERS														MEMBERSHIP																	
	CHINESE						FOREIGN				All other foreign men workers	All other foreign women workers	Bap- tisms	Preparatory Members	Full Members																	
	Full Members	Probationers	Accepted Supply Pastors	Local Preachers	Exhorters	Bible Women	Other Appointed Workers	Missionaries							Expelled or Withdrawn	Transferred by Letter	Received by Letter	Received from Probation	Total Members Now on Roll	Inactive Members	Total Membership	Inquirers Under Regular Instruction	Average Total Attendance on Sunday Worship	No. of Subscribers to Christian Advocate	No. of Christian Stewards (Tithers)							
								Ordained Men	Unordained Men	Wives																Single Women	B. of F. M.	W. F. S. M. S.				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
PEKING DISTRICT																																
Asbury Church.....	17	...	1	20	2	1	42	2	2	4	1	7	...	...	54	84	123	616	775	21	...	1	10	103	866	678	2160	515	900	5	14
Fangchinhsiang.....	1	...	1	1	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	10	13	64	137	2	...	...	...	16	151	68	283	150	95	...	...
Chushihkou.....	5	...	1	1	2	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	13	46	330	543	3	...	...	...	38	578	273	1181	350	320	3	18
Nanyuan.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	16	13	70	69	...	...	...	...	16	85	...	155	31	80	...	2
Shatoyuan.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	14	36	118	69	5	...	...	1	16	81	21	220	...	50	...	8
Yungtingmen.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94	83	...	...	...	...	...	83	...	177	...	...	...	...
Huashih.....	4	...	3	1	2	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	23	29	53	344	437	3	...	3	23	460	411	1217	50	215	2	20	
Tsoanmen.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	4	16	45	50	2	...	3	...	16	61	50	186	20	60	1	5
Shunchihmen.....	4	...	2	2	2	3	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	40	102	523	444	9	...	...	...	78	513	157	1193	91	280	2	20
Changyimen.....
Nanhsimen.....
Paichihfang.....
Total 1938.....	33	...	9	25	9	9	59	2	3	5	1	7	...	...	252	210	402	2904	2607	45	4	14	306	2878	1660	6742	1207	2000	13	87	
" 1936.....	33	1	7	24	10	13	48	3	2	4	3	9	...	...	155	100	265	2904	2568	33	5	14	187	2703	1590	6314	1667	2196	8	100	
Increase.....	...	...	2	1	...	...	11	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	97	110	137	883	39	12	...	...	14	119	175	70	428	...	...	5	...
Decrease.....	...	1	...	...	1	4	...	1	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	10	...	...	...	460	196	...	...	...

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
SHANHAIRUAN DISTRICT																															
Changli East Suburb.....	1			2				2	1	3		4			17		22	83	183					17	200		283		250		
Changli City	2		1		1	1									21	4	51	113	270	6			2	21	287		400	60	180		15
Chienwei	1			2	2	1									5		8	20	216	2				5	219		239	10	120		
Funing	1				1										5		8	35	54	2	3			5	54		89	20	30		5
Shanhaikuan.....	5		1	1		1	3								35	14	60	117	351	1		2	35	383		500	150	200		16	
Shenho	1		1												15	2	25	43	67	3			15	79		122	18	52			
Shihkechuang.....			1				1								2		4	31	44				2	46		77	25	45		4	
Shihmenchai	1				4		2								12		18	22	78				19	97	30	149	15	90		4	
Total 1938.....	12		4	6	8	3	6	2	1	3		4			112	20	196	464	1263	14	3	2	2	119	1365	30	1859	298	967		44
Total 1936.....	11	1	4	6	9	2	10	2	1	3		4			82	13	137	389	1268	23	20	47	3	82	1263	34	1686	336	978	4	49
Increase.....	1				1	1									30	7	59	75						37	102		173				
Decrease		1					4			0									5	9	17	45	1			4	38	11	4		
TIENTSIN DISTRICT																															
Chiaoho.....																			173						173		173				
Litan	1		1		2		1								4	2	21	74	113	5				4	112		186	25	90	1	12
Nanpi	1			4	6										14		80	350	148	5	18		14	139	35	524	825	195		24	
Taicheng	1		1												6		15	72	153	5	1		6	153	10	235	50	70	1	9	
Tientsin Nan Kuan.....	2	1	1			1		1		1	1	2		2	21	20	104	120	154	3		2	24	173	76	369	30	140		15	
Tientsin Wesley	3	1		1		1	1								65	46	45	110	565	10			65	620		730	80	350	4	18	
Tientsin West Gate.....	1			3		1									23	9	31	108	51				23	74		182	80	100	1	9	
Wangchiakou			1												4		17	54	84				4	88		142	21	32	2	8	
Sanichuang		2													15	9	28	49	12	1			15	26	22	97		80	1	12	
Total 1938.....	9	4	5	8	8	3	2	1		1	1	2		2	152	86	341	937	1453	29	19	2		155	1558	143	2638	1111	1057	10	107
Total 1936.....	8	2	5	9	6	3	7	2		1	1	9			113	77	215	736	1355	8	8	4		118	1453	136	2325	758	926	16	104
Increase.....	1	2												2	39	9	126	201	98	21	11			37	105	7	313	353	131		3
Decrease				1			5	1		1		7										2									

PART I PERSONNEL STATISTICS

Name of District or Circuit	STAFF OF WORKERS															MEMBERSHIP																
	CHINESE							FOREIGN								Bap- tisms	Preparatory Members	Full Members														
	Full Members	Probationers	Accepted Supply Pastors	Local Preachers	Exhorters	Bible Women	Other Appointed Workers	Missionaries						All other foreign men workers	All other foreign women workers	Adults Baptised During the Year	Infants Baptised or Dedicated During the Year	Received this Year	Total Preparatory Members Now on Roll	Full Members as Reported Last Year	Died	Expelled or Withdrawn	Transferred by Letter	Received by Letter	Received from Probation	Total Members Now on Roll	Inactive Members	Total Membership	Inquirers Under Regular Instruction	Average Total Attendance on Sunday Worship	No. of Subscribers to Christian Advocate	No. of Christian Stewards (Tithers)
								Ordained Men	Unordained Men	Wives	Single Women	Missionaries (W.F.M.S.)	B. of F. M. W. F. M. S.																			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	
TSUNHUA DISTRICT																																
Fengjen	1	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	20	74	60	4	...	...	...	7	63	360	497	100	70	2	6
Pingancheng	2	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	11	20	29	54	4	...	...	...	16	66	168	263	130	80	2	9
Santunying	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	3	6	54	1	...	...	...	4	57	12	75	15	20	1	6
Shaliuhe	2	...	2	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	4	96	77	1	...	...	...	3	79	49	224	120	90	12	7
T'iehch'ang	1	...	...	4	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	17	25	61	104	...	...	...	...	15	119	448	628	73	84	2	8
Tsunhua	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	5	86	202	64	...	...	...	...	61	125	377	704	...	200	3	11
Yahungch'iao .....	...	...	1	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	17	12	72	190	2	...	...	...	6	194	...	266	5	65	4	5
Yü't'ien .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	10	33	48	88	3	...	...	...	37	122	56	226	...	80	40	9
Total 1938	10	...	5	11	25	2	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	146	69	203	588	691	15	...	...	...	149	825	1470	2883	443	689	66	61
Total 1936	9	1	4	13	31	1	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	32	49	621	680	8	1	...	...	20	691	1456	2717	675	534	71	60
Increase	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	132	37	154	...	11	7	...	...	...	129	134	14	166	...	155	...	1
Decrease .....	...	1	...	2	6	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	232	...	...	5	...

II PART II

Religious Education Statistics

PART II RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STATISTICS

NAME OF DISTRICT OR CIRCUIT	Church School																			Epworth Leagues or Similar Organizations										Daily Vacation Bible Schools											
	No. of Leaders Training Conferences	No. Enrolled	No. of Lay Training Conferences		No. Enrolled	No. of Sunday School	No. of Schools using Graded Lessons	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Pupils Enrolled												No. of Pupils now Church Members	No. of Pupils who joined Church this year	Amount Contributed to Benevolences	Amount Contributed for Current Expenses and Supplies	No. of Young Peoples Institutes	No. Enrolled in Institutes	No. of Senior League Chapters	No. of Senior League Members	No. of Junior League Chapters	No. of Junior League Members	No. of Other Young Peoples Groups	No. of Members in Other Young Peoples Groups	Contributions to Benevolences	Contributions to Local Expenses	Contributions for Summer Institutes	No. of Daily Vacation Bible Schools	No. of Volunteer Teachers	No. of Pupils Enrolled	No. of Children's Services	Average Attendance	Benevolence Collections
									Nursery (3 to 4 years old)	Beginners (4-5 years old)	Primary (6-8 years old)	Juniors (9-11 years old)	Intermediates (12-14 years)	Seniors (15-17 years)	Young People (18-24 years)	Adults (25 years and over)	Home Department Pupils	Total Pupils Enrolled	Average Attendance																						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40		
SUMMARY																																									
Chingchao District.....	36	176	80	801	18	10	51	3	9	83	131	78	49	29	75	49	606	341	101	32	201	25	49	440	11	264	18	219	31	1691	50	72	190	22	21	490	20	236	290		
Lanhsien District.....	2	10	20	1105	18	10	44				115	48	27	60	208		1888	545	83	45	5	150											33	26	400	25	448	120			
Peking District.....	260	89	58	107	12	15	118			121	240	205	180	163	569	45	1583	1197	189	143	285	138	11	258	1	50	1	80	2	514	85	300		9	16	353	5	240	6		
Shanhaikuan District.....	2	50	4	285	7	3	40			27	90	112	104	45	31	152	27	588	453	46	22	21	2	70					3	230	150		40	7	23	309	2	55			
Tientsin District.....			2	131	9	5	61	4	13	75	108	99	104	79	136		743	600	37	25	98	78	6	12					8	181	22	37	18	23	33	469	5	208			
Tsunhua District.....	1	60	3	83	9	6	31				133	88	90	60	37		553	465	347	101									1	112			6	8	130	4	114				
Total 1938.....	301	385	167	2512	73	49	345	7	49	369	839	622	495	422	1177	121	5961	3601	803	368	589	412	68	780	12	314	19	299	45	2728	327	409	248	100	127	2151	61	1301	416		
Total 1936.....	318	1181	265	2500	81	48	321	12	43	280	518	437	345	419	999	307	4381	3186	676	414	413	271	136	825	12	394	20	319	38	2547	465	572	281	85	113	1705	219	1120	235		
Increase.....				12		1	24		6	89	321	185	150	3	178		1580	415	127		176	141						7	181				15	14	446		181	181			
Decrease.....	17	796	98		8			5								186				46			68	45		80	1	20		129	163	33			15						

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	
CHANGCHAO DISTRICT																																								
Changpinghsin*	4	36	4	200	4	5	7			35	35	19	2	1	1	6	99	40	50	22	50	10	4	360	5	250	4	200	15	1500	50	72	40	3	6	110	2	85	210	
Huailihsien*	12	14	21	400	3	4	4	3	5	12	30	32	12	7	10	16	127	70	15	2	115	1	30	60	3	7	12	15	9	100			10	1	300	14	20			
Huailihsien*			1	30	2		5										60																1	1	20					
Huangtsun																																								
Kuanhsien	2	60	3	70	2	1	9				30				30	20	80	60	23			4											2	4	30		30			
Langfang	5	12	1	34	2		5										40	20											3	21			4	7			85			
Miyunhsien			2	35	1		3			15	10	5	2	3	5		40	25																			1	80		
Niuto					1		10			15	25	15	15				70	50																						
Pahsien*	10	4	40	10	2		3					13	18	29			60	60	8	8	30	6	8	10					1	70										
Peiying*	3	50	7	20	1		5		4	6	1	7	5			7	30	16	5		6	4	7	10	3	7	2	4	3				2	2	24	3	16			
Yench'inghsien.			1	2																																				
Total 1938.....	36	176	80	801	18	10	51	3	9	83	131	78	49	29	75	49	606	341	101	32	201	25	49	440	11	264	18	219	31	1691	50	72	190	22	21	490	20	236	290	
Total 1936.....	35	488	81	742	20	9	51	3	9	53	127	52	32	46	113	29	580	436	86	32	204	29	69	460	11	264	18	219	29	1630	50	72	190	34	37	594	176	121	210	
Increase.....	1			59		1				30	4	26	17			20	26		15										2	61									80	
Decrease.....		312	1		2									17	38			95			3	4	20	20									16	16	104	155	115			
LANHSIEN District																																								
Ankechuang			2	80	1		3										100		4		5													7	7	120		98	5	
Chentzechen			8	750	3	3	8				60					100	160	140				15												2	2	40	1	50		
Chienan			1	23	1		2										1100																							
Emichuang					2		4				40	30	2	40	48		160	180																				180	20	
Lanhsien			3	130	1		6				15	18	25	20	60		138	95				10														10			95	
Laoting	2	10	5	20	6	7	12																																	
Pencheng			1	100	4		9										230	130	79	45		125												24	7	240	24	120		
Total 1938.....	2	10	20	1105	18	10	44				115	48	27	60	208		1888	545	83	45	5	150				80								33	26	400	25	448	120	
Total 1936.....	11	347	21	1265	17	7	48			9	58	51	25	68	151		1088	988	375	145		56	5	16					1	150	26	300		7	8	120	1	235	20	
Increase.....					1	3					57		2				800				5	94												26	18	280	24	213	100	
Decrease.....	9	337	1	160			4			9		3		8	57			443	292	100			5	16		80			1	150	6									

* 1936 Figures

PART II RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STATISTICS

NAME OF DISTRICT OR CIRCUIT	Standard Training Conferences				Church School														Epworth Leagues or Similar Organizations										Daily Vacation Bible Schools										
	No. of Leaders Training Conferences	No. Enrolled	No. of Lay Training Conferences	No. Enrolled	No. of Sunday Schools	No. of Schools using Graded Lessons	No. of Officers and Teachers	N o. of Pupils Enrolled										Average Attendance	No. of Pupils now Church Members	No. of Pupils who joined Church this year	Amount Contributed to Benevolences	Amount Contributed for Current Expenses and Spplies	No. of Young Peoples Institutes	No. Enrolled in Institutes	No. of Senior League Chapters	No. of Senior League Members	No. of Junior League Chapters	No. of Junior League Members	No. of Other Young Peoples Groups	No. of Members in Other Young Peoples Groups	Contributions to Benevolences	Contributions to Local Expenses	Contributions for Summer Institutes	No. of Daily Vacation Bible Schools	No. of Volunteer Teachers	No. of Pupils Enrolled	No. of Children's Services	Average Attendance	Benevolence Collections
								Nursery (3 to 4 years old)	Beginners (4-5 years old)	Primary (6-8 years old)	Juniors (9-11 years old)	Intermediates 12-14 years)	Seniors (15-17 years)	Young People (18-24 years)	Adults (25 years and over)	Home Department Pupils	Total Pupils Enrolled																						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	
PEKING DISTRICT																																							
Asbury Church.....	78	26	4	30	1	4	33			30	40	35	75	93	60	20	353	162			149	40	1	200	1	50	1	80	1	300			40			1	20		
Fanchinhsiang.....	78	12			1	2	10				70	50	20	10	30	20	200	180	4	2	60	40											1	4	150	1			
Chushibkou.....	52	20	10	20	1	2	20				20	40	30	50	170		310	200	24	20	20	15	5	40					200				1	5	60				
Nanyuan.....	35	25	42	30	1		4										60	40	23	13																			
Shatoyuan.....	15	4			1		3			40	50	60	40		20		210	170					5	18															
Yungtingmen.....																																							
Huashih.....	1	6	1	23	2	2	15			6	10	20	15	10	150		211	190	76	23	50	15											2	2	60	1	50		
Tsoanmen.....	1	2	1	4	1	1	2								20	5	25	40	10	10	6											4	2	40	1	30	6		
Shunchihmen.....					4	4	30			45	50				119		214	215	52	37		28							1	14	85		1	3	48	1	40		
Changyimen.....																																							
Nanhsimen.....																																							
Paichihfang.....																																							
Total 1938.....	260	89	58	107	12	15	118			121	240	205	180	163	569	45	1583	1197	189	143	285	138	11	258	1	50	1	80	2	514	85	40	9	16	353	5	240	6	
Total 1936.....	255	134	140	203	11	13	103	5	19	90	138	158	166	196	517	243	1299	667	107	189	84	86	21	230	1	50	2	100	2	357			6	13	193	29	220		
Increase.....	5				1	2	15			31	102	47	14		52		234	530	82		201	52		28						157	85	40	3	3	160		20	6	
Decrease.....		45	82	96				5	19					33		198				46			10				1	20							24				

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	
SHANHAIRUAN DIST.																																								
Changli E. Suburb.....	1	35	1	45	2	2	10				25	30	36	20	15			126	120					2	70					3	230	150			2	11	85			
Changli City.....	1	15	1	60	1	1	10		15	20	10	14	15	8	60	15	157	90	5	3		14												1	2	60	1	30		
Chienwei.....																																								
Funing.....																																			2	6	84			
Shanhaikuan.....			1	50	1		8		12	15	12	14	10	8	20	12	103	80	12	6		5												1	2	50	1	25		
Shenho.....					1		2				20				20		40	33	6																					
Shihkechuang.....					1		4				10	10	10		12		42	35	5	1		2												1	2	30				
Shihmenchai.....			1	130	1		6				20	30	30		40		120	95	18	12																				
Total 1938.....	2	50	4	285	7	5	40		27	90	112	104	45	31	152	27	588	453	46	22		21	2	70					3	230	150			7	23	309	2	55		
Total 1936.....	2	47	5	280	7	6	41			61	110	95	71	49	125	25	533	515	35	18	14	48	2	78					4	260	160			6	17	185	2	85		
Increase.....		3		5					27	29	2	9			27	2	55		11	4									1				1	6	124					
Decrease.....			1			3	1						26	18			62			14	27		8													30	3			
TIENTSIN DISTRICT																																								
Chiaoho.....																																								
Litan.....					2	2	6				10	5		5	40		60	45																3	6	70				
Naupi.....							6										125	75	3															6	6	120	1	45		
Taicheug.....					1		2				7	6	14	5			32	20						6	12					1	19	2			4	4	67	1	17	
Tientsin NanKuan.....			1	118		1	20	4	4	15	16	41	50	25	25		180	200			46	35							2	70				2	4	40	1	80		
Tientsin Wesley.....					2	1	9			20	20	15	20	30	15		120	80	30	5	30	20							1	30	20	20	15							
Tientsin West Gate.....					1	1	7			12	20			14	36		82	70	4		20	15							1	20			3	1	4	50	1	45		
Wangchiakou.....			1	13	1		1														2								1	12		17		3	3	57	1	21		
Sanichuang.....					1		10		9	28	35	32	20		20		144	110		20		8							2	30				4	6	65				
Total 1938.....			2	131	9	5	61	4	1	75	108	99	104	79	136		743	600	37	25	98	78	6	12					8	181	22	37	18	23	33	469	5	208		
Total 1936.....	11	80	11	45	11	6	51		10	58	40	60	34	50	68		597	465	65	23	81	48	36	35					1	100	20	200	91	22	31	491	6	289		
Increase.....				86			10	4	5	17	68	39	70	29	68		146	135		2	17	30							7	81	2			1	2					
Decrease.....	11	80	9		2	1													28			30	23								163	73			22	1	81			

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NAME OF DISTRICT OR CIRCUIT	Standard Training Conferences				Church School														Epworth Leagues or Similar Organizations														Daily Vacation Bible Schools								
	No. of Leaders Training Conferences	No. Enrolled	No. of Lay Training Conferences	No. Enrolled	No. of Sunday Schools	No. of Schools using Graded Lessons	No. of Officers and Teachers	Nursery (3 to 4 years old)	Beginners (4-5 years old)	Primary (6-8 years old)	Juniors (9-11 years old)	Intermediates 12-14 years)	Seniors 15-17 years)	Young People (18-24 years)	Adults (25 years and over)	Home Department Pupils	Total Pupils Enrolled	Average Attendance	No. of Pupils now Church Members	No. of Pupils who joined Church this year	Amount Contributed to Benevolences	Amount Contributed for Current Expenses and Splies	No. of Young Peoples Institutes	No. Enrolled in Institutes	No. of Senior League Chapters	No. of Senior League Members	No. of Junior League Chapters	No. of Junior League Members	No. of Other Young Peoples Groups	No. of Members in Other Young Peoples Groups	Contributions to Benevolences	Contributions to Local Expenses	Contributions for Summer Institutes	No. of Daily Vacation Bible Schools	No. of Volunteer Teachers	No. of Pupils Enrolled	No. of Children's Services	Average Attendance	Benevolence Collections		
TEUNHUA DISTRICT	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40		
Fengjen					2		5				10	13	14				37	25	30																	2	2	50			
Pingcheng					1		1										20	15	15																						
Santuying																																									
Shahite																																									
T'ieh'ang			1	13	2	2	4				23	15	16		25		79	50	65															4	6	80	2	60			
Tsunhua			1	30	2	2	14				100	60	60	60	12		292	280	332	101									1	112								2	54		
Yahungchiao ..																	65	50	55																						
Yitien	1	60	1	40	1	1	4										60	45	50																						
Total 1938	1	60	3	83	9	6	31				133	88	90	60	37		553	465	547	101									1	112					6	8	130	4	114		
Total 1936	4	85	7	55	15	7	27	4	5	9	45	21	17	10	25	10	284	115	8	7	30	4	3	6					1	50	200			6	7	122	6	170			
Increase				28			4																												1	8					
Decrease	3	25	4		6	1		4	5	9	88	67	73	50	12	10	289	350	389	94	30	4	3	6							62						2	56			

III PART III
Church and Financial Statistics

PART III CHURCH AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS

NAME OF DISTRICT OR CIRCUIT	Church Properties					Debts		CONTRIBUTIONS IN MEXICAN DOLLARS																										
	No. of Churches owned	Value of Same	No. of Parsonages owned	Value of Same	No. of Rented Chapels and Parsonages	Debts on Property	Paid on Property debts this year	Support of Ministry												Missionary Collections				Local Expenses		Conferences								
								For Bishops		For District Superintendent	For Pastors		For Bible Women	For Retired Conference Members	For Retired Local Preachers	Total For Ministerial Support	Foreign Missions	W. F. M. S.	Bible Societies	Total General Conference Benevolences	Home Missions	All other Benevolences	Total for All Benevolent Purposes	New Church Buildings and Improvements	Current Expenses	All other Local Expenses	Central Conference	General Conference	Annual and District Conference	All other Collections and Contributions	Total Contributed for All Causes			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	
SUMMARY																																		
Chingchao District...	26	33920	30	12166	3	200	200	2	2898	534	360	536	1	...	4	...	51	150	206	1248	255	262	—	1	—	16	2724	
Lanhsien District.....	28	50355	31	20700	...	500	150	...	...	6	10	5324	3645	145	1	21	758	3648	...	30	...	18	173	221	899	885	288	46	22	54	678	6899
Peking District.....	13	163200	11	12500	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	3427	4193	94	...	44	1010	4342	792	13	...	13	1699	1824	1640	1025	413	18	18	...	476	9756
Shanhaikuan Dist.	19	98613	19	22350	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1500	2437	36	...	40	348	2513	...	23	...	...	139	162	265	366	106	6	3	...	15	3436
Tientsin District.....	21	142000	11	35187	29	29	15	40	5600	4726	80	...	13	...	4888	...	21	...	3	413	437	326	409	1127	10	13	2	10000	17212	
Tsunhua District.....	18	47000	16	12800	...	375	450	...	5	...	...	3906	1674	90	...	27	594	1796	...	...	2	1193	1195	2141	25	79	5	...	...	...	5691	
Total 1938.....	125	535088	118	115703	4	1075	800	24	34	21	63	22655	17029	445	1	145	3070	17725	892	91	...	87	3767	4045	6519	2065	2275	85	57	56	11185	45710		
Total 1936.....	119	519859	106	112697	6	1442	100	3	18	30	49	15422	12101	420	4	353	1344	12945	1938	29	136	83	2598	2817	4243	4381	1795	43	47	64	1252	27687		
Increase.....	6	15229	12	3006	700	21	16	...	14	7233	4928	25	1706	4778	...	4	62	136	4	1169	1228	2276	...	480	42	10	...	9933	18023	
Decrease.....	...	...	...	...	2	367	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	3	208	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	1416	...	...	...	8	...	...

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
CHINGCHAO DISTRICT																																	
Changpinghsien*	3	2820	3	2060	...	200	...	...	...	...	1	580	110	...	...	...	...	111	...	...	...	50	12	62	1200	72	200	...	...	...	...	...	1645
Huaijoushsien.....	3	3000	3	1000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300	78	...	...	...	...	78	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	113
Huailaihsien.....	2	1500	1	1400	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	192	20	...	...	...	...	20	...	1	...	1	10	12	...	12	15	...	...	...	...	...	59
Kuanhsien	4	5000	4	800	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	504	40	...	...	...	60	40	...	...	...	...	20	20	20	120	...	...	...	...	...	200	
Langfang	3	5000	3	1500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150	90	...	...	...	...	90	...	...	...	...	78	78	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	201	
Miyunhsien	2	5150	2	2050	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	372	36	...	...	...	...	37	...	...	...	...	5	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	45	
Niuto	3	1000	6	1000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300	15	...	...	...	300	15	...	1	...	...	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	
Pahsien	2	1600	2	600	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	50	...	...	...	...	50	1	...	...	...	10	11	...	6	10	...	1	...	...	79	
Peiying	3	3850	1	756	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300	80	...	...	...	...	80	...	...	...	...	10	10	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	
Yenchingsien	1	5000	5	1000	2	...	200	...	...	...	...	100	15	...	...	...	...	15	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	10	25	...	...	...	...	251	
Total 1938.....	26	33920	30	12166	3	200	200	...	...	...	2	2898	534	...	...	...	360	536	1	...	4	...	51	150	206	1248	255	262	...	1	...	16	2724
Total 1936.....	22	32920	24	11160	4	400	...	...	...	...	2	1958	566	...	...	...	...	568	1	...	4	...	...	179	234	1339	260	454	...	9	...	...	2864
Increase	4	1000	6	1006	...	...	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	360	...	...	...	...	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	.....
Decrease.....	...	...	...	...	1	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	29	28	91	92	192	...	...	...	...	...	140
LANHSIEN DISTRICT																																	
Ankechuang	4	8400	4	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	684	465	...	...	3	144	469	...	3	...	4	18	25	140	145	32	5	3	...	...	...	819
Chentzechen.....	4	9000	4	7500	...	500	150	...	...	...	...	818	588	...	...	2	32	590	...	4	...	3	40	47	500	60	...	...	4	...	...	...	1351
Chienan	1	4600	3	1600	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	804	801	95	...	4	90	900	...	11	...	3	73	87	59	260	226	12	3	54	433	2034	
Emichuang	3	2500	2	2500	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	540	300	...	...	2	240	304	...	...	...	1	...	1	20	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	405
Lanhsien	2	6700	4	1700	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	510	450	50	...	5	60	506	...	5	...	1	22	28	150	220	30	5	5	...	245	1189	
Laoting	8	6955	8	2300	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	280	176	...	...	2	...	188	...	5	...	5	20	30	...	85	...	12	5	...	...	320	
Pencheng	6	12200	6	3100	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1688	685	...	...	3	192	691	...	2	...	1	...	3	30	35	...	12	2	...	...	...	773
Total 1938.....	25	50355	31	20700	...	500	150	...	...	6	10	5324	3465	145	1	21	758	3648	...	30	...	18	173	221	899	885	288	46	22	54	678	6891	
Total 1936.....	26	46726	28	19700	1	202	...	3	9	6	5	4977	2391	50	4	9	696	2468	7	...	17	...	12	227	263	704	568	356	26	21	...	165	4556
Increase.....	2	3629	3	1000	...	298	150	5	347	1074	95	...	12	62	1180	...	13	190	317	...	20	...	54	...	513	2335
Decrease.....	1	3	9	3	7	6	54	93	68	...	1

*1936 figures

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	No. of Churches owned	Value of Same	No. of Parsonages owned	Value of Same	No. of Rented Chapels and Parsonages	Debts on Property	Paid on Property debts this year	Support of Ministry										Missionary Collections		All other Benevolences	Total for All Benevolent Purposes	New Church Buildings and Improvements	Local Expenses		Conferences							
								For Bishops		For District Superintendent	For Pastors		For Bible Women	For Retired Conference Members	Retired Preachers	Total For Ministerial Support	Foreign Missions	W. F. M. S.	Bible Societies				Total General Conference Benevolences	Home Missions	Current Expenses	All other Local Expenses	Central Conference	General Conference	Annual and District Conference	All other Collections and Contributions	Total Contributed for All Causes	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
PERING DISTRICT																																
Asbury Church.....	2	25800	1	1800	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	2520	2346	84	...	30	...	2470	562	...	...	10	1250	1327	75	448	252	10	5	...	350	4937
Fanchinsiang	1	2000	1	800	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	480	90	...	1	390	...	92	2	...	1	3	60	66	1140	31	5	1	1	...	90	1420
Chushihkhou	1	107500	1	5000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	990	...	6	...	...	996	...	10	12	...	88	110	50	350	50	7	3	...	...	1560
Nanyuan.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	...	13	...	...	...	...	1200
Shatoyuan.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	317	...	...	...	...	317	...	...	...	...	20	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	351
Yungtingmen.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Huashih.....	1	8900	1	1500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	427	145	...	3	274	...	148	...	20	...	...	230	250	300	50	...	...	5	...	...	778
Tsoanmen.....	1	1000	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	68
Shunchihmen.....	4	18000	3	3400	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	199	10	...	4	346	...	213	...	...	...	51	51	...	...	142	93	...	...	22	52
Total 1938...	13	163200	11	12500	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	3427	4193	94	...	44	1010	4342	792	13	...	13	1699	1824	1640	1025	413	8	18	...	476	9750
Total 1936.....	13	153200	9	12500	1	840	100	...	...	...	5	3372	2629	96	...	287	120	3017	1088	3	...	16	633	750	166	1204	621	12	24	...	146	6040
Increase.....	...	10000	2	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	55	1564	.....	2	...	890	1325	...	4	10	...	1066	1074	1474	.....	...	6	...	330	3710	
Decrease.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	840	100	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	2	...	243	...	.....	3	...	...	3	.....	.....	.....	179	208	6	...	.....	.....

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
SHANHAIKUAN DIST																																	
Changli E. Suburb...	1	10000	1	2000	900	35	...	935	18	18	3	3	958
Changli City.....	2	13000	2	2400	680	1	...	681	1	51	52	90	107	67	3	1000
Chienwei.....	2	2200	2	1150
Funing.....	2	3500	2	1500	540	54	...	1	216	55	1	15	16	10	28	107
Shanhaikuan.....	4	43513	4	5500	420	36	...	1	...	457	...	20	30	50	120	200	30	10	...	867
Shenho.....	3	14600	3	5800	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	360	43	...	1	72	44	...	...	...	...	25	25	10	15	2	...	...	...	...	96
Shihkechuang.....	2	2300	2	1000	240	40	60	40	12	6	2	60
Shihmenchai.....	3	9500	3	3000	360	300	1	...	301	...	1	1	23	12	5	5	347
Total 1938.....	19	98613	19	22350	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1500	2437	36	...	40	348	2513	...	23	...	...	139	162	265	366	100	6	3	...	15	3430
Total 1936.....	19	98613	19	22350	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	720	1863	96	...	39	132	1998	...	1	...	...	92	93	388	387	123	3	459	...	185	3240
Increase.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	780	574	...	...	1	216	515	...	22	...	...	47	69	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	106
Decrease.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	123	21	17	...	159	170	...
1																																	
TIENTSIN DISTRICT																																	
Chiaoho.....
Litan.....	3	8000	1	1200	2	2	...	2	705	186	2	...	192	2	...	30	32	65	25	40	354
Nanpi.....	6	4000	1	800	1	1	2	...	75	76	...	1	...	1	25	27	38	45	26	1	1	214
Taicheng.....	3	3500	2	1500	1	1	...	1	240	60	62	12	12	25	4	103
Tientsin NanKuan.....	1	30000	2	11000	5	5	10	10	1440	1190	80	...	10	...	1295	136	136	100	200	1731
" Wesley.....	1	60000	1	12687	...	...	...	12	12	...	20	1680	1680	...	...	...	...	1712	...	...	...	...	100	100	...	...	1000	5	5	...	10000	12822
" West Gate.....	2	8500	2	4000	...	...	...	3	3	3	3	600	600	...	...	1	...	607	...	...	...	...	50	50	60	120	30	1	1	...	...	869
Wangchiakou.....	4	3000	1	3000	...	...	...	2	2	...	1	215	215	...	...	...	...	218	...	3	...	...	4	7	38	19	6	1	...	2	...	291
Sanichuang.....	1	25000	1	1000	...	...	...	3	3	...	3	720	720	...	...	...	...	726	...	17	...	...	56	73	...	...	25	2	2	...	...	828
Total 1938.....	21	142000	11	35187	...	...	...	29	29	15	40	5600	4726	80	...	13	...	4888	...	21	...	3	413	437	326	409	1127	10	13	2	10000	17212
Total 1936.....	21	142000	10	34187	...	...	...	...	8	...	13	3635	3914	118	...	18	...	4071	1	4	...	5	297	307	1413	1942	225	2	7	5	...	7972
Increase.....	1	1000	21	...	27	1965	812	817	...	17	116	130	902	8	6	...	10000	9230	
Decrease.....	38	...	5	1	2	1087	1533	3	

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	No. of Churches owned	Value of Same	No. of Parsonages owned	Value of Same	No. of Rented Chapels and Parsonages	Debts on Property	Paid on Property debts this year	Support of Ministry												Missionary Collections		Local Expenses								Conferences					
								For Bishops		For District Superintendent	For Pastors		For Bible Women	For Retired Conference Members	Retired Preachers	Total For Ministerial Support	Foreign Missions	W. F. M. S.	Bible Societies	Total General Conference Benevolences	Home Missions	All other Benevolences	Total for All Benevolent Purposes	New Church Buildings and Improvements	Current Expenses	All other Local Expenses	Central Conference	General Conference	Annual and District Conference	All other Collections and Contributions	Total Contributed for All Causes				
Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	For Retired Local Preachers	From Foreign Sources	From Local contributions	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34												

TsUNHUA DISTRICT																																	
Fengjen.....	2	9000	2	1500	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	360	97	...	...	2	81	100	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	179
Pingancheng.....	5	15000	4	4500	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	660	162	...	...	3	162	166	...	...	...	...	50	30	...	3	25	1	...	...	...	320
Santunying.....	1	1000	1	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	180	21	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	13	15	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	45
Shaliuhe.....	3	5000	3	1800	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1248	356	...	...	4	216	361	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	368
T'iehch'ang.....	3	3000	3	1200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	360	150	...	...	2	135	152	...	...	...	...	100	100	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	357
Tsunhua.....	2	7000	1	2000	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	450	240	...	...	14	...	255	...	...	...	...	1000	1000	1901	...	5	...	...	...	...	3164
Yahungch'iao.....	1	4500	1	500	...	375	350	...	...	...	...	288	288	90	...	1	...	379	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	734
Yüt'ien.....	1	2500	1	1000	...	...	100	...	1	...	...	360	360	...	...	1	...	362	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	2	...	...	...	...	...	526
Total 1938.....	18	47000	16	12800	...	375	450	...	5	...	...	3906	1674	90	...	27	594	1796	...	...	...	21193	1195	2141	25	79	5	...	...	...	5691	
Total 1936.....	18	46400	16	12800	...	725	200	...	...	...	...	2644	738	60	...	...	396	823	...	...	...	1170	1170	228	20	16	...	2	...	756	3015	
Increase.....	...	600	...	...	...	...	250	...	5	...	...	1262	936	30	...	27	198	973	...	...	...	2	23	25	1913	5	63	5	...	...	2676	
Decrease.....	...	...	...	...	...	350	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	756	...	

IV PART IV
Educational Statistics

PART IV EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL 1	2 No. of Schools	3 Sex of Pupils	Teachers				Pupils Both Day and Boarding										Property and Endowments					Mexican Dollars Income							
			4 Foreign Men Teachers	5 Foreign Women Teachers	6 Chinese Men Teachers	7 Chinese Women Teachers	8 Kindergartens	9 Lower Primary (years 1-4)	10 Higher Primary (years 5-6)	11 Junior Middle (years 7-9)	12 Senior Middle (years 10-12)	13 College (years 13-16)	14 Postgraduate (years 17 and up)	15 Theological	16 Popular Education Classes Others	17 Total Pupils	18 Boarding and Hostel Residents	19 Christian Pupils	20 No. of Buildings	21 Value of Buildings	22 Value of Land	23 Value of Equipment	24 Productive Endowment	25 Fees, Tuition, etc,	26 Boarding and Lodging	27 Appropriations Including Special Gifts	28 Contributions from Chinese	29 From other Sources	
SUMMARY																													
Union Institutions.....	3	...	2	34	5	1	...	...	...	8	4	...	...	30	4	46	37	46	6	70000	20000	5000	50520	23	113	8147	162	12133
Middle Schools.....	12	...	2	12	167	41	...	...	...	1587	1184	...	...	...	...	2771	1636	881	64	800969	331000	143000	72074	206278	112748	19864	21993	27127
Chingchao.....	7	...	...	...	...	10	...	182	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	182	5	6	3	1500	2000	150	...	70	...	...	180	140
Lanshien.....	44	8	45	...	1343	119	245	6	1713	267	495	39	37250	9000	4955	7490	4222	4950	953	705	3429
Peking.....	12	...	...	...	28	14	36	538	189	40	...	...	...	...	30	833	23	255	22	4700	32850	2006	500	13441	2899	897	1162	7733
Shanhaikuan.....	13	...	...	1	11	15	...	481	205	...	...	...	...	...	...	686	93	80	7	6000	3750	1830	...	4470	2700	...	20	...
Tientsin.....	4	...	...	...	14	7	70	603	174	...	...	...	...	...	...	847	...	91	19	28000	21000	1790	...	10830	...	...	...	120
Tsunhua.....	7	...	...	...	4	9	...	343	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	423	57	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Special.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bible Training Schools...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	45	33	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nurses Training Schools...	3	...	1	6	9	10	70	70	70	66	11	44000	11000	8160	...	3093	500	199	268	13834
Vocational Schools.....	1	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	20	18	20	5	10500	...	...	...	...	105	...	27608
Grand Total 1938.....	107	...	5	221	251	157	106	3490	767	1880	1188	...	...	30	175	7636	2239	2007	176	100291	43060	166393	130584	242427	123910	3195	24490	92124
Grand Total 1936.....	105	...	37	47	425	152	86	3473	1207	1502	1275	681	103	60	135	8522	1934	2346	476	4311648	722230	693318	144124	332141	142335	378593	69721	462894	
Increase.....	2	...	...	...	...	5	20	17	...	378	...	...	...	...	40	...	305	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease.....	...	...	32	241	174	...	...	...	440	...	87	631	103	30	...	887	...	339	300	3308728	291630	526925	13540	89714	18425	346634	35231	370770

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
UNION INSTITUTIONS																												
Yenching University.....	1	MF									See	Yenching	University	report.														
Peking Theol. Sem.	1	MF	2	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	30	21	30	6	70000	20000	5000	50520	23	113	8147	162	12133
Union Bible Tr. School...	1	F	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	8	4	...	...	...	4	16	16	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total 1938.....	3	...	2	3½	5	1	...	...	...	8	4	...	...	60	4	46	37	46	6	70000	20000	5000	50520	23	113	8147	162	12133
Total 1936.....	3	...	1	4	7	1	...	...	...	26	16	...	...	3	2	80	72	80	6	70000	20000	5000	70000	...	...	3937	...	6625
Increase.....	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	113	4210	162	5508
Decrease.....	...	...	...	½	...	...	...	...	...	18	12	...	...	6	...	34	35	34	...	...	...	...	19480	...	...	...	...	...
METHODIST MIDDLE SCHOOLS																												
Alderman (W.F.M.S.)....	1	F	...	3	4	9	...	...	...	63	...	...	...	...	...	63	63	50	7	37000	3500	5000	...	3655	5933	7119	...	674
Changli Academy Sr.	1	MF	...	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	172	...	...	...	...	172	146	75	11	45369	4500	13000	10300	22018	19107	388	7467	1487
" Jr.	1	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	376	...	...	...	...	...	376	323	95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gamewell School, Sr.	1	F	...	3	26	13	...	...	...	...	139	...	...	...	...	139	89	90	6	140000	64000	26000	...	36174	17044	7494	51	7389
" Jr.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	187	...	...	...	...	...	187	...	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Keen " Sr.	1	...	...	4	...	19	...	...	...	...	87	...	...	...	...	87	75	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Keen " Jr.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	141	...	...	...	...	...	141	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Peking Hui Wen, Sr.	1	M	1	1	45	...	...	...	...	...	606	...	...	...	...	606	438	150	33	430000	76000	80000	61774	97174	47643	3033	...	15906
" Jr.	1	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	362	...	...	...	...	362	138	83	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tientsin " Sr.	1	...	1	1	14	...	...	...	...	...	180	...	...	...	...	180	58	31	4	120000	170000	15000	...	21240	8162	...	11100	...
" Jr.	1	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	177	...	...	...	...	177	57	35	...	...	...	...	...	18975	9190	...	...	...
Tsunhua " Jr.	1	MF	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	281	...	...	...	...	281	249	172	3	28600	13000	4000	...	7042	5669	1830	3375	1671
Total 1938.....	12	...	2	12	167	41	...	...	...	1587	1184	...	...	...	2771	1636	881	64	800969	333100	143000	72074	206278	112748	19864	21993	27127	
Total 1936.....	12	...	3	15	163	32	...	...	...	1342	1259	...	...	...	2601	1276	643	63	900869	384100	175300	72074	206665	116060	23902	7450	23851	
Increase.....	...	...	...	...	4	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	170	360	238	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14543	3276	
Decrease.....	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	245	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99900	53100	32300	...	387	3312	4038	...	...

PART IV EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	No. of Schools	Sex of Pupils	Teachers				Pupils (Both Day and Boarding)										Property and Endowments					Mexican Dollars Income					Mexican Dollars Expenses					W.F.M.S. Total No. of Pupils under Instruction			
			Foreign Men Teachers	Foreign Women Teachers	Chinese Men Teachers	Chinese Women Teachers	Kindergartens	Lower Primary (years 1-4)	Higher Primary (years 5-6)	Junior Middle (years 7-9)	Senior Middle (years 10-12)	College (years 13-16)	Postgraduate (years 17 and up)	Theological	Popular Education Classes Others	Total Pupils	Boarding and Hostel Residents	Christian Pupils	No. of Buildings	Value of Buildings	Value of Land	Value of Equipment	Productive Endowment	Fees, Tuition, etc.	Boarding and Lodging	Appropriations Including Special Gifts	Contributions from Chinese	From other Sources	Total Income	Buildings and Land	Furnishings and Equipment		Current Expenses	Total Expenditure	Total Indebtedness
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHINGCHAO DISTRICT																																			
	B. of F. M.	3	MF	...	...	...	5	...	92	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	...	6	3	1500	2000	150	.....	70	.....	.....	180	140	390	.....	.....	390	390	.....	...
	W. F. M. S.	4	"	...	...	...	5	...	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	5	...	...	.....	.....	Not Reported	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Total 1938.....	7	"	...	...	...	10	...	182	...	...	...	...	...	...	182	5	6	3	1500	2000	150	.....	70	.....	.....	180	140	390	.....	.....	390	390	.....	...
	Total 1936.....	14	"	8	9	...	87	237	9	639	44	81	56	4400	2500	650	1240	84	936	2260	300	230	2040	2570	950
Increase.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease.....	7	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	237	...	...	...	...	...	9	457	39	75	53	2900	500	500	.....	1170	.....	.....	...	796	1870	300	230	1650	2180	950	...

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
LANHSIEN DISTRICT																																			
B. of F. M.....	27	MF	...	...	8	28	...	855	61	...	...	...	...	...	6	922	74	254	29	14050	4000	2105	1490	1112	420	764	705	379	3380	150	87	2981	3218	.....	...
W. F. M. S.....	16	"	...	...	...	17	...	488	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	488	20	145	...	.....	Not reported	2850	6000	3110	4530	189	.....	3050	10879	5300	800	10879	16979	4549	...
Lanhsien Primary.....	1	"	...	...	...	...	...	58	245	...	...	...	...	...	...	303	173	96	10	23200	5000	2850	6000	3110	4530	189	.....	3050	10879	5300	800	10879	16979	4549	...
Total 1938.....	44	"	...	...	8	45	...	1343	119	245	...	...	...	...	6	1713	267	495	39	37250	9000	4955	7490	4222	4950	953	705	3429	14259	5450	887	13860	20197	4549	...
Total 1936.....	26	"	...	...	14	19	...	696	148	48	...	...	...	...	4	896	178	358	39	48200	7300	2750	1050	2391	3232	2187	1229	1409	10448	17	27	11671	11715	295	...
Increase	18	...	...	...	...	26	...	647	...	197	...	...	...	...	2	817	89	137	...	.....	1700	2205	6440	1831	1718	...	...	2020	3811	5433	860	2189	8482	4345	...
Decrease.....	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10950	.....	.....	...	...	...	1234	524	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
PEKING DISTRICT																																			
B. of F. M.....	5	MF	...	...	3	3	...	142	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	142	...	27	6	1300	2050	108	.....	152	.....	228	180	206	766	.....	121	788	909	.....	...
W. F. M. S.....	4	"	...	...	...	7	...	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99	...	...	...	.....	.....	Not reported	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Chushihkou.....	2	"	...	...	7	1	...	138	69	...	...	...	...	...	30	237	...	20	6	1400	2800	500	500	2029	.....	.....	.....	17	2046	50	50	1946	2046	.....	...
East City.....	1	"	...	...	18	3	14	181	120	40	...	...	...	...	...	355	23	178	10	2000	28000	1400	.....	11260	2899	669	982	7510	23320	1500	2000	19700	23200	.....	...
Total 1938.....	12	...	...	...	28	14	36	538	189	40	...	...	...	...	30	833	23	255	22	4700	32850	2008	500	13441	2899	897	1162	7733	26132	1550	2171	22434	26155	.....	...
Total 1936.....	14	...	...	...	36	20	22	851	408	56	...	...	...	...	30	1367	93	443	147	7200	33450	3008	1000	18675	1331	2824	180	1910	24920	769	546	22728	24043	894	...
Increase .....	...	...	...	...	...	14	313	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1568	.....	982	5823	1212	781	1625	.....	2112	.....	...
Decrease	2	...	...	...	8	6	...	...	219	16	...	...	...	...	...	534	70	188	125	2500	600	1000	500	5234	.....	1927	...	.....	.....	.....	294	.....	.....	...

†1936 Figures

PART IV EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL 1	No. of Schools 2	Sex of Pupils 3	Teachers				Pupils (Both Day and Boarding)										Property and Endowments					Mexican Dollars Income						Mexican Dollars Expenses					W.F.M.S. Total No. of Pupils under Instruction 36			
			Foreign Men Teachers 4	Foreign Women Teachers 5	Chinese Men Teachers 6	Chinese Women Teachers 7	Kindergartens 8	Lower Primary (years 1-4) 9	Higher Primary (years 5-6) 10	Junior Middle (years 7-9) 11	Senior Middle (years 10-12) 12	College (years 13-16) 13	Postgraduate (years 17 and up) 14	Theological 15	Popular Education Classes Others 16	Total Pupils 17	Boarding and Hostel Residents 18	Christian Pupils 19	No. of Buildings 20	Value of Buildings 21	Value of Land 22	Value of Equipment 23	Productive Endowment 24	Fees, Tuition, etc., 25	Boarding and Lodging 26	Appropriations Including Special Gifts 27	Contributions from Chinese 28	From other Sources 29	Total Income 30	Buildings and Land 31	Furnishings and Equipment 32	Current Expenses 33		Total Expenditure 34	Total Indebtedness 35	
SHANHAIKUAN DIST.																																				
B. of F. M.	5	MF	...	...	5	...	...	154	5	...	...	...	...	...	159	...	26	7	6000	3750	830	.....	470	.....	.....	20	.....	490	125	16	683	824	.....	.....
W. F. M. S.	6	"	...	1	...	11	...	207	...	...	...	...	...	...	207	3	39	...	.....	Not Reported	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alderman (W.F.M.S.)....	1	F	...	...	1	4	...	120	54	...	...	...	...	...	174	...	...	...	.....	Included in	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Changli Primary.....	1	M	...	...	5	...	...	...	146	...	...	...	...	...	146	90	15	...	.....	500	.....	4000	2700	.....	.....	.....	.....	6700	.....	441	6259	6700	.....	.....
Total 1938.....	13	...	...	1	11	15	...	481	205	...	...	...	...	...	686	93	80	7	6000	3750	1330	.....	4470	2700	.....	20	.....	7190	125	457	6942	7524	.....	.....
Total 1936.....	13	...	...	...	7	15	...	572	92	...	...	...	...	...	664	100	238	25	19600	9480	860	..	1288	301	1748	371	1196	4904	85	38	4227	4350	68	.....	
Increase.....	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	113	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	.....	.....	470	.....	3182	2399	.....	.....	.....	2286	40	419	2715	3174	.....	.....
Decrease.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	91	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	158	18	13600	5730	.....	.....	.....	.....	1748	351	1196	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	.....	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	
TIENTSIN DISTRICT																																				
B. of F. M.....	1	MF	...	...	7	2	70	403	97	...	...	...	...	...	...	570	...	32	18	3000	6000	600	...	3700	...	...	...	120	3820	.....	150	3660	3810	.....	...
W. F. M. S.....	2	"	...	...	...	3	...	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	...	12	...	...	...	Not reported	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tientsin Primary*.....	1	"	...	...	7	2	...	144	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	221	...	47	1	25000	15000	1190	...	7130	...	...	...	...	7130	.....	240	6890	7130	.....	...
Total 1938.....	4	...	...	...	14	7	70	603	174	...	...	...	...	...	...	847	...	91	19	28000	21000	1790	...	10830	...	...	...	120	10950	.....	390	10530	10940	.....	...
Total 1936.....	8	...	...	...	18	13	64	724	153	...	...	...	...	...	...	941	...	314	48	25000	16000	3350	...	20609	...	2141	407	581	23738	50	55	23481	23586	859	...
Increase.....	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94	...	223	29	...	3000	5000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	335	.....	...	...	...
Decrease.....	4	...	...	...	4	6	...	121	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	1560	...	9779	...	2141	407	461	12788	50	...	12131	12646	859	...
TSUNHUA DISTRICT																																				
B. of F. M.....	6	MF	...	...	...	7	...	195	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	195	7	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
W. F. M. S.....	1	"	...	...	4	2	...	148	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	228	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tsunhua Primary.....	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total 1938.....	10	...	...	...	4	9	...	343	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	423	57	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total 1936.....	10	9	7	...	295	101	2	398	54	77	13	6900	4140	400	...	248	89	904	...	390	1631	1818	1818
Increase.....	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease.....	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	31	13	6900	4140	400	...	248	89	904	...	390	1631	.....	...	1818	1818	.....	...

*1st Yr. Only

PART IV EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	2	3	Teachers				Pupils (Both Day and Boarding)								Property and Endowments					Mexican Dollars Income					Mexican Dollars Expenses					36					
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		31	32	33	34	35
1	No. of Schools	Sex of Pupils	Foreign Men Teachers	Foreign Women Teachers	Chinese Men Teachers	Chinese Women Teachers	Kindergartens	Lower Primary (years 1-4)	Higher Primary (years 5-6)	Junior Middle (years 7-9)	Senior Middle (years 10-12)	College (years 13-16)	Postgraduate (years 17 and up)	Theological	Popular Education Classes and Others	Total Pupils	Boarding and Hostel Residents	Christian Pupils	No. of Buildings	Value of Buildings	Value of Land	Value of Equipment	Productive Endowment	Fees, Tuition, etc.	Boarding and Lodging	Appropriations Including Special Gifts	Contributions from Chinese	From other Sources	Total Income	Buildings and Land	Furnishings and Equipment	Current Expenses	Total Expenditure	Total Indebtedness	W.F.M.S. Total No. of Pupils under Instruction
BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL																																			
New Light Woman's School.....	1	F	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	45	33	21	Not	Reported															
Total 1938.....	1	"	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	45	33	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total 1936.....	1	"	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	40	30	26	4	19000	5260	2000	...	244	1101	2333	...	77	3755	...	100	3851	3951	195	40
Increase.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	19000	5260	2000	...	244	1101	2333	...	77	3755	...	100	3851	3951	195	40

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL																																			
Hopkins Memorial Hospital.....	1	M	1	3	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	20	20	20	7	6000	1000	6260	...	1468	...	...	...	13141	14609	.....	1875	9720	11595	.....	...
Sleeper Davis Hospital.....	1	F	...	2	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	23	23	19	3	20000	5000	1000	.....	.....	500	1200	...	.....	1700	.....	.....	1700	1700	.....	...
Isabella Fisher Hospital*	1	F	...	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	27	27	27	1	18000	5000	900	.....	1625	...	793	268	693	3379	.....	125	1850	1975	.....	...
Total 1938.....	3	.....	1	6	9	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	70	70	66	11	44000	11000	8160	.....	3093	500	1993	268	13834	19688	.....	2000	13270	15270	.....	...
Total 1936.....	3	.....	2	4	7	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	68	68	66	...	included	in	hos	pital	.....	accounts	in	1936	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Increase.....	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL																																			
Peking Hui Wen Vocational School.....	1	M	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	20	18	20	5	10500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	.....	27608	27713	.....	42	27671	27713	.....	...
Total 1938.....	1	"	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	20	18	20	5	10500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	.....	27608	27713	.....	42	27671	27713	.....	...
Total 1936.....	1	"	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	20	19	20	5	10479	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2552	.....	8430	10982	479	...	10269	10748	.....	...
Increase.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19178	16731	.....	42	17402	16965	.....	...
Decrease.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2447	...	.....	.....	479	...	.....	.....	.....	.....

*One Year

V PART V
Medical Statistics

PART V MEDICAL STATISTICS

NAME AND LOCATION AND DISPENSARIES	Staff of Workers								Hospital							Out-Patients				Dispensary					Property and Endowments					Receipts in Mexican Dollars								Expenses in Mexican Dollars								
	Chinese Physicians	Foreign Physicians	Chinese Nurses	Foreign Nurses	Chinese Chemists, Pharmacists, et al.	Foreign Chemists, Pharmacists, et al.	Students and Assistants	Total Staff	Beds in Hospital	In Patients	Patient Days	Ave. Days per Patient	Major Operations in Hospital	Minor Operations in Hospital	Obstetrical Cases in Hospital	Obstetrical Case Visits	First Visits to Out-Patients (Inc. Obstetrical)	Return Visits to Out-Patients (Inc. Obstetrical)	Itinerary Treatments Given	Total Out-Patient Treatments	First Calls	Return Calls	Total Dispensary Treatments	Minor Operations (included in 42)	Preventive Inoculations (included in 24)	No. of Buildings	Value of Buildings	Value of Land	Value of Equipment	Productive Endowment	Hospital Patients' Fees	Dispensary Patients' Fees	Outside Patients' Fees	Appropriations Including Special Gifts	Foreign Local Contracts and Contributions	Chinese Local Contracts and Contributions	Sale of Lougs and Supplies	Miscellaneous Current Receipts	Total Receipts	Salaries and Wages	Drugs and Supplies	General Upkeep (light, heat, etc.	Repairs	Extensions of l and Buildings	Miscellaneous Current Expenses	Total Expenses
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
Hopkins Memorial Hospital.....	10	2	12	...	2	...	71	97	72	1052	21539	20	160	587	65	65	22488	70026	92514	2213	...	8	87000	50000	45000	33392	31114	51352	295	38612	17676	139049	60075	45604	10336	4007	...	5281	125309
Western Hills T. B. Sanatorium.....	2	...	2	40	86	174	26784	154	17	19400	3500	5450	30973	41	1346	32360	4720	25122	809	...	460	31111
Sleeper Davis Hospital.....	4	1	13	1	1	...	27	50	...	617	4989	8	4	68	178	15	88	14	...	102	1496	3553	5049	27	23	4	55872	38000	9000	10340	4637	1261	2953	164	19355	10974	1633	1308	1264	...	4296	19475
Isabella Fisher Memorial Hospital.....	2	...	7	1	4	...	28	42	50	785	8295	12	14	22	178	55	141	195	296	632	3770	9352	13466	158	186	3	93500	40000	10500	14758	9916	1678	4148	2024	2501	35025	13486	4930	8542	1236	400	3584	32178
Changli General Hospital.....	1	1	3	6	11	38	615	10377	17	109	180	19	93	196	400	312	1001	4001	8135	12136	286	580	3	20000	500	15000	12627	5685	968	1635	900	1273	3673	26761	6223	3504	6115	1456	1353	7002	25653
Tsunhua General Hospital.....	1	...	2	3	9	10	2	1	...	50	...	3	132	1269	537	537	525	27	552	
Total 1938.....	20	4	39	2	7	...	132	243	255	3253	71950	211	287	907	375	166	490	609	608	1800	31887	92337	123165	2684	789	35	275772	134000	84950	33392	99812	71590	4202	8736	2965	3774	38612	23396	253087	96003	55671	5142	8799	1753	20623	234272
Total 1936.....	17	4	34	4	4	...	166	228	319	3044	63617	278	293	649	528	120	525	806	713	2044	33737	107376	141113	2344	836	36	300770	192139	73523	25392	87937	49863	143	10295	1201	745	34680	10830	200694	78280	31811	53046	9956	8234	17742	199062
Increase.....	3	...	5	...	3	14	...	209	8333	258	...	46	340	11427	800	11875	21727	4059	...	1764	3029	3932	12566	52393	17723	23860	2881	35210
Decrease.....	...	1	...	2	34	...	64	67	6	...	153	...	35	197	105	244	1850	15041	17948	...	47	1	24998	58139	155	1617	1157	6481		

(e) Conference Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

September 30, 1937

Central Conference of Eastern Asia

To remittance W. A. Main, Treas	\$206.50	By Conference Collections	\$ 206.50
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CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

To Exchange and interest	47.90	By Balance B/F	25101.16
„ Claims Paid	1368.33	„ Grant from Board of Pensions and Relief	458.75
„ Asia Realty Co	8997.00	„ Dividends and Interest	984.67
„ Balance C/F	21789.40	„ Mission Grant	5658.05
	<u>32202.63</u>		<u>32202. 3</u>

CONFERENCE SUMMER SCHOOL—MINISTRIAL TRAINING

„ Balance C/F	526.65	„ Balance B/F	282.75
		„ Gift from USA G \$, 75.	243.90
	<u>526.65</u>		<u>526.65</u>

EPISCOPAL FUND

To Central Confer. Treas.	1361.60	By Conference Collections ...	1361.60
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FOREIGN MISSIONS

To Remittance W. A. Main ...	19.00	By Conference Collections ...	19.00
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GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND

To Remittance W. A. Main ...	40.00	By Conference Collections ...	40.00
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HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

To Travel	73.85	By Balance B/F	209.67
„ Balance C/F	167.82	„ Conference Collections	32.00
	<u>241.67</u>		<u>241.67</u>

RETIRED LOCAL PREACHERS CURRENT ACCOUNT

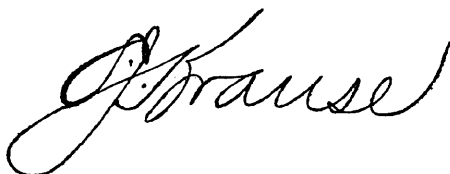
To Local Preachers	105.00	By Local Gifts	8.00
„ Balance C/F	9.00	„ Conference Collections	106.00
	<u>114.00</u>		<u>114.00</u>

LOCAL PREACHERS RETIREMENT FUND

To Balance C/F	\$ 1645.44	By Balance B/F 1936.....	1226.62
		„ Contributions	307.53
		„ Interest	111.29
	<u>\$ 1645.44</u>		<u>1645.44</u>


BALANCE SHEET

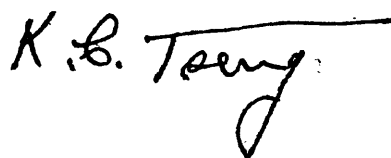
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Tientsin A-O Bank	118.57	Conference Claimants	21789.40
Peking H & S Bank	585.73	Conference Summer School ...	526.65
Loans Receivable	23415.97	Home Missionary Society	167.82
Kincheng Bank	18.04	Retired Local Preacher-	
		current	9.00
		Local Preachers Retirement	
		Funds	1645.44
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O. J. Krause, Treasurer

Audited and Found Correct





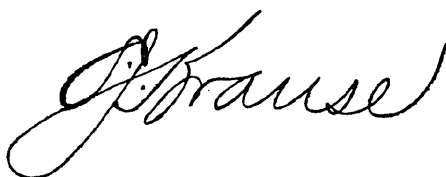
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**NORTH CHINA CONFERENCE ON THE METHODIST
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RECORD OF INVESTMENTS**

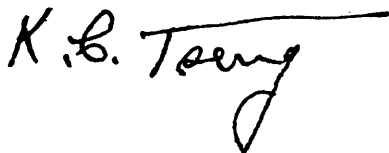
September 30, 1937

Tsunhua District Loan	\$	482.05
Shanghai Power Co Preferred Par	\$	9090.90		8979.45
" " Debentures	\$	4400.00	...	...	...	...	...	...		4042.75
Realty Investment Co. Certificate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1108.72
Bank of China	...	...	...	Tientsin	Deposits	...	...	...		2000.00
" " " "	...	...	...	Peiping	"	...	...	...		2000.00
Chung Foo Union Bank Peiping		2000.00
China and South Sea Bank		2000.00
Kincheng Bank		806.00
Asia Realty Co		3.00
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										23415.97



O. J. Krause, Treasurer

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Auditors

Date 13, May 1938

VII. MEMOIRS.

MRS. G. R. DAVIS

BY MRS. O. J. KRAUSE

In 1871 the New England Branch of the W.F.M.S. appointed Maria Brown to undertake women's work in North China, while Mary Q. Porter (later Mrs. Gamewell) was chosen by the Western Branch for service in the same field. They came with the Misses Woolston who had already served one term in Foochow under the General Board, but were returning to continue work in that city under the W.F.M.S. Miss Brown reached Chicago just after the Great Fire, and the whole party arrived in Shanghai just one day too late to catch the last boat of the season for Tientsin. Miss Brown and Miss Porter spent the winter in Foochow, studying Chinese characters but not the spoken language. They reached Peking in the Spring of 1872, being the first representatives of the W. F. M. S. in North China.

They vigorously began the study of the language and in August of that same year opened a school for girls, now known as Gamewell School. On their way across the Pacific they had decided that girls with bound feet should not be admitted to their school, and this principle was adhered to through all the difficulties of the opening months. During the first two years more than one hundred and fifty girls applied for admission, but at the end of that time they had only seven pupils although it was a free school. With many parents as well as girls, fear of the foreign women was an even greater deterrent than the dread of unbound feet.

It was in the home of Miss Brown and Miss Porter that the Mission noon prayer meeting was started, a Peking Methodist habit that lasted for over sixty years.

In September, 1874, Maria Brown was married to her fellow missionary, the Reverend G.R. Davis. Theirs was the first wedding attended by Chinese friends, and also it was the first to be held in the newly built Asbury Church, grandmother of the present Asbury.

After her marriage Mrs. Davis gave fifty-one years of service about equally divided between Peking and Tientsin, with three years, 1888-91, in Tsunhua. She had seven children, all of whom grew to maturity. All of the seven went to school to their mother for longer or shorter periods, at least one of them making a good part of his preparation for college under her instruction.

Her whole life was one long loving service for others. To the very end Mrs. Davis was both older sister and mother to the younger W.F.M.S. missionaries. She was greatly loved by the Chinese and was successful in her work, especially among the women. For many years she taught a Bible class for them, and it was said of her that wherever she lived she always had a following of poor women. The servants in her home and the mission

employees were devoted to her in a peculiar way. During her first term of service the gatekeeper at the mission compound was Lao Tung, who became a probationer. When the time came for baptism, the old man did not attend the service. Shortly thereafter one of the missionaries took him to task saying, "Why weren't you at church to be baptized?" Lao Tung replied, "I am waiting till Mrs. Davis returns from the Hills so she can baptize me. She may not be a mu shih (pastor) but she is the one most like Jesus."

The hospitality of the Davis home was known throughout North China. In the old days at Tientsin it was headquarters and a place of rest for not only Methodist missionaries but for many others who had no mission in Tientsin. Mrs. Davis always stood ready to answer any appeal for help or service.

For the childrens' sake she took extended furloughs from 1891-4 and again from 1899-1902, these years all being spent at Delaware, Ohio. During each of these furlough periods the family circle was widened to include one or more children of other China friends, and one of these can bear witness to the happiness and inspiration of the months spent in that home. Each one of her children was assigned a special task, rigidly adhered to, yet each was treated by his mother with the courtesy she would accord a guest. No day, however busy, began without family worship, and on Sunday afternoons the younger children gathered around their mother while she read to them from PILGRIM'S PROGRESS or taught them the Catechism.

In September, 1918, Dr. Davis suffered a stroke and from that time until his death in July, 1925, his wife gave herself entirely and devotedly to his care. Shortly after her husband's death, Mrs. Davis returned to the States to make her home with her daughter, Mary Davis Lewis. The last few years were spent in Kingston, Ohio, where she passed away on December 6th, 1937.

Her splendidly trained mind, her quiet but lovely social gifts and her keen sympathy made her a definite force for good in the lives of all who came within the circle of her influence. A friend once said, "I always feel myself a better woman after spending an afternoon with Mrs. Davis." Those of us who knew and loved her over a period of years recognized beneath her gracious dignity a depth of spiritual power that came from constant communion with her Master.

The North China Mission has been very richly favored through the work of Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Davis and also that of two of their sons, Dr. G. L. Davis, and W. W. Davis, who is still a faithful active member.

Mrs. Davis was the last survivor of the great group, American and Chinese, who labored in the North China Mission before 1880, and her gentle influence is built into much that is best and finest in our China Methodism.

MRS. TE JUI

BY TSENG KUO CHIH

Mrs. Te Jui was a Manchu and was born in Peking in 1848. She attended the Girls' School at the American Board Mission. At the age of twentyfive she was married to Rev. Te Jui. She was filial to her parents, kind to her sisters and loving to her husband. With her assistance Rev. Te Jui successfully managed church affairs in Peking, Tientsin and Tsunhua. In 1893 her husband was appointed pastor at Shanhaikuan and served there as pastor and District Superintendent for thirty-seven years. Mr. Te was hospitable to all of the church members and won a great reputation among them.

In 1900 on account of the Boxer disturbances Reverend and Mrs. Te were obliged to hide in the mountains for five or six months. Mrs. Te was severally injured by the Boxers but by God's grace made a good recovery.

Her son and eldest daughter died when they were young but Mrs. Te took good care of the younger daughter and loved her husband as before. She realized that when there was trouble that it was by the will of God. During their later years Reverend and Mrs. Te retired and finally took up their residence in Peking.

Reverence Te died in the Spring of 1936. His death caused Mrs. Te deep sorrow. However, she continued in good health and continued to live alone in order that she might avoid giving trouble to any one. In July, 1937 she was suddenly taken very ill and died a few days later at the age of 89. She was a true and memorable Christian.

WU YŪ K'UN

BY T. T. SHIH

Wu Yŭ K'un, who was also known as Wu Hui Shan, was born in the 9th year of the Emperor Kuang Hsi of the Ch'ing Dynasty, and was called back to Heaven on the 17th of December of the 25th year of the Republic of China. He was permitted to live for only fifty four years but much was accomplished for the Kingdom of God during his life time.

His ancestry was of Chiang Su Province and at the beginning of the Ch'ing Dynasty the family migrated to Ch'ien wei outside of Shanhai-kuan. Because of the poverty of the family, Rev. Wu began his elementary schooling at the age of 13. He had to stop his schooling after the Boxer Rebellion and then he began to work on the farm. However he never failed to grasp the opportunity of getting an education. Thus he was able to finish his college education in the Methodist Peking University (now Yenching University) in the first year of the Republic of China. After his graduation from college he became a teacher of Chinese in the Ch'angli Boys' School for a year and then he was appointed to preach to the church at Ch'ien an hsien of the Lanhsien District. He was ordained Elder of the Methodist Church in the 5th year of the Republic of China. He was made District Superintendent of the Lanhsien District in the 6th year of the Republic for seven years. Then he came to Shunchihmen Methodist Church in the Peking District as pastor and also as principal of the Hui Wen Third Higher Primary School. It was during his pastorate at Shunchihmen Methodist Church that he went to his heavenly reward.

Rev. Wu was a genuine lover of the old Chinese books, pictures, paintings, and coins, etc. He had a wonderful collection of these things. Likewise he was well versed in Chinese literature and poetry. He left a considerable amount of poetical and literary writings unpublished. His love for these things did not in any way interfere with his pastoral work of the church. He labored for the Lord very faithfully training and helping the members of his church in a most marvelous way. He was really a much beloved pastor and a friend of all. All who knew him can make the same testimony. He was also heroic in spirit and at the same time a man of patience and fidelity. He never cared for name and vain glory but believed in doing good toward others in secret. He is survived by his wife and three sons—Hsiao Ling, Lan Ling, Yen Ling—and a daughter—Ch'en Hsing.

VIII. ROLL OF OUR DEAD

"NOT DEAD BUT GONE BEFORE"

(a) MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

NAME	Arrival In China	Date of Death	Conference Relation
Leander W. Pilcher	1870	Nov. 24, 1893	Effective
La Clede Barrow	1892	July. 24, 1894	"
J. Fred Hayner	1893	Oct. 1, 1901	"
H. E. King	1894	May 25, 1923	"
Henry S. Leitzel	1915	Dec. 25, 1923	"
H. H. Lowry	1867	Jan. 13, 1924	Retired
J. H. Pyke	1873	May 29, 1924	"
George R. Davis	1867	June 24, 1925	"
W. T. Hobart	1882	April 12, 1932	"
Mark W. Brown	1913	" 13, 1934	Effective
Entered Conference			
Ch'en Ta-Yung	1883	June 22, 1900	Effective
Wang Ch'eng-P'ei	1891	" 23, 1900	"
Liu Chi-Hsien	1898	" 23, 1900	Probationer
Li Te-Jen	1897	" 30, 1900	"
Chou Hsueh-Shen	1895	" 30, 1900	Effective
Kung Te-Lin	1895	April 10, 1902	"
Yang Ch'ao	1902	May 16, 1903	"
Cheng Chao-Chen	1903	Aug. 24, 1905	Probationer
Ch'in Lung Chang	1895	Jan. 13, 1907	Effective
Wang Ch'ing-Yün	1891	July 7, 1911	"
Li Shao-Wen	1892	April 13, 1912	"
Wang To	1906	" 15, 1913	"
Wang T'ien-Hsiang	1898	Jan. 31, 1916	"
Kao Hsiu-Shan	1903	Aug. 3, 1919	Retired
Chi Hsiao-Feng	1917	Oct. 3, 1919	Probationer
Chao Yen-Huai	1917	Aug. 3, 1920	"
Kao Fu-Ch'ing	1903	Oct. 30, 1920	Supernumerary
Chao Li-Yu	1915	" 1924	Effective
Kuo Ying	1905	Sept. 14, 1924	"
Wang I-Heng	1905	June 26, 1925	"
Yang Ch'un-He	1892	Apr. 15, 1926	Retired
Wu Feng-Yü	1924	Aug. 13, 1926	Probationer
Liu Kuang-Tzu	1909	Jan. 13, 1928	Retired
Wang Ch'ing-He	1919	Mar. 2, 1928	Effective
Hou Tien	1987	Oct. 25, 1928	Retired
Wang He-Nan	1910	July 1929	"
Liu Kuang-Ch'ing	1903	" 30, 1929	Effective
Tu Pu-Yün	1916	Dec. 25, 1929	"
Ch'en Yü-Shan	1902	Jan. 1931	Retired
Yüeh Ch'ing-Yü	1922	Oct. 25, 1931	Supernumerary
Tu Wen-Yü	1913	Jan. 12, 1932	Retired
Te Jui	1877	April 21, 1935	Retired
Wu Yü K'un	1914	Dec. 17, 1936	Effective

IX. HISTORICAL

SERMONS AND ADDRESSES BISHOP HAMMAKER

"SOME BEGINNINGS"

NORTH CHINA CONFERENCE — May, 4, 1938

I. We are to think together in the early moments of each day or about a week. Our general subject is to be

"SOME BEGINNINGS"

Under that diffusive heading we shall today turn our thought toward "God" Tomorrow we shall glance at "Abraham" On successive days, "Amos", "Moses", "Jonah". As we think together from day to day I hope you will agree with me that these five beginnings are notable and of tremendous significance for our age and for our own affairs.

Nobody questions their large places in preceding eras and in widely-separated lands. They have mightily influenced all sorts of men struggling with all kinds of conditions. Some aspects of life and experience are important for a time and then they fade out of immediate and present reality. If remembered at all, they are only thought of as characteristic of their own generation or century. Other phases of life and experience are timeless. They bear within themselves vitality which each successive generation needs; and if it is wise, seeks earnestly and seizes eagerly. To this group belong beginnings we are to consider for a week.

II. Mankind can never for long, keep from asking questions about God. Every now and then, a group of intellectuals will dismiss God with a wave of the hand; with a grand flourish of finality. Your own Lin Yü-tang has done just that. Though raised under Christian tutelage, he has gotten beyond the need of God. He and a great company who pride themselves on their philosophic insight say: "We are done with the idea of God". They say: "Mankind now knows so much about nature and life that all the old ideas of God are obsolete". They declare that man, through the centuries, made and remade God. They insist that God is a creature of man's mind and imagination. They contend that God has been the great utility created by man to do for mankind what man could not do himself. "God did not make man", they cry, "Man made God, and in successive eras, made God in man's own likeness". But despite all talk of this kind, the heart of man keeps seeking and searching after God. Man just cannot be satisfied without God. He cannot find a sure resting place for his feet without a rock of ages. He cannot attain unto peace without God.

Augustine, who tried everything that money and a brilliant mind could secure, came at last to peace and satisfaction, when he found God. Then it was that Augustine said out of extremely wide experience; "Thou, Oh, God, hast made us and thou hast made us for thyself and we find our true peace only when we find

Thee". This is profoundest truth spoken by a man of the world, who had traveled everywhere and studied everything and experienced much. He came to see that an old book is very wise in that it starts out with these words: "In the beginning God". The supreme inspiration of the Book of Genesis lies right there. In that ancient book, there are many child-like ideas, many thoughts, and observations that belong to the age in which it was written. All such have no enduring value for mankind. Many things in Genesis were simply reflections of the thinking of those who were searching after truth. Often they wandered in twilight—the early morning twilight. The full light of the new day shining forth from the Face of Jesus Christ was far off. Distant was the mid-morning lighted up by the radiant souls of Isaiah, Hosea and Ezekiel.

Nevertheless in Genesis there towers over all, that—supremely great statement: "In the beginning God". It matters not what the divine method of creation may have been. It is of no great concern what the details of God's processes were. What does matter and matters tremendously is that, in the beginning God was at work. "All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made." This is good old-fashioned theology and more and more it is becoming good new-fashioned science.. It is amazing how the latest scientific thinking is moving more and more toward a sort of spiritual basis of life and of the universe.

Sir James Jeans, one of the very greatest of the little group of out-standing scientists of to-day, says: "Present day science is favorable to idealism"; and adds "The world is more like a great idea than a great machine". A vast change has come in scientific circles since I was a college student. The new science is not dogmatic. You know, or maybe you do not know, but I know very well that the science of yesterday was often arbitrary and arrogantly high-handed. At the same time it complained about the dogmatism of religion. It failed entirely to sense its own dogmatism. Likewise, it failed to recognize the severe de-limitations to which true science must be subject. In the days to which I refer, science tends to take to itself all spheres of life. It overleaped all metaphysical barriers and spoke with authority on subjects that belonged exclusively to philosophers and theologians. It invaded realms in which it has no scientific right to attempt to render judgments.

In making these statements I have no desire to lay down a smoke screen to obscure the indiscretions and dogmatisms of religionists. They have not been innocent and blameless. I am only pointing out that both scientists and theologians were given to dogmatic utterances. It is well to remember that time was when there was a dogmatic note in the eye of science as well as a beam in the eye of religion. She, however, saw only the beam in the eye of theology. Today, however, science is not dogmatic. That is, the science of the supreme leaders is not. These men are

today open-minded toward the unseen. They even say that the ultimate basis of all being is likely intangible or spiritual. Now, do not get the impression that science itself has recently gotten religion. Scientists, as men, may have entered into a vital religious experience. Many of them are men of faith. That, however, is not by virtue of their science. Science herself has not swallowed the Bible. She has not been converted. Her realm does not overlap that of religion. Scientists as such, cannot travel in the rarified atmospheres of religious faith. But, they can give us air, in which we religionists may breathe more easily. This they have done. They are no longer in the mood to quarrel with us when we say; "In the beginning God". There is something sublime and supremely satisfying in the thought that all the vast universe springs from the creative mind and heart of God.

No man can completely explain the universe and man without God. He is the inevitable and inescapable starting point for rational thought. We dwell in a vast world house. How did it come to be? Did it evolve itself? Evolution is a process not a creative force. It is a theory concerning mighty and far-reaching ways in the natural world. It is a track and a train. But who engineered the track? Who designed them? Who invented the first train? We shall never have a complete picture until we look beyond a train on a track. We shall never compass creation until we see far more than evolutionary law. Back behind it all stands God. He is the conceiver. He made the plans. He is the creator. "In the beginning God."

Or get back to my statement about our vast world structure. It is a house—a house of many mansions. Who drew the plans? Who built it? There were no plans? There was no builder? I cannot believe it? Suppose you were to ask me who built this house in which we meet. And suppose I were to answer "Nobody." You say to me "Nobody? Do you mean, Bishop Hammaker that nobody built this house?" Then suppose I say: "Absolutely nobody. The bricks and the wood, the glass and the metal just happened to fly together one night—years ago to make this house." Suppose I were to say that! What would you think? Maybe you would think and say: "Something has happened to the Bishop's mind. He speaks words of foolishness." If a little house like this needs a planner and builder, how much more the vast world house?

Is there any other answer than that in the first verse of Genesis "In the beginning God"?

"SOME BEGINNINGS"—"ABRAHAM"

May 5th, 1938—Peiping

I. Genesis is a book of beginnings. The 1st two chapters deal with beginnings and early events and experiences in the life of the race. The rest of the book deals with the beginning and

early chapters in the life of the Hebrew people. On one occasion Frederick the Great, then King of Prussia, asked the wise men of his country an interesting question. It was this: "What is the best short argument in the defence of the reliability of the Christian Religion?" After a few moments of silence, one of the wise men said: "Your Majesty, the best short argument consists of two one syllable words, 'The Jew' ". Thinking the answer to be a jest, the King said in anger. "Explain yourself, sir" Whereupon the wise man pointed out that the Jew is the miracle among nations. He has kept his distinct identity thru 4000 years. You of China might interrupt to say, "So have we".

But hear the rest of the wise man's answer to the Prussian King. "The Jew has done this for much more than half that period of time, without a land of his own. He has done it despite the fact that he has been a wanderer, a pilgrim, a stranger, all over the earth. "His history", concluded the wise man, "is the chiefest single short argument in behalf of the authenticity of the Christian religion. A religion that roots itself in the life of the Hebrew People" And this people, thru 40 centuries has traced its beginning to Abraham.

Yonder he stands in the dawn of recorded history. His personality looms large in the Book of Genesis. He is one of the Colossal figures of all time. Not many names have lived so long. Not many lives are known so widely or so well. His fame is not hemmed in by national boundaries. Some men rank high in their own national history but are unknown elsewhere. Some great ones shine like stars in one great culture. Abraham's light shines down on and thru many cultures. Think of the vast myriads who have spoken his name and learned the story of his life. He is a hero for his own people—the Jews. In every nation men gaze thru the mist of centuries on his radiant figure. Here we are in China, thinking, after 4000 years, in terms of his experience. Yonder on the other side of the earth in my own America, mothers are teaching their children about Abraham. Yet he was no Chinese. Neither was he an American. Nor an Englishman, yet the English people, for a 1000 years have been drinking inspiration from the fountain of Abraham's faith. He is a cosmopolitan personality. No land, no nation turns a deaf ear to Abraham's voice. It comes across the ages freighted with aspirations for the high and holy.

He was filled with a divine discontent. Therefore he turned aside from the fertile fields and the prosperity of his native land—Haran. Bread was there in abundance. All the material comforts of life were there. Abraham had his full share. His father before him was a man of large possessions. Haran was a rich land. Abraham's future was secure. His success was assured. But he had found out something very wonderful. He had discovered what a greater than Abraham, declared centuries later. It was this: "Man shall not live by bread alone".

Abraham was stirred to the depths. Dissatisfaction seethed within him. He was shaken by divine discontent. He wanted more "than the earth and the fullness thereof" To be well fed was not enough. To be richly clad was not enough. To be warmly housed was not enough. To be well served was not enough. To sleep on soft beds and to ride in smooth chariots was not enough. To be pointed out as a favorite of fortune and as a friend of fame was not enough. Houses, lands, flocks and herds were not enough. A divine discontent was creating uneasinesses deep down in Abraham's soul. Into such an inner tumult came the voice of God. The voice said: "Dare to break away" "Get thee out of thy country, Abraham" "Leave thy kindred and thy father's house" "Cut the ancestral bonds" "Sever every tie that binds thee to things as they are." "Allow nothing howsoever precious to smother these new longings of thy soul" "These longings cannot rise above the restraining hands of established life here in Haran" "Get thee out to a land that I will show thee"

Thus spoke God to Abraham. It is easy to tell about. In less than 100 seconds I have summarized the divine words to the founder of the Hebrew People. Tho easy to tell about, it was not easy to experience. Abraham wrestled long, long hours. It was strenuous business to fall in line with God's suggestion. The divine One wooed Abraham. He did not compel him. He pointed out a way. He did not push him into it. God gave Abraham the right of choice. He gives the same to all men. We are creatures of free will; truly children of God. Doubtless Abraham viewed every angle of the divine proposition. He weighed it all. It was a long-drawn out and agonizing experience.

No man of fine spirit, lightly bids a long, and final farewell to his ancestral home. No man of warm heart gazes with equanimity, for the last time on faces he has loved and is about to lose forever! But to Abraham had come a vision. It would not depart. It haunted him by day. It intertwined itself with his dreams by night. It had to do with God. With a one and only God. With a God separate from sun and moon and stars. A God apart from and greater than any form of light or fire. A God behind and beneath all those things worshipped by his fathers. A God greater than them all; a God greater than any created thing. A God mighty enough and wise enough to make them all. A God who had made all things, great and small. Finally Abraham felt that he could never know peace unless he followed the gleam. He could not turn his back on this marvelous new light. In the record I read these calm words, recording one of the momentous decisions of all time:

"So Abraham departed, as the Lord had spoken to him" Reading casually, one might suppose that it was all as easy as turning over on's right hand. One might imagine that Abraham walked off as naturally as I shall walk out of this church in a few hours. One might conceive that it was as simple as eating one's

dinner. There is an utter absence of exclamation in the sentence telling what Abraham did. Doubt not, however, that he fought a mighty battle. He had been asked to leave home; sweet home. If he went, not even his bones would return to the ancestral home. No strong personality could lightly or easily take such a step. And no weak personality could have left his mark on 40 centuries. Moreover if hewent, Abraham had to go without a chart or map. His journey was not to be laid out in advance, either by man or God. The old Book says: "And Abraham went out, not knowing whither he went." Oh, yes, the Lord said to him: "Get thee out, and soon or late, I will show thee a land". But it was all a matter of trust; a question of confidence in God.

No wonder he remains one of the sublimest examples of faith. To this day he steadies us and energizes us, when we find it hard to fix our trust not in riches, not in princes, not in generals, but in the Lord God Almighty. He knew not where he was going but he knew why. He saw not the distant scene. He was ready to pray "One step at a time". He was going because God had become the all and in all. Friendship with God was the supreme good. It was to be desired above his chiefest joy. That's why Abraham went tho he knew not where. In Abraham as its source, there rises a mighty stream of faith. It flows down thru the ages and across the continents. To him the devout Jew still looks as the one in whom Judaism had its amazing beginning. To him humble hearted believers of all nations and peoples, turn their eyes in admiration and gratitude. In him, after 4000 years, they still see the human soul, by faith, laying hold on the unseen certainties. His life is a rich mine. Out of it the Israel of God have dug priceless treasures for, lo, these many years.

Some of the chapters of his history are big with drama. They throb with the strong pulse of unfeigned emotion. I would that we had time to companion with him in some of the high hours of his career. Unquestionably, he was one of earth's noblemen. Few men since the dawn of creation out-tower Abraham. God chose him as a channel. Thru him has flowed the inspiration of a hungry heart. Thru him has flowed the thirst for the water of eternal life. Thru him has flowed the recall time and again, of the wayward nation that he founded. Thru him to them and to us has flowed the peace and the joy of the divine guidance and friendship. Abraham has influenced tremendously, multitudes of his descendants, the Jews, and of the rest of us, He has pointed us toward the committal of our way unto God.

"SOME BEGINNINGS"—"AMOS"

May 6th 1938—Peiping

I. Amos belongs in the group commonly called the Minor Prophets. Many people think that the twelve making up that group do not amount to much. I confess that time was when I shared that opinion. Were not Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel Daniel, major prophets? The very designation "major prophets" indicated

their high place. The other twelve were on an altogether lower plane. Besides, they did not have much to say, as is evidenced by the size of their writings.

Why, in the English Bible it takes 58 pages to hold what Ezekiel had to say. Isaiah's message uses up 55 pages. And Jeremiah's words fill 68 pages. While all 12 minor prophets only require 46 pages.

Oh! it is clear. There lies the chief reason why they are called the Minor Prophets. They are the lesser men in the number of words required to put across what little they had to say. So runs the thinking of a great number of our fellow-Christians. As I already intimated, so ran my own thinking for many a year. I am ashamed and sorry. I regret deeply that men ever started calling them Minor Prophets. It is profoundly misleading. Most people get the idea that they are scarcely worth reading. As a matter of fact, several of them are among the great seers and teachers of all time. Hosea, Micah, Jonah and Amos are tall figures even among giants. Their spiritual insight gives them rare distinction. Their religious daring makes them marked men anywhere, anytime. God entrusted to them vast riches for the souls of His earthly children. Without these four prophets, we would be poorer, much poorer, even today. They held aloft glowing torches, torches that still light the footsteps of men questing for the mind of Christ. Even in the presence of the Light of the World, their torches continue to blaze.

II. If I were planning a series of ten addresses instead of five on "Some Beginnings" I would include Hosea, Micah, Isaiah, Jesus and Paul. Maybe one of you will be giving such a series one of these days.

But Amos — what of him? In what way is he a great beginning? What glorious streams of thought and feeling flow down thru the centuries out of his mind and heart? Are you ready to give answer? Can you set forth his main ideas? Is Amos clear cut to you? Do you know him well? In my judgment, he is worth getting acquainted with. He stands at the beginning of a noble line of prophets who demand that all life shall be measured by moral standards. He will have no exceptions, no preferred groups. Nothing can exempt any special class of people from being tested by these moral standards.

No part of an individual man's life can be excepted from all-demanding, all-embracing righteousness. He insists that nothing can take the place of ethical conduct. He cries out that nobody can be exempted from living justly and decently. God plays no favorites. Nobody can play fast and loose with morality. Singing hymns is not enough. Reading the scriptures is not enough. Worshipping in the sanctuary is not enough. Praying unto Jehovah is not enough. Testifying unto the presence and power of God is not enough. Seeing visions and dreaming spiritual dreams is not enough. Soaring up into religious ecstasies is not enough. Amos is very definite about all this. He digs down into

conduct and beneath it to underlying motives. He speaks on behalf of a holy and righteous and just God.

Delivering his message to Israel, the northern Hebrew Kingdom, he reviews their neighbors. He tells Israel that these surrounding nations had trampled on God's laws and must pay the penalty. Punishment shall inevitably swoop down on Damascus and Gaza. Likewise on Tyre and Edom, on Ammon and Moab. These all have acted wickedly, abominably, in God's sight. Therefore the Eternal One will bring down on them blight and ruin, death and destruction. "Ah" said the men of Israel "what a great preacher" "This prophet from the Southern Kingdom, this Amos from Judah, is a wonderful man". "My! but his sermons are glorious". "He is possessed of rare insight." "Verily he is sent by the Lord."

After a week or two of such preaching Amos got closer home. He began to tell the men of Israel about their own sins and wickednesses. He laid bare their heartlessness, their greed, their calloused selfishness. He exposed their bribery, their slick ways of using public office for private enrichment. He made plain their cruel oppression of the poor; their avaricious imposition of unfair taxes. He indicted and arraigned them for drunkenness and sensuality. In lightning like flashes leaping out of his indignant soul, Amos revealed them to themselves in all their moral ugliness.

His unpolluted mind and heart were nauseated by their defiance of righteousness. Then the men of Israel began to change their minds about Amos. He was great—he was grand when he pointed out other peoples sins. Those other people were heathen. They were not friends of God. Amos was a divinely sent messenger when he foretold their doom. Certainly destruction was about to fall on them; it ought to.

The Ammonites and Edomites and all the rest of them were enemies of God. Of course, Amos had started out well. To the men of Israel he gave promise of being the longed for preacher and prophet. But now all such early appraisals were cast aside. "This Amos" they said one to another "does not know much" "He is a stranger here in the Northern Kingdom and is probably a rascal". "At any rate, he is utterly lacking in religious insight." "He fails to reckon with our religious life" He does not seem to realize that we have our creeds and ceremonials." "He overlooks the fact that we recognize and worship God." "Are we not Abraham's children?" "Are we not heirs of the promise? "Do we not have a special stand-in with Jehovah?" "Are we not the chosen people?"

"Aha" says Amos "Your sacred festivals, so you boast of them, do you?" "You pride yourselves on your special relationships to God, do you?" "You take refuge in your sacrifices at the altar, in your days of rites and ceremonials." "Let me tell you what God thinks of all that". This is what he says: these are his very words: "I hate them; I scorn them; I scorn them!" "Your

sacrifices, I will not smell their smoke" "You offer me your gifts do you? I will not take them." "You offer fatted cattle, do you? I will not look at them." "No more of your hymns for me! I will not listen to your lutes." "No! —None of this." "Instead, let justice well up like fresh water; let righteousness roll in like a flood-tide."

I would like to go on but I must desist. But you see what Amos is after. He is making plain that nothing can take the place of everyday morals. No religious ecstasy can be a substitute. No spiritual performance of any kind what soever can excuse any man from fundamental decency. No amount of worship can take the place of personal and group righteousness.

Now do not get the notion that I think that Abraham and Moses. Joshua and Jephthah, Samuel, and Solomon, David and Elijah knew nothing about this. They most certainly did. They knew full well that God is a God of moral requirements. But Amos is unique in his insistence that absolutely nothing can beguile God from His moral demands. To Amos belongs the honor of disparaging any religious loyalty that does not rest on a foundation of just and upright daily living. He anticipated Jesus in the sermon on the Mount when he exclaimed: "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven"

It was the business of Amos to place in sharp and inescapable contrast between ceremonial religion and day by day devotion to ethical demands. Nothing could deter him from insisting that God would not accept anything from men unless it was grounded in and built on righteousness. This brought him into collision with Church and State. For at length King Jeroboam and High Priest Amaziah joined in condemnation of the bothersome prophet. And Amaziah the High Priest finally confronted Amos at the altar in Bethel. There the priest upbraided the prophet saying: "You dreamer! Be off to Judah! Earn your living there! Play the prophet there! Never again at Bethel; it is the royal shrine, the national temple." King, Priest, People would not see. They still relied on their pet belief. They were still convinced that tradition, customs ceremonies, services of worship, ritualistic sacrifices, would "get them by" with God. Among the last words of Amos were these: "The Eternal took me from my flock. He said to me: "Go prophecy to my people Israel. Go tell them the truth" This Amos did. Beyond any man who came before him, he emphasized the necessity of complete integrity. He would allow nothing to take its place. In his proclamation of inescapable ethical commands and demands he became violent and rough. He even slighted the values that were in worship. He almost cast aspersions on the means of grace. He ignored the hunger of the human heart for the quiet hour of praise and prayer.

These have a place in true religion that none can destroy. But Amos was concerned in the enthronement of a true morality. He was called to point men to streams of righteousness that must

be perennial if mankind is not to sink down into decay. He was a great soul. He made a mighty contribution. He did it as a fearless warrior of the Eternal. He pronounced doom and destruction without a tremor in his voice or a sob in his throat. At this point he was a far lesser man than Hosea or Isaiah or Jeremiah. As a great German scholar said, "To him was wanting the love"

"SOME BEGINNINGS"—"JONAH"

May 8th, 1938—Peiping

I. It has been hard to choose our prophet for today. Whether to study Hosea or Isaiah or Micah was difficult to decide. They each looked at life from striking angles. Each of them is the beginning of a significant line of interpretation and teaching. But the matter of choice has been further complicated by the fact that we adjourn today. Thus it is necessary to have four "studies" in beginnings instead of five. In choosing between Moses and Jonah, I have selected the latter.

Originally it was hard to refuse to include in this series on Beginnings, Jesus and Paul. But selection was necessary. I decided after some struggle on the five announced when we began. This may seem strange. Probably many of you are wondering right now why and how I chose Jonah. To many people his story is largely the story of a whale. Multitudes who know anything about Jonah think of him in terms of controversy. Could a whale swallow a man? Is his throat large enough for such a meal to go down? Do not whales have relatively small throats for such big animals? Was it a whale at all or only a big fish? Are there not some fish, sharks for instance, that have more capacious throats and stomachs than whales? Could a man live for three days and three nights in the stomach of a whale? All these questions have been debated. Sometimes the discussion has become tense and almost fierce. The result has been that for great numbers of people Jonah himself is hidden behind a whale. His message is buried in the stomach of a whale. That sort of thing is the tragedy of Jonah. Good men have spent so much time arguing about probabilities and improbabilities in connection with a whale, that the sublimity of the book is lost completely.

The battle over the historicity of Jonah has drowned out entirely his sublime message, a message that no age has needed more than ours; a message that was dramatic and revolutionary when delivered by the ancient prophet. A message that has lost none of its cogency and power with the passing of the centuries. A message conceived not by the mind of man. A message revealed to the soul of an unwilling messenger.

II. While men have quarreled over the historical or allegorical character of the Book of Jonah they have too often missed its spiritual radiance. Not even Isaiah reached out more eagerly after the heart of Jesus than did Jonah. He sensed in a tremendous way the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, not with the fulness of Christ or Paul but with an amazing sensitivity to

these high realities. Did he come to his message thru experiences set down in the narrative or thru long communion with God? Is his book the story of what he went thru or is it the vivid allegorical sermon of God's servant? I care not which position you hold, I will quarrel with no man who stands for the actuality of it all. But I will plead with him to know the prophecy itself in its entirety. I will not contend with the man who believes that the Book of Jonah is an allegory. But I will plead with him to master the tremendous truth which it presents.

Whether history or allegory, it is manifestly of God. May be you want to know my view. It is not important. But to allay curiosity and to focus your undivided attention on what I am to say, I will tell you. I find myself more at home in the allegorical interpretation. To me it is no strain to think of a vivid oriental mind so couching an arresting truth. The book makes no effort to establish the historicity of the events set forth. Theologians did that in after centuries. But you say the book does not state explicitly that it is an allegory or parable. Neither does Jesus when he tells about the Jericho Road and a priest, a Levite and a Samaritan. Yet nobody attempts to unearth the names of those characters or the date of their journey. Who has ever sought to establish the identity of a certain judge in a city or of a widow who appealed to him to see that justice was done? In like manner, I look upon the actuality of this book of Jonah. But I shall not oppose any who feel they must take a contrary view. If they cannot prove their position, most certainly I cannot disprove it. We must all deal with probabilities. Each must use the powers he possesses. Each must be ready to receive any light God may give. To me, let me repeat, the big thing is not a whale but a staggering, over-whelming revolution full of light for our darkness. For we are largely unilluminated despite the light shining from the face of Jesus Christ. When I say unilluminated I am thinking of the area of life upon which Jonah throws his searchlight.

III. He was a narrow man. His sympathies were not broad. His horizon was bounded by national barriers. He believed in Israel. His concern was for her. He did not want to do anything to help other peoples.

In America we have the account of a prayer which runs thus: "Lord bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife; us four and no more". Jonah was like that. So when the word came from the Lord to go to Nineveh to cry out against the sins of that great city he did not want to obey. Instead of setting out for Nineveh he rose up to flee to Tarshish. That was a long way from Nineveh and from Israel. He thought by this course of action to get away from the demanding voice of God, but God cannot be so easily escaped. Storms without and storms within assailed the guilt-laden Jonah. He was running away from duty and from God. A sense of fear and shame came upon him in the hour of stress and danger. Something of nobleness was beginning to emerge out of his soul and he confessed his flight from the presence

of the Lord. He was beginning to learn for himself that man cannot travel fast enough or far enough to get away from God. Whither shall I flee from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven thou art there. If I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light around me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. For himself Jonah came to know that these words are loftiest poetry, they are also profoundest reality. They are not a fanciful flight of imagination. They are intensely factual. Jonah found it so. It was no easy experience. It was no holiday jaunt. Jonah came not to the place of vision on dancing toes. He went down into the depths of travail. Hear him!

"The floods compassed me about". "All thy billows and thy waves passed over me". "Then I said: 'I am cast out of thy sight; yet will I look again toward thy holy temple'". "The waters compassed me about, even to the soul; the depth closed me round about; the weeds were wrapped about my head" "I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me forever; yet hast Thou brought up my life from corruption, O, Lord my God." "When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord and my prayer came in unto thee, into thy holy temple." "They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy." "But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that which I have vowed"

And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the 2nd time, saying: "Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee". And Jonah went. It was a far call from his natural antipathy to all foreigners to the spirit in which he now went. In the greatest measure he had shared the contempt of the Jew for other peoples. With intensity he prized his own nation and despised all others. Virtues were with his people vices with others. He was proud to be a Jew. He looked down on those who could not trace their lineage back to Abraham. To such belonged the promises. To such belonged God. They owned him; the God of the universe was their personal property. Of course they would share him with no others. Of this type were the attitudes of the old Jonah. It is such a man, beginning to be made over, that God summons a second time to go to Nineveh. He is a Jew of the Jews, a Hebrew of the Hebrews. He has been glorying in the unique place of his own people. Now he must needs go to Nineveh. To his amazement and dismay the inhabitants of that great city Nineveh believed. They turned to God. Jonah was grievously disappointed. Despite the change that had come within him he was still opinionated and religiously exclusive. The people of Nineveh proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth. They repented them of the sins which they from time

to time had most grievously committed. The King decreed that man and beast be covered with sackcloth and cry mightily unto God.

"Who can tell", said the king, "if God will turn away from his fierce anger that we perish not?" And God saw their works that they turned from evil and he turned aside the impending punishment. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly and he was very angry. Think of it; angry that his message had prevailed. Vexed that his vast congregation had been moved to do works meet for repentance. To God he said "Is it not as I told thee it would be?" "Before I fled to Tarshish did I not say to thee that thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness? Did I not declare in advance what thou wouldst do? I knew that thou wouldst give these people of Nineveh a new chance. Therefore now, O Lord, take I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than live". What deeprooted prejudice! What ineradicable pride of place and opinion! Then said the Lord with a touch of playful wistfulness: Doest thou well to be angry?" So Jonah went out of the city and there on the East side made him a booth and sat under it in the shadow to see what would happen. And the Lord caused a gourd vine to come up over the booth to give a cool shade over Jonah. Jonah rejoiced in the physical comfort it brought. But God caused a worm to destroy the vine and Jonah was saddened by the death of the vine. And the Lord said "Thou hast had pity for the gourd vine for the which thou hast not labored, neither made it to grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night" "Now Jonah" said God, think of Nineveh. I made it. It is mine. There are more than 120,000 people that cannot discern between their right hand and their left. I love them all; they are my people; I brood over them, I yearn for them. Think of a Jew proclaiming such a truth! The universality of God's concern and compassion. The all embracing love of a great all-father. Indeed a revolutionary doctrine for a Jew. A difficult truth to take to one's soul even in the 20th century. Strong medicine is this word of Jonah to an age sick almost to death with the fever of nationalism. Are we not plagued by the temptation to pacts of security? Are not the democracies about to form an alliance against the dictators? Are not the "have nations" about to join forces to protect their possessions and incidentally those of their proteges? Is it not all about to be done in the name of international decency? Is not sanity to align its newly armed might against insanity? Are not the mad dogs to be leashed or shot?

Once again self-righteous nationalism is imputing to itself all goodness. To us belongs the virtues, to others the vices. From our heights of righteousness we hurl our anathemas. Those who are not of our persuasion are ignoble. We must hate them. They are to be despised. How like Jonah before his eyes were opened! Is the world to be saved by sharing the attitude of Jonah? Sharing his pride and prejudice? Never! Never! Never! Hate,

suspicion, contempt, spell destruction. The Jonah of the final vision is a safe guide. His spirit as it was at the end holds light for our personal, national and international pathways today. The truth he proclaimed constitutes a straight and narrow path. It is a difficult truth. A truth, a principle for the complete adoption of which Christ watches and waits. His divine soul shall never be satisfied until His people make Jonah's message flesh of their flesh, bone of their bone, spirit of their spirit.

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON—"ALMOST"

I. Almost is often a tragic word. Frequently its use indicates failure. Almost means missing an intended goal. He was on his way to Nanking and almost reached the capital city. In 1916 a man by the name of Charles E. Hughes almost reached the Presidency of the American Republic. He missed it by so few votes that the result of the election was in doubt for one week.

In 1936 Franklin Roosevelt almost received a majority of the votes in every state of the United States. He missed that unprecedented result by only two small states.

I know many boys who almost graduated from High School. At the time of the world war thousands of American students were almost ready to be graduated from college. Some of them never came back home. Their bodies lie buried in French soil. Many who did come back never re-entered the halls of learning. I know hundreds of people who almost made a success of marriage but their romance ended in disappointment and in a divorce court. I know many hundreds of business men who almost succeeded. I know a large number of preachers who almost carried on with high courage. I know thousands and thousands of Christians who almost followed Christ's footsteps. Almost is not enough very often. Almost cannot avail, Almost is but to fail. Almost is kin to "It might have been." An American poet once wrote: "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these it might have been. I would not go quite that far. I would not say that "almost" and "it might have been" are superlatives. There may be other words more full of tragic sorrow. I would say that they can be indicative of heart-breaking experiences. To almost attain is a condition crammed with pathos. It would be tragedy indeed if China should almost attain her true destiny. It would put black clouds in my soul if the New Life Movement should almost succeed. Oh! what we need is not almost. What we need is altogether. Whether our aims and ends be our own, or our country's, or our God's, we need not almost but altogether. "Almost is but to fail." "Almost cannot avail."

The swimmer almost reached the shore. The life-boat almost reached the ship wrecked on the rocks. The doctor almost got there before the child died. The father almost set his boys a good example. The mother almost inspired her girls to noble living. Oh! I could go on and on but I have said enough to open up the

cloud covered roads on which "almost" has walked. I do not want to journey on those roads. I do not want to walk with "almost"

II. Paul felt the same way. He too was an altogether man. In the words of our text a deeply moved man said "almost". In the next breath Paul said not "almost" but "altogether" is what I want. The deeply moved man was King Agrippa as I said last night, he was a petty Jewish King, who ruled under Rome. The Roman Governor over King Agrippa was Festus. The petty Jewish sovereign had come to visit him. Festus was unusually glad to see him. He welcomed him with very great politeness and cordiality. After several days Festus said to Agrippa;—"Illustrious King Agrippa I am always rejoiced when thou dost honor me with a visit." "At this time, I am particularly happy to see you for I have a troublesome case on hand." One of thine own countrymen, Paul of Tarsus, has been accused by his own people." It is a strange situation," said Festus. "I scarcely know what to make of it". "There seems to be nothing serious against the man". When I questioned his accusers they could bring nothing against him worthy to be considered by a Roman Court." "All they complained of was Paul's beliefs concerning one Jesus." "If I got it aright they said Jesus was dead." "This fellow Paul said He is alive." "There were other things said about their law and their prophets." "None of it seemed to make much sense." "So" concluded Festus, "I want you to hear Paul yourself." "Since you are his countryman you may be able to get what I missed."

It was arranged that Paul should appear on the morrow. As we saw last night Festus, Agrippa and Agrippa's wife sat on the throne to hear Paul's defence. It was a masterly statement of his case. In words of light and power Paul set forth his position. He reached a high point when he spoke the memorable words which referred to his own conversion.

"Whereupon O King Agrippa I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." His face was aglow as he uttered these words. Doubtless his face shone with the reflected light of the sun of righteousness. It was like that of Moses when he came down from the sacred mount. It was like that of Stephen to whose death Saul of Tarsus had consented thirty years before.

To obey the vision was not easy. It was costly. It cost Paul much. It meant the loss of face. His old friends and admirers turned their backs on him. It entailed the loss of position and a comfortable income. It made him a traveler without the joy of life in his own house. It brought all kinds of danger. Because of the vision he endured all kinds of suffering. There was no other way to be loyal to the vision, Was he better than His Lord? Was not Jesus a man of no home, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief? Had not Jesus lost face? Was he not rejected and despised by his own people? Had they not repudiated Jesus because he was lacking in the hot resentments of Jewish patriotism? Had they not cast Jesus aside because He would not lead a revolution against the

ruling nation. Jesus had suffered many things. It was this Jesus who had appeared to Paul on the Damascus Road, He had frankly told Paul thru Ananias who lived in Damascus on the street called Straight that he (Paul) must suffer many things. "I had open eyes" most noble Festus, "said Paul. "I knew what suffering must come if I obeyed the vision. I decided to do it. I have not been disobedient." Having declared that he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, Paul went on to tell how he had carried it into everyday life. A vision is not worth much that does not do good to men. A transfiguration on a mount is not truly valid unless the transfigured one goes down to the plain to heal a demoniac boy. Lofty experiences are not for mystical ends only. They are means to practical ends. They must express themselves in running errands for Jesus. Hence Paul says, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision:" "But showed first to them of Damascus that they should repent and turn to God and do works meet for repentance." Then I showed the same things to them of Jerusalem. Next I showed the same everlasting realities to them of all Judea. After that I went among the Gentiles, declaring salvation and peace through Christ. For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple and went about to kill me. They were thirsty, thirsty for my blood." "Having obtained help of God, I continue until this day. Witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come. That Christ should suffer. That Christ should rise from the dead. That Christ should show light until the people and to the Gentiles. And as he thus spake, Festus said with a loud voice: "Paul thou art beside thyself. Much learning doth make thee mad"

You see Paul must have been reasoning mightily of righteousness and judgment and of everlasting life. He unquestionably said very much more than is recorded in this chapter. His mind and soul were soaring among the mountain peaks. He was vibrant with emotion and aflame with truth. His was a dominant mood of mind and heart that beat down all intellectual opposition. Even Festus was being overborne. Even this arrogant self-sufficient Roman official was being conquered. As a measure of defense he tried to break the force of the onslaught. To protect himself; to keep from being swept from his own moorings Festus cried out "Paul thou art beside thyself Much learning hath made thee mad." To which Paul replied: "I am not mad most noble Festus, but speak forth the words of truth and soberness." "There has been no exaggeration most noble Festus": "I have not resorted to extravagances." I have not used half the emotion the facts would permit. I have not gone one single inch beyond the facts. I have not embroidered the truth. I have not given an inflection even that would overemphasize the exact realities. I have spoken only words of truth and soberness. For King Agrippa knoweth of these things. I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him for this thing was not done in a corner. So thou seest most noble Festus that I would not have

dared to play fast and loose with the truth. I would not have dared to give free rein to my imagination. King Agrippa, by thy side, could have checked up on my utterances. He could have told thee wherein I departed from fact. Nay, most noble Festus, I am not mad neither have I spoken anything other than words of truth and soberness."

Then Paul did a daring thing. He addressed a direct appeal to King Agrippa. He said, "King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know thou believest." Paul wanted to bring him face to face with the prophecies and their fulfillment in Christ. Agrippa understood Paul. He felt the might of his appeal. Therefore, he said unto Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Almost! Almost! Almost! He was a Hebrew. He believed in the traditional religion of his people. How the pull is on his heart to be a Christian. Paul urges him to go all the way with Christ. That's what I urge you to do today. Many of you may be about where King Agrippa was. Many of you may have a conventional religion. Agrippa had that kind. He was almost persuaded to get a vital faith. He was almost persuaded to go all the way with Jesus. I beseech you to do just that today. When Agrippa said: "Almost thou persuadest me", Paul said, "I would to God that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day were both almost and altogether such as I am." Then Paul, always a courteous and considerate man bethought himself of his bonds. He did not want them to be prisoners. He did not want them to have chains on their wrists. So he says "altogether such as I am, except these bonds."

Not almost, rather altogether. Some here may be almost persuaded to go all the way with Jesus. You started with Him. You believe the Bible in a general way, but you have not been as faithful as you might have been. You may have been following afar off like Peter on the night of the betrayal. Almost a consecrated disciple. Almost a deeply devoted worker in kingdom building. I would to God that you were almost and altogether consecrated disciples. Almost and altogether deeply devoted workers in Kingdom Building. Almost like Paul. Almost like John. Why not altogether? It may be that some of you are almost like John. Why not altogether? It may be that some of you are almost persuaded to accept Jesus as Savior. You have been serious this week. You have been thinking about your duty and your privilege. It may be you have been wavering, wavering between being obedient or disobedient to the vision. God knows what you have been thinking. May he help you to be both almost and altogether persuaded. Almost and altogether persuaded to believe and accept Jesus Christ.

CHARGE TO THEOLOGICAL GRADUATES

I come to congratulate you and to charge you. I congratulate you from the bottom of my heart. This occasion is a notable one in your lives. It is a significant mile stone. It marks an ending and a beginning. You are concluding your studies in this school. You are not, however, done with studying. A preacher is always a student. He must never stop reading serious books. John Wesley always carried books with him. He had what Englishmen called saddle bags. They hung on either side of his horse and were strapped to his saddle. In them he carried on his long horse back journeys some clothing and some books. More books than clothing. As an old, old man, almost 90, he used to say "I still carry my school satchel." By that he meant that he was like a boy whose school books were usually carried in a satchel. He was a student to the end of his life.

Do not say to yourself: "I am thru with my studies". You are thru with some studies. Others should begin, as soon as you get settled in your new work.

A few weeks ago one of my preachers in the Central China Conference wrote me about his home. He told me that his parsonage was looted. Everything was gone. "I feel badly because of our losses," he wrote. "I feel worst, however, about the loss of my good books." I have been in his study. I saw on his shelves about fifty books, part English, part Chinese. He is one of our most successful preachers. He has kept on studying. You must do the same if you want to do your best work. But you must not only know something, you must be something. You can only be something in a vital way by being a godly man. There is no real place for any other kind of man in the Christian ministry. Above knowledge is godliness. The godly spirit, the pure heart are to the preacher, most precious jewels. He should seek them as worth far more than gold. His goal is to help men, women and children to be good. How can he do that unless he himself is good?

His mission is to lead men, women and children to Christ. How can he do that if he does not live constantly in Christ's neighborhood? He should develop his mind as I said in the beginning. Beyond and above that he should cultivate goodness in his own heart. With a sound mind and a pure heart the preacher can set out to shepherd the sheep. Also to proclaim with prophetic power the law and the gospel.

You are called to be pastors, shepherds. It is not beneath your dignity to serve. Your Lord said: "I come to minister; not to be ministered unto. Jesus came to seek and serve and save the lowliest and the humblest of men. He did not sit on a royal throne. He walked the dusty roads. He went about doing good. Go and do likewise. He was as a shepherd. He had a heart full of compassion. Let your hearts be also. He could speak in tenderest tones. He was the ideal pastor. His voice could also on occasion

rise to tones of power and prophetic vibrancy. He knew how to declare the full counsel of God. Words of doom came now and again from those kind lips of His. In his soul blazed the fires of moral and spiritual prophecy.

So, I charge you to keep up your studies. I charge you to be men of God. I charge you to be shepherds of the sheep. I charge you to be prophetic proclaimers of the full counsel of God. May the Father of us all guide and guard you as you go out. May he grant unto you the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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1920	Baker, Dwight C.	Transferred	1925
1892	Barrows, La Clede.....	Deceased	1894
1902	Beech, Joseph.....	Transferred	1902
1914	Brown, Grow S.	Located	1932
1913	Brown, M. W.	Deceased	1934
1900	Bunker, D. A.	Transferred	1903
1907	Chai Te-Jung	Withdrew	1909
1924	Chang Hsi-San	Transferred	1925
1923	Chang Ts'an-Wu.....	Transferred	1925
1914	Chang Wan-Shan	Located	1925
1923	Chang Yun-Han	Transferred	1925
1906	Chang Yung-Hsin	Transferred	1906
1917	Chao I-Hsiu	Transferred	1925
1920	Chao Jung-Hsi.....	Transferred	1925
1915	Chao Li-Yu	Deceased	1924
1923	Chao I-Hsien	Transferred	1925
1906	Chao I-Kuei	Transferred	1906
1877	Ch'en Ta-Yung	Deceased	1900
1906	Ch'en T'ien-Lin	Transferred	1906
1902	Ch'en Yü-Shan	Deceased	1931
1929	Chi Ch'i	Withdrew	1931
1906	Chiang Ming-Chih	Transferred	1906
1923	Ch'iao Chi-Ch'uan	Transferred	1925
1891	Ch'in Lung-Chang.....	Deceased	1907
1897	Chou Hsüeh-Shen	Deceased	1900
1906	Chou Hsing-Shan.....	Transferred	1906
1906	Chou Teh-Yin	Transferred	1906
1906	Chu Mei-Er.....	Transferred	1906
1920	Cranston, Earl.....	Transferred	1923
1867	Davis, George R.	Deceased	1925
1903	Davis, George L.	Transferred	1929
1918	Fan T'ing-Ch'eng	Transferred	1925
1929	Feng Kuang-Hsin	Located	1933

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1901	Folwell, Edward D.	Transferred	1905
1903	Hanson, Perry O.	Transferred	1925
1893	Hayner, J. Fred	Deceased	1901
1882	Hobart, W. T.	Deceased	1932
1897	Hou Tien	Deceased	1928
1914	Hsü Fu-Lin	Located	1925
1923	Hsü Kuang-Li	Transferred	1925
1895	Hsü Tsun-Ching	Transferred	1897
1920	Jen Chao-Ch'ing	Transferred	1925
1903	Kao Fu Ch'ang	Deceased	1920
1903	Kao Hsiu-Shan	Deceased	1919
1906	Kao Lin-Chin	Transferred	1906
1901	Kim Ch'ang-Shih	Transferred	1903
1901	Kim Kui-Pom	Transferred	1903
1894	King, H. E.	Deceased	1923
1895	Ko Ch'ing-Yun	Located	1899
1892	Ku Ch'i	Withdrew under charges	1899
1901	Kuo Ying	Deceased	1925
1895	Kung Te-Lin	Deceased	1902
1914	Lacy, Carleton G.	Transferred	1915
1907	Leitzel, H. S.	Deceased	1923
1909	Li Ch'uan Hsin	Withdrew	1914
1914	Li Hsin	Withdrew under charges	1923
1914	Li Hsiao-Lu	Withdrew under charges	1921
1927	Li I-Hsin	Withdrew	1933
1892	Li Shao-Wen	Deceased	1913
1918	Li T'ien-Lu	Transferred	1925
1917	Li Wan-Liu	Transferred	1925
1906	Li Yuan-Shen	Transferred	1906
1924	Li Yuan-Hsin	Transferred	1925
1915	Liang En-P'o	Transferred	1925
1917	Liang Hsing-T'ang	Transferred	1925
1895	Liu Mo I	Transferred	1898
1893	Liu Chi-Lun	Withdrew under complaints	1920
1920	Liu Ch'ien-Kuei	Transferred	1925
1917	Lui Fu	Transferred	1931
1903	Liu Kuang-Ch'ing	Deceased	1929
1909	Liu Kuang-Tzu	Deceased	1928
1899	Liu Ming-Ch'uan	Expelled	1904
1915	Liu Shen-En	Withdrew	1928
1906	Lo T'sai-T'ang	Transferred	1907
1898	Longden, Wilbur C.	Transferred	1906
1867	Lowry, Hiram H.	Deceased	1924
1920	Lowry Raymond	Located	1938
1915	Ma Yü-Lin	Withdrew under charges	1922
1907	McCartney, James H.	Transferred	1908
1902	McGill, W. B.	Transferred	1902
1906	Martin, W. A.	Transferred	1906
1926	Mi Chen-Pang	Located	1933
1894	Nieh Chen-Ch'i	Transferred	1897

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1923	Pai Kuei-Lin	Withdrew.....	1931
1893	P'an Chen.....	Withdrew.....	1902
1870	Pilcher, Leander W.	Deceased	1893
1873	Pyke, J. H.	Deceased	1924
1906	Quirmback, A. P.	Transferred	1906
1906	Rowland, H. H.	Transferred	1923
1903	St. John, Burton	Located	1928
1913	Searles, C. K.	Located	1931
1892	Shang Ch'ing-Yun	Located	1899
1915	Sun Jung	Withdrew.....	1929
1906	T'ang Jen-Shen	Transferred	1906
1877	Te Jui	Deceased	1935
1923	Terman, E. L.	Located	1931
1906	T'ien Yü-Ming	Transferred	1906
1906	T'ien H'eng-Shen	Transferred	1906
1907	Trindle, J. R.	Transferred	1907
1906	Tzu Ching-Ch'en.....	Transferred	1906
1922	Ts'ui Hsien-Hsiang.....	Transferred	1925
1914	Ts'ui Lien-Sheng	Located	1925
1893	Ts'ui Wan-Fu	Located	1898
1920	Ts'ui Yen-Li.....	Transferred	1925
1916	Tu Pu-Yün	Deceased	1929
1913	Tu Wen-Yü.....	Deceased	1932
1887	Verity, G. W.	Transferred	1925
1873	Walker, Wilbur F.	Located	1908
1911	Wang Ch'ang-Tai.....	Transferred	1925
1909	Wang Chao-K'e	Located	1924
1891	Wang Ch'eng-P'ei	Deceased	1900
1919	Wang Ch'ing-He	Deceased	1928
1894	Wang Ch'ing-Yü	Withdrew under complaints	1900
1891	Wang Ch'ing-Yun	Deceased	1911
1910	Wang He-Nan	Deceased	1929
1905	Wang I-Heng	Deceased	1925
1932	Wang I-Min	Located	1933
1906	Wang Shan-Chih	Transferred	1906
1906	Wang Shih-Ch'ing	Transferred	1906
1898	Wang T'ien-Hsiang	Deceased	1916
1919	Wang Wen-Ping	Transferred	1925
1906	Wang Yü-Chang.....	Transferred	1906
1896	Wang Mao-Yin	Withdrew under charges ..	1904
1910	Wen Jung-T'ai	Transferred	1925
1926	Wen Min	Located	1933
1906	Wilson, J. T.	Transferred	1906
1906	Wilson, W. F.	Transferred	1906
1905	Wu Hsi-K'ao	Located	1915
1914	Wu Yü-K'un	Deceased	1936
1899	Yang Ch'ang-Fa	Withdrew	1900
1896	Yang Ch'ao	Deceased	1902
1892	Yang Ch'un-He	Deceased	1925

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1915	Yang Hsüeh-Shih	Transferred	1925
1925	Yang Yun	Deprived of Ministerial Office	1934
1922	Yüeh Ch'ing-Yü	Deceased	1932
1920	Byers, Earl G.	Discontinued	1921
1922	Chang Ching-Ming	Transferred	1925
1917	Chao Yen-Huai	Deceased	1920
1903	Cheng Chao-Chen	Deceased	1905
1917	Chi Ch ang-Lu	Discontinued	1923
1917	Chi Hs ao Feng	Deceased	1919
1921	Chia Chi'ing-Yun	Discontinued	1922
1921	Ch'iu Ching-Ming	Discontinued	1923
1921	Fang Ch'i	Discontinued	1922
1926	Feng T'ing-Tsun	Discontinued	1929
1918	Hao Tsun-Ch'ing	Discontinued	1923
1920	Hsin Ping-Ch'uan	Transferred	1925
1922	Hsüeh Ch'i-Kuan	Discontinued	1925
1930	Li Ch'ang Yuan	Discontinued	1935
1921	Li K'ai-Yin	Discontinued	1922
1897	Li Te-Jen	Deceased	1900
1929	Liang Yü	Discontinued	1932
1898	Liu Chi-Hsien	Deceased	1900
1919	Liu Hsi	Discontinued	1921
1919	Liu Yüeh-Chi	Discontinued	1925
1927	Ma Chi-Yao	Discontinued	1929
1921	Nien Shih-Chen	Discontinued	1929
1920	Oechsli, W R.	Discontinued	1925
1919	Pai Kuei-Sn	Discontinued	1922
1918	Po Min	Discontinued	1922
1930	Sun Ju-Te	Discontinued	1932
1924	T'ang Ch'üan-Hsiang	Transferred	1925
1924	Wu Feng-Yü	Deceased	1926
1918	Wu Heng-Hsiang	Discontinued	1922

(c) Conference Sessions

1. NORTH CHINA MISSION

No.	Time	Place	President	Secretary
1	Sept. 1869	Peking	Calvin Kingsley	H. H. Lowry
2	Aug 28, 1872	"	L. N. Wheeler	" "
3	Sept. 1, 1873	"	William H. Harris	L. W. Pilcher
4	Aug 31, 1874	"	H. H. Lowry	"
5	Sept 8, 1875	"	" "	W. F. Walker
6	" 7, 1876	"	G. R. Davis	J. H. Pyke
7	Oct. 30, 1877	"	Isaac W. Wiley	L. W. Pilcher
8	Sept. 9, 1878	"	H. H. Lowry	J. H. Pyke
9	" 1, 1879	"	" "	L. W. Pilcher
10	" 20, 1880	"	" "	O. W. Willits
11	" 29, 1881	"	Thomas Bowman	L. W. Pilcher
12	" 7, 1882	"	H. H. Lowry	" "
13	" 4, 1883	"	Stephen M. Merrill	" "
14	Oct. 1, 1884	"	Isaac W. Wiley	J. H. Pyke
15	Sept. 10, 1885	Tientsin	H. H. Lowry	Marcus L. Taft
16	Oct. 7, 1886	Peking	G. R. Davis	" "
17	Sept. 16, 1887	"	Henry W. Warren	" "
18	Oct. 10, 1888	"	Charles H. Fowler	W. T. Hobart
19	" 15, 1889	"	Edward G. Andrews	" "
20	June 15, 1890	"	H. H. Lowry	" "
21	May 3, 1891	"	Daniel A. Goodsell	" "
22	Apr. 27, 1892	"	H. H. Lowry	L. W. Pilcher
23	Sept. 30, 1892	"	W. F. Mallalieu	" "
	" 28, 1893	"	Randolph S. Foster.	Marcus L. Taft

2. NORTH CHINA CONFERENCE

Session	Time	Place	President	Secretary
1	Sept. 29, 1893	Peking	Randolph S. Foster	Marcus L. Taft
2	Oct. 1, 1894	"	William Ninde	L. T. Headland
3	Sept. 20, 1895	Tientsin	John M. Walden	" "
4	" 21, 1896	Peking	Isaac. W. Joyce	" "
5	" 15, 1897	"	" "	" "
6	Oct. 5, 1898	"	Earl Cranston	" "
7	May 28, 1899	Tientsin	" "	" "
8	" 31, 1900	Peking	James H. Pyke	J. Fred Hayner
9	" 19, 1901	Tientsin	David H. Moore	L. T. Headland
10	June 21, 1902	Peking	" "	" "
11	" 10, 1903	"	" "	" "
12	May 11, 1904	"	H. H. Lowry	" "
13	" 29, 1905	"	J. W. Bashford	" "
14	Oct. 3, 1906	"	Henry Spellmeyer	" "
15	Sept. 18, 1907	"	J. W. Bashford	Burton St. John
16	Oct. 7, 1908	"	" "	" "
17	Sept. 30, 1909	Peking	Wilson S. Lewis	Carl A. Felt
18	Oct. 5, 1910	"	" "	" "
19	Sept. 6, 1911	"	J. W. Bashford	" "
20	Oct. 31, 1912	"	" "	Burton St. John
21	Sept. 11, 1913	"	Wilson S. Lewis	" "
22	" 9, 1914	"	J. W. Bashford	H. H. Rowland
23	" 8, 1915	"	Wilson S. Lewis	" "
24	" 6, 1916	"	J. W. Bashford	C. K. Searles
25	" 5, 1917	"	William Burt	" "
26	" 4, 1918	"	Herbert Welch	" "
27	" 3, 1919	"	Wilson S. Lewis	" "
28	" 22, 1920	"	" "	W. W. Davis
29	" 7, 1921	Tientsin	F. T. Keeney	" "
30	" 6, 1922	"	L. J. Birney	" "
31	" 5, 1923	Peking	" "	" "
32	" 3, 1924	"	F. W. Warne	" "
33	" 2, 1925	"	George R. Grose	Carl A. Felt
34	" 8, 1926	"	" "	" "
35	Aug. 31, 1927	"	" "	W. W. Davis
36	Sept. 28, 1928	"	" "	" "
37	Aug. 28, 1929	Changli	L. J. Birney	" "
38	" 27, 1930	Peking	C. P. Wang	" "
39	" 24, 1931	"	" "	" "
40	" 24, 1932	"	" "	E. E. Dixon
41	" 23, 1933	Tientsin	John Gowdy	" "
42	" 22, 1934	"	C. P. Wang	" "
43	" 21, 1935	Peiping	Herbert Welch	Arthur B. Coole
44	Sept. 16, 1936	Peking	Wilbur E. Hammaker	" "
45	May 4, 1938	"	"	W. W. Davis

**(d) General
DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Year	Ministerial		Lay	
	Delegates	Alternates	Delegates	Alternates
1896	H. H. Lowry	J. H. Pyke	I. F. Scott	
1900	H. H. Lowry	W. F. Walker	None elected	
1904	W. F. Walker	F. D. Gamewell	Lo Ch'i-Ming	Ch'en Tsai-Hsin
1908	H. H. Lowry	I. T. Headland	Ch'en Wei-Ch'eng	Wang Hsiang-He
1912	W. T. Hobart	F. D. Gamewell	Ch'en Tsai-Hsin	Wei Wen-Pin
1916	H. H. Lowry	Wang Chih-P'ing*	Li Jung-Fang	Li Tien Lu
	Liu Ma-K'e	J. H. Pyke	Howe Te-An	
1920	G. L. Davis	P. O. Hanson	Wang Ching-Ch'un	Kuo Chiao-Hsi
	Ch'en Wei-P'ing	Wang Chih-P'ing	Wang Hou-Chai	Ch'en Li-T'ing
1924	Liu Fang	Chou Fu-Ch'uan	Nien Shih-Chen	Liu I-Hsin*
	G. L. Davis	Wen Jung-T'ai	Yang Jung-Mao	Chao Kou-Ch'ang
	Wang Ch'ang-T'ai	Carl A. Felt	Feng Yü-Hsiang	Mrs. Ch'ing-Shou
1928	Wang Chih-P'ing	Carl A. Felt	Hsü Wan-Liang	Li Lien-Ying
	F. M. Pyke.	Li Jung-Fang	Liang Yü	Liu Chia-En
1932	C. A. Felt	Kao Feng-Shan	Li Lien-K'e	Hsü Wan-Liang
	Chiang Hsiu-F'eng	Lee Lin-Sheng	T'sui Ch'ing-Hsiu	Tseng Hsiu-Hsiang(Miss)
1936	W. W. Davis	Lee Lin-Sheng	Liu I-Hsin	Li Lien-K'e
	Kao Feng-Shan	Liu Fang	Paul Li-Ya Shih	Chang Tse-T'ing

* Seated

CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL

Subject	For Examination	Examiner
1. Discipline (Constitution, The Church (Part I) and The Conferences (Part II)		W. W. Davis
2. Bible (O. T. Biographies of Moses and David) (N. T. Biographies of Jesus and Paul)		C. A. Felt
3. Basic Beliefs		Y. L. Yang
4. The Life of John Wesley		S. L. S. Lee
5. A Short Study of Religious Education		F. S. Kao
6. Outline of Practical Theology		E. J. Aeschliman
7. Christianity and Chinese Culture		C. C. Liu
8. Written Sermon		Y. L. Yang

To be read

1. Rural Sociology	H. F. Chiang
2. Holy Land and Syria	W. C. Shang
3. The Life of Savonarola	S. L. S. Lee
4. The Christ of the Mount (A Working Philosophy of Life)	T. A. Howe
5. Chinese Christian Advocate	T. A. Howe

First Year

For Examination

1. Discipline (The Ministry, Part III)	W. W. Davis
2. The Old Testament: its Use, Origin, and Message	J. F. Li
3. The Making and Meaning of the New Testament	E. J. Aeschliman
4. The Plain Man Seeks for God	Y. L. Yang
5. A Short History of Christianity (First Half)	S. L. S. Lee
6. Psychology and Morals	Y. L. Yang
7. Life of Martin Luther	S. L. S. Lee
8. Chinese Nation Through the Eyes of Jesus	T. A. Howe
9. Written Sermon	Y. L. Yang

To be read

1. Personal Work	H. E. Dewey
2. Hand Book on Hygiene and Public Health	W. Y. Chang
3. The Sadhu Sundar Singh Called of God	E. J. Aeschliman
4. Chapel Talks on Religion	F. S. Kao
5. Selections from Wesley's Sermons (1-13)	H. E. Dewey
6. Chinese Christian Advocate	T. A. Howe

Second Year

For Examination

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| 1. Discipline (Judicial Administration, Part IV) | W. W. Davis |
| 2. An Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament | J. F. Li |
| 3. An Introduction to the Literature of the New Testament | E. J. Aeschliman |
| 4. The Pauline Theology | Y. L. Yang |
| 5. A Short History of Christianity (Second Half) | S. L. S. Lee |
| 6. The Pupil and the Teacher | F. S. Kao |
| 7. Pastoral Theology (The Pastor in the Various Duties of His Office) | E. J. Winans |
| 8. Christ and His Cross | W. Y. Chang |
| 9. Written Sermon | Y. L. Yang |

To be read

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| 1. Personal Evangelism | C. C. Liu |
| 2. City Evangelistic Campaigns For Educated Groups | T. A. Howe |
| 3. Selections from Wesley's Sermons (14-45) | H. E. Dewey |
| 4. Robert Morrison, D. D. | H. F. Chiang |
| 5. St. Francis of Assisi | S. L. S. Lee |
| 6. Chinese Christian Advocate | T. A. Howe |

Third Year

For Examination

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| 1. Discipline (Temporal Economy and Institutions, Parts V and VI) | W. W. Davis |
| 2. The Doctrine of the Prophets | C. A. Felt |
| 3. The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ | E. J. Aeschliman |
| 4. The Character of Paul | J. F. Li |
| 5. The New Testament Church | H. F. Chiang |
| 6. Christian Home Education | F. S. Kao |
| 7. A Practical Homiletics | Y. L. Yang |
| 8. Christ and Human Suffering | T. A. Howe |
| 9. Written Sermon | Y. L. Yang |

To be read

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| 1. Moral Man and Immoral Society | W. C. Shang |
| 2. Out of My Life and Thought (By Albert Schweitzer) | C. C. Liu |
| 3. The Religion of Jesus and Its Truth | F. S. Kao |
| 4. Life of David Hill | H. E. Dewey |
| 5. Chinese Christian Advocate | T. A. Howe |

Fourth Year

For Examination

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| 1. Discipline (Boundaries and Worship, Parts VII and VIII) | W. W. Davis |
| 2. Old Testament Selections for the Present day Youth of China | J. F. Li |
| 3. New Commentary on The Apocalypse of Saint John, The Divine | E. J. Winans |
| 4. Life of Jesus | W. C. Shang |
| 5. Essays on Religious Education (Vol. I) | F. S. Kao |
| 6. Psychology in Service of the Soul | Y. L. Yang |
| 7. Love, The Law of Life | T. A. Howe |
| 8. Martyrs of the Early Christian Church | S. L. S. Lee |
| 9. Written Sermon | Y. L. Yang |

To be read

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| 1. Studies in the Life of the Christian | T. A. Howe |
| 2. What A Christian Believes and Why | W. C. Shang |
| 3. James W. Bashford, Pastor, Educator, Bishop | C. A. Felt |
| 4. Life of Hudson Taylor | C. C. Liu |
| 5. The New Testament and Its Transmission | J. F. Li |
| 6. Chinese Christian Advocate | T. A. Howe |

XI. PASTORAL RECORD

A. CONFERENCE ROLL

All addresses are in Hopei Province unless otherwise indicated.

The date gives the year of admission into Annual Conference.

*Indicates that the member is in the Retired Relation.

†Indicates that the member is in the Supernumerary Relation.

No.	YEAR	NAME Chinese	English	ADDRESS
1.	1919	艾禮門	Aeschliman, E. J.	Peking
2.	1886	寶復理	Brown Frederick	Caterham, Surrey, Eng.
3.	1924	張秀齡	Chang Hsiu-Ling	Pinganchengtze
4.	1933	張憲	Chang Hui	T'ang shan
5.	1930	張鴻圖	Chang Hung-T'u	Peking
6.	1895	張柏林	*Chang Pai-Lin	Tung-hsin chuang
7.	1905	張自盛	*Chang Tze-Sheng	Langhsien
8.	1932	張蔓友	Chang Wan-Yu	Peking
9.	1933	張永平	Chang Yung-P'ing	Mashench'iao
10.	1932	趙連益	Chao Lien-I	Ch'angning
11.	1895	陳恒德	*Ch'en Heng-Te	Haitien
12.	1932	陳光宇	Ch'en Kuang-Yü	Peking
13.	1897	陳維屏	Ch'en Wei-P'ing	Peking
14.	1929	陳永桂	Ch'en Yung-Kuei	Peking
15.	1923	紀維存	Chi Wei-T'sun	Tientsin (West Gate)
16.	1929	賈玉琮	Chia Yü-Tsung	Peking
17.	1922	蔣秀峰	Chiang Hsiu-Feng	Tsunhua (Hui Wen)
18.	1897	金城	*Chin Ch'eng	Peking
19.	1827	荆國樑	Ching Kuo-Liang	Peitaiho
20.	1915	慶壽	Ch'ing Shou	Ch'angli (East Suburb)
21.	1913	周福全	†Chou Fu-Ch'uan	Peking
22.	1926	邱文明	Coole, Arthur B.	Peking
23.	1910	達維德	Davis W. W.	Peking, West
24.	1918	杜維儀	Dewey, Horace E.	Ch'angli
25.	1929	狄克遜	Dixon, E. E., Jr.	Tientsin
26.	1903	費克禮	Felt, Carl A.	Peking
27.	1926	傅海	Fu Hai	Fengjunhsien
28.	1881	賈腓力	Gamewell, Francis D.	Philadelphia, Pa. U.S.A.
29.	1907	翟博	†Gibb, John McGregor	Shanghai, Kiangsu
30.	1924	顧忠堯	Guh Chung-Yao	Sian, Shensi
31.	1915	韓殿英	Han Tien-Ying	Li t'an

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| 32. | 1916 | 郝德安 | Howe Te-An | Tientsin (Wesley) |
| 33. | 1890 | 何德蘭 | Headland, I. T. | Alliance, Ohio, U.S.A. |
| 34. | 1925 | 赫巴德 | Hibbard, Earl R. | Tientsin |
| 35. | 1895 | 賀慶 | Hopkins, N. S. | Peking |
| 36. | 1924 | 謝鴻恩 | Hsieh Hung-En | Peking |
| 37. | 1914 | 徐景平 | *Hsi Ching-P'ing | Tsingtao, Sung. |
| 38. | 1923 | 徐崑山 | †Hsi K'un-Shan | Huant'sun |
| 39. | 1914 | 徐永珍 | Hsi Yung-Chen | Peking |
| 40. | 1924 | 任懷德 | Jen Huai-Te | Lanhsien |
| 41. | 1914 | 康永貴 | K'ang Yung-Kuei | Funing hsien |
| 42. | 1911 | 高鳳山 | Kao Feng-Shan | Peking (Hui Wen) |
| 43. | 1926 | 高懷來 | Kao Huai-Lai | T'angshan |
| 44. | 1914 | 紀約瑟 | Keeler, Joseph L. | San Fernando, Calif.
U. S. A. |
| 45. | 1916 | 李連穎 | Lee Lien-Ying | Tientsin (South Gate) |
| 46. | 1925 | 李慶生 | Lee Lin-Sheng | Peking (Seminary) |
| 47. | 1926 | 李長英 | Li Ch'ang-Ying | Ch'ienanhsien |
| 48. | 1929 | 李顯之 | Li Hsien-Chih | Shanhaikuan |
| 49. | 1918 | 李榮芳 | Li Jung-Fang | Peking, West |
| 50. | 1910 | 李維燾 | *Li Wei-Yung | Peking |
| 51. | 1929 | 李永德 | Li Yung-Te | Langfang |
| 52. | 1929 | 李玉珂 | Li Yü-K'e | Peking |
| 53. | 1928 | 劉振祥 | Liu Chen-Hsiang | Kaoli ying |
| 54. | 1923 | 劉繼詠 | Liu Chi-Yung | Peking |
| 55. | 1910 | 劉靖卿 | Liu Ching-Ch'ing | Peking |
| 56. | 1921 | 劉慶祥 | Liu Ch'ing-Hsiang | Shihmenchai |
| 57. | 1931 | 劉青雲 | Liu Ch'ing-Yun | Tingliuho |
| 58. | 1905 | 劉芳 | Liu Fang | Tientsin (Hui Wen) |
| 59. | 1895 | 劉馬可 | *Liu Ma-K'e | Peking (Hospital) |
| 60. | 1928 | 劉貴宸 | Liu Shang-Ch'en | Langfang |
| 61. | 1911 | 劉紹棠 | *Liu Shao-T'ang | Tsunhua |
| 62. | 1914 | 劉俊陞 | Liu Tsun-Sheng | Laoting |
| 63. | 1916 | 劉永盛 | †Liu Yung-Shang | Peitaiho |
| 64. | 1910 | 劉鉞 | *Liu Yüeh | Ch'angli |
| 65. | 1929 | 馬振歐 | Ma Chen-Ou | Liuch'uan |
| 66. | 1929 | 馬俊卿 | Ma Tsun-Ch'ing | Hsingch'eng |
| 67. | 1914 | 孟德榮 | Meng Te-Jung | Peking (Huashih) |
| 68. | 1916 | 孟雲 | Meng Yün | Miyün |
| 69. | 1916 | 彭彼得 | P'eng Peter | Licheng, Shantung |
| 70. | 1913 | 白輔德 | Pyke, Frederick M. | Peking |
| 71. | 1920 | 尙文錦 | Shang Wen-Chin | Peking (Hui Wen
Primary) |
| 72. | 1920 | 石廷棟 | Shih T'ing-Tung | Lanhsien (Hui Wen) |

73.	1924	蘇明漢	Su Ming-Han	Peking
74.	1893	孫九皋	*Sun Chiu-Kao	Huan tsun
75.	1910	孫恆魁	*Sun Heng-K'uei	Haitien
76.	1927	孫茂林	Sun Mao-Lin	Pahsien
77.	1916	孫耀	†Sun Yüeh	Peking
78.	1913	唐 燾	T'ang Yung	Shaliuho
79.	1926	田錫年	T'ien Hsi-Nien	Kuan
80.	1929	田立功	T'ien Li-Kung	Shenhe
81.	1926	田蔭清	T'ien Yin-Ch'ing	Lanhsien
82.	1929	曹玉寶	T'sao Yü-Pao	Chentzechen
83.	1903	曾國治	Tseng Kuo-Chih	Peking (Asbury)
84.	1918	鄒金鏡	†Tsou Chin-Ching	Tientsin
85.	1923	杜文魁	Tu Wen-K'uei	Pench'eng
86.	1931	王震東	Wang Chen-Tung	Ankechuang
87.	1905	王治平	Wang Chih-P'ing	Tientsin
88.	1928	王近溪	Wang Chin-Hsi	Peking
89.	1910	王恩兆	*Wang En-Chao	Sant'unying
90.	1915	王受彤	Wang Shou-T'ung	Peking
91.	1926	王德源	Wang Te-Yuan	Ch'angli
92.	1920	王體清	†Wang T'i-Ch'ing	Yüt'ien
93.	1922	王懋庭	Wang Yüeh-T'ing	Peking (Saminary)
94.	1914	文安思	Winans, E. J.	Ch'angli
95.	1907	吳 琪	*Wu Ch'i	Harbin, Heilungkiang
96.	1932	吳希賢	Wu Hsi-Hsien	Chaokechuang
97.	1926	吳玉峯	†Wu Yü-Feng	Tsinan, Sung.
98.	1911	楊景春	*Yang Ching-Ch'un	Peking
99.	1913	楊 義	Yang I	Tapeiyin
100.	1917	楊榮萱	Yang Jung-Huān	Peking
101.	1932	楊榮林	Yang Jung-Lin	Peking (Hui Wen)
102.	1925	楊榮森	Yang Jung-Sen	Ch'angli
103.	1925	楊 順	Yang Shun	Peking
104.	1925	楊苑林	Yang Yuan-Lin	Peking (Seminary)
105.	1932	尉連仲	Yü Lien-Chung	Peking
106.	1932	于有信	Yü Yu-Hsin	Hukechuang

DEACONS

CLASS OF THE FOURTH YEAR

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|----|------|-----|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. | 1936 | 張天佑 | Chang T'ien-Yu | Tsunhua |
| 2. | 1936 | 郭鳳林 | Kuo Feng-Lin | T'iehch'ang |
| 3. | 1936 | 宗鶴鳴 | Tsung Ho-Ming | Tientsin |
| 4. | 1936 | 楊建常 | Yang Chien-Ch'ang | Peking |

CLASS OF THE THIRD YEAR

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|----|------|-----|--------------------|----------|
| 1. | 1938 | 李彥林 | Li Yen-Lin | Tientsin |
| 2. | 1938 | 尙求成 | Shang Ch'iu-Ch'eng | Tientsin |

PROBATIONERS

The date gives the year of being received on Probation.

CLASS OF THE SECOND YEAR

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|----|------|-----|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. | 1933 | 邱尙斌 | Ch'iu Shang-Pin | Shantung |
| 2. | 1931 | 亢光斗 | Ch'i Kuang-Tou | Peking |
| 3. | 1936 | 侯秉倫 | Hou Ping-Lun | Changli |
| 4. | 1936 | 劉致中 | Liu Chih-Chung | Taich'eng |

CLASS OF THE FIRST YEAR

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|----|------|-----|------------------|--------------|
| 1. | 1938 | 張應潔 | Chang Ying-Chieh | Peking |
| 2. | 1938 | 鄭汝崗 | Cheng Ju-Kang | Peking, West |
| 3. | 1938 | 祁廷鐸 | Ch'i T'ing-To | Fengjunhsin |
| 4. | 1938 | 劉意新 | Liu I-Hsin | Peking |
| 5. | 1935 | 石理亞 | Shih Li-Ya | In America |
| 6. | 1938 | 司秉權 | Szu Ping-Ch'üan | Langfang |
| 7. | 1938 | 楊化棟 | Yang Hua-Tung | Niuto |

B. North China Missionaries

Year	Name	Chinese	Address
1919	Aeschliman, Edward J.	艾禮門	Peking
1921	Aeschliman, Mrs. Edward J.	艾美利	Peking
1928	Backus, Reno W (M.D.)	白克思	Peking
1928	Backus, Mrs. Reno W	白桂蘭	Peking
1922	Berkey, Mrs. Marguerite L.	畢美格	Tientsin
1918	Breece, Thomas E.	布多馬	Peking, West
1918	Breece, Mrs. Thomas E.	布路得	Peking, West
1914	Brown, Mrs. Mark W	班歐西	In America
1926	Clay, Ernest H. (M.D.)	雷摯宜	Ch'angli
1926	Clay, Mrs. Ernest H.	雷美伯	Ch'angli
1924	Coole, Arthur B.	邱文明	Peking
1924	Coole, Mrs. Arthur B.	邱愛麗	Peking
1930	Davis, Miss Melissa J.	德美立	Peking
1907	Davis, Walter W	達維德	Peking, West
1911	Davis, Mrs. Walter W.	達美伯	Peking, West
1921	Dewey, Horace E.	杜威儀	Ch'angli
1921	Dewey, Mrs. Horace E.	杜亞麗	Ch'angli
1920	Dixon, Edward E. Jr.	狄克遜	Tientsin
1923	Dixon, Mrs. Edward E., Jr.	狄梅錫輝	Tientsin
1908	Felt, Carl A.	費克禮	Peking
1908	Felt, Mrs. Carl A.	費路儀	Peking
1881	Gamewell, Francis D. (Retired)*	賈腓力	In America
1909	Gamewell, Mrs. Francis D. (Retired)	賈馬利亞	In America
1933	Hibbard, Earl R.	赫巴德	Tientsin
1933	Hibbard, Mrs. Earl R.	赫耶西	Tientsin
1885	Hopkins, Nehemiah S. (M.D.) (Retired)	賀慶	Peking
1903	Keeler, Joseph L. (M.D.) (Retired)	紀約瑟	In America
1903	Krause, Oliver J.	寇若思	Peking
1921	Krause, Mrs. Oliver J.	寇鮑月蘭	Peking
1916	Leitzel, Mrs. Ruth R.	萊路德	Peking
1913	Pyke, Frederick M.	白輯德	Peking
1914	Pyke, Mrs. Frederick M.	白範素	Peking
1927	Simpson, Willard J.	辛伯森	Peitaiho Beach
1930	Simpson, Mrs. Willard J.	辛愛麗	Peitaiho Beach
1894	Terrell, Miss Alice (Retired)	德瑞蘭	In America
1911	Winans, Edward J	文安思	Ch'angli
1914	Winans, Mrs. Edward J.	文著思	Ch'angli
1923	Wiant, Bliss M.	范天祥	Peking, West
1923	Wiant, Mrs. Bliss M.	范美德	Peking, West

C. Accepted Supplies

張庭懷	Chang T'ing-Huai, Deacon	李廷凱	Li T'ing-K'ai
張萬山	Chang Wan-Shan, Deacon	劉振聲	Liu Ch'en-Sheng
張允振	Chang Yun-Chen, Deacon	劉 璽	Liu Hsi, Deacon
張玉亭	Chang Yü-T'ing,	劉貴金	Liu Kuei-Chen
張郁文	Chang Yü-Wen	呂 溫	Lü Wen
陳 崗	Ch'en Kang	麻懷德	Ma Huai-Te
陳茂林	Ch'en Mao-Lin	馬潤棠	Ma Jun-T'ang
陳子揚	Ch'en Tzu-Yang	白桂森	Pai Kuei-Sen, Deacon
鄭雲芳	Cheng Yun-Fang	薄 敏	Po Min
賈青雲	Chia Ch'ing Yun, Deacon	石靈春	Shih Ling-Ch'un, Deacon
周占岐	Chou Chan-Chi	孫崑山	Sun K'un-Shan
周繼成	Chou Chi-Ch'eng	司慶新	Ssu Ching-Hsin
朱炳昇	Chu Pin-Sheng	邱永興	Ti Yung-Hsing, Deacon
朱桂金	Chu Kuei-Chen	崔連升	Tsui Lien-Shang, Deacon
徐敷林	Hsü Fu-Lin, Deacon	王慶雲	Wang Ch'ing-Yün
徐萬國	Hsü Wan-Kuo	王九德	Wang Chiu-Te
霍兆棠	Hou Chao-T'ang, Deacon	王奉信	Wang Feng-Hsin
任振中	Jen Chen-Chung	王永泉	Wang Jeng-Chuan
高顯模	Kao Hsien-Mo	王寶琮	Wang Pao-Tsung
李昌源	Li Ch'ang-Yuan	衛品超	Wei Pin-Chao
李振聲	Li Cheng-Sheng	吳靈均	Wu Ling-Ch'un
李仲突	Li Chung-T'u	閻 達	Yen Kuei
李 榮	Li Jung	于 良	Yü Liang, Deacon

D. Other Ordained Local Preachers

ELDERS

Adams, Marie
Ch'en Tsai-Hsin
Lane, Ortha M.
P'an Cheng-Shih

DEACONS

Highbaugh, Irma
Tsao Wang-Ch'eng
Liu Ch'ang-Fu

E. Lay Conference

TIME	PLACE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
August 22, 1934	Tientsin	Yen K'uei	Li Chung-T'u
August 21, 1935	Peiping	Shang Ch'iu-Ch'eng	T'ien Pao-Hsiang
Sept. 16, 1936	Peiping	Chang Tso-T'ing	Wu T'ing-Wen
May. 4, 1938	Peking	Hsü Wan-Liang	Liu Hsüan

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President

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Secretary

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