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THIRD SESSION

OF THE

North China Annual Conference

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Held in Tientsin, Sept. 20th-24th, 1895.

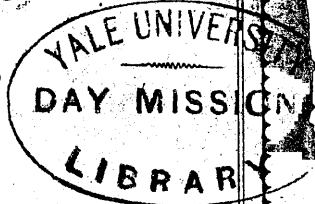
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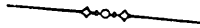
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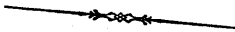
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1. Conference Directory.

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Elders.

DATE OF ARRIVAL.	NAME.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
1883	Brown, Frederick	Tientsin, China.
1870	Davis, George R.	" "
1881	Gamewell, Frank D.	Peking, China.
1893	Hayner, J. Fred.	" "
1890	Headland, Isaac T.	" "
1882	Hobart, William T.	Tientsin, "
1867	Lowry, Hiram H.	Peking, "
1873	Pyke, James H.	Tientsin, "
1880	Taft, Marcus L.	Peking, "
1890	Verity, George W.	Tientsin, "
1873	Walker, Wilbur F.	Peking, "
1883	Ch'ên Ta-Yung	Tientsin, "
1883	Tê Jui	" "
1891	Wang Ch'êng-P'ei	" "
1891	Wang Ch'ing-Yün	" "
1892	Li Shao-Wên	" "
1892	Shang Ch'ing-Yün	" "
1895	Liu Chi-Lun	" "
1895	Yang Ch'un-Ho	" "

Deacons.

1894	Wang Ch'ing-Yü	Tientsin, China.
1893	Sun Chin-Kao	" "
1893	Ku Ch'i	" "
1895	P'an Chen	" "
1895	Ch'ên Heng-Te	Peking, "
1895	Chou Hsüeh-Shen	Tientsin, "
1895	Chang Pai-Liu	" "
1895	Ts'ui Wan-Fu	" "
1895	Liu Ma-K'e	Peking, "
1895	Ch'iu Lung-Chang	" "
1895	Lin Mo-I	Nanking, "
1895	Hsü Tsun-Ch'ên	" "

Probationers.

DATE OF ARRIVAL.	NAME.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
1893	Kung Tê-Lin	Peking, China.
1895	Wang Yueh	Tientsin, "
1895	Ch'en Wei-P'ing	Peking, "
1895	Nehemiah S. Hopkins	Tientsin, "
1895	Huang Wei-Kang	" "
1895	Yang Ch'ang-Fa	Peking, "
1895	Chin Ch'eng	Tientsin, "
1895	Hou Tien	Peking, "
1895	Ko Ch'ing-Yün	Tientsin, "
1894	Harry E. King	Peking, "

Medical Missionaries.

1886	Curtiss, William H.	Peking, China.
1886	Hopkins, N. S.	Tientsin, "
1892	Scott, J. F.	Pasadena, Cal.
1893	Tsao, Y. K.	Peking, China.
1894	Lowry, George D. N.	" "

Instructors in Peking University.

DATE OF ARRIVAL.	NAME.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
1894	Mrs. H. E. King	Peking, China.
1894	Lowry, Edward K.	" "
1894	Terrell, Alice	" "



2. In Memoriam.

“Not dead but gone before.”

NAME.	WHERE DIED.	WHEN DIED.	AGE.	CONFERENCE RELATION.
Leander W. Pilcher	Peking, China	Nov. 24, 1893	45	Effective.
La Clede Barrow	Tsunhua ,,	July 24, 1894	31	„



3. Annual Meetings of the North China Mission

OF

The Methodist Episcopal Church.

NUMBER.	TIME.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
Organized	Sept. — 1869	Peking	Calvin Kingsley	H. H. Lowry
1	Aug. 28, 1872	"	L. N. Wheeler	" " "
2	Sept. 1, 1873	"	William H. Harris	L. W. Pilcher
3	Aug. 31, 1874	"	H. H. Lowry	" " "
4	Sept. 8, 1875	"	" " "	W. F. Walker
5	" 7, 1876	"	G. R. Davis	J. H. Pyke
6	Oct. 30, 1877	"	Isaac W. Wiley	L. W. Pilcher
7	Sept. 9, 1878	"	H. H. Lowry	J. H. Pyke
8	" 1, 1879	"	" "	L. W. Pilcher
9	" 20, 1880	"	" "	O. W. Willits
10	" 29, 1881	"	Thomas Bowman	L. W. Pilcher
11	" 7, 1882	"	H. H. Lowry	" "
12	" 4, 1883	"	Stephen M. Merrill	" "
13	Oct. 1, 1884	"	Isaac W. Wiley	J. H. Pyke
14	Sept. 10, 1885	Tientsin	H. H. Lowry	Marcus L. Taft
15	Oct. 7, 1886	Peking	G. R. Davis	" "
16	Sept. 26, 1887	"	Henry W. Warren	" "
17	Oct. 10, 1888	"	Charles H. Fowler	W. T. Hobart
18	" 15, 1889	"	Edward G. Andrews	" "
19	June 10, 1890	"	H. H. Lowry	" "
20	May 13, 1891	"	Daniel A. Goodsell	" "
21	Apr. 27, 1892	"	H. H. Lowry	L. W. Pilcher
22	Sept. 28, 1893	"	Randolph S. Foster	Marcus L. Taft

NORTH CHINA CONFERENCE.

SESSION.	TIME.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1	Sept. 29, 1893	Peking	Randolph S. Foster	Marcus L. Taft
2	Oct. 1, 1894	"	William X. Ninde	I. T. Headland
3	Sept. 20, 1895	Tientsin	John M. Walden	" "

4. Officers.

Bishop John M. Walden, D.D., LL.D.

President.

Isaac T. Headland,

Secretary.

P'an Chen,

Chinese Secretary.

F. Brown and P'an Chen,

Statistical Secretaries.

G. W. Verity,

Treasurer.

H. H. Lowry,

Interpreter.

5. Committees.

Standing.

<i>Missions</i>	J. H. Pyke, Tè Jui.
<i>Church Extension</i>	W. T. Hobart, Chang Pai-Lin.
<i>Bible Cause</i>	M. L. Taft, Chou Hsüeh-Shen.
<i>Sabbath Observance</i>	W. F. Walker, Liu Ma-K'e.
<i>Sunday Schools</i>	G. W. Verity, P'an Chen.
<i>Education</i>	F. D. Gamewell, Ch'in Lung-Chang.
<i>Self-support</i>	{ The Presiding Elders and Ch'en Heng-Te, Tè Jui, Liu Chi-Lun and Wang Ch'ing-Yün.
<i>Temperance</i>	G. R. Davis, Wang Ch'ing-Yün.
<i>Tract Cause</i>	F. Brown, Liu Chi-Lun.

Special.

<i>To print Minutes</i> ...	Isaac T. Headland, P'an Chen.
<i>On Estimates</i> ...	Presiding Elders and Treasurer.
<i>Official Correspondent..</i>	H. H. Lowry.
<i>Nominations and Anniversary Program</i>	} J. Fred. Hayner, Shang Ch'ing-Yün.

On Examinations.

<i>Admission on Trial</i> ...	G. W. Verity, Chou Hsüeh-Shen.
<i>First Year</i> ...	Isaac T. Headland, Ch'en Heng-Te.
<i>Second Year</i> ...	M. L. Taft, Liu Ma-K'e.
<i>Third Year</i> ...	F. D. Gamewell, Li Shao-Wen.
<i>Fourth Year</i> ...	F. Brown, Liu Chi-Lun.

On Examination of Missionaries in Chinese.

<i>First Year</i> ...	} W. F. Walker, Mrs. C. M. Jewell.
<i>Second Year</i> ...	Geo. R. Davis, F. D. Gamewell.
<i>Third Year</i> ...	W. T. Hobart, N. S. Hopkins.

Visitors to Educational Institutions.

<i>Peking University</i> ...	W. F. Walker, Ch'en Ta-Yung.
<i>Tientsin Intermediate School</i>	J. H. Pyke, Chou Hsüeh-Shen.
<i>Tsunhua</i> ,,	W. T. Hobart, Shang Ch'ing-Yün.
<i>Langchou</i> ,,	F. Brown, Tê Jui.
<i>T'aian</i> ...	Li Shao-Wen, Liu Chi-Lun.

Conference Societies.

<i>Church Extension</i> ...	} J. H. Pyke, President; G. W. Verity, Secretary; J. Fred. Hayner, Treasurer.
<i>Epworth League</i> ...	} J. Fred. Hayner, President; Lo Ch'i-Ming, Secretary.
<i>Self Support</i> ...	} Presiding Elders Ch'en Heng-Te, Tê Jui, Liu Chi-Lun, Wang Ch'ing-Yün.

Conference Stewards.

Tê Jui,	Ch'en Ta-Yung,
J. Fred. Hayner,	Wang Ch'ing-Yün,
F. Brown.	

Conference Claimants.

See Minutes.

6. Anniversary Program.

SUNDAY.

9.00 a.m., <i>Love Feast</i> ...	...	Ch'en Heng-Te.
10.30 a.m., <i>Sermon</i> ...	...	{ Bishop, alternate W. T. Hobart.
7.30 p.m., <i>Revival Meeting</i> ...	...	J. H. Pyke.

FIRST DAY.

9.30 a.m., <i>Communion</i> ...	...	{ Bishop, alternate W. F. Walker.
4.30 p.m., <i>Self-support</i> ...	...	{ Presiding Elders and Assistants.
7.30 p.m., <i>Revival Meeting</i> ...	...	J. H. Pyke.

SECOND DAY.

4.30 p.m., <i>Missionary Sermon</i> ...	{ J. H. Pyke, alternate Tê Jui.
7.30 p.m., <i>Revival Meeting</i> ...	J. H. Pyke.

THIRD DAY.

4.30 p.m., <i>Education</i> ...	...	F. D. Gamewell.
7.30 p.m., <i>Revival Meeting</i> ...	...	J. H. Pyke.

FOURTH DAY.

4.30 p.m., <i>Sabbath Observance</i> ..	W. F. Walker.
7.30 p.m., <i>Revival Meeting</i> ...	J. H. Pyke.



7. Conference Journal.

FIRST DAY.

TIENTSIN, CHINA,

Friday, September 20th, 1895.

The North China Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for its Third Annual Session in Wesley Chapel, Tientsin, at 9 a.m., of above date. The communion service was conducted by Bishop John M. Walden, D.D., LL.D., assisted by the Presiding Elders and H. H. Lowry.

Isaac T. Headland, English Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll.

The following answered to their names :—

Frederick Brown,	Shang Ch'ing-Yün,
George R. Davis,	Sun Chin-Kao,
J. Fred. Hayner,	Yang Ch'ün-Ho,
Isaac T. Headland,	Liu Ma-K'e,
William T. Hobart,	P'an Chen,
Hiram H. Lowry,	Ch'ên Heng-Te,
James H. Pyke,	Ch'in Sung-Chang,
George W. Verity,	Chou Hsüeh-Shen,
Wilber F. Walker,	Chang Pai-Lin,
Ch'ên Ta-Yung,	T'sui Wan-Fu,
Tê Jui,	Kung Tê-Lin.
Wang Ch'ing-Yün,	

Transfers.—H. E. King, a probationer in the Michigan Conference to the North China Conference. Nieh Chen-Yih was announced as transferred from the Foochow Conference to the North China Conference.

Officers.—The following officers were elected by acclamation :—Isaac T. Headland and Shang Ch'ing-Yün, English and Chinese Secretaries respectively ; F. Brown and

P'an Chen, English and Chinese Statistical Secretaries respectively; G. W. Verity, Conference Treasurer; H. H. Lowry, Interpreter.

Standing Committees.—The following Standing Committees were approved:—

<i>Missions</i>	W. F. Walker, Ch'ên Ta-Yung.
<i>Church Extension</i> ...	W. T. Hobart, Li Shao-Wen.
<i>Bible Cause</i>	G. W. Verity, Wang Ch'eng-P'êi.
<i>Sabbath Observance</i> ...	F. Brown, Chang Pai-Lin.
<i>Sunday Schools</i>	J. Fred. Hayner, Ch'ên Heng-Tê.
<i>Education</i>	H. H. Lowry, Tê Jui.
<i>Self-Support</i>	J. H. Pyke, Wang Ch'ing-Yün.
<i>Temperance</i>	G. R. Davis, Shang Ch'ing-Yün.
<i>Tract Cause</i>	J. Fred. Hayner, Yang Ch'un-Ho.

Time of Meeting and Adjournment.—Voted to open the Conference at 8.30 a.m. and close at 12 m.; the first half hour to be devoted to prayer.

Invitation to the India Central Conference.—A letter was read from the Malasia Conference, inviting "Delegates to the General Conference" to come *viâ* India and meet with them in their central Conference. On motion this letter was given to the Delegates to the General Conference.

Conference Claimant's Fund.—Methodist Book Concern Dividend, amounting to \$218 U. S. gold, in favor of this Conference, was then ordered.

Union Methodist Printing House.—A committee of two, consisting of W. T. Hobart and Wang Ch'ing-Yün, was appointed to consider a communication concerning the establishment of a Union Methodist Printing House in Shanghai.

Fixing Order of the Day.—The order of the day for voting on "Constitutional Questions concerning the Admission of Women into the General Conference" was fixed for Monday, at 10 o'clock.

Delegate to General Conference.—Voted to elect a Delegate to General Conference on Monday, immediately after “Constitutional Questions” shall have been settled.

Thirteenth Question.—The 13th Question was then taken up. The names of J. H. Pyke and W. F. Walker were called in order, their characters passed, and they read the reports of their districts.

Committee on Worship.—The following persons were appointed a Committee on Worship:—Geo. R. Davis, F. Brown, Sun Chin-Kao.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, September 21st, 1895.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop Walden in the chair. Devotional services were led by W. F. Walker.

Minutes.—Minutes were read and approved.

Draft.—The Draft on the Book Concern for Conference Claimants was passed by the Bishop to the Treasurer, H. H. Lowry.

Address of the Bishop.—Bishop Walden addressed the Conference on the influence of singing in Church work.

Thirteenth Question resumed.—The names of the following persons were read in order, their characters passed, and they gave their reports:—

Geo. R. Davis,	Presiding Elder,	Tientsin District.
W. T. Hobart,	„ „	Tsun-Hua „
Tê Jui,		Li Shao-Wen,
Isaac T. Headland,		Wang Oh'ing-Yün,

P'an Chen,
 Chou Hsüeh-Shen,
 Ts'ui Wan-Fu,
 Kung Tê-Lin.
 J. Fred. Hayner,

Liu Chi-Lun,
 Shang Ch'ing-Yün,
 G. W. Verity,
 Ch'en Heng-Te,
 Chang Pai-Lin,

Liu Ma-K'e.

University Report.—The name of H. H. Lowry was called, character passed, and he read his report as President of Peking University. (See *Reports.*)

The name of F. D. Gamewell was called, and character passed.

The name of F. Brown was called, character passed, and he reported; *first*, why he was late in arriving at his appointment; *second*, his collections.

Committee of Inquiry.—On motion a committee of five, consisting of H. H. Lowry, Tê Jui, Ch'en Ta-Yung, Yang Ch'ün-Ho and G. W. Verity, was appointed to inquire concerning the conduct of several of the preachers.

Sung I.—On motion the case of Sung I was referred to this committee.

Address.—The classes seeking ordination were addressed by the Bishop.

On motion it was ordered that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock.

Address.—Moved to extend the time for remarks which Bishop Walden wished to make, and questions which he wished to ask, the class seeking ordination.

Afternoon.

Conference met at 2 p.m., Bishop Walden in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Li Shao-Wen.

Minutes.—Minutes read and approved.

Class of Deacons.—The following persons were reported as having passed their examinations, and were elected to Deacon's Orders :—

P'an Chen,	Chang Pai-Lin,
Ch'en Heng-Te,	T'sui Wan-Fu,
Chou Hsüeh-Shen,	Lin Ma-K'e,
Ch'in Lung-Chang.	

On motion Kung Te-Lin was continued on trial.

Class of Elders.—The following persons, having passed their examinations, were elected to Elder's Orders:—

Liu Chi-Lun,	Yang Ch'un-Ho.
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Committee on Standing Committees.—On motion J. Fred. Hayner and Shang Ch'ing-Yün were appointed a committee to nominate the Standing Committees for next year.

Conference Stewards.—On motion the following persons were appointed a Board of Conference Stewards :—

Tê Jui,	Ch'en Ta-Yung,
J. Fred. Hayner,	Wang Ch'ing-Yün,
F. Brown.	

Church Extension Society.—On motion the Committee on Church Extension was requested to prepare a plan for a Church Extension Society.

Report.—The name of Wang Ch'ing-Yü was called, his character passed, and his report was made by his presiding elder, he being prevented by sickness from attending Conference.

Having passed his studies his name was placed under Question 9.

Medical Report.—The Report of the Medical Work in Peking was read by W. F. Walker.

Case of Sun Chin-Kao.—The Committee of Inquiry made the following report:—

“Your committee finds that Sun Chin-kao has misappropriated church funds, but in consideration of the fact that he repented and returned the money we recommend that his character be passed, and he be continued a deacon in studies of the Fourth Year.”

Instruction of Classes.—Bishop Walden gave instruction to the classes in regard to their ordination.

On motion it was decided to meet on Sunday, at 2 p.m., for ordination services.

Tsun-hua Medical Report.—N. S. Hopkins gave a report of his medical work in Tsun-hua.

Bishop Walden called the attention of the members of Conference to the questions on which they would be expected to vote on Monday.

Adjourned.



THIRD DAY.

Sunday, September 22, 1895.

Conference met at 2 p.m., Bishop Walden in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Wang Ch'eng-P'ei.

Ordination.—The persons elected to Deacon's and Elder's orders on Saturday were then duly ordained.



FOURTH DAY.

Monday, September 23, 1895.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop Walden in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Ch'en Ta-Yung.

Minutes.—Minutes read and approved.

Certificate of Ordination.—The following Certificate was passed by Bishop Walden to the Secretary :—

This certifies that on September 22, 1895, in Tientsin, China, I ordained as deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, under election of the North China Annual Conference, the following : P'an Chen, Ch'en Hen-Te, Chou Hsüeh-Shen, Chang Pai-Lin, Ts'ui Wan-Fu, Liu Ma-K'e, Ch'in Lung-Chang, and that on the same day, in the same place, I, assisted by a number of elders present, ordained as elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church, under election by the Conference named, the following : Liu Chi-Lun, Yang Ch'un-Ho. Given under my hand this 23rd day of September, A. D. 1895.

JOHN M. WALDEN.

Report.—The name of Ch'en Ta-Yung was called, character passed, and he made his report.

Liu Ma-K'e excused from Conference.—On motion Liu Ma-K'e was excused from Conference on account of the serious illness of his wife.

Remarks.—Bishop Walden addressed the Conference on the importance of prayer and the mid-week prayer-meeting in church work.

Thirtieth Question.—The 30th Question was taken up.

Next Conference.—It was ordered that the next Conference meet in Peking, Asbury Chapel.

To print the Minutes.—The secretaries were appointed a committee to print the minutes.

Anniversary Program.—The Committee on Standing Committees were appointed a Committee on Anniversary Program.

Tract Society.—The Report of the Committee on Tract Society was presented.

Order of the Day.—On motion the order of the day, viz., voting on constitutional changes, was taken up.

Proposition I.—Concerning Lay Delegates.

Vote postponed till after General Conference by unanimous vote.

Proposition II.—Concerning Lay Delegates.

Ayes 8, noes 15.

Proposition III.—On Ratio of Ministerial Representation.

Ayes 24, noes 0.

Delegate to General Conference.—On motion the order of the day for electing a delegate to General Conference was taken up.

H. H. Lowry was elected by ballot.

Deacon's Orders.—On motion Liu Mo-I and Hsü Tsun-Ch'en, local preachers of the Central China Mission, were elected to deacon's orders, on condition of their passing satisfactory examinations.

Recognition of D. A. Bunker.—The written assent of Rev. D. A. Bunker to the vows of an elder, attested by the superintendent of the Korean Mission, was presented by the Bishop and accepted by the Conference.

Committee of Inquiry.—Your committee recommend in the case of Sung I, that in view of his continued inefficiency as a preacher, his name be dropped from the list of probationers in the Conference.

Shang Ch'ing-Yün.—Your committee has found that Shang Ch'ing-Yün has misappropriated church funds, but

because of the fact that he has made confession and restitution, we recommend that his character be passed.

He then resigned his position as secretary, saying that he was unworthy of the position.

P'an Chen was elected secretary.

The character of M. L. Taft was passed.

Alternate Delegate.—J. H. Pyke was elected by acclamation alternate delegate to General Conference.

Ku Oh'i.—Your committee finds that Ku Ch'i did not go to his work during the past year, and we are not in possession of sufficient facts to recommend final action, hence we recommend his case to be referred to his presiding elder for investigation, his name remaining in the studies of the fourth year.

Report.—The name of Yang Ch'un-Ho was called, character passed, and he made his report.

Report.—The name of Wang Ch'eng-P'ei was called, character passed, and he made his report.

Examination of Candidates.—On motion it was ordered that Ch'en Ta-Yung take the place of Geo. R. Davis on the Committee to examine the Candidates for Admission on Trial.

Bible Cause.—Report on Bible cause was read and adopted.

Printing of Reports.—On motion it was ordered that none of the reports of the Standing Committees be printed in the Minutes unless by order of the Conference.

Education.—The Report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Death of Mrs. Sarah Wang-Liu.—A telegram arrived stating the death of Mrs. Sarah Wang-Liu, wife Liu Ma-K'e. A pall was cast upon the Conference. Tears flowed from

many eyes, and sobs were heard all over the room. The Conference joined in prayer with W. F. Walker.

Memorial Service.—A committee of three, consisting of Ch'en Heng-Te, Ch'in Lung-Chang and Liu Chi-Lun, was appointed to prepare an appropriate service for 11 o'clock, September 24.

Adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

Tuesday, September 24th, 1895.

Conference met at 8.30 a.m., Bishop Walden in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Liu Chi-Lun.

Minutes.—Minutes read and approved.

Address.—Bishop Walden addressed the Conference on the importance of Gospel preaching in Church work.

Fourth Question.—The 4th Question was then taken up.

Wang Yüeh,	Yang Oh'ang-Fa,
Ch'en Wei-P'ing,	Chin Ch'eng,
Nehemiah S. Hopkins,	Hou Tien and
Wang Wei-Kang,	Ko Ch'ing-Yün,

having come with proper recommendations from their quarterly or district Conferences, were briefly addressed by the Bishop.

Admission on Trial.—They were each represented by their respective presiding elders, and having passed their examinations were, by vote of the Conference, duly admitted on trial.

Withdrawal of Name.—On motion the presiding elder was allowed to withdraw the name of Chang Yu-Ch'eng, who had also been recommended for admission on trial.

Consultation with London Mission.—On motion the presiding elders were appointed a Conference Committee to consult with a committee appointed by the London Mission concerning the matter of both missions entering the same places.

Missions.—The Report of the Committee on Missions was read and approved.

Church Extension.—The Report of the Committee on Church Extension was read and approved.

Church Extension Society.—On motion this committee was asked to nominate a president, secretary and treasurer, for a Church Extension Society, which they recommended in their Report.

On motion it was ordered that this Report be printed in the Minutes.

Self-Support.—The Report of the Committee on Self-Support was read and approved.

On motion it was ordered that this Report be printed in the Minutes.

Adjournment.—On motion it was ordered that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3.30 p.m.

Memorial Service.—On motion the order of the day for memorial service was taken up.

Appropriate resolutions were read in memory of Mrs. Sarah Wang-Liu, remarks were made by members of the committee and others, and the Conference joined in prayer with H. H. Lowry for blessings upon the bereaved husband and friends.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Conference met at 3.30 o'clock, H. H. Lowry in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Tê Jui.

Minutes.—Minutes were read and approved.

Transfer.—H. E. King, who was transferred from the Michigan Conference, not having been present to pass his examinations, will remain on trial in the studies of the first year.

Sabbath Observance.—The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and approved.

Temperance.—The Report of the Committee on Temperance was read and approved.

On motion it was ordered that this Report be printed in the Minutes.

Sunday-schools.—The Report of the Committee on Sunday-schools was read and approved.

Statistics.—The Report of the Statistical Secretaries was read and approved.

Course of Study.—The Report of the Committee on Course of Study, appointed two years ago, was made and approved by Bishop Walden.

Estimates.—On motion the presiding elders and treasurer or acting treasurer were appointed a Committee on Estimates for next year.

Nominations.—The Report of the Committee on Nominations of Standing Committees was given.

Self-Support.—The presiding elders with Tê Jui, Liu Chi-Lun, Ch'en Heng-Te and Wang Ch'ing-Yün, were made a Committee on Self-Support.

Examining Committees.—On motion it was ordered that we instruct this committee to nominate committees to examine the first, second, third and fourth years.

Examination Day.—On motion it was ordered that the day before Conference be fixed for examination of the various candidates, and that they be required to be present.

Conference Stewards.—The Conference Stewards made the following report :—

Receipts, 1884, deposited in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at Peking, Tls. 200.56.

Receipts, 1895, U. S. Gold \$218.00.

The stewards recommended that this year's receipts be added to that of last year and all be left on deposit at interest.

Conference Claimants.—On motion it was ordered that \$100.00 U. S. Gold of the Conference Claimant's Fund be sent to the widow of the late L. W. Pilcher, D.D.

On motion it was ordered to establish a society for Conference Claimants as follows :—

In view of the importance of doing what we can for Conference Claimants, therefore

Resolved : First, that each foreign member of the Conference be expected to contribute five Mexican dollars annually toward the support of Conference Claimants and to get as many others as possible to contribute a like amount.

Second, That each native member of the Conference be expected to contribute half a dollar Mexican annually and to collect what he can from native members for the same purpose.

Third, That all such collections be subject to Conference control just as other funds contributed for the same purpose.

Report of Committee on Press.—The Committee on the establishment of a Union Methodist Press reported as follows :—

“Having received a copy of the resolutions passed by the China Mission Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in regard to the establishment of a Methodist Book Concern for China, and recognizing the importance of establishing such a Concern, we would recommend the appointment of a committee to confer with their committee and others appointed by other conferences or Methodist Missions in

China and to suggest plans for such a Concern to be submitted first to the several missions, and after their approval to the several mission Boards for their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

WANG CH'ING-YÜN.

W. T. HOBART.

Committee on Press.—The following persons were appointed a committee to confer with similar committees from other Methodist Conferences or missions in regard to the establishment of a Union Methodist Printing House: H. H. Lowry, M. L. Taft, W. T. Hobart.

Church Extension Society.—The following persons were appointed officers of the Church Extension Society: President, J. H. Pyke; Secretary, G. W. Verity; Treasurer, J. Fred. Hayner.

Episcopal Residence.—On motion the General Conference were requested to establish an episcopal residence in Eastern Asia, and not a missionary Bishop. Carried by a unanimous vote.

Central Conference.—On motion the General Conference were requested to allow us to establish a central Conference in China some time during the next quadrennium.

Address.—The Bishop requested Dr. W. H. Curtiss, recently returned from U. S., to address the Conference.

On motion adjourned to meet at 7.30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference met at 7.30 p.m., Bishop Walden in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Yang Ch'un-Ho.

Minutes.—Minutes read and approved.

Examinations.—Report of Committee on Examination of Missionaries in Mandarin was given.

Resolutions.—The following resolutions were offered by H. H. Lowry :—

Resolved, That we desire to express our gratification for the kind Providence that has brought Bishop Walden to preside over our Conference; and that we shall pray that Our Father's protection and care shall continue to be with him, with Mrs. Walden, her daughter and travelling companion during the remainder of their long journey, and bring them in safety to their home.

Resolved, That we desire most heartily to thank the brethren and sisters who have entertained the Conference for all their hospitality and for the pains they have taken to make our stay among them so pleasant.

Self-Support.—On motion it was ordered that W. F. Walker and Ch'en Heng-'Te be appointed a committee to take charge of the funds raised for the establishment of a self-supporting Church.

Collection for Orphans.—On motion it was ordered to take a collection for the orphans of Chou Yen-Fang, which was put into the hands of W T. Hobart.

Adjournment.—On motion it was ordered that when the Minutes shall have been approved, and the appointments read, that the Conference adjourn *sine die*.

The Bishop addressed the Conference, after which the Minutes were approved, the appointments read and the Conference adjourned.

JOHN M. WALDEN,
Bishop Presiding.

ISAAC T. HEADLAND,
Secretary.

8. Disciplinary Questions.

The North China Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Tientsin, Sept. 20-24, 1895, Bishop Walden presiding. I. T. Headland, Secretary. Post Office of Secretary, Peking.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?—Harry E. King (1st year's studies), Michigan Conference; Nieh Chen-Yih, Foochow Conference.

2. Who have been re-admitted?—None.

3. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches?—None.

4. Who have been received on Trial? (a.) In Studies of First Year.—Wang Yüeh, Ch'en Wei-P'ing, Nehemiah S. Hopkins, Huang Wei-Kang, Yang Ch'ang-Fa, Chin Ch'eng, Hou Tien, Ko Ch'ing-Yun. (b.) In Studies of Third Year.—None.

5. Who have been continued on Trial? (a.) In Studies of First Year.—Harry E. King. (b.) In Studies of Second Year.—None. (c.) In Studies of Third Year.—Kung Te-Lin. (d.) In Studies of Fourth Year.—None.

6. Who have been discontinued?—Sung I.

7. Who have been admitted into Full Membership? (a.) Elected and ordained Deacons this year.—P'an Chen, Ch'eng Heng-Te, Chou Hsüeh-Shen, Chang Pai-Lin, Ts'ui Wan-Fu, Liu Ma-K'e, Ch'in Lung-Chang. (b.) Elected and ordained Deacons previously.—None.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year? (a.) Admitted into Full Membership this year.—P'an Chen, Ch'en Heng-Te, Chou Hsüeh-Shen, Chang Pai-Lin, Ts'ui Wan-Fu, Liu Ma-K'e, Ch'in Lung-Chang. (b.) Admitted into Full Membership previously.—None.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?—Wang Ch'ing-Yu, Sun Chiu-Koa, Ku Chi.

10. What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study? (a.) Elected and ordained Elders this year.—Liu Chi-Lun, Yang Ch'un-Ho. (b.) Elected and ordained Elders previously.—None.

11. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? (a.) As Local Preachers.—Liu Mo-I, Hsti Tsun-Ch'en. (b.) Under Missionary Rule.—None.

12. What others have been elected and ordained Elders? (a.) As Local Deacons.—None. (b.) Under Missionary Rule.—None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?—This was done as the name of each preacher was called in open conference. Ku Chi was referred to Presiding Elder, Tientsin District, for investigation.

14. Who have been transferred, and to what conference?—None.

15. Who have died?—None.

16. Who have been located at their own request?—None.

17. Who have been located?—None.

18. Who have withdrawn?—None.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints?—None.

20. Who have been expelled?—None.

21. What other personal Notation should be made?—None.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?—None.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?—None.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?—None.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year?—See Report.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?—\$949 Gold.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?—\$100 Gold.

28. What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?—\$218 applied by order of the Conference.

29. Where are the Preachers stationed?—See List of Appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held?—Asbury, Peking.



9. Appointments, 1895.

North China Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organized as a Mission, 1869.

Organized as a Conference, 1893.

Bishop John M. Walden has Episcopal Supervision.

Presiding Elders.

J. H. Pyke, Lan-chou District, Tientsin, China.

W. F. Walker, Peking District, Peking, China.

G. R. Davis, Tientsin District, Tientsin, China.

W. T. Hobart, Tsun-hua District, Tientsin, China.

Treasurer of the Mission.

H. H. Lowry.

LAN-CHOU DISTRICT.—J. H. Pyke, *Presiding Elder*,
6,* Tientsin.

<i>An-ko-Chuang</i>	Ko Ch'ing-Yün, 1.
<i>Ch'ang-Li</i>	Huang Wei-Kang, 4.
<i>Chên-tzü-Chên</i>	To be supplied.
<i>Ch'ien-An</i>	Wang Yüeh, 1.
<i>Ch'ien-Wei</i>	To be supplied.
<i>Fu-Ning</i>	To be supplied.
<i>I-An and Pei-Chia-Tien</i>	To be supplied.
<i>Lan-Chou</i> ..	P'an Chen, 2.
<i>Pen-Ch'ing and Lao-Ting.</i>	
<i>Shan-Hai-Kuan</i> ..	Tê Jui, 3.
<i>Shih-Men-Chai</i> ..	Chin Ch'eng, 1.
<i>Intermediate School</i>	P'an Chen, Principal.

* The number after each name indicates the number of years the person has had the same appointment.

PEKING DISTRICT.—W. F. Walker, *Presiding Elder*,
2, *Peking*.

<i>Ch'ang-P'ing-Chou</i>	To be supplied.
<i>Han-Ts'un</i>	Ch'en Ta-Yung, 3.
<i>Huang-Ts'un</i>	To be supplied.
<i>K'u-Pei-K'ou</i>	Yang Ch'ang-Fa, 1.
<i>Peking—Asbury and Fêng- Chên</i>	Ch'en Heng-Te, 2.
<i>Huar-Shih</i>	To be supplied.
<i>Southern City</i>	I. T. Headland, 2. Liu Ma-K'e, 2.
<i>Tung-An</i>	To be supplied.
<i>Yang-Ke-Chuang</i>	Kung Te-Liu, 2.
<i>Yen-Ch'ing-Chou</i>	J. F. Hayner, 2. Ch'en Wei-P'ing, 1. Hou Tien, 2.
<i>Yung-Ch'ing</i>	To be supplied.

Peking University.

H. H. Lowry, President.

F. D. Gamewell, }
I. T. Headland, } Professors.
H. E. King, }

Ch'in Lung-Chang, Principal Intermediate School.

M. L. Taft, Dean Wiley Theological School.

Members of Asbury Quarterly Conference.

TIENTSIN DISTRICT.—G. R. Davis, *Presiding Elder*, 4,
Tientsin.

<i>An-Chia</i>	Liu Chi-Lun, 2.
<i>Chi-Ning-Chou</i>	Wang Ch'eng-P'ei, 2.
<i>Hai-Fang</i>	To be supplied.

- Nan-Kung and Wei-Hsien*.....To be supplied.
Ning-YangLi Shaó-Wen, 3.
Tai-An-FuWang Ch'ing-Yü, 2.
Tai-Ch'êngSun Chio-Kao, 1.
Tientsin—Wesley and Fêng- } Fredrick Brown, 2.
 Chên.....} Chou Hsüeh-Shen, 1.
 West CityYang Ch'un-Ho, 1.
Yen-ShanTo be supplied.
Intermediate School.—F. Brown, Principal.
An-Chia Intermediate School.—Liu Chi-Hun, Principal.

TSUN-HUA DISTRICT.—W. T. Hobart, *Presiding Elder*, 3,
Tsun-Hua via Tientsin.

- Feng-Jen*Chang Pai-Liu, 2.
P'ing-An-Ch'êng and Liang- } To be supplied.
 Tzü-Ho}
Sha-Liu-HoWang Ch'ing-Yün, 5.
Tsun-Hua CityG. W. Verity, 1.
Tsun-Hua CircuitShang Ch'ing-Yün, 1.
Yü-TienT'sui Wan-Fu, 1.
Tsun-Hua Methodist Hospital...N. S. Hopkins.
Tsun-Hua Intermediate School G. W. Verity, Principal.
 Nieh Chen-Yih, Missionary in Central China.



North China Woman's Conference of the M. E. Church.

PEKING.

<i>Principal of Girls' Boarding-school and Superintendent of Day-school.</i>	}	Charlotte M. Jewell.
<i>Principal of Primary Department of Girls' Boarding-school and Superintendent of Day-schools.</i>		
<i>Instructor in Instrumental Music.</i>	}	Mabel S. Hayner.
<i>Medical Work</i>		
		Anna D. Gloss, M.D. Mariam Sinclair Headland, M.D.
<i>Woman's Training School</i>		Mary Porter Gamewell.
<i>City Evangelistic Work</i>		Flora Walker.
<i>Country Day-schools.. ..</i>		To be supplied.

TIENTSIN.

<i>Woman's Training-school, Industrial Classes and Day-schools</i>	}	Frances O. Wilson.
<i>Medical Work</i>		
		M. Ida Stevenson, M.D. Mary J. Barrow, M.D. Rachel R. Benn, M.D.

TSUN-HUA.

<i>Principal of Girls' Boarding-school and Superintendent of City Day-schools ..</i>	}	Ella E. Glover.
<i>Woman's Training-schools..</i>		
<i>Medical Work and Country Day-schools.</i>	}	Edna G. Terry, M.D.
<i>Assistant in Boarding-school and Student of the Language.</i>		
		Miranda Croucher.

10. Reports.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

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1894—1895.

LAN-CHOU DISTRICT.

The year has been one of prosperity, notwithstanding war and famine, which threatened not only the prosecution of the work but the life of the Churches. The increase in membership is the largest in the history of the district. Five hundred and thirty-three were received on probation, and two hundred and forty-two adults were baptized. Deducting losses the increase was 84 %.

Several new preaching places were opened, one new place was purchased and a chapel built, and one small building was purchased by a new convert and fitted up as a chapel that they might have preaching in the village which was three miles from the nearest preaching place. The Missionary Society now owns two and rents thirteen chapels. The local Church owns one, and services are held in thirteen other places, either private houses or rooms where schools are conducted.

Fifteen schools were in session during the year. Four were not found satisfactory, and were closed. The average attendance was 10 or 150 in all. The cost of each school is \$36 per year.

The intermediate school at Lan-chou had a prosperous year. Rev. F. Brown and Tê Jui attended the annual examination at the end of the year. Six boys were found ready to be sent to the Preparatory Department of the Peking University.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society supported two Bible-women and two teachers of girls' schools. One of the teachers was very successful in gathering in a large class of girls and in teaching them, also teaching women and leading them in worship; the other was not satisfactory, and was dismissed near the end of the year.

At An-ko-chuang, a market town near the city of Lan-chou, where we have commodious premises rented, a girls' boarding-school was opened near the close of the winter. The W. F. M. S., through Dr. Edna G. Terry and Miss E. E. Glover, spent some \$10 in putting some unoccupied rooms in order, and employed a cook and teacher. In all twenty-four girls were admitted. They received one Mexican dollar, or about 50 cents each, toward their food; their parents or friends supplying the remainder, except in a few cases when they had no friends or were not able to help.

In connection with this school there was a woman's class, numbering ten, studying the Catechism and Gospels. They provided their own food, and only received a small allowance for fuel and light. The whole management was in the hands of Ko Ch'ing-Yun, a local preacher, whose praise is in all the Churches, and who has labored earnestly for several years with no pay but his travelling expenses when out on Church work. The care of the girls and women and a good part of the teaching was undertaken by the two Bible-women spoken of above.

This is the first attempt of the natives to manage such a work without immediate and constant foreign supervision.

It is encouraging as showing a disposition to help themselves. If successful, as it has been so far and promises to continue, the economy and other benefits will be great.

On account of the floods of the previous summer "the famine was sore in the land." The suffering was very great and the deaths very many. Appeals for help, the last few years, had been so frequent that no appeal was made, but unsolicited various small amounts were received for starving Christians, with the request to distribute it to the most needy. Some time in May, quite unexpectedly, several large gifts were received, and about the same time nearly Tls. 1,200 was sent by the Tong Shan Relief Committee. We were thus enabled to greatly extend the work of relief. Thousands, between 7,000 and 8,000, of people received help at a most critical period, and many lives were saved. No distinction between Christian and non-Christian was made in the distribution, as there was none in the giving. It was a work of mercy, and shall not miss its due reward.

Revival services were held in all the Churches when it was practicable, and in every case were attended with much blessing. Many sinners, burdened with guilt, confessed their sins with tears and prayers and found peace in believing. Older Christians were revived, and a number of the preachers received a fresh baptism for service, that has made their work much more abundant and fruitful. The change in many has been from death unto life, and of others from barrenness to fruitfulness.

I do not now recall a single quarterly meeting in which there was not clear manifestation of the Spirit's presence and power. God was indeed with us, and we rejoiced in Him.

Our first District Conference was held in August, and there was so much spiritual blessing and profit in the services and so much benefit derived from discussion of methods of work and plans for the future, self-support or

self-help rather being one of the chief, and the discussion of the character and qualifications necessary for the work of the ministry, brought out in a most practical way by the examination of candidates and granting and renewing licenses; that all felt it a most profitable occasion, and wondered how we had got on so long without one. The preachers unanimously voted to hold two next year, and to entertain themselves while attending.

There was an undertone of sadness in the District Conference, and this Report must not close without mentioning the cause.

The character and conversation of one of the preachers who had been on trial in the annual Conference for several years and who had been borne with long and patiently could not be borne with longer, so he was not recommended for continuance. Another worker, employed as a chapel keeper and sub-pastor, left for a short time in charge of an important place, fell into gross sin and greatly injured the Church.

But there was and is much cause for thanksgiving that in the midst of persecutions and excitement incident to the war so few (scarcely one) have fallen away; that the work has been carried forward with so little interruption; and that God has so graciously and richly blessed us. "Blessed be His name."

J. H. PYKE.

PEKING DISTRICT.

The last Conference session was held in the midst of the wildest of war rumors. The Conference year had little in it of cheer. Missionaries thought to keep together the converts, was about all that could be expected. The native converts themselves were anxious and fearful. It was

considered unsafe to attempt itineration, as the people were supposed to be hostile and ready to attack any foreigner, regardless of nationality, on the slightest pretext. This condition of things threw us out of nearly two months of country work at the opening of the year, but afforded an opportunity for gathering the threads for the work in the immediate vicinity of Peking.

This district comprises one station and four circuits, the farthest point being two hundred *li* from Peking. In reviewing the year the several points will be given in the order of their appearance in last year's Conference Minutes.

Asbury and Feng-Chen Chapels.

Asbury being the Church home, and Fêng-Chên the street chapel, where during the afternoons of the week days men preach to those of the passing throngs of heathen who may be induced to enter the open door and listen. The native preacher who has served as assistant pastor, Ch'ên Heng-Tê, has proven the right man in the right place, and has done a year of loyal and enthusiastic work, which shall no doubt have its harvest in the Great Day. I have found him a man on whom I could lean and ready for anything that seemed in the line of duty. In the Church is a goodly company of men and women, who stand ready to second the endeavors of their pastor for the up-building of the Church and the salvation of men. One of the organizations which has greatly helped has been the Young Men's Epworth League, which regularly every Sunday evening conducted a service in the Church and sent some of its members to the street chapel Sabbath afternoons, while it also furnished supplies for preaching to some towns near the city, where there was no stationed

preacher. The year has been notable, in that the spirit of revival has prevailed with little abatement throughout the year. Special revival services were held in February, during which there were some remarkable conversions, some happy renewals and a general awakening of the Church. One man, converted at this time, went home, forty *li* south of Peking, to tell the story, and we have, as a result, his testimony and the native pastor's work, a class of more than twenty converts in the Emperor's Southern Park. Another man, who had been a great persecutor of his Christian wife, becoming soundly converted, has led a number of his friends to see and serve Jesus. A sick man from the hospital, who had never heard the Gospel before, was converted, and has since been an earnest soul-winner. A thrilling incident of the year was the appearance one Sunday morning at the regular hour for worship of an old lady of some eighty years, with snow white hair, borne on the back of a step-grandson, a man thirty years of age, into the Church, and placed among the worshippers. When the time for receiving candidates on trial came the old lady, by the aid of two relatives, attempted to reach the altar, but only succeeded in moving a few feet forward, when she was asked to stand, where in company with the grandson and other candidates she was admitted on probation. During the year more than one hundred have been thus received, and fifty-four from probation into full fellowship.

Two Sunday-schools have been a necessity, because of the size of the schools; the Church building being too small to hold them when combined, and also because one was given to the study of the International Lessons, while the other was purely a mission school for the heathen about us.

The Church has paid in full enough to meet the claims of the native pastor, but as he is supported by a friend in

the United States the money has gone into other channels. During the three months of summer the Church supported six young men from the college, who went out into the district as assistant preachers. A collection for local Church extension was raised, realizing \$67.00 gold. The missionary collection is the best for years, more than \$234. The two chapels in which we are obliged to work are ridiculously inadequate to the demands of the congregations and the times. Unless the Church at home responds promptly to our call for a new Church and a new street chapel our great work here must stand and wait. We need a Church building here in the capital of this the greatest of heathen empires, which shall be a representative of our great Methodists. We should have a Church that will seat a thousand people, and this is not asking much when it is known that our congregations now in the winter season number little if any less than five hundred souls. Let Chaplain McCabe send on the balance that has been promised us, and by next Conference we will have the building in readiness for the Conference sessions, and be ready to shout the battle on for a great Metropolitan congregation that shall rival in numbers some of the great Churches in our large cities in America, the influence from which will be felt in the remotest and weakest circuit of the Conference.

Ch'ang-P'ing-Chou.

This circuit has two preaching places, and has been supplied by Exhorter Han. He is a man in infirm health, and has been able for but little work during the year. Two young men from the university spent the summer vacation on the circuit, doing a faithful work, greatly

strengthening the little Church, and returned to Peking, only to be smitten by cholera on the day of their arrival. One of them died the next morning at three and the other at seven o'clock. That same day they were carried out of the city gate, through which they had entered the day before, and now sleep side by side, united in death, even as they had been in life, awaiting the resurrection of the just in the last day. Ch'ang-P'ing-Chou needs an active, earnest preacher, who shall be able to inspire its people with new energy and hope.

Ku-Pei-K'ou Circuit

is distant from Peking to its nearest point nearly 50 miles while the other preaching place is 20 miles further to the north-east. Wei Ch'eng-Chih, an exhorter, has been the supply in charge, and has made his home in the city of Mi-Yün-Hsien. There has also been a day-school in the village of Ping-Ma-Ying. I sent a young brother to the assistance of Rev. Wei six months ago, and he has had in addition two young men from the university during the summer. At the beginning of the year Bro. Wei was living in a small rented room, and saw only such people as would call on him in such a place. Just before the Chinese New Year we secured much larger premises on one of the principal thoroughfares of the city, fitted up some of the rooms for a street chapel, and two others for the two preachers' sleeping quarters, and then opened our doors for street preaching. As usual in such cases the opening of the chapel brought on a storm of opposition, which found vent in reviling in the chapel, defacing the walls of the premises with vile epithets and throwing of stones and brickbats into the court. This was the condition of things when Ch'ên Heng-Tê visited the work the last of June

from Peking. He called on the District Magistrate, secured the arrest of one disturber, who was cangued, had the walls cleaned up by men sent from the Yamên. The magistrate issued a proclamation and guaranteed that there should be no further trouble. Since that time the work has moved smoothly on. Quite a number have been received on probation in the vicinity of Mi-Yün-Hsien, and the circuit has the appearance now of being one of the hopeful fields of the district. We need at this place a good three-roomed house for a native pastor and family; we need also the preacher, and in addition a dispensary should be opened here which should have at least monthly visits from one of our missionary physicians.

Yang-Ko-Chuang.

The centre of the circuit of that name is a large market town containing an estimated population of fifteen thousand, and lying twenty miles south of Mi-Yün-Hsien. The circuit has been for years in a discouraging condition. The members are widely scattered, making it difficult to come to Church. The preacher this year, Bro. Kung, is regarded as one of our earnest and successful men, but he has had a hard year with little in it of cheer. In the latter half of the year he has visited the towns in which his people live, and has sought to hold services with them in their homes. However a colporteur belonging to this circuit has in the past few months disposed of nineteen hundred books and tracts.

Yen-Ch'ing-Chou

lies to the north and west of Peking sixty miles. It is beautifully nestled near the foot of the mountains

with a bright river of clear water flowing by its south gate. The valley at this point is not more than fifteen miles wide from north to south, but reaches east and west, making a length of 70 or 80 miles. Bro. Hayner has been the pastor, with Hou-Tien as native assistant. In February Bros. Hayner and Ch'ên made a visit to the circuit, held special revival services, received four on probation and started into activity the energies of the Church. Since that time there has been a steady and healthy growth. Bro. Hayner has since made other visits, which have been greatly blessed. He has rented and opened a chapel in the city of Huai-Lai-Hsien, fifty *li* west of Yen-Ch'ing-Chou, has organized a day-school at a town 10 *li* away from Yen-Ch'ing-Chou, has had in the field during the summer two young men from Peking University, has baptized and received into the Church a number of persons, and has an encouraging list of new probationers to cheer him. Yen-Ch'ing-Chou has had a good year with good results. It is a well situated field, in that it is clear, so far, from the possibility of friction with other missions, as no others are labouring in this direction. There should be two preachers in this circuit another year to station in the two central cities we have occupied, and a larger property in Yen-Ch'ing-Chou to meet the demands of the rapidly developing work.

In conclusion I may say I have been able to meet all my appointments, with the exception of a single trip to the north, and that failure was because of the sickness of one of my children. When the hearts of the native converts trembled, the arrival of the missionary has helped them; where we expected more than the usual rudeness on account of the troublous times we have been happily disappointed. My impression is that we were treated with

greater respect. The tendency of the war has been to create a strong desire to learn the strength of these Western races with their civilization. The war has helped us, in that the people would know us and our faith, and so afford an opportunity for reaching them, which was before unknown. Looking back over the year we find great reason for gratitude to God. The preachers have all been loyally about their Master's business. Two new preaching places have been opened up. 213 more names than last year appear upon the Church rolls as believers. An increase in the appreciation of responsibility and duty is marked in some parts. I myself have baptized, since last Conference, 128 persons, including children and adults, and the district shows the finest missionary collection in its history. We are ready to trust God and go forward.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. WALKER, P. E.

SOUTH PEKING DISTRICT.

This district embraces the southern city chapel and what work our Church has south of Peking within a radius of 60 miles. Dr. Taft was placed in charge by the last Conference. However he left Peking before the Conference sessions were ended, for Chefoo, and after a few weeks sailed for the United States. After a few weeks' further delay came into my care for supervision. The delay at the outset has necessitated shorter visits than might have been made with profit, but I have succeeded in making the quarterly visits to the centres of the field.

Southern City, Peking.

This charge has had as its pastor Bro. Headland, who has had associated with him Bro. Liu Ma-K'ò. Bro. Headland has missed but few Sabbaths during the year, has had the superintendency of the Sabbath-school, as well as the general oversight of all the work on this and the Huang-Ts'un circuit. The preaching has been largely committed to the native preacher. A day-school for boys, as well as one for girls, is connected with this chapel. There is also another day-school for girls near the Chang-I-Men; pupils and teacher from which come here for worship. The excited condition of the people, occasioned by the war, made our workers some trouble. Two or three violent outbreaks in the chapel and at the chapel door made cases for the native preacher to look after. These, however, he managed so wisely that evil-minded persons restrained themselves from further disturbance, and the preaching in the street chapel has since gone on without difficulty. This Church has shared with others in the ingathering of converts, and will be able to show a growth in Church membership. A young man who graduated last June, and another who is still a student in the university, rendered valuable assistance during the summer. The charge seems in a healthy condition, and being the only Protestant chapel, in fact the only chapel, in that city, we pray for it that it may be a shining light in that darkness, leading multitudes to the Savior.

Huarh-shih

is another point in the southern city, Peking, which we have long desired to occupy, but which, up to date, we have failed to for various reasons. It represents a large community of heathen, who are in great need of the Gospel. We should enter this field at the earliest opportunity.

Han-Ts'un Circuit

lies south of Peking forty miles. The pastor, Ch'ên Ta-Yung, has faithfully looked after his own circuit and rendered much assistance to his unordained brethren on the neighboring circuits. Han-Ts'un, the centre of the work, is a town of perhaps six thousand souls. In this place we own a property sufficiently large for present needs, but which would be greatly improved by a new Church building. There are two other places on the circuit, where the people meet on Sabbath in the home of one of their number for worship. The charge is in the heart of a region which has been much distressed for several years by floods. Last winter a spring relief was distributed among the people, and special relief was contributed by friends for the poor Church members, Dr. Ts'ao and Liu Ma-K'o in one instance, and I in another, carrying these contributions to them. This has been a better year, and there ought to be much less suffering all through this northern region, as bountiful harvests cover the fields in every direction. The cholera has, however, made frightful inroads among the people, and the Church has lost its share. In this vicinity not a few have fallen victims. Dr. Ts'ao made several professional visits to Han-Ts'un during the year, and no doubt did much good through his medical work in opening up the way for evangelistic endeavor. The statistics indicate a substantial increase in membership.

Huang-Ts'un Circuit

takes its name from a large town of the same name thirteen miles to the south-west of Peking. It has been supplied by a good exhorter, and has had the advantage of a day-school, but the Church is in a bad way, and those constituting it seem to have but little idea of the uses of

a Church, or Church fellowship; as a consequence the preacher has had a trying time. However the town itself is a good large one, and we can well afford to persevere.

Tung-An Circuit

lies east of Han-Ts'un, and has been under the pastoral care of Chang Yü-Ch'êng, a local preacher. It has three preaching places, two day-schools with quite a fine field for Christian work. Though there has been quite a number of baptisms and receptions into full membership the statistics will show a decrease in membership, but a large increase in probationers. This has grown out of the fact that the preacher has not understood how to count his statistics, and as a result last year counted as members many who were only probationers. At T'iao-Ho-T'ou, the southern point of this circuit, we have rented new chapel premises, more commodious and nearer the centre of the town. We have several probationers in a large town 25 *li* from this place, and as it is an important place we should soon have a chapel and a helper in it.

Yung-Ch'ing Circuit

has had as its preacher Wei Kuo-Shun, who has had his home in the town of Nan-Kuan, the suburb of Yung-Ch'ing-Hsien. In this town we have had a rented place for several years and a street chapel. Eight *li* from Nan-Kuan he has been in the habit of going once a week to lead the Christians in the village of Hu-Chuang in worship. This summer we bought a place in Nan-Kuan for a small sum, secured the deeds in good shape, but owing to complications which have since arisen, have so far failed to

secure possession of the property. The man of whom we bought having disappeared his wife declines to turn over the place, and we are waiting the slow processes of negotiation, compromise, or Chinese official action to secure us in our rights. The supply has also had some trouble with some of his members, who failed to get a share in the money which belongs in all Chinese sales of property to the middle man. These members were disturbed, because the purchase was effected without using them as go-betweens, and thus they were deprived of an opportunity to turn a penny.

The district, with the exceptions indicated, is in good shape for an advance all along the line. We have rented a place and stationed a man and his family in the city of Wu-Ch'ing-Hsien, half way between Peking and Tientsin. We have been prospecting in other important centres with a view to occupancy, and we plan, by the blessing of God, to move upon the strongholds of heathenism as rapidly as as we can reach them, believing that we are doing nothing more than obeying the command of Christ when He bade His disciples go into all the world and preach His Gospel unto every people.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. WALKER, P. E.

TIENTSIN DISTRICT.

The work included in this district is divided into one station and thirteen circuits, supplied by fifteen preachers, four of whom are ordained elders, four ordained

deacons, members of Conference; the remainder, local preachers. The district extends from Tientsin, south, to Chi-Ning-Chou, in the province of Shantung, a distance of 350 miles. Ten of the chapel premises are owned by the missionary society, others rented; many regular Sabbath services being held in villages at the homes of members. On some circuits there has been considerable interest, steady growth and a number of baptisms. On others there has been no marked advance. I am sorry to report that I have not been able to travel over very much of the district during the year. To reach the out-circuits there is but one great road leading southward from Tientsin. For many months after the outbreak of the late war this one road was crowded with marching armies coming up from the south. Great wagon trains, loaded with ammunition and army stores, followed in the wake of the armies. All ordinary traffic was stopped. The inns were taken possession of for the use of officers and men by force. Landlords ceased to transact business, but were unable to keep the lawless soldiery out of their buildings. This continued until after peace was made; some of the rudest, most lawless soldiers (so called) from the south-western provinces not reaching here until long after the war was over. The unprecedented rain storms coming at the close of April, rendered the already very bad roads impassable until it was too late in the season to make the long cart trip of 800 miles, before the heat and rains of summer. Though unable to travel myself I have been in constant communication with the various preachers, most of whom were our most trusted men. Despite the war and its many wild and exciting rumors there has, with few exceptions, been steady progress on the district.

Wesley Chapel.

Rev. F. Brown was appointed pastor at our last Conference. He was expected out from home at once, but failed to reach here until April. In the meantime the charge was supplied. During the year Wesley Chapel has been remodelled and enlarged to meet the growing demands of our work. The congregation was divided for the time, the men and boys going to the street chapel near the east gate for Sabbath worship; services for women and girls, also the Sabbath school, being held in the girls' day-school building on the premises of the U. F. M. S. During the winter there was some revival interest. Not quite as much for the support of the native preacher was raised as last year. The missionary collection a little larger. New dormitories for the boys' intermediate school were built during the spring and summer. With so much more room and purer air we hope a brighter future is before the school. In the early winter an epidemic of typhoid fever broke out in the school, and for a time we feared we would be obliged to disband the school. We are greatly indebted to Dr. Smith, of the London Mission Hospital, for his skill and help during the trying time. Already is our new building crowded with boys, and we have been obliged to turn some promising boys away.

Feng-chen Street Chapel.

Sun Chiu-Kao, native deacon, has been in charge. He has been most faithful in preaching, daily opening the chapel for some hours. He never failed to get and hold his audiences, even during the war with its exciting rumors and ever moving armies through the streets.

Several who were on probation last year disappeared at the outbreak of the war, and only since peace have some of them re-appeared; others have been taken on probation. The west city and Tientsin circuits have been served by Shang Ch'ing-Yün (native elder). There have been two rented places, where regular Sabbath services have been held; both places are unsuitable for our purposes. At both points several have been baptised and received, and several taken on probation. During the year we succeeded in buying a very fine site for our work, just within the West Gate of Tientsin. The location is excellent for either street preaching, Sabbath services or work among women. The buildings were in a most dilapidated condition, and were rendered utterly useless by the great storm. Some necessary improvements had to be made to fit it for our occupation. One thousand dollars will be required to put the place in proper condition for our purposes some day soon. Our means for working in Tientsin and vicinity are now better than ever before. We pray for God's blessing on faithful work to accomplish greater things than heretofore.

Wesley and Fêng-Chên report missionary collection \$57.00, self-support.

West City and Tientsin Circuit report missionary collection \$6.20, self-support.

The Tai-ch'eng Circuit.

This circuit consists in fact of three circuits, extending from the large and busy river town of Wang-Chia-K'ou through Tai-Ch'êng city to Ti-T'ou, a distance of forty miles. Yang Ch'un-Ho has been in charge, assisted by two local preachers. The war, famine, flood and pestilence have seriously affected our membership. Many of the mem-

bers have been lost; some by death, others were compelled by want to leave the region. The whole region was flooded last year. The autumn crops lost. It was visited by flood again this spring, and has so remained through the summer, thus ruining both the spring and autumn crops. Flood, famine and pestilence have gone hand in hand. At my last quarterly meeting I found the city moat changed into a shallow lake, over which we had to be ferried. Some members of the quarterly conference were obliged to wade the most of fourteen miles in order to be present. Notwithstanding these hindrances the work has prospered. A number have been baptised and received into the Church. The *work* in the villages about Tai-Ch'êng city has shown much promise.

At the large river town of *Wang-Chia-K'ou*, where last year we rented premises, the opposition to our preaching has died out. The chapel has been opened for regular street preaching. One man has been baptised; a number of probationers and enquirers are reported. At Ti-T'an, where a local preacher is working as a supply, we have good chapel premises rented. Much faithful work has been done, both at the street chapel and in the many villages round about. The preacher has been compelled to wade from village to village in visiting and preaching to the members in that region. The entire Tai-Ch'êng work has a membership of 136. With sixty-six probationers, has raised for missionary cause \$7.20. Self-support, \$7.86.

The *Ts'ang-Chou* circuit has been supplied by a local preacher, Liu Te-Hsin, assisted by two colporteurs. The name *Ts'ang-Chou* should be dropped and the work divided into the Yen-Shan and *Hai-Feng* circuits.

The Yen-Shan work is of many years' standing. It seems to have come to an almost complete standstill. Very

few have been added by probation. Many of the more active members have drifted off into other parts of our work. Those remaining, while attending all services quite regularly, cannot be made to feel that they ought to make any special effort to aid the preacher and help build up the work. The work which began last year in the *Hai-Feng* Hsien region has continued to flourish, despite much opposition and some persecution. Many others have become deeply interested. The interest is mainly centered in three large villages some miles apart. There is a large market town in the vicinity of these villages which will make a good centre for our work there, and which we hope to enter at once. On this new circuit we have two baptised members, over 100 probationers, with many enquirers. We must have a preacher for this region who can give his undivided time to this new interest. The Ts'ang-Chou circuit reports a missionary collection of \$4.88.

The Nan-Kung circuit, supplied by a local preacher, Chang Hsi-T'ung, remains much the same as last year with rather more of interest in the eastern portion, or Tuan-T'ou region. In the large market town of Tuan-T'ou our little chapel is finished. On market days it has been crowded with hearers with somewhat promising results. At *Tung-An* in *Wei-Hsien* county, 25 miles from Tuan-T'ou, where we have a good chapel building so far finished as to be fit for use, there have been no accessions to our membership. The members there have been so overwhelmed with grief, because in our Conference Minutes the name of their county has not appeared as a circuit separate from Nan-Kung—even though it must be left to be supplied—that they have been too discouraged to make effort to help themselves. There may be magic power in a name. To please them the name of the circuit should be so changed as to read in the future as

the Nan-Kung and Wei-Hsien circuit. The circuit reports as missionary collection \$3.20. *Self-support*, \$6.32. With the *Shan-Tung* circuits there has been constant communication by courier ; no visitation.

The T'ai-An circuit is first geographically, with a native deacon, Wang Ch'ing-Yün, in charge. The year has been a prosperous one, with a number of accessions by baptism and probation. The spirit of the membership is good. Much work has been done in and about the city. This city, being on the high way from the south, has been somewhat disturbed by passing armies and wild war rumors. Our Church has not been molested. The preacher in charge is not able to come to Conference ; illness in his family, together with his having but partially recovered from an attack of cholera, preventing him. The circuit reports for missionary collection \$5.84. *Self-support*, \$11.23.

The An-Chia circuit is our oldest work in Shan-Tung. Our well beloved and most efficient native deacon, Liu Chi-Lun, has been in charge this past year. He reports a number of baptisms and new probationers, while the members of long standing have not been disturbed by the late war. Many who were on probation at last Conference, have fallen away through fear. At last Conference 190 probationers were on the roll. This year there are but 100. The work on the circuit is in a satisfactory condition notwithstanding. The boys' boarding-school was removed from Tai-An last year to An-Chia that Liu Chi-Lun might continue to have oversight. The school has prospered, our accommodations being crowded to their utmost. The old chapel room has been turned into a school room, and a much larger room rented for a chapel. From An-Chia we have worked north, and this year succeeded in getting chapel premises in the city of F'ei-Ch'eng, 25 miles to the north of An-Chia. Here we have a local preacher

under Liu Chi-Lun. A number of enquirers are reported. The An-Chia circuit reports for missionary collection \$6.40. Self-support, \$10.42.

Elder Li Shao-Wên has been in charge of the *Ning-Yang* circuit. Here we are within 14 miles of the ancestral home of Confucius. Heretofore there has been much opposition to our preaching the Gospel in this region. This past year there has been much less. Li Shao-Wên is a very able preacher, but somehow has not the art of winning men as some others less able. He is, however, slowly gathering a little church about him. The Gospel is being preached throughout the region, and much Christian literature scattered abroad. Our chapel premises are not very desirable, but it is impossible to rent more suitable. Many will sell to us who dare not rent. The circuit reports missionary collection \$2.80.

Elder Wang Ch'eng-Pei has been in charge of the Chi-Ning-Chou circuit, our southernmost work. In the city just within the East Gate we own very good chapel premises, and have a membership of 17. The work is comparatively new. Brother Wang and his assistants have been earnestly working in the villages and towns to the north of the city. We now have a good prospect of being able to rent premises in the important city of Tung-Ping-Chou and making this the centre of a new circuit. Other societies, with foreigners resident, have been actively at work in this part of Shan-Tung. My main effort has been to work as much as possible to the north of a line drawn from Chi-Ning to Ning-Yang; yet to take advantage of any providential openings in other directions. Should the much talked of railroad to the south from Tientsin be realised, it must pass through our work, and we, as a mission, must be ready to enter the field with a strong foreign force. At present we lose too much precious time by long, trying cart journeys. The Chi-Ning circuit

reports a missionary collection of \$6.24. Self-support, \$6.40. The entire district is able to report for missionary collection \$100.20. For self-support the sum of \$113.84.

G. R. DAVIS.

Tientsin, North-China,
Sept. 20th, 1895.

TSUN-HUA DISTRICT.

When this Conference year began three frightful spectres hovered near us. War was in the forefront, while just behind lurked famine, with pestilence grinning over its shoulder. Yet, in spite of these things, it may be partly because of them, the year has been fruitful beyond our faith.

Through the grant of the Society new dormitories have been built for the boys' school, and next year we hope to build dining room, kitchen and school room. Through the gift of John W. Boughton, of Philadelphia, we have purchased premises for our work at Tang-Yü, seventeen miles S. W. of Tsun-Hua. We need funds to purchase at three other points on the district.

The girls' boarding-school was opened in the fall, though no scholars more than a day's journey distant were allowed to come. The school was kept in session till the latter part of February, when war rumors were so threatening that it was dismissed until after peace was declared. Then it was re-opened until the middle of July. There were 49 pupils in attendance.

The boys' boarding-school was open the whole year. Twenty-four boys were enrolled. Three of them have gone to Peking this fall. With larger accommodations we shall be able to enlarge our school.

There have been nine day-schools for boys and five for girls on the district. Three of the latter, however, have only been opened this summer. There have been 282 pupils in attendance. We ought to have three more day-schools at three other places, but fear we cannot have the money. Three of the day-schools are under Bro. Verity's care. He was so moved by the starved condition of the pupils that he determined to give them one meal a day and allow thirty scholars in each school. He did not know where the money was to come from, but trusted to raise it among his friends. After a few weeks I decided to do the same in the other five schools. In this way we have spent about \$250 and saved the lives of the children. The food was continued till after wheat harvest. The men on the U. S. gun-boat *Monocacy*, at Tientsin, made a handsome contribution toward the expense, and others have helped. Not enough has yet been given, but more is expected. Brother Verity found at one school that those in charge were giving the scholars only part of the grain provided and keeping the rest themselves. The temptation was too great for them to resist.

The men's hospital has been open all the year, but Dr. Hopkins has had two serious interruptions in his work. For ten weeks in the winter he was detained in Tientsin by the sickness of Mrs. Hopkins, and this summer he was down with typhoid fever for eight weeks. But the Lord has graciously restored them both to health and strength.

The woman's hospital has been open when Dr. Terry has been here, and this summer she has been greatly overworked, for famine brought on a great deal of sickness.

While war did not reach us, famine has been severe among the people. For its relief, in addition to what we have raised on the district, one hundred taels was received from the T'ang-Shan Relief Fund and about sixty taels through

Brother Brown, of Tientsin. This was carefully distributed, where it was most needed. With this help but few of the Christians have starved to death. One day about 200 famine-stricken wretches gathered around our gates and came into the yard, pleading for help. But we did not dare to give them anything thus publicly, lest we should have 1,000 people on our hands the next day.

Children have been left on the streets to die, and I have been asked twice if I did not want to buy children. Our helpers have frequently been asked the same thing. Each of us has assumed the support of one or more little children. If we had means we could start an orphanage immediately. Most of us feel that we must start one as soon as possible. The work seems thrust upon us, and we cannot decline to follow, where God seems to lead.

The preaching of the Gospel has gone on steadily all the year, and the workers have been diligent and faithful. Some results have appeared. The increase in numbers is 0 and in probationers 166. The people are accessible, and listen courteously to the Gospel.

During the winter there was a decided revival among the girls and women, and several bright conversions. Extra services were held at Tsun-Hua and at several points on the district. At Yü-T'ien the interest was deepest. A number confessed their sins and found peace.

During July Bro. Verity and several helpers went from village to village preaching, and were kindly received everywhere.

Notwithstanding the poverty of the people the district has contributed for missions Tls. 200.00, and for all other purposes Tls. 262.24.

Self-support in a famine year does not look very bright, but the people are learning to give, and it will come in time.

Death has been busy among the people, and some of our members have crossed the river. Old Brother Yang, of Hsin-Tien-Tzu, died this spring. He was one of the first to receive the Gospel in this region. He seemed to show the work of the Spirit in his heart and life. It was a pleasure to talk with the old man. We hope to meet him again where death never comes.

The Sabbath is not strictly observed by many of our members. Many work in the morning before service, come to preaching and then continue their work afterwards. It will require line upon line and precept upon precept to lead this people out of heathenism to a strict observance of Christianity.

Yet God is with us and is carrying on His own work. Perhaps His scourging hand this past year is preparing the way for a great ingathering.

Now as the spectre of war has vanished, as a bountiful harvest is being gathered, driving away gaunt famine and stalking pestilence, we may hope for peace and prosperity in our work, and that God will march onward to the redemption of this land ; we may hope to see China, even dark China, glorious with the light of Gospel day.

Respectfully submitted,

W T. HOBART, P E.



11. Medical Reports.

PEKING MEDICAL WORK.

The following Report is for the year ending September 1st, 1895. Our work this year has been very full, but in many respects we have not realized our expectations.

During the winter months Dr. Tsao carried on the country work, visiting three different places—Yen-Ch'ing-Chou, Ch'ang-P'ing-Chou and Han-Ts'un. At each place there was a good attendance at the clinic; Han-Ts'un proving to be the best of the three, and Ch'ang-P'ing-Chou the poorest. The number of patients seen at these three places were seven hundred and eighty-two.

Our work in the city has been about the same as last year. The average monthly attendance has been 803, the total number of dispensary patients being more than last year. Since November 1st eight or nine persons have joined the Church on probation, and several at the country stations, as the direct result of the medical work. The work among private patients this year has gradually and steadily increased, and is among a good class. Dr. Tsao has been called to see several prominent officials, among others Chang Yin-Huan, Ex-minister to the United States, who has retained Dr. Tsao as his physician. Since September 1st, 1894, up to the writing of this Report, we have received from private practice the sum of \$248.45, with an outstanding account of nearly \$90; our charges being Tl. 1 and Tls. 2 according to the distance.

The work in our hospital is greatly embarrassed on account of the poor accommodations for in-door patients.

During the year we have always had one or more patients in the wards, but in the rainy season we had to refuse admission to patients, because of the unsafe condition of the hospital wards. Our facilities for medical and surgical work are the poorest in North China. In spite of our poor equipment for surgical work we had a good degree of success with surgical operations, of which we had five or six major and a number of minor operations. Our most urgent need in the medical work is proper accommodations. A new dispensary with adequate equipments is an absolute necessity to our work, and without it we feel greatly crippled. Beside the dispensary for daily patients we are in urgent need of a hospital with such appliances as are necessary for proper and efficient work. Those in charge of this branch of the work in former years have asked for an allowance for a hospital building. We should like to add our plea for the same, only trusting it may be more successful. Ten thousand dollars have been asked for time and again, and we still continue to ask for it, hoping it may not be in vain.

For the coming year we have plans for more extensive work. The country work will be carried on as usual with the addition of one or two more places, one of which is west of the city, for which Tls. 450 have been contributed. We hope to open up the work in the southern city, which promises to be a good field for work. The two city dispensaries, country work, and teaching in the medical school will demand all our time. The medical class began the year with ten members. The tuition fee, being Tls. 50 for the first year, will insure a good class of students. Several other persons have expressed their desire to enter the course next year. At the present time everything looks favorable for a medical school in Peking.

Statistics.

New Patients	6,892
Return Visits	2,743
Seen on Country Trips	782
Patients treated in Hospital	44
	Total.....
	10,461

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. D. LOWRY, M.D.,

Y. K. TSAO, M.D.,

Physicians in charge.

TSUN-HUA MEDICAL WORK.

After an absence of a year and a half in America I returned last November to my loved work, and was happy to find I had been appointed to my former station to labor among the people most familiar to me.

I found the hospital force reduced by the illness of Dr. Scott, and Dr. Pau leaving to fill a position in Shanghai. For this reason the country dispensaries were not opened regularly during the winter; but occasional visits were made to those stations nearest Tsun-Hua. This concentration of work in the hospital dispensary has not been without its advantages, as many more than usual have applied for treatment, and all departments of the work are more satisfactory when conducted apart from the confusion attending the fairs. But with some changes the country dispensaries will be opened the coming year as usual.

A very interesting part of the work that demands attention is visiting the homes of the ex-patients. This has been done in times past by colporteurs and others, but at their solicitation I shall try to personally superintend this work. A few visits of this kind have already been made,

distributing medicine in their villages. The results of which was to lessen opposition.

It is impossible to tabulate the results of the year, but those apparent lead us to rejoice. Some have embraced Christianity while with us, and most encouraging reports are given by those who have visited them in their homes, testifying to their changed lives. The mass of people who have heard the Gospel in our chapel, although seemingly unmoved, we hope will at some time bear fruit from the good seed sown.

In no year of our work have the people been in such urgent need of help. During the winter months hundreds of the poor people applied for treatment of their bloated hands and feet. The most of these were given into the hands of the cook, but to one witnessing their labors in the kitchen it was apparent I had not made a mistake in my diagnosis.

In early spring there was an epidemic of typhoid fever that was very fatal to those already in a low physical condition. In June I was taken with the disease and confined to the house for two months. Although kept from the work it was a season of spiritual blessing, and I am glad to live and do for the master.

In making another Annual Report of this work we are impressed with our dependence on God as a healer of the body as well as the soul, and our hope and prayer is that He may still more abundantly bless us the coming year.

The number treated during the year in dispensaries
 is 20,926
 Patients in hospital... .. 76

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. HOPKINS,

Physician in charge.

12. Peking University Report.

The past year is the first in my missionary experience that my appointment has been specially to educational work. But nearly one half of my time has been occupied with the duties of the treasuryship of the mission.

Owing to the unsettled state of the country on account of the war with Japan we refused admittance to a good many students who wished to enter. But the beginning of this new year witnesses a considerable increase in our numbers, so great indeed that we now have to refuse applicants for want of room and limited funds.

The work during the past year has been pursued on the usual lines, no attempt being made to introduce new innovations. The students have conscientiously applied themselves to their studies. Little discipline has been required, and a spirit of manliness and self-government is manifest, which is encouraging. The religious work among the students has not been so marked as during the previous year, yet the spiritual condition of the students has never seemed in a more promising state than now. The graduating class consisted of three members, two of whom will come before the Conference for admittance on trial.

Since last Conference Mr. E. K. Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. King and Miss Terrell have been added to the teaching force of the university, though it has been necessary that most of their time should be given to the study of the Chinese language. We rejoice in this addition to the faculty, as it enables us to bring more foreign influence into direct contact with the students, which we believe is the best means of developing the Christian character of the students. Mr. T. J. N. Gattrell, of the American Bible Society, and

Mrs. Lowry, have each rendered valuable voluntary service to the institution during the year.

We have only good to report of native members of the faculty and the work they have done.

The industrial department has become practically self-supporting, and the quality of work done has given very general satisfaction. The apprenticeship of three more students will soon be complete, and they will be able to earn a respectable living. Progress has also been made in the printing press. A new font of large type has arrived, which enables us to do some satisfactory work and a greater variety of style in printing. Besides several small jobs we have printed during the year "Principles of the Gospels" and the "Imitation of Christ" for the North China Tract Society. We now have in press Dr. Pilcher's translation of Steele's Astronomy, for which there has been a call from several schools. The edition of Physical Geography is nearly exhausted, and arrangements are making for republishing it at our press. The work of the press is now entirely in the hands of our students.

The most prominent advance during the year is the organization and successful opening of the College of Medicine, with Dr. Coltman, of the Presbyterian Mission, as dean, supported by Drs. Curtiss, Tsao, G. D. Lowry and Prof. Gamewell. Although the tuition fee is \$50, ten students have matriculated, and nine are in attendance.

The opportunities offered for securing a knowledge of Western science is also attracting the attention of Chinese scholars. Seven of the *literati* have matriculated, but only three of the number have joined the classes. The fact that the university is a Christian institution prejudices some against it who would otherwise be glad to pursue one of our courses of study. We believe this prejudice will gradually

disappear as our aims are better understood. But we are convinced that China needs education of the heart as well as of the head, and we shall not cease to do our utmost to instil the highest ideas of morality and Christianity into the hearts of all whom we teach.

The most pressing need now is the new college building to provide recitation rooms that the dormitory building may be entirely given up to sleeping apartments. It is very desirable that the collegiate department should be more distinctly separated from the intermediate and primary schools than is now possible.

I believe there never was more promise than now that Christian education may become an increasing power in the regeneration of China. We ask for your prayers and co-operation that our aims may be realized that the Peking University may bear its part in this great undertaking by instructing the youth of the land in the only true source of permanent prosperity—the truth as it is in Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. LOWRY.



13. Standing Committees.

EDUCATION.

It is needless to attempt to represent the importance of education in China at the present time. Like many other desirable reforms its importance is generally acknowledged, but how to obtain it is the unsolved problem.

In a recent conversation an educated Chinaman remarked that education was the only hope for China. The Grand Secretary—Li Hung-chang—said a few days ago to Bishop Walden that it was of the utmost importance that the youth should be educated that China might enter on an era of progress and prosperity. A recent edict of the Emperor directed the high authorities in the empire to hunt out and recommend for promotion scholars who should prove to be thoroughly versed in Western science.

One of the most influential of the foreign advisers of the Chinese government recently assured them that the foundation of all real reform must be honesty and truthfulness, and that any departure from these fundamental principles must be regarded as a crime to be severely punished ; and no matter by what road, direct or circuitous, they chose to travel, the important thing was to arrive at that point as quickly as possible.

Now I think it is evident to all that China needs education in the truest sense founded upon a high morality. Education alone, a knowledge of Western science and skill in all the appliances of modern civilization, grafted upon the present Chinese character, would be a doubtful blessing. The elements of true and permanent reform must begin with the moral nature. Then civilization in China will not simply be an exotic, but a native plant of vigorous growth

and the harvest will be rich in all that strengthens and enobles a great nation. It is for this reason that Christian education is second only to direct evangelistic efforts in missionary work ; and it is because of the prominence given to moral and religious instruction that Christian schools promise the best results in the regeneration of China. And it is a matter for profound gratification that from the beginning this Conference has placed such a high estimate upon this department of our work.

The Peking University, organized upon a non-sectarian foundation, offers a thorough collegiate education to all who choose to enter its halls and pursue its curriculum—literary, scientific, medical and theological.

The preparatory department of the same institution offers the opportunity of a good high school education to those who are not able to pursue the advanced course of study. And the intermediate schools, under the control of the Conference, extends the privilege of good schools to our youth in Peking, Tientsin, Tsunhua, Lanchou and Taian.

It is taking a very narrow view of our present privileges and a low estimate of our relation to the future development of China to suppose the aim of Christian education should be simply to train preachers. While we rejoice at every accession to the ranks of the ministry through the means of our schools we are not insensible to the great importance of sending out Christian educated young men into all the vocations of the empire. It is only thus an era of honesty and truthfulness can be inaugurated. This nation must learn the unity and supreme authority of God before any permanent progress is possible, and that is the duty of Christian education to show that all science and all knowledge reveals the one great Law-giver, to whom all men are individually responsible for their conduct.

We should therefore labor and pray for the hastening of the time when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

CHURCH EXTENSION.

In 1888 a local Church Extension Society was formed in connection with our mission, to which all our charges were urged to contribute. Yearly contributions have been made throughout our work for that object. But since the formation of our Conference no officers have been elected. Hence your committee would recommend that this Conference elect a president, secretary and treasurer for this Society, who shall have charge of the funds collected and have power to consider applications and make grants toward the erection of churches.

Your committee would further recommend that in the future one-half of the annual collections be set aside to form a loan fund and the other half for grants to needy Churches. In this way Churches can be aided by a loan, which they can return within a term of years.

Respectfully submitted,

LI SHAO-WEN.
W. T. HOBART.

SELF-SUPPORT.

The reports from the districts and circuits indicate some small degree of progress in the line of self-support. The progress, however, is small, and the main difficulties of the problem still remain unsolved.

There is, in our opinion, no better plan than that provided in the discipline of our Church, and we would urge its

faithful observance. Since our organization into an Annual Conference this would seem to be doubly important.

The committee would recommend for the consideration of the Conference :—

1. That where a Society or Church has been organized the members be required to contribute according to their ability before they receive the benefit of an appropriation for any purpose. In other words that every appropriation be conditioned on a contribution from the local Church.

2. We would more particularly recommend this in the educational work and especially in the establishment and maintenance of day-schools. In every case where it is possible the parents should pay something toward the education of their children.

3. That those in charge of the medical work take this into consideration, and as far as possible require persons receiving medicines from the dispensaries to pay in part or in full for what they get, and that persons treated in the hospitals pay for both medicine and food. We recognize the difficulties of this question; but we can see no good reason why persons who are able to pay, or would find some way to pay a native physician and for medicine besides, should go on year after year receiving medicine and service free. Something has no doubt already been done on this line, but we believe still more could be done.

4. That the salaries of native preachers be re-adjusted on the basis of ability, usefulness in the work, and the responsibilities of the appointment, instead of the present plan by which the salary depends upon ministerial rank or standing, independent of every other consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. H. PYKE.

WANG CH'ING-YUN.

TEMPERANCE AND OPIUM.

In the West, by the word temperance we generally mean abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors—*alcohol*. In the East, we find the nations under bondage to as great, if not more destructive evil—opium. In the West, the cause of temperance has entered into no new phase. The forces drawn out against each other are only in closer and more determined array; both armies animated with the fixed purpose not to yield the field. No wavering is to be found on the part of the great temperance army, the friends of purity, order and the home. None is apparent in the closed ranks of the enemies of peace, home and purity, rather more malignant hatred and cruel cunning. “An irrepressible conflict,” with no room for compromise. Right must triumph, no matter how long the conflict; alas, the poor politicians, what pitiable objects, running to and fro, wringing their hands in despair of votes, daring not to take side.

As for opium the whole world has been interested in its discussion as never before. The conclusions of the opium commission were a sad disappointment to all the friends of the anti-opium cause. What if the opium commission did bow down to the god of commerce and worshipping, declare there was no great evil in the trade; what if they did deceive themselves and others. Right is right; God is with the right, and “nothing is ever settled here on earth until settled rightly.”

The amazing folly of these conclusions was made apparent to the world at once by the results of the late war. Opium hating little Japan overwhelming overgrown China, demoralized and besotted by the opium habit. About the time the war broke out a Japanese naval expert wrote: “Many of the Chinese war-ships are larger and

better than ours, with many well trained and foreign educated officers, yet we shall beat the *opium-smokers*." To-day, there is no Pei-yang fleet; its once proud ships either at the bottom of the sea or flying the enemy's flag. The common talk was that the Japanese did not fight fairly. They would steal a march on their child-like foes, assailing them in the early morning watches, ere the first pipe of opium could be taken, so that by the time the *second* smoke came around, the Chinese armies, officers and men were in a state of nervous wreck,—all manly courage gone, one all pervading idea to get beyond the reach of those terrible guns and find a quiet place in which to smoke. It was the demoralizing habit of opium more than anything else that overwhelmed China with defeat and shame. Let the picture of China's defeat and disgrace be put over against the report of the opium commission. China's millions in this shameful bondage call for the sympathy of all who love their fellow-men. Let not the friends of the anti-opium cause be discouraged. The struggle may be long and hard, but God will give the victory.

G. R. DAVIS.



STATISTICS OF THE NORTH CHINA CONFERENCE FOR 1895.

NAME OF CIRCUIT OR STATION.	Foreign Missionaries			Native Workers, W. F. M. S.			Probationers	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	No. of Theological Schools					No. of other Day-schools	No. of other Day-scholars	No. of Sabbath-schools	No. of Sabbath-scholars	No. of Churches and Chapels	Estimated Value of Churches and Chapels	No. of Halls and other rented Places of Worship	No. of Parsonages or Homes	Estimated Value of Parsonages or Homes	Value of Orphanages, Schools, Hospitals, Book Rooms, etc.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies	Collected for Self-support	Collected for Church Building and Repairing	Contributed for other Local Purposes	North China Church Extension			
	Assistant Missionaries, W. F. M. S.	Foreign Missionaries, W. F. M. S.	M. S.	Native Ordained Preachers	Native Unordained Preachers	Native Teachers					Foreign Teachers	Other Helpers	Members	No. of Teachers in same	No. of Students																	No. of High Schools	No. of Teachers in same	No. of Pupils
Peking District :—																																		
Asbury and Fêng-Chên.....	9	6	3	1	2	5	3	263	127	300	48	21	1	3	5	1	10	120	2	52	2	600	2	4000	7	30000	3200	186.00	111.11	92.24	23.00	25.91	67.00	
Ch'ang-P'ing-Chou.....								31	7	15	2												200				2.88							
Ku-Pei-K'ou.....								21	33	30	6	3											150	1			2.40							
Yang-Ko-Chuang.....								1	19	10	5	1											200				2.00							
Yen-Ch'ing-Chou.....	1							21	28	25	10	5											150	1			26.98		4.65	4.41	3.83			
Total.....	10	6	3	1	4	8	3	352	214	380	71	30	1	3	5	1	10	120	5	72	2	600	6	4700	2	7	30000	3200	220.26	111.11	96.89	27.41	29.74	67.00
South Peking District :—																																		
Southern City Circuit.....								76	22	60	8	1															35.80		17.38		6.35	2.38		
Huang-Ts'un								9	22	25																							1.58	
Han-Ts'un								101	80	120	27	3															3.21		1.75		1.00	.98		
Yung-An								75	90	60	25	3															1.98				3.12	.40		
Yung-Ch'ing								14	40	60	8	1														2.40				.80				
Total.....								275	254	325	68	8															43.39		19.13		12.85	3.76		
Tientsin District :—																																		
Wesley and Fêng-Chên.....	2	2	2	1	1	3		83	23	75	2																							
West City Circuit.....								23	19	30	4																							
Tai-Ch'êng								136	66	100	10																							
Yen-Shan								40	123	70																								
Nan-Kung								41	31	30																								
Tai-An								68	74	60																								
An-Chia								132	109	100	9																							
Ning-Yang								5	6	10	1																							
Chi-Ning								1	10	7	17																							
Tung-Ting																																		
Fei-Ching																																		
Total.....	2	2	2	5	6	4	3	538	458	492	26	10																						
Tsun-Hua District :—																																		
Tsun-Hua.....	3	3	2	8	1	2		107	22	150	13	2																						
Tsun-Hua Circuit.....								70	120	120	6	1																						
P'ing-An								57	40	60	2	1																						
Sha-Liu-Ho								99	56	90	15	17																						
Total.....	3	3	2	8	1	5	12	333	238	420	36	21																						
Lan-Chou District :—																																		
Lan-Chou Circuit.....	1	1		1	1	3		100	41	80	30	5																						
An-Ko								89	78	60	42	8																						
Ch'ang-Li								47	85	62	24	3																						
Ch'ien-An								202	150	190	42	11																						
Ch'ien-Wei										20	21																							
Fu-Ning								5	23	6																								
I-An and Pei-Chia Circuit.....								162	138	200	81	32																						
Chên-Tzu-Chên Circuit.....								26		30																								
Lao-T'ing Circuit.....								16	18	14	3																							
Shan-Hai-Kuan Circuit.....								155	29	146																								
Total.....	1	1		4	1	7	13	802	562	808	243	82																						
RECAPITULATION.																																		
Peking District.....	10	6	3	1	4	8	3	352	214	380	71	30	1	3	5	1	10	120	5	72	2	600	6	4700	2	7	30000	3200	220.26	111.11	96.89	27.41	29.74	67.00
South Peking District.....								275	254	325	68	8																						
Tientsin District.....	2	2	2	5	6	4	3	538	458	492	26	10																						
Tsun-Hua	3	3	2	8	1	5	12	333	238	420	36	21																						
Lan-Chou	1	1		4	1	7	13	802	562	808	243	82																						
Total:—This year.....	16	12	7	18	9	22	43	2300	1726	2425	443	151	1	3	5	6	23	262	45	634	28	1983	30	33910	42	22	60160	20200	*600.00	111.11	354.48	65.88	106.67	90.19
„ Last „.....	12	11	12	19	10	18	44	2020	842	2037	317	120	1	3	5	6	22	553	42	589	20	1816	29	34030	25	18	59960	17900	318.86	373.43	109.41	82.35	30.77	
Increase.....	4	1		3	3	3	3	280	884	388	126	31																						
Decrease.....				5	1	1	1																											

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