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1893 Ding Be Dak .. Go-long .... .... Kucheng " 2
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1893 Ho Dieu Tey .. Ngu-chiung .... .... Hok-chiang " 5
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1892 Ling Hung Chiu .. Tieng-hua .... .... Sieng-iu " 3
1892 Ling Ui Sieng .. Ding-sang .... .... Kucheng " 3
1889 Saeng Ngik Chung .. Puo-mui .... .... Buo-dieng " 3
1894 Song Hok Ming .. Chang-deng Li .... .... Buo-dieng " 1
1892 Tiang Siung Hui .. Sek-chek Du .... .... Iong-bing " 2
1892 Li Shok Hu .. Leik Du .... .... Ming-chiang " 5
1892 Ung Sing Chung .. Dai-bo .... .... Hai-tang " 2
1894 Uong Huong Sing .. Sek-se Du .... .... Ming-chiang " 1

PROBATIONERS.

1895 Ding Nik Ong .. Gieng-sang .... .... Sieng-iu District 1
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1892 Ding Cing Seng .. Sek-ek Du .... .... Ming-chiang " 4
1893 Ding Siu Cing .. Baik Du .... .... " " 3
1894 Dong Hok Gi .. Seng-sang
1894 Dong Giu Hua .. Song-chiong .... .... Iong-bing " 1
1894 Dong Ching Ga .. Puo-a
1894 Ho Ik Nguang .. Sieng-kong-ing .... .... Hok-chiang " 1
1894 Li Gi Chiong .. Siek-seng .... .... " " 4
1895 Li Ko Ting .. Bing-hai .... .... Buo-dieng " 2
1894 Ling Dieu Gek .. Cieng-buang .... .... Foochow " 2
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1895 Chang Shuh Ling, Hwang Tsz Sing, Tsu Cheng Tsung, Tsai Tek Kao, Uang Siao Shan, U Tek Yuen, Hu Che Ping, Tieng Yu Ming, Ralph O. Irish, E. R. Jellison, members of Central China Mission.
II. CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

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JOHN M. WALDEN, D.D.

Interpreter.

J. H. WORLEY.

English Secretary.

N. J. PLUMB.

Chinese Secretary.

UONG DI GI.

Assistant Secretaries.

G. B. SMYTH, CENG UNG UONG.

Statistical Secretary.

G. S. MINER.

Assistant.

DING DAING DIEU.

Treasurer.

WILLIAM H. LACY.
III. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

On Education.—G. S. Miner, Hü Caik Hang, Ding Ung Tieu, Ngoi Gi Lang, Ceng Ung Uong.

On Sunday Schools.—M. C. Wilcox, Sie Seng Cang, Diong Seuk Buo, Saeng Hok Lieng, U Seuk Hu.

On Religious Literature.—G. B. Smyth, Siek Sek Diong, Ding Daik Liong, U Sieu E, Uong Guok Hing.

On Temperance.—J. H. Worley, Ung Seng Chuang, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Ling Hung Chü, Song Guong Huo.

On Sabbath Observance.—N. J. Plamb, Ding Daing Diu, Li Ngä Hung, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Iok Nguong.

On Self Support.—W. N. Brewster, Ding Nik Sing, Ciong Daik Liong, Ling Mi Ing, Song Guong Huo, Ding Iok Nguong, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Li Ngä Hung, Pang Ding Hie, Iek Ing Guang.

On Conference Relations.—G. B. Smyth, W. N. Brewster, G. S. Miner, W. H. Lacy, Sia Heng Tö; Ding Siu Käng, Ciong Daik Liong, Pang Ding Hie, Ling Ming Sang, Ding Soi Ling, Uong Guok Hing.

Conference Stewards.—W. H. Lacy, Sia Heng Tö, Diong Sëük Buo, Ding Siu Käng, Huong Daik Chiong, Ding Ga Sing, Ling Cing Cieng, Song Guong Huo.
IV. CONFERENCE BOARDS.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY TRUSTEES.

For One Year.—Hü Bö Mi, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.

For Two Years.—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang.

For Three Years.—J. H. Worley, N. J. Plumb, Hü Caik Hang.

BOARD OF DEACONESES.

Geo. B. Smyth, President.

Miss L. A. Wilkinson. Hü Bö Mi.
Miss Willma H. Rouse. Li Diong Cui.
Miss Althea Todd. Ding Ung Tiu.

V. ASSIGNMENTS FOR 1896.

1. EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

Class of the First Year.—G. B. Smyth, Li Diong Cui, Hü Caik Hang, Iek Ing Guang.

Class of the Second Year.—N. J. Plumb, U Sieu E, Diong Seük Buo, Ling Ming Ciong.

Class of the Third Year.—J. H. Worley, Huong Pau Seng, Dang Seng Ling, Ding Siu Künig.

Class of the Fourth Year.—G. S. Miner, Ciong Daik Liong, Daing Gieng Ing, Ngoi Ki Lang.

Admission on Trial.—W. N. Brewster, Hü Bö Mi, Ding Ung Tiu, Ding Ga Sing.
For Local Orders.—Rev. Owen, Uong Di Gi, Lau Guang Húng, Sie Seng Cang.

2. ANNIVERSARIES.

To Preach Missionary Sermon.—Hụ Cảik Hang; alternate, Siek Sek Diong.
To Preach Conference Sermon.—Hương Pau Seng; alternate, Ceng Ung Uong.

3. FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

To the American Board Mission.—G. S. Miner, Hụ Bọ Mi.
To the Anglican Mission.—J. H. Worley, Sia Sek Ong.
To the M. E. Church South Mission.—N. J. Plumb.
To the Central China M. E. Mission.—G. B. Smyth.

4. FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Presbyterian Church at Amoy.—W. N. Brewster, Iong Daik Cheu.
To the Board in New York, in reply to letters signed by Bishop Andrews and S. L. Baldwin.—G. B. Smyth.
To the North China Conference.—N. J. Plumb, Sia Sek Ong.
To the West China M. E. Mission.—J. H. Worley.

5. COMMITTEES.

To Prepare Conference Program.—Resident Missionaries in Hinghua, Pastor of the City Church and the Presiding Elder.
To Examine Medical Students.—N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, Uong Di Gi.
To Examine Girls' School Teachers.—Hụ Bọ Mi, Iong Daik Cheu, Iek Ing Guang, Ling Ming Ciong.
To Publish Conference Minutes.—W. H. Lacy, N. J. Plumb, G. S. Miner, Uong Di Gi.
ASSIGNMENTS FOR 1896.

6. STANDING COMMITTEES, NOMINATED.

On Education.—G. B. Smyth, Ding Ung Tiu, Hu Caik Hang, Uong Di Gi, Iek Ing Guang.

On Sunday Schools.—G. S. Miner, U Sieu E, Ding Siu Kung, Ling Mi Ing, Ceng Ung Uong.

On Religious Literature.—N. J. Plumb, Uong Guok Hing, Saeng Hok Lieng, Tieng Siong Hui, Cung Daik Ming, Tiang Nguk Cei.

On Temperance.—W. N. Brewster, Sie Sang Cang, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chou, Ding Giu Ud.

On Sabbath Observance.—Ding Nik Sing, Ding Dai Liong, Li Nga Hung, Ding Hieng Ngieu.

On Self Support.—J. H. Worley, Ding Ga Sing, Ling Ming Sang, Ling Ching Mi, Sie Seng Cang.

VI. CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION.

In the Studies of Fourth Year.—Ding Giu Ud, Tiang Nguk Chiu, Ud Seuk Hu, Ding Bo Cing, Saeng Nguk Chung, Li Gi Chiong.

In the Studies of the Third Year.—Cung Daik Ming, Song Hok Ming, Uong Huong Sing, Co Kong Ching, Dong Sieng Nguong, Chiong Hok Chu, Ding Be Dak, Ho Dieu Ieu, Ding Ching Seng.

In the Studies of the Second Year.—Uong Hung Ngung, Ho Ik Ngung, Diong Giu Hua, Diong Hok Gi, Dong Cheng Ka, Li Ko Ding, Ling Dieu Gek. Ralph O. Irish, Ernest R. Jellison, Tieng Yu Mung, Hu Chi Pin, Wu Tek Yuen, Liu Mo Ye, Tsu Tsing Cheu.

In the Studies of the First Year.—Sia Tieng Ang, Saeng Bang Chiong, Ngai Ing Gi, Ding Tieng Buoi, Siek Gi Chiong, Uong Nguk Chiong, Uong Deng Huong, Uong Huong Siong, Uong Tieng Siong, Ling Dieu Daik, Li Ko Dung, Ung Uong Cui, Ding Nik Ong, Uong Gi Uong, Hwang Tsz Sing, Chang Shuh Ling, Jesse F. Newman, Tsai Iek Kao, Uang Siao Shan.
VII. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences? Jesse F. Newman, Wisconsin Conference; Hu Chü Pin, South German Conference.

2. Who have been Readmitted? 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: Sia Tieng Ang, Saeng Bang Ciong, Ngu Ing Gi, Ding Tieng Buoi, Siek Gi Ciong, Uong Ngük Chiong, Uong Deng Huong, Uong Huong Siong, Uong Tieng Siong, Ling Dieu Daik, Li Kö Dung, Ung Uong Cui, Ding Nik Ong, Hwang Tsz Sing, Chang Shuh Ling.
   (b) In Studies of third year. None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial?
   (a) In Studies of first year: Uong Gi Uong (1894), Jesse F. Newman, Tsai Tek Kao (1894), Uong Siao Shan (1894).
   (b) In Studies of second year: Uong Hung Ngüng, Hö Ik Ngung, Diong Giu Hua, Ling Dieu Gek, Dionsg Hok Gi, Dong Cheng Ka, Li Kö Ding, Ralph O. Irish, Ernest R. Jellison, Tieng Yu Ming, Hu Chi Pin, U Tek Yuen, Liu Mo Ye (1894) Tsu Tsing Chen (1894).
   (c) In Studies of third year: Ding Cing Seng.
   (d) In Studies of fourth year: Li Gi Chiong (1894).

6. Who have been Discontinued? Ching Yuen Kwai, Ding Siu Ching.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

7.—Who have been Admitted into full Membership?
   (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year: Cüng Duik Ming, Song Hok Ming, Uong Huong Sing, Cô Kong Ching, Dong Sieng Nguong, Chiong Hok Chu, Ding Be Dak, Hồ Dieu Ieu, Ling Ching Mi.
   (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. None.

8.—What Members are in studies of third year?
   (a) Admitted into full membership this year: Cüng Duik Ming, Song Hok Ming, Uong Huong Sing, Cô Kong Ching, Dong Sieng Nguong Chiong Hok Chu, Ding Be Dak, Hồ Dieu Ieu.
   (b) Admitted into full membership previously. None.

9.—What Members are in studies of fourth year?

10.—What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?
   (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year: Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Tiang Ngük Ceü, Uong Di Gi, Siek Sek Diong.
   (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.

11.—What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
   (a) As Local Preachers: Ling Hai Lang, Ngu Ka Ing, Cio Ko Cu.

12.—What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
   (a) As Local Deacons: Li Sieu Hieng, Ding Do Ceng, Tiang Ciong Chaiu.
   (b) Under Missionary Rule. None.

13.—Was the Character of each Preacher examined?
   Yes as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

14.—Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?
   None.

* Passed in Conference Course of Study.
15.—Who have Died?
   Nathan Sites, Ding Cing Guong, Sia Lieng Li.

16.—Who have been Located at their own Request?
   Ling Saeng Lai.

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?
   Hù Sing Mi, Sia Heng Tö.

24.—Who are the Triers of Appeals?
   See Discipline ¶ 261.

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

26.—What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
   Mexicans $445.90.

27.—What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?
   Mexicans $258.15.

28.—What has been Received on these claims, and how has it been Applied?

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

30.—Where shall the Next Conference be held?
   Hinghua City.
VIII. JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

First Day, Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 1895.

Opening.—The Nineteenth Session of the Foochow Conference convened at Tieng Ang Dong, Tuesday, November 19th, 1895, at 8.30 A.M. Bishop J. M. Walden took the chair, a hymn was sung and Huong Pau Seng read the 52nd chapter of Isaiah and the 3rd chapter of Ephesians. The Bishop then gave an exceedingly helpful and impressive discourse on the value of this service to all who participate in it, after which the sacrament of the Lord’s supper was administered with the aid of the Presiding Elders.

Roll Call.—The Conference was then called to order and the roll was called by last year’s Secretary.

Election of Officers.—The following elections were then effected by a show of hands.

N. J. Plumb, - - - English Secretary.
Uong Di Gi, - - - Chinese ,,.
Ceng Ung Uong - - - Assistant Chinese Secretary.
G. S. Miner, - - - Statistical Secretary.
Ding Daing Dieu, - - - Assistant Statistical Secretary.
J. H. Worley, - - - Interpreter.
W. H. Lacy, - - - Treasurer.

Hours and Bar.—On motion the time for holding the Sessions of the Conference was fixed at from 8.30 to 12 o’clock each forenoon, and the Bar of the Conference was made to include the seats on the right side back to the gallery.

Reception of Delegates.—On motion 10.30 a.m. on Saturday was made the time for the reception of Fraternal Delegates.
Standing Committees.—The Bishop asked whether it was our custom that the Presiding Elders be made a Committee tonominate the Standing Committees to be presented at to-morrow's session, and on motion it was so ordered.

Visiting Members.—At this point Rev. W. C. Longden, Superintendent of the Central China Mission, and Rev. Spencer Lewis, Superintendent of the West China Mission, were introduced to the Conference and on motion of W. H. Lacy, they were accorded seats within the bar of the Conference, it being understood that this action include Bro. Ohlinger also.

Constitutional Questions.—The Bishop then announced that there were some constitutional questions to be considered by the Conference and on motion Saturday morning, immediately after the opening Service was fixed as the time for voting on them.

Election of Delegates.—On motion 11 o'clock on Friday was made the time for the election of General Conference Delegates.

Printing Reports.—On motion of W. N. Brewster the Chairmen of the Standing Committees were ordered to have the reports of their Committee printed and distributed one day before they are presented to the Conference for adoption.

Standing Committees.—On motion the Standing Committees of last year were made the same for this year.

Committees Ordered.—On motion the Committee of Presiding Elders on Standing Committees, were also ordered to report a Committee to examine the course of study pursued by the members of the Central China Mission whose names are on our roll, also to name persons to prepare memorial papers for the members of Conference who have died during the year.

Book Concern Dividend.—The Bishop here announced that the Book concern dividend to this Conference was $486. gold, and on motion a draft was ordered for this amount.
Bishop's Address.—The short time which remained before the hour of adjournment was occupied by the Bishop in a brief address to the Conference concerning his visit here.

Adjournment.—The announcements were then made and the conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Walden.

Second Day, Wednesday, Nov. 20th, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Walden in the chair. The first half hour of the session was devoted to religious services conducted by Ung Seng Chuang.

The 63rd hymn was sung and prayer offered by the leader. The 16th chapter of John was read and prayer offered by Ling Ming Ciong.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop then addressed the conference on the subject of public worship in the churches, strongly urging that the form given in the Discipline be strictly observed.

Reading of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were read in both English and Chinese, and after some corrections approved.

The names of those who were absent at yesterday's session were called and many of them responded, their absence being accounted for by the conference having been opened one day earlier than the appointed time. The Bishop explained that the absence of Brother Smyth, was owing to his having accompanied Dr. Gregory to the Steamer at Pagoda Anchorage; he had had a severe chill just as he was leaving for the U. S. and his condition was such that he needed someone to go with him thus far.

Standing Committees.—N. J. Plumb reported the Standing Committees which after some changes and additions were elected. (See Page 8.)

Memorial Services.—On motion the hour of 7.30 Saturday evening was fixed for the memorial services of deceased members of
the Conference; this hour of service also to be a session of the Conference.

Publishing Conference Minutes.—On motion of W. H. Lacy, the English and Chinese Secretaries, and Superintendent of the Press were appointed a committee to publish the Conference minutes.

Introductions.—The Rev. F. Ohlinger of the Central German Conference, and the Rev. Ding Song Leng of the Presbyterian Church of Amoy, were introduced to the Conference.

The Thirteenth Question.—Was the character of each preacher examined? was taken up and the name of Li Diong Cui, Presiding Elder of the Buo-dieng district, was called, his character passed and he gave an encouraging report of his work.

The name of Huong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder of the Hai-tang district, was called and his character passed and he represented his district.

The name of N. J. Plumb, Presiding Elder of the Hok-chiang district, was called, his character passed and he presented his report. The name of Iong Daik Cheu, Presiding Elder of the Ing-chung district, was called, his character passed and he reported his district.

Adjournment.—The Bishop then requested the Standing Committees to meet in the Church at 1.30 P.M. and organize. The session then closed by expiration of time; a verse of the hymn commencing “Oh how happy are they who their Savior obey” was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

Third Day, Thursday, Nov. 21st, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30 A.M., the Bishop in the chair, and greatly enjoyed a precious season of prayer, after which Bishop Walden gave a very interesting and instructive address on the subject of the work of the Epworth League and its great importance.
as an institution of the Methodist Church especially in educating and utilizing our young people and urged that we strictly adhere to the peculiar institutions and methods of our own church.

The minutes of the previous session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

The Thirteenth Question.—The 13th question was then resumed and the name of J. H. Worley, Presiding Elder of the Foochow District was called, his character passed and he represented his district.

The name of Daing Gieng Ing, Presiding Elder of the Iong-bing District was called, his character passed and he represented his district.

The name of Lau Guang Hung, Presiding Elder of the Ming-chiang District, who took the place assigned to Dr. Sites at the last Conference, was called, his character passed and he represented the district.

The name of Ling Ming Ciong, Presiding Elder of the Sieng-iu District, was called, his character passed and he reported his district.

The Fifth Question.—The members on trial in the second, third and fourth years studies were called forward as follows: Co Kong Ching; Dong Sieng Nguong, Ciong Hok Chu, Ding Cing Seng, Song Hok Ming, Ling Ching Mi, Uong Huong Sing, Cung Daik Ming, Li Gi Chiong, also Ding Siu Ching and Ding Be Dak, who were not examined last year, and the Bishop briefly addressed them.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. The names of the following effective Elders were called and their characters passed after which they briefly reported their work. Ling Ming Sang, Ding Nik Sing, Ling Cing Cieng, Hui Caik Hang, Saeng Hok Lieng, Hu Bo Mi, Dang Seng Ling, Iek Ing Guang, Sia Sek Ong, W. H. Lacy, G. S. Miner, G. B. Smyth, Sia Heng To, Ciong Daik Liong, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Huong Daik Chiong, Ngoi Gi Lang, U Sieu E, Sie Seng Cang.
Superannuates.—When the name of Sia Heng Tô was called he made a few remarks, stating that owing to his very poor health he felt obliged to ask for a superannuate relation, which on motion of G. B. Smyth was granted.

Conference Relations Committee.—The various classes of preachers on trial, including those expecting to enter the Conference, were instructed to report themselves to the Committee on Conference Relations for examination before their names were brought up in Conference. A verse was sung and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Walden.

Fourth Day, Friday Nov. 22nd 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at the appointed hour Bishop Walden in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by Tiang Ngûk Chiu after which the Bishop gave a very excellent address on the subject of Sunday Schools and the instruction of the children.

The Bishop called on the elders to report their missionary collections, this having been omitted yesterday.

The Thirteenth Question.—The name of M. C. Wilcox, Presiding Elder of the Ku-cheng District, was called and his character passed. He was absent owing to illness, and his report of the district was read in Chinese by Ding Hiong Ching.

Sia Sek Ong.—Dr. Sia Sek Ong, occupied a few moments in speaking of his health, requesting the Conference to consider his case and fix his relation, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for future report.

The Bishop here referred to our consideration of those members
of the Central China Mission whose names are on our list, urging that we treat them the same as though they were working in the Conference.

E. R. Jellison.—The name of E. R. Jellison, M.D., was taken up. The Bishop stated that his character had been passed by the Central China Mission and further explained that he had completed only the course of study for a Missionary in learning the Mandarin language and not any Conference course of study, and on motion of G. B. Smyth he was continued on trial.

The Fourth Question.—The names of the candidates for admission into full connection were called and they retired in a body while their cases were considered.

They were then taken up individually and the following persons having passed in their studies were recommended to be received into full connection after they shall have answered the Disciplinary Questions: Cũ Kong Ching, Dong Sieng Nguong, Ciong Hok Cu, Song Hok Ming, Ling Ching Mi, Uong Huong Sing, Cũng Daik Ming, Ding Be Dak.

Ding Cing Seng, Li Gi Chiong and Ding Sia Ching not having been recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations were on motion continued on trial.

Order of the day.—The time fixed for the election of General Conference Delegates having arrived, on motion of N. J. Plumb the order of the day was postponed and the time extended in order to complete the examination of this class and the asking of the Disciplinary Questions by the Bishop.

They were then admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons orders.

Order of the day postponed.—On motion the order of the day for considering constitutional questions was postponed until Monday,
that they might be translated and printed before being acted upon, and the time for the election of General Conference Delegates was fixed for to-morrow morning after the reading of the minutes.

Adjournment.—The announcements were made and the Bishop made a few remarks concerning the departure of Dr. Gregory, after which on motion the Conference adjourned with one verse of a hymn, and the Benediction by Bishop Walden.

Fifth Day, Saturday Nov. 23rd, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8:30 A.M. the Bishop in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Ling Ching Mi.

J. H. Worley, the Interpreter, being ill, the Bishop asked the Secretary N. J. Plumb, to act as Interpreter, and G. B. Smyth was then elected Assistant Secretary to take N. J. Plumb's place.

The Bishop gave a very instructive address on the place of spiritual singing in the life of the Church, and said that he regretted the absence from our Chinese Hymn Book of most of the hymns which express the highest religious experiences, particularly those concerning perfect love.

G. B. Smyth then read the English minutes of the previous session, and the Chinese Secretary read the Chinese minutes and they were approved.

The order of the day was taken up and the Conference proceeded to elect a delegate to General Conference. After remarks by N. J. Plumb, Sia Heng Tō and G. B. Smyth, the Bishop appointed Iek Ing Guang and Hū Caik Hang tellers.

On the second ballot M. C. Wilcox was elected.

The vote was then taken for reserve delegate but the result was not announced.
Reception of Fraternal Delegates.—While the tellers were counting the votes for reserve delegate the order of the day was taken up and the fraternal delegates were introduced.

Brief addresses were made by Rev. J. E. Walker, Rev. C. Hartwell, and the Pastor of Geu Cio Dong, for the American Board Mission; by Rev. W. C. Longden, Superintendent of the Central China Mission; by Rev. Spencer Lewis, Superintendent of the West China Mission; and by the Pastor of the English Presbyterian Church at Ciong Ciu. On motion it was decided to hold a session in the afternoon.

After singing the Doxology the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Rev. Mr. Hartwell.

Afternoon Session, November 23rd, 1895.

The Conference met at 2 P.M. the Bishop in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Saeng Hok Lieng.

The results of the ballot for Reserve Delegate, taken in the forenoon session, showed that no one had a majority and another ballot was ordered. On the 4th ballot W. H. Lacy was elected.

The Tenth Question.—The following brethren, their characters having been passed, were elected to Elder's orders:—Ling Mi Ing, Uong Di Gi, Siek Sek Diong. Saëng Ngük Chung was ordered to remain a Deacon another year. There was no fault with this brother, he had passed his examinations, and the vote to keep him a Deacon another year was taken only because he was ill and unable to be present at the Conference.

The Thirtieth Question.—Where shall the next Conference be held, was called. Foochow and Hinghua were put in nomination and Hinghua was selected.
The Eleventh Question.—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons was called and the following were elected as Local Deacons: Ling Hia Lang, Ngu Ga Ing, Cio Ko Cú.

The Twelfth Question.—What others have been elected and ordained Elders, was called. The following were elected as Local Elders: Li Sieu Hieng, Ding Đô Ceng, Tiang Ciong Chaiu. They were addressed by the Bishop.

The Tenth Question.—Under the 10th question, what traveling preachers have been elected Deacons? the name of Ho Dien Iu was called, and his character passed, and after due recommendation he was elected to Deacon’s orders.

The Seventh Question.—Under the 7th question, who have been admitted into full membership, Ho Dieu Iu was admitted.

Recess.—At 3.30 the Conference took a recess to have its picture taken.

At 4.30 it met again and the Bishop addressed the candidates for Local Deacon’s and Elder’s orders.

At 5 o’clock the Conference closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

Evening Session, Saturday, Nov. 23rd 1895.

The Conference met at 7.30 P.M. the Bishop in the chair. After the opening exercises the Bishop called N. J. Plumb to the chair. The session was called to listen to memorial addresses on the Rev. N. Sites, D.D., Rev. Sia Lieng Li, and Rev. Ding Cing Guong, who had died since the last Conference. After the devotional exercises, which were conducted by Hǔ Bō Mi and U Sëük Hu, Hǔ Bō Mi spoke of Dr. Sites, Ngoi Gi Lang of Sia Lieng Li, and Li Kō Ding of Ding Cing Guong.

The session closed with the benediction by N. J. Plumb.
Sixth Day, Monday, Nov. 25th 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30 A.M. the Bishop in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Ling Hung Cho. At 9 o'clock the Bishop addressed the conference on the Conference Course of Study.

Consul J. C. Hixson.—After the Bishop's address Hon. J. C. Hixson, U. S. Consul, was introduced and made a very interesting and encouraging address, to which the Bishop responded in behalf of the Conference.

Resolutions.—The following Resolutions were then presented by W. N. Brewster and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved.—That we esteem the services of Consul Hixson, ever since his arrival in Foochow, and especially during the past few months as of the most efficient and valuable character. His active and wise administration of his responsible office in these times of trouble has been without superior in the consular service of his country. He shall ever receive our hearty gratitude and our most cordial co-operation in all his plans for our highest welfare.

Introduction.—The Rev. Mr. Tsi, pastor of the M. E. Church South at Shanghai, was introduced to the Conference.

The Minutes of the previous session were then read in English and Chinese and approved.

The Fifth Question.—Under the 5th question, Who have been continued on trial? the name of Ding Ching Seng was called, but he was not present to report his work and not having been examined he was continued in the studies of the 3rd year.

Li Gi Cmore reported his work. His character was passed but not having passed a satisfactory examination he remains in the studies of the fourth year. Tieng Iu Ming, Hu Chi Ping, Wu Tek Yuen, were passed in character upon the recommendation of the Central China Mission and were advanced to the 2nd years studies and remain on
trial. Tsai Tek Kao and Wang Siao Shan of the Central China Mission were passed in character and continued in the studies of the 1st year.

Cheng Yung Kuai on the recommendation of the Central China Mission was discontinued as a traveling preacher. The character of Ralph O. Irish was passed and he was continued in the studies of the second year. The name of Li Gi Chiong was called but not having been examined in all the books he remains in the 4th year's studies. Uong Hung Ngüng, Uong Gi Uong, Ho Ik Ngüng, Diong Gju Hua, Diong Hok Gi, Ling Dieu Gek, Dong Cing Ka, Li Kö Ding, having passed in their studies were advanced to the studies of the second year, and having passed in character they were continued on trial.

Ding Siu Ching was discontinued.

The Reception of the Woman's Conference.—The order of the day was then taken up at 11 o'clock and the Woman's Conference was formally received. Miss Lydia A. Wilkinson presented her report of the Girl's Boarding School at Foochow, which was read by the Chinese Secretary.

Mrs. W. H. Lacy presented and read the report of the Orphanage.

Mrs. G. S. Miner's report of Day School work was read by Mrs. Iek King Hok. The report of Bible-women by Miss S. M. Bosworth was read by Sia Tieng Ang.

The report of Drs. M. E. Carleton and L. M. Masters was read by the Chinese Secretary.

Dr. E. M. Lyon's report was presented and read by the Chinese Secretary. Miss Peters read her report of the Woman's and Girl's work in Ming-chiang District and it was interpreted by Dr. Hui King Eng.

Miss Mabel C. Allen's report of Woman's work in Hok-chiang District was read by the Secretary of the Woman's Conference.

Time extended.—As the time was about to expire, on motion it was extended to complete the hearing of these reports, and it was
decided to hold another session at 7.30 P.M. Miss L. A. Wilkinson then read her report of School work in the Hai-tang District.

Miss Wilson's report of work in the Buo-dieng and Sieng-ju Districts was read by the Chinese Secretary.

Mrs. Brewster read her report of Woman's and Girls' work in the Buo-dieng and Ing-chung Districts.

Miss Rouse reported her work in the Ku-cheng and Long bing Districts.

Certificate of Ordination.—The following certificate of ordination was presented by the Bishop.

This certifies that in Foochow, on November 24th, 1895, I ordained the following as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Cung Daik Ming, Song Hok Ming, Ling Ching Mi, Uong Hong Sing, Cö Kong Ching, Dong Sieng Nguong, Chiong Hok Chu, Ding Be Dak, Ho Dieu Ieu, Ling Hai Lang, Ngu Ga Ing, Cio Ko Cu.

And at the same place and time I, assisted by a number of Elders present, ordained the following as Elders in the same Church:

Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Tiang Ngük Ceü, Uong Di Gi, Sick Sek Diong, Li Sien Hieng, Ding Do Ceng, Tiang Chiong Chaiu.

Given under my hand this twenty-fifth day of November, A. D. 1895.

John M. Walden.

Adjournment.—Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Walden.
Monday Evening, November, 25th 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 7 P.M. The Bishop in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Ling Ming Ciong. The Minutes, English and Chinese, were read and approved.

Nomination of Standing Committees.—On motion of G. S. Miner, the Presiding Elders were requested to nominate the Standing Committees for the Conference of 1896, before the close of the present Conference, so that reports may be prepared and ready for presentation by the opening of the next Conference.

Central Press.—The Bishop called attention to the fact that at the last Conference a Committee was appointed to correspond with Committees appointed by the Methodist Missions in China on the question of a Central Mission Press and W. N. Brewster reported that though there had been much correspondence no formal report was ready, and the Committee, consisting of W. H. Lacy, G. B. Smyth, W. N. Brewster, N. J. Plumb and J. H. Worley was reappointed.

Fraternal Delegates.—The Rev. Sū Cū Ga, Fraternal Delegate of the Southern Methodist Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference. A fraternal letter from Rev. A. P. Parker, D.D., of the Southern Methodist Mission, was read by N. J. Plumb.

Reports.—The report of the Committee on Self Support was presented by W. N. Brewster, and read by Ding Iok Nguong.

Remarks were made by the following brethren:—Li Diong Cui, Huong Pau Seng, W. N. Brewster, Hū Caik Hang, Ding Ga Sing, G. S. Miner, Sie Sing Cang, Daing Gieng Ing, Ling Ming Ciong, N. J. Plumb, Ceng Ung Uong, and Iek Ing Guang. The Bishop then spoke on the absolute necessity of advancing self support in the native Church, since otherwise in a few years, it would find itself without any support.
Adjournment.—As the hour was late G. S. Miner moved an adjournment, action on the report still pending. The Conference then adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop.

Seventh Day, Tuesday, Nov. 26th, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30 A.M., Bishop Walden in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Ding Daing Dieu. The Bishop then addressed the Conference on the necessity of ministers reading, calling special attention to the study of the Bible the Discipline and the Hymnal. The minutes of the proceeding session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

The Thirteenth Question.—Was again taken up and the following persons having passed in character reported their missionary money.

Uong Guok Hing, Song Guong Huo, Diong Seük Buo, Pang Ding Hie, Diong Ming Dung, Ling Seu Ing, Ding Seu Kürg, Ding Iok Nguong, Ding Dai Liong, Ding Ung Tiu, Lau Guang Hüng, Li Nga Hung, Ding Ga Sing, Ding Soi Ling. Cheng Chong Ming and Ling Seng Eu were passed in character but were absent on account of sickness. A letter from R. L. McNabb, who is absent in the United States, was read by N. J. Plumb.

The Ninth Question.—Was taken up and the characters of the following persons were passed and they were advanced to the fourth years studies: Ding Giu U, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Ding Bo Cing.

The following having passed in the 4th years studies will be entitled to Elder’s orders without examination:
Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Cho, Tiang Siong Hui, U Siu Ling, Li Guong Sin, Ung Seng Chuan, Ding Daing Dieu. Ling Ching Mi, having passed in the studies of the 3rd and 4th years, is entitled to Elder's orders in two years. Saeng Nguk Chung not having been examined is continued in the studies of the 4th year.

The name of U Seuk Hu was called, and there being some complaints against him his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Delegates to Woman's Conference.—G. S Miner and Ding Ung Tiu were appointed fraternal delegates to the Woman's Conference.

The name of Ling Saeng Lai was called and he having requested a location his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Committee on Resolutions.—The Presiding Elders were on motion requested to nominate a Committee on Resolutions and Fraternal Communications. The Rev. W. C. Longden, Superintendent of the Central China Mission was introduced and spoke a few farewell words to the Conference.

Introductions.—Miss Althea Todd, Miss Wells, Miss Linam and Miss Dr. Donahue, recent arrivals, were introduced to the Conference.

Adjournment.—The announcements were then made and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by W. C. Longden.

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Tuesday Evening, Nov. 26th, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 7 P.M. the Bishop in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Ngoi Gi Lang.

The Minutes, English and Chinese, were read and approved.

N. J. Plumb read the report of the Committee nominating the Standing Committee for the Conference of 1896. (See Committees.)
Committee on Resolutions.—G. S. Miner, W. N. Brewster, and N. J. Plumb were appointed a Committee on Resolutions.

The Bishop made the following appointment.

To Preach Conference Sermon.—Hueng Pau Seng; Alternate, Ceng Ung Uong.

The Fourth Question.—Who have been received on trial? was taken up. The Central China Mission recommended for admission Hueng Tsz Sing and Chang Shuh Liang and they were admitted. The Candidates for admission on trial were then called and addressed by the Bishop. The following having passed the examinations, and being reported on by their Presiding Elders and the Committee on Conference Relations, were admitted:—Sia Tieng Ang, Saeng Bang Ciong, Ngoo Ing Gi, Ding Tieng Pui, Siek Gi Ciong, Uong Nguk Ciong, Uong Deng Huong, Uong Hong Siong, Uong Tieng Siong, Ling Dieu Daik, Li Koo Ding, Ung Hong Ciu.

The Presiding Elders were authorized to employ Huong Bo Seng, Ding Siu Ing, and Kuoh Ciong Hu, who were not admitted on trial.

The Conference then adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop.

Eighth Day, Wednesday, Nov. 27th, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30 A.M. the Bishop in the chair, the religious exercises being conducted by Huong Pau Seng. The Bishop spoke on the subject of full salvation through the blood of Christ. The Minutes, English and Chinese, were then read and approved.

The Bishop then requested N. J. Plumb to take the chair.

The report of the Committee on Self Support was again taken up and W. N. Brewster moved a substitute for the last section of the
FOOCHOW CONFERENCE.

Report submitted at Monday Evening's Session. The Report as thus amended was then adopted. (See Reports).

The Bishop now returned and took the chair.

Reports.—The report of the Committee on Education was presented by G. S. Miner, and read by Hű Caik Hang. It was very thoroughly discussed. W. N. Brewster moved as an addition to the report that in the districts in which the Foochow Dialect is not spoken the local Committee may substitute classical books for the Foochow Colloquial: Carried. It was also resolved on motion of Rev. W. N. Brewster, that at the opening of the Day Schools each morning a portion of Scripture be read and prayer offered. The Report as amended was then adopted. On motion it was resolved to hold a session of Conference at 3 P.M. to-day.

The Twenty Second Question.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? was taken up, and Ling Sěng Lai was granted a location at his own request.

The Twenty Third Question.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers? was asked, and it was voted to continue Hű Sing Mi in the Superannuated relation.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop.

Wednesday Afternoon, Nov. 27th, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 3 P.M., the Bishop in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Hű Caik Hang. The Minutes, English and Chinese were read and approved.

Memorials.—W. H. Lacy and Hű Bō Mi were appointed a Committee to prepare a memoir of Rev. N. Sites, D.D.; W. N.
Brewster and Li Kô Ding were appointed a Committee to prepare a memoir of Ding Cing Guong; N. J. Plumb and Ngoi Gi Lang were appointed a Committee to prepare a memoir on Sia Lieng Li. Copies of these memorials were ordered to be forwarded to the Publishing Committee in New York.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the transfer of Jesse Newman from the Wisconsin Conference to the Foochow Conference. He is a probationers of the first year, and is to work in Central China.

Hu Chi Pin was transferred from the German Conference to the Foochow Conference, and is to work in Central China.

Ü Sëük Hu.—G. B. Smyth, Chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations, reported that Ü Sëük Hu had acknowledged his fault in the presence of his Presiding Elder Lau Guang Hung, and harmony being restored, recommended that his character be passed and this was done.

The Kingsley Memorial.—The Bishop suggested that the Kingsley Memorial Tablet which has been here a long time, be sent to the Alleghany College, where Bishop Kingsley studied and taught, and on motion G. S. Miner, a graduate of that College, was appointed a Committee to send it there.

Reports.—The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

The Nomination of the Conference Board of Deaconesses was referred by motion to the Presiding Elders.

Enabling Act.—The Conference voted to ask the General Conference for an Enabling Act for a Central Mission Conference in China.

Episcopal Residence.—It also voted to ask the General Conference for an Episcopal Residence in China, and for the appointment of a General Superintendent to reside at Shanghai.
Reports.—The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read and adopted.

The Bishop at this point requested N. J. Plumb to take the chair.

The Rev. F. Ohlinger of the Central German Conference was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The Conference adjourned with the Benediction by M. C. Wilcox.

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Ninth Day, Thursday, Nov. 28th, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30, N. J. Plumb in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Dang Seng Ling. After the religious exercises the Bishop took the chair, and the Minutes, English and Chinese, were read and approved.

The Fourth Question.—Was taken up, and Ding Nik Ong was received on trial, he having been examined at the Sieng-iu District Conference.

Board of Deaconesses.—The nominations for the Conference Board of Deaconesses were read by N. J. Plumb, and the report was adopted. (See Conference Boards).

Preachers Aid Society.—The terms of W. H. Lacy, J. H. Worley and Hü Caik Hang as members of the Board of Trustees of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society having expired there was a new election, and N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, and Hü Chaik Hang were elected.

The Report of the Foochow Theological School, prepared by J. H. Worley, was read by N. J. Plumb.
Constitutional Amendments.—The propositions concerning changes in the Discipline, to be submitted to the General Conference, were read by the Chinese Secretary. The Bishop explained that the Baltimore proposition did not involve a change in the restrictive rule, but in its interpretation. The Baltimore proposition was voted on and the result was 49 in favor, none opposed.

Voting on the Colorado proposition was postponed indefinitely. The proposition for a change in the proportion of representation of the General Conference was voted on viz: that it be 1 in 65, instead of 1 in 45. The vote was 51 in favor, and none opposed.

It was voted to grant all members of the Conference who were not present when the above two votes were taken the right to have their votes recorded within this session.

Reports.—The Report of the Hinghua Biblical School was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Kucheng Boy's Boarding School was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Anglo-Chinese College was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Hok-chiang Boy's Boarding School was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Hinghua Boy's Boarding School was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Conference Treasurer, W. H. Lacy, was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Board of Conference Stewards was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of W. H. Lacy, Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society, was read and adopted. (See Reports).
The Report of the Statistical Secretary, G. S. Miner, was read and adopted. (See Statistics).

**Hinghua Mission Conference.**—The following resolution asking the General Conference for an Enabling Act for organizing a Hinghua Mission Conference was read and adopted.

Resolved, that we hereby memorialize the General Conference to pass an Enabling Act for organizing a Hinghua Mission Conference at any time during the next quadrennium, when it is approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Fookow Conference present and voting, and has the consent of the presiding Bishop.

W. N. BRESWSTER.

**Medical College.**—Resolutions thanking Moses C. White, M.D. of New Haven, U. S. A. for his efforts to establish a Medical College at Fookow, were adopted. Resolutions were passed instructing M. C. Wilcox, the Delegate to General Conference, to bring to the attention of the Missionary Society and the Church at large the importance of having a properly equipped Medical School at Fookow.

**Rev. Nathan Sites, D.D.**—The following resolutions in memory of the late N. Sites, D.D., were read by the Chinese Secretary, and adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, that in the death of Dr. Sites, the senior Missionary of our Conference, we realize that we have lost one whose place we cannot fill. We miss his wise counsel the fruit of his long and varied experience in Mission work. We miss his remarkable command of this language, as interpreter and preacher. We miss his kindly spirit which always made for peace and good fellowship. We miss him as a friend and brother of every member of the Conference.

We sympathize with his bereaved wife and children in the Home land, whose grief we would gladly seek to relieve by reminding them that his life on earth was finished amidst the people for whom and among whom it had been spent; and it is fitting that his dust should rest here among them.

His monument is in the scores of churches he has established and thousands he has led to Christ and built up in the most holy Faith during the 35 years of his service in China. Such lives never cease to live, though the body dies. His life has set forces to work that will make for the regeneration of China for centuries to come.

We deeply sympathize with our brethren of the Ming-chiang district in the loss of their Presiding Elder, who was leading them, under God's blessing, to such glorious victories. We will pray that this loss may be overcome by a double portion of God's Spirit descending upon his successor, and upon the pastors and people.

We extend to his family and friends in America our deepest sympathy and most earnest prayers.
Appointments.—The Conference by vote, requested the Bishop to appoint Geo. B. Smyth, Editor of the "Fokien Christian Advocate," (Ming Seng HuoI Bo) and Sia Sek Ong Associate Editor. He was also requested to appoint W. H. Lacy, Superintendent of the Mission Press.

Reports.—The Report of the Mission Press was read and adopted.

Hua-sang Massacre.—The Committee on Resolutions reported resolutions concerning the Hua-sang massacre, and expressions of sympathy for the relatives of the victims, and the societies which they served, and they were adopted by a rising vote.

Fraternal Delegates.—Resolutions of greeting to the Central India Conference were passed, and M. C. Wilcox and W. H. Lacy, Delegate and Reserve Delegate respectively to the General Conference, were appointed fraternal delegates.

Official Minutes.—A resolution was passed, making the printed minutes the official minutes.

J. J. Gregory, M.D.—Resolutions in commendation of the work of J. J. Gregory, M.D., were passed as follows by a rising vote.

Resolved, that we regard the services of Dr. Gregory in connection with rescuing the survivors of the Hua-sang Massacre as the work of a brave and skilful man, deserving of our lasting remembrance and gratitude.

We will pray for him, that he may have a safe voyage and speedy reunion with his family in America.

Wherever may be his field of labor in the future, the services he has rendered to Christianity in this province in the tens of thousands he has relieved of suffering during these seven years of service, the admirable Hospital he has built, the medical work in Kucheng, and his services in connection with the sad catastrophe at Hua-sang will remain as lasting monuments to his skill, industry, fidelity and bravery.

Committee.—The following were appointed a Committee to prepare the Conference program for the next Conference:—The resident missionaries at Hinghua, the Presiding Elder of the Buo-dieng District, and the Pastor of the Hinghua City Church.
Fraternal Delegates.—The following fraternal delegates were appointed, viz:

To the American Board Mission: G. S. Miner, Hü Bö Mi.
To the Anglican Mission: J. H. Worley, Sia Sek Ong.
To the Southern M. E. Mission: N. J. Plumb.
To the Central China M. E. Mission: Geo. B. Smyth.
To the Presbyterian Missions at Amoy: W. N. Brewster, Iong Daik Cheu.

J. H. Worley was appointed to write a fraternal letter to the West China Mission.

Geo. B. Smyth and Sia Sek Ong were appointed to write to Dr. S. L. Baldwin and Bishop Andrews.

The Rev. Spencer Lewis, Superintendent of the West China Mission, was introduced, and spoke a few farewell words to the Conference.

Geo. B. Smyth, Chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations, reported on the case of Ding Siu Cing who was thereupon discontinued.

Presentation.—Iek Ing Guang, on behalf of the Conference, presented the Bishop a satin scroll, and a miniature silver model of a fisherman, in evidence of the high regard in which we held him and the great satisfaction his administration had given us.

Reports.—Geo. B. Smyth was authorized to publish in the minutes the report of the Foochow Boy’s Boarding School, which, owing to unavoidable difficulties, was not yet prepared.

J. H. Worley, Geo. B. Smyth, the Pastor of Tieng Ang Dong, W. N. Brewster and G. S. Miner, were appointed a Committee to receive the report on industries.

On motion of Uong Di Gi the Presiding Elders and others who had not handed in their reports were ordered to do so.
Committees.—The names of the Examining Committees were read and approved. (See Committees).

Hü Bō Mi and Ding Ga Sing were appointed a Committee to visit the Hinghua Bible Training School.

N. J. Plumb, Geo. B. Smyth, and Uong Di Gi, were appointed a Committee to examine the Medical Students at the Woman’s Hospital.

Huong Pau Seng, Ding Ung Tiū, and Hü Caik Hang were appointed a Committee to attend the examinations at the Anglo-Chinese College.

Missionary Sermon.—Hü Caik Hang was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at the next Conference, with Siek Sek Diong as alternate.

A vote was passed expressing the pleasure of the Conference at the presence of the Rev. F. Ohlinger.

Resolutions.—The following resolutions concerning Bishop Walden were passed by a rising vote:

1.—Resolved, that we deem ourselves most highly favored in being permitted to have Bishop Walden as our Presiding Bishop.

His talks on various phases of our work as Pastors and Missionaries each morning have been eminently wise, timely, and practical.

His interpretation of legal points has been clear and judicial.

His difficult work in the fixing of the appointments has been marked by kindness of spirit, breadth of vision, a clear grasp of the situation in all its relations, and a wise caution which we believe will result in the highest success of our work during the ensuing year.

2.—Resolved, that we bespeak for him and Mrs. Walden, Miss Walden and Miss Goff a safe journey to America and a profitable visit to India and the Holy Land; that we will follow them with grateful remembrances and fervent prayers; and that we hope he will be able again to visit China in the future.

N. J. PLUMB.

W. N. BREWER.

G. S. MINER.

Deaconesses.—It was voted to recognize Miss Althea M. Todd and Miss Allie Linam as Deaconesses on presentation of the proper credentials.
Memoirs.—The memoirs of Sia Lieng Li and Ding Cing Guong, were presented by the Committee on Memorials.

Adjournment.—The 165th hymn was then sung, prayer was offered by Ling Ming Ciong, the appointments were read and after the singing of the 1st verse of the 104th hymn the Conference adjourned sine die with the Benediction by Bishop Walden.

N. J. Plumb,
Secretary.

J. M. Walden,
President.
IX. REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

J. H. Worley, P.E.

Our large, growing educational, publishing, hospital and dispensary work at Foochow are centers of light and Christian influence. They are the pride as well as the hope of the Church. A report of each will be made by the person in charge.

Every circuit has made a good healthy advance in members, self-support and spirituality; and about a hundred new preaching places have been opened during the year. Our plan has been to establish boy's day schools and thereby pave the way for other forms of Christian work. The preachers and assistant pastors visit the schools during the week, catechise the boys and make the acquaintance of their parents, who because of our interest in their children are favorably disposed toward us and the "strange doctrine." In Foochow and vicinity the students of the Theological school have found abundant opportunity for work in these schools. The Chinese honor learning and earnestly desire their sons to reap its benefits, but the vast mass of the people on account of poverty and the absence of a tax for the support of schools, are unable to educate their sons; so we touch a tender chord in their hearts and prepare the way for the triumphal entrance of the Gospel. There are one hundred and thirteen schools with an attendance of nearly four thousand pupils, who during the week study Christian books, geography, &c., and attend religious services on Sundays.

Great credit is due Bro. Miner who superintends nearly two-thirds of these schools, which are supported wholly by special gifts. In fact, all the evangelistic work on the district is carried on with
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special gifts. We have numbers of warm supporters who help us not only with their means, but by their prayers. These friends receiving regular reports of the work have become generous supports of the great cause. A tender tie already exists between them and the native Christians and workers who are benefitted by their gifts.

The heathen Sunday School at Cing Sing Dong under the direction of Bro. and Sister Lacy and Miss Bosworth overflows the inner and outer chapels and spreads its leavening influence throughout the whole neighborhood. Much good has already been accomplished and great gatherings may be expected in the future.

Our stereopticon and traveling dispensary have fully demonstrated that we must be all things to all men and sow beside all waters if we would fulfill our ministry in the highest degree. We are His witnesses; but witnessing for Christ is more than verbal testimony. We are to be like Him who went about doing good. These methods of evangelistic work have proven especially useful in opening new work and fortifying those places where we have established schools.

During the summer vacation twenty students from the Theological school were under appointment on the district. Six of them together with a colporteur, doctor and stereopticon entered the county of Duai Hu where no religious work had ever been done. They spent about two months in the country and met with much encouragement. The county magistrate entertained them at his home and gave them every attention; and when they came away sent a cordial invitation for me to visit him. Several people gave their names as inquirers and regularly attended meeting for Bible study and prayer. These as well as all our workers report a great change for the better in the attitude of the people toward Christianity.

A good substantial church with seating capacity for three hundred and fifty is nearing completion at Iek long. There are forty five members and two hundred and ten probationers.
Another Church building was begun at Hung Mui, but when the walls were only part way up a mob tore it down. Although the Consul has done every thing possible, no redress has been made, nor has anything been done to punish the culprits. How long before we can go on with the work no one knows. Failure on the part of the officials to settle this case has emboldened the people to persecute the Christians in various ways.

We had hoped to have completed before Conference a new Church in Foochow for the accommodation of our students. The present edifice will not seat more than half who would be glad to attend if they could find room. Several hundred day school boys can not be accommodated and no effort is made to bring in the neighbors, many of whom would be glad to attend. Last winter I sent to an architect for plans and after waiting a long time I wrote to Dr. Baldwin who made inquiry and found my letter had miscarried. The matter is now in Dr. Baldwin's hands, so we hope to have the plans in a few months and be able to complete the Church by next Conference. At a meeting last Conference under the inspiration of an address by Mrs. Mary C. Nind about $1,800 gold value was subscribed, and since, we have received considerable help from friends in America.

Only a few days ago our East Street Chapel, Foochow, together with the parsonage and all the furniture were destroyed by fire. It was a total loss as we carried no insurance. Insurance societies will not take risks in Chinese cities.

Several circuits have been blessed with gracious revivals. Our preachers are catching the revival spirit and methods. During the first Chinese month we had all our workers together for a season of prayer and Bible study. Again in the summer we held an educational convention at which all our workers received new inspiration.

Missionary Collection $132.20. Collected for Self-support $303.50, for Church building and repairs $95.
We desire to record our gratitude for God's special care over us during this last year of trial and persecution. While in other places people have passed through fiery trials we have only been annoyed here and there and our hearts have been stayed on Him who careth for us.

HAI TANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG, P.E.

It is now six years since the formation of this District to which I was appointed last year. It has six circuits with 14 preaching places. The central Church is at the large market town of Tang-tau, which is the harbor and principal place of business for both the upper and lower parts of the island. Honest people are very few, while the crafty are numerous. The people are given up to money making, and very few are interested in Christianity. The seed of Gospel truth which has been sown here for many years is largely choked by the thorns of worldliness, so that but little fruit can be expected under such conditions.

The Ngieu-sæ circuit is fairly prosperous, more than 60 persons having promised to keep the Sabbath. Unfortunately the pastor has been troubled with the spitting of blood, and it is a grief to him that he has not been able to go out preaching very much. He asks us all to pray for his early recovery. The members of the Dai-ho circuit have not been harmonious for several years, and their disensions have been known all over the island. Fortunately however, the Spirit of the Lord has moved their hearts to love each other as they schoold. At the first quarterly meeting they all made confession of their sins and their differences were healed.

A class was opened at Bing Dang Giang many years ago but it was not very prosperous, this year however, the members of upward s
of ten families have given their names as probationers, and the people of the village have given the public temple as a house of worship.

The fourth quarterly meeting was held there and there were more than twenty candidates for baptism and we hope that all the people will soon become Christians.

The Duai-bang circuit is doing well, and the contributions have increased somewhat. There has been but little change on the Sang-le circuit.

A preacher has been sent to the small island of Deng Chiong to rent a chapel and preach and he has had many hearers. There has been an increase during the year of 20 members and seventy adults and children baptized and over 100 people on the island keep the Sabbath. We have seven Boy's Day Schools with one hundred and twenty pupils and also seven Girl's Day Schools, with seventy-eight pupils. May this work prosper more and more. We beg you all to pray for the work on this barren island.

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HOK CHIANG DISTRICT.

N. J. PLUMB, P.E.

It was not without some misgivings that I accepted the appointment to this District last year by Bishop Ninde. It has a large number of appointments and has never before been under a foreign Presiding Elder.

The territory consists chiefly of a large irregular peninsula which is badly cut up by bays and inlets. There are many small islands on the coast, some of which at low water are simply parts of the main land. The numerous narrow necks of land are washed by the tides from various directions. Between the islands and along the sea shore are large level tracts, called "sea lands," submerged at high
tide, which are cultivated as regularly as farm lands, and are more valuable.

Certain kinds of shell fish (solen or bivalve) are planted and cultivated as any crop would be.

These are ancestral lands, and are disposed of to individuals on certain conditions, and may revert to the public domain whenever it becomes desirable to replenish the public treasury. The frequent attempts made to deprive Christians of all rights in these ancestral estates, because they refused to contribute to the support of idolatry, has been a most fertile cause of trouble at certain places on the District.

The village gentry have in some instances determined that Christians shall be disfranchised as far as possible, and deprived not only of these lands but of the common privilege of records of their families in the public archives. Some times the christians have been attacked, their homes broken up and they driven from the village, and in some instances such action is sustained and encouraged by the officials. The inhabitants are notably turbulent and lawless, and where feuds exist a very small thing may precipitate a battle, so that fighting between villages is very common. The seizure of individuals who are held for a ransom, and reprisals are of frequent occurrence. The christians have presented their grievances to the Magistrate but seldom during the year has a case been settled, and this adds to the difficulty of the situation.

But notwithstanding these troubles our membership has not decreased, and the contributions altogether have been in excess of last year.

On the Hok-chiang City circuit, the members at Nang-yong, have worked hard and contributed liberally towards a Church and parsonage and they now have a comfortable place of worship. The Boy's Boarding School has not been very successful owing to the employment of a poor teacher.
At Hai-kau our excellent Church property has been made more complete by the purchase of an adjoining building for school purposes. The first trouble of the year began here. The members have endured patiently many hardships and insults and the pastor has shown much discretion through them all.

At Ngu-cheng the pastor and assistant pastor are entirely supported by the Native Church. The congregation has quite outgrown our present church building and a new and much larger one is greatly needed. A subscription has been started and about $400 promised. An appeal for Special Aid from home has been made but as yet there has been no response. This a most worthy as well as most needy case and ought to have help soon. The new Girl's School Building and residence of the W. F. M. S. has been completed, affording ample accommodation for from 80 to 100 girls. This has not been done without much disturbance and opposition, and evil disposed persons have done great damage to the building as well as to our church and parsonage. They prowl about at night, reviling the Christians and throwing stones on the roof breaking the tiles, and the windows and doors have also been badly injured. Many threats of violence have been made and recently in one village a family was attacked, one of the sons badly beaten, and the household property, cows, pigs, grain, &c., carried off. For these things thus far we have been unable to obtain redress, owing in part to the unsettled state of things in this province.

On the Sing-dong circuit, all has been peaceful and the work is prosperous. The pastor has been faithful and has done specially good Sunday School work. At Ma-hu one of the charges of this circuit a beautiful new church has been built. To this the members have given generously of their time and means and have had but little outside aid. The dedication took place at the last Quarterly Meeting.
At Liang-tau on the Siek-käng circuit a very cheap property was purchased and for a small sum has been transformed into a comfortable church and parsonage. Through the generous aid of friends at home the energetic and earnest young assistant pastor Ung Uong Chui, has been supported and he has had a good year, notwithstanding some persecutions.

At Hai-yeu we have the finest boy's school on the District. The Church has recently been repaired and put in good condition.

At Sang-sang a Church building is greatly needed. Funds have been subscribed, but thus far no suitable site has been found.

Tëng-aing has a good Sunday school and the pastor, closing his full term, has done faithful work.

The Geng-giang circuit has made a good advance in pastors support, so that an assistant has been employed. The revival services I conducted here during the early part of the year were very profitable seasons.

The large island of Goug-ing has two circuits, one of which is a mission entirely supported by the preachers on the District. This local mission effort has proved very encouraging. In a short time the membership has advanced from seven to twenty-five families and they hope ere long to be able to support their own pastor, and I hope this good work will be continued.

At Ngü-ka we now have a rented place on the street and considerable interest has been shown by the shop-keepers. At Ngu-liang on this circuit a neat little Church has been built and the work is encouraging.

The work of the year on the District has not been all I had hoped for. I had planned for a series of short revival services on each charge during the first and second quarters, but this I was only able to carry out in part, and during the latter part of the year I have not been able to visit the work at all, owing to the state of things since
the Hua-sang massacre, and the general prohibition by the Consul of Missionaries from going into the country.

Miss Trimble left for home in February, and thus we have not only been deprived of a most valued worker, but some of her work has devolved upon me. Miss Allen is only getting a start in the language and of course has not been able to do very much.

There are now 13 circuits and the District Conference has urgently requested a division of the District. The greatest need is thorough persistent evangelistic work, for the quickening of the spiritual life.

Various causes conspire to bring within our folds many who require long and careful instruction. The rapacity and oppression of the officials cause many to seek any influence which gives the least promise of protection. The sick come to us for healing, the poor and the needy for shelter and comfort. These we dare not thrust from us, but must do all in our power to bring to their hearts, the search light of God's Truth, and plead for the Holy Spirit to produce in them a life of vital godliness. There is much territory where the Gospel has not as yet found a footing, and abundance of room for the extension of the work, but this cannot be done without a much larger corps of efficient workers, and these can be raised up only through earnest evangelistic efforts, vitalizing and quickening the church. This is an imperative need and any great increase in our present membership, without a thoroughly spiritual church can only add to the peril of the situation. The multiplication of men and women who have an experimental knowledge of salvation, is of far greater importance than the increase of numbers or the extension of the work. The foundations need to be carefully examined under the light of God's Holy Spirit, and the whole structure built upon the Rock Christ Jesus.

The large number of Church members and probationers who have not as yet even a glimpse of the deep and precious things of
God, is startling. Many cannot read or comprehend spiritual truths when presented to them. The trials of the past year have suggested the thought that possibly in the providence of God, a thorough test of persecution may be necessary for the purification and building up of a strong church, which shall be a fountain of light and life to the multitudes who are still "without God and without hope in the world." Let all pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, inspiring a strong and vigorous life in these weak lambs of the flock, that their faith may not fail in the day of God's visitation.

BUO-DIENG DISTRICT.

Li Diong Cui, P.E.

I have been Presiding Elder of this District for two years. I am thankful to God, that by His help, and the united efforts of the brethren working with me, the church increases day by day. There have been great changes during this year.

I notice several points in order:

1st.—In many places this year the people have come to us, offering to provide places of worship; sometimes giving a deed for a hall or small temple, and earnestly begged us to send them a preacher.

2nd.—Our great difficulty is to find suitable men to appoint to these new places. We have had to refuse many urgent invitations. So our work this year has been chiefly in strengthening the church, rather than expanding in new places.

To do this, the Missionary, Rev. W. N. Brewster and I invited the preachers and class leaders of this district and the Sieng-ju district to hold a workers meeting, in the first month. We held revival meetings, and also meetings for instruction in how to work.
First we sought to teach the class-leaders how to work according to the rules of the Discipline; to divide the church into small classes, in each place, and the leaders report their work to the pastor once a week. We next planned with them to have contributions for self-support collected each week. These meetings lasted nearly ten days, and the preachers and people went home filled with Pentecostal power, and have worked with new zeal and efficiency ever since.

3rd.—Regarding the several circuits in particular.

There are 15 circuits and 37 preachers employed. Hinghua city has had a very prosperous year. The pastor, aided chiefly by the students of the Biblical School, has gathered in over 300 new people. The congregation has contributed for all purposes $624.87.

This is the best circuit on the district. Guang-an circuit was divided into three last year. Deng-sang and Deng-muong being set off by themselves.

The additions to the church this year are large, and contributions are increased.

We have had trouble building a church at Deng-nguong, which is now about settled.

The Hong-ciak, Chung-seng, and Geng-kau circuits have about held their own.

On the Bing-hai circuit the chapel at Siok-sing, has been looted by the soldiers, and restitution has not yet been made. Buo-hi circuit was divided last year. A new class has been opened.

Kung-baek circuit has three chapels. There is a strong desire to build a new church at one point.

Bae-k0-gau circuit has had trouble, and many, who were not true believers, have left the church.

Nang-nik is an island near the coast. They have had a very prosperous year. It should be a new district some time. Siong-tai has prospered this year.

Kin-sioh has opened a new place.
4th.—At the close of the schools last June, all the Deaconesses and Girl’s day-school teachers, and about 30 of the preachers, were brought together at Hing-hua city for 6 weeks for a summer school.

The Missionary, and teachers of the Biblical School directed them and taught them both the Bible and other books: also methods of preaching. Every day a text was given, and several preached short sermons from it; and them the teachers criticised and taught the preachers how to preach. It was a very profitable time.

5th.—We have been very careful in baptizing and receiving persons into the church this year. I do not receive them unless after careful examination I find that they know the truth of salvation and the Ten Commandments.

6th.—We have sought to increase the self-support by teaching the people to give not less than one-tenth of their income. Many have already pledged themselves to do this. I hope that before long this will become a self-supporting district.

7th.—The statistics are as follows:

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The work has become so large that we want to divide the district.

We also earnestly ask the Bishop to appoint more ladies of the W. F. M. Society and also another foreign missionary to help in the educational work, that our young men may be trained to go out and spread the Gospel throughout all Hing-hua.

SIENC-IU DISTRICT.

LING MING CHIONG, P.E.

WHEN I was appointed by the Bishop to take charge of this district, I realized that I was lacking in ability to meet the demands of this office. But as I could not refuse the appointment, I entered upon my work and did the best I could. At present the condition of the Church is better than last year, not on account of my own ability but owing to the co-operation of all the Elders of this district. The members are increasing constantly and the church is in peace. In receiving the new members we have been very careful in order to find out their real purpose in becoming Christians. If their purpose is merely to come under our protection to get rid of the oppression of the official runners or to get out of trouble with the people of the larger villages, we will not receive them. On this account the church here is not as flourishing as at some other places. I will state briefly the work of each preacher on each circuit. Mr. Ding, pastor of the Dung-hiong circuit although an old man is an eloquent preacher, appreciated by all the members, and has ability in managing the church, so that his report shows twice as many members as last year. Mr. Li pastor of Chiong-ong circuit is honest and has great influence over the members and the neighbors most of whom have been converted. Mr. Ling who takes charge of Lung-hua circuit is
an active and efficient preacher and the church has grown a great deal. The pastor of the Cia-sang circuit is Mr. Ling, who is a straightforward preacher and has a great influence over the people. Mr. Song the pastor of the Buo-moii circuit is a very careful and thoughtful man and both Christians and heathen love him. Mr. Ding the pastor of Kieng-sang circuit, though a young man, is very familiar with the Bible and knows how to preach well, so that some of the literati have come to hear him and the church is very prosperous. Mr. Song the pastor of Kie-dieng circuit is quite a diligent man. About five or six years ago the church on this circuit was very weak, but during the present year it may be compared to a dead tree beginning to send forth new branches. Many people have joined the church on probation and as members and some influential men and literati have been converted. Mr. Dong has taken charge of Lüng-hu-sang circuit. At one time there was trouble in the church between the members, owing to the lack of wisdom of the assistant preacher, but finally this was settled by Mr. Dong, who exerted himself to his utmost. Mr. Ding who has charge of Lieng-gü circuit is an able and eloquent man, but the people there are cruel and stubborn and desire to engage in lawsuits, so that the church is not prosperous, but it is not because of the pastors' idleness. Mr. Ding the pastor at Ung-tu is not an efficient preacher of the Gospel, so that the members remain indifferent. Hu-sang circuit has become revived under the management of Mr. Uong. On this district, three new preaching places have been opened. These are all in the country where the people are well disposed. Although there are many Christians their faith is weak. We hope that God will pour out His Holy Spirit upon the illiterate men and make them efficient preachers, able to lead many to Christ. Though the number of Christians has increased some four or five hundred yet the money subscribed by them has not increased. This year has been a bad one and they have raised very small crops. When they are not able to support themselves how can they subscribe for the church?
We hope you all will pray for this district that very soon we may see the church growing very rapidly and the people more willing to subscribe money to open up more new places.

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**ING CHUNG DISTRICT.**

**LONG DAIK CHEU, P.E.**

LAST year I was again appointed to this District. In trying to meet the demands of this important position I have felt my inefficiency and need of God's sustaining grace, as well as the help of my fellow-workers and my report is presented with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow. The district is not a noted one but it is very populous.

The Ing-chung circuit has had a prosperous year. The members have met with some persecution owing to the difficulty connected with the purchase of some land for a church, but they have stood firm and there has been an increase both in members and probationers; such has been the grace of our Lord freely bestowed upon the believers. For a long time the Daik-hua circuit was like a withered tree but it has blossomed out like a tree in spring. Last year a brother in America contributed funds to open two needy places. One of those was Au-bung where the opportunities are excellent. Many people come in the evening to learn the doctrines. The members are steadfast, and are not disturbed by persecution, and we feel a great debt of gratitude to our American brother for his kindness of heart.

The U-yong circuit has been much encouraged by the schools carried on there.

The Chiaok-chui circuit has had a good year and there has been an increase both in members and probationers.

The Dai-cheng circuit has prospered. The numbers have increased and the members are zealous and firm in the faith.
The members at Uang-u are very earnest, and at Ngu-bo, they are steadfast and are lights in the midst of the darkness.

On the To-Nguong circuit there has been much prosperity but the more the church prospers the greater the persecution. There has been a large number of additions, but the Magistrate has frequently instigated persecutions of the Christians.

Ching-chui-ding has had a wonderful year of prosperity. Some years ago Bro. McNabb and I went there to open a preaching place, but the people united in a compact not to rent their houses or shops and not to accept the Gospel. They decided that any one who violated this agreement should be severely punished. During the past year, quite unexpectedly, several venerable literary men came to To-nguong with Bibles and other books, and begged that we appoint a pastor to go and teach them. The village belongs to the Ing-ang civil district.

During the year preachers and members have often been there and preached the Gospel, and at the time many persons gladly heard them.

We urge that another preacher be appointed to this new place and hope that the coming year may witness greater prosperity than the past.

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KUCHENG DISTRICT.

Rev. M. C. Wilcox, P.E.

My eighth report of this district is presented with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow—joy because of the general prosperity that continues to attend the labors of native and foreign workers; sorrow on account of the great affliction that has befallen the work.

The world knows the terrible story of the Massacre on August 1st of the English Missionaries at Hua-sang, a mountain resort near
Kucheng City. Each of these missionaries was not only a faithful fellow-worker, but also a valued personal friend of myself and my Methodist Associates. It is highly fitting that their names should be recorded in this report. They are as follows:—Rev. R. W. Stewart, M.A., Mrs. Louisa Stewart, the Misses Hessie Newcombe, Elsie Marshall, Lucy Stewart, Annie Gordon, Elanor and Elizabeth M. Saunders, Miss Lena Yellup (governess) was also killed and Mr. Stewart's son, Herbert, aged six years, and infant daughter, Hilda, died soon afterward from injuries. Miss Hartford, of our Mission, escaped death through the bravery of Tiang Siong Tek, a Methodist Exhorter, being nobly assisted in the rescue by Mrs. Rev. Ding Ung Tiu. The other English and American Missionaries, having gone elsewhere for the summer, escaped the fate that otherwise might have befallen them.

Since the massacre the native christians have been frequently threatened. But as the Consular Commission has now finished its labors, and as justice has been meted out to those most guilty of the terrible crime, it is hoped that the peril to the native christians has been greatly lessened and will soon cease.

Though missionaries have not yet been permitted to return to that region, it is gratifying to know that the native workers are laboring faithfully and that the chapels and schools are still well attended. The restriction on traveling prevented me from holding the fourth quarterly meetings. This work has been done by native elders, one of whom—Rev. Ding Ung Tiu, was chosen to preside at the recent district Conference.

Former reports have indicated the prosperity on this district. Let me now state that during the eight years I have had charge of the district, the members and probationers have increased from 372 to 1311 or more than 396 per cent. To God be all the glory! Threatened and actual persecution has caused a few to fall away and has doubtless kept many from openly accepting Christ, but it has also increased the faith
and zeal of preachers and members, and thus prepared them for still greater victories in the near future.

Seldom does persecution cause the Chinese Christians to cast away their confidence, "Which hath great recompense of reward," but if there were severe and wide-spread persecution in this land, I believe that, almost without exception, they would be faithful unto death. Still I earnestly request every reader of this report to pray habitually for the native preachers and communicants (as well as for the missionaries) that their faith may constantly increase and that they may be "as lights in the world holding forth the word of life."

Once more I desire most heartily to thank the special contributors, who have made it possible to establish much new work. A cloud now overshadows the Kucheng district, but by faith we see its silvery lining. We have no thought of diminishing our efforts to evangelize the myriads of towns in that beautiful region. On the contrary we intend as heretofore to push that work by every possible means. The recent district Conference unanimously asked that the territory be divided, so as to form the Kucheng and the Kucheng East Districts. The field is already so vast, the necessity for dividing some of the present large circuits so pressing and the requests to open new work so numerous and urgent, that the division asked for should be made without delay.

We rejoice to hear that a band of workers has already started from London to take the place of our lamented fellow-workers of the Church Missionary Society. We have also been greatly encouraged by the arrival, October 14th, of Althea M. Todd, of Boston, who comes as a re-inforcement for Kucheng. She has already made a fine start with the language. Miss Mabel C. Hartford has returned to America for much needed rest, but Miss Willma H. Rouse, who has made excellent progress in the language, is well-prepared to take charge of the W. F. M. S. Work.
Dr. J. J. Gregory, having for nearly seven years engaged in Medical work in China, has just started for America. He deserves much credit for skilfully planning and equipping Wiley General Hospital at Kucheng. A large debt of gratitude is due him for timely service rendered to the wounded survivors of the massacre and for the part he took in investigating the dreadful affair. It is exceedingly important that without delay a medical missionary be appointed to take charge of Wiley Hospital, in order to study the language and be ready to begin work as soon as missionaries can return to Kucheng.

Though prevented from returning to my district since the massacre, I have found abundance to do in and near Foochow, such as teaching in the Theological School, preaching frequently, assisting Rev. G. S. Miner in connection with his important Day School work, etc. In fact so few are our numbers that our entire force in both societies ought to be doubled, or better still, trebled without delay.

I will only add that myself and associates earnestly desire to return to Kucheng at the earliest possible moment, in order to manage our work in a more direct and effective manner than is possible at this distance.

MING CHIANG DISTRICT.

LAU KUANG HUNG, P.E.

After the death of the late Rev. N. Sites, D.D., I was appointed Presiding Elder of the Ming-chiang District, and though I was ashamed of my poor abilities, and felt that the responsibilities were greater than I was able to bear, I nevertheless thought, having received the appointment I could not but accept it. In the second month I began a tour through all the circuits, presided at the Quarterly Conferences, and administered the sacrament. I am glad to be able to report that on all the circuits there has been advance.
On the Ne-du circuit there are five stations. This year a station has been opened in the District City, and an exhorter sent there, and although no great advance has been made, nevertheless a few have believed. In the village of Mi-lék-ding, about two miles from the city several have become probationers, and some have been baptized and have become full members. In Ciong-iong the faith of the members have been strengthened, and many have joined on probation. About fourteen miles from Ne-du there are many women and children connected with our Church who because of the distance cannot attend the Quarterly Meeting, and our members there earnestly request that a new circuit be opened.

Chiekh-ha also shows signs of prosperity. The attendance at Church is not less than thirty or forty. A good harvest may also be expected from the other classes.

Lék-du circuit is divided into six classes. At Sang-du there have been good opportunities for work this year. Here we have over forty probationers who are unusually earnest. There are quite a number of children in the day-schools, where they are learning to sing and pray. At Sang-du and the adjoining stations, A-hong and Liak-buo, in the fourth township, there are a number of villages with a large population. The preacher at Lék-du can scarcely attend to so broad a field. The church members are earnestly pleading that a new circuit may be opened and a preacher stationed there.

At Da-kau in the fifth township the church members seem to be quite zealous. A number of probationers have come from the village of La-kâ not far away. From the villages in the seventh and eighth townships two or three have united with the church. On Sunday the people from these different villages come to Da-kau to worship. It would be well to open a new circuit there also.

The church members at Hu-tau and Buang-iong are more firmly established.
Sek-ek-du circuit has three classes and the church members stand firmly. At Pang-ding-iong and Siob-chong the opportunities are quite good and their future prosperity may be expected. A number of people from Cang-au, a place near by, attend the church services.

Sek-se-du circuit has three classes. The church members are much more earnest than formerly. At Sang-tai-iong a girl's and boy's day school have been established. Literary men, women, and children have been led to know the truth and the church is very flourishing. At U-liang a new church has been built and the church members receive more instruction than before. A new class has been formed at Hong-huong-die and several probationers have been added to the church. It is hoped that a harvest of a hundred fold may be garnered there.

Sek-ngo-du circuit has in all seven classes. Some are just inside the boundaries of the sixteenth and seventeenth townships, making a very wide field. The members at Seng-bang are more earnest than those at other places. At Eng-gu-lang many have joined on probation and not a few have been baptized and entered the church. The number of church members at Die-buo, Uong-nik, Lék-gaëk, Puo-nieng, and Cheng-iong has steadily increased, they are diligent in the study of the Scriptures, and have therefore a clear understanding of the doctrine. A new circuit should be opened to include the sixteenth and seventeenth townships that the good seed may be sown more extensively. Each circuit has one or two good schools, though the other schools cannot be said to be useless.

This is a general summary of the work of the district for the year. Had it not been for the help of the Lord my strength would not have been sufficient for the work. I earnestly hope that all the brethren will pray for the Ming-chiang District that daily the Gospel may spread more widely.
IONG BING DISTRICT.

TAING GIENG ING, P.E.

During the year I have regularly consulted with all of my collaborators as to the best methods of arousing the Church into greater life and activity. At the present time the people are being more and more attracted to the Church and the opportunities for preaching have been better than during the preceding year, and we may appropriately say, "the night is far spent, the day is a hand." If we improve the present opportunities and zealously preach the Gospel, we may gather in a great harvest and thus be made to rejoice with all our brethren. With the exception of one or two circuits all the work on the Iong-bing district has been prosperous. Iong-bing city has had the best year in the history of the church there.

The Chiong-hu-buang circuit has had a good year. Many persons have been baptized and received into the church, at the villages of Ngo-tau and Duh-gah, one 15 li west, and the other 15 li east of Chiong-hu-buang, 20 persons have been taken on probation. There has been one Boy's Day School and a Woman's School and the average attendance at the sabbath services has been about one hundred. This will soon be a large circuit. The church has had real prosperity and the contributions for all purposes have greatly increased.

The Sek-chek-du circuit was set off last year and it has made some progress. The preacher and the members have been very zealous. Ten persons have been baptized and received into the church. There are ten probationers, and a boy's school and a girl's school, both doing well.

The Sek-se-du circuit has a local preacher for pastor and the condition of the work is good, but would be improved if it had a more efficient pastor. Three persons have joined the church during the year.
The Ngo-sek-du circuit has held its own and had they a well educated preacher, prosperity would be assured. At Iong-de and Sa-kau, the members have lost none of their zeal and several persons have been received on probation.

Se-sek-ngu-du circuit has had a good year since we have a newly rented place of worship. Many persons come in the evenings for Bible study and two of them have joined the church.

The Hu-.nguon circuit has made no special progress.

At Sa-kaing the Church is still in the Magistrate’s yamen and conditions are very unfavorable for success. Two probationers have been received. Several persons have been baptized and received into the church and some of the heathen neighbors have become interested. A place has been rented for the coming year and we look for better results in the future. The church at Sung-chiong has about held its own but at Iong-kau, there have been several inquirers and if we rent a chapel there we may expect quite an ingathering.

On the entire District there have been about 50 adult baptisms and all the contributions have increased and we hope for much greater prosperity next year.
TWENTY five new students were received this year, which makes the school the largest in its history, notwithstanding nine are under appointment as pastor-teachers. The plan adopted of giving each student a year’s trial in teaching or preaching during his course is working well. It gives them an invaluable experience and us a better opportunity to judge of their ability and whether it will pay to give them further training. Most of those under appointment this year are doing good work.

During the summer vacation over twenty were under appointment, most of whom were opening up new work or preaching in villages where we have recently established boy’s day schools. Every where they were kindly received and met with much encouragement. Many gave their names as inquirers and several classes were organized.

We were visited with a gracious revival last winter at which the students were greatly blessed. All our native workers are coming more to realize the absolute necessity of the fulness of the Holy Spirit and that it can be obtained only by full consecration and obedience to the will of God.

A large number of literati are being reached by the Gospel, some of whom are very earnest in publishing the good news. Several have signified a desire to enter the school and prepare for the ministry. The literati create public sentiment in China and heretofore have been our greatest opponents, so when they are converted and God calls some of them into the ministry, as He is sure to do, christianity will
be respected more by the people. These are the men from whom we are expecting much in the future.

Mrs. Mary C. Nind, Rev. M. C. Wilcox, Ph., D., Presiding Elder Kacheng District, who, on account of the disturbed condition of the country was unable to return to his work, and Bishop Walden greatly edified us with scripture exegesis and lectures. The teachers and students highly appreciate the kindness of these friends, whose words have given them new inspiration in their divine calling.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

Geo. B. Smyth, President.

In this, the thirteenth annual report of the Anglo-Chinese College to this Conference, it is a pleasure to be able to report unusual progress. There is much to write of but I shall be as brief as possible.

For the last four years the attendance at the College has grown steadily. This year 154 students have been present, the largest number we have ever had, and we could have had more if we had received all who applied. Seventeen candidates for admission were rejected because they failed to pass the entrance examination. The increased attendance is largely due to the general stirring up caused by the war, and the hope that it would lead to the opening up of the country. It began to be felt that China could not go on in the old way, that the time-honored system of examinations would have to be greatly modified, and that there would be demand for young men with a knowledge of English. I think this feeling is spreading, and that unless the Provincial Government opens schools here for English teaching the attendance at the College will increase rapidly. Heretofore the growth of interest in the work of the College, and feeling that the times were changing, have been manifested chiefly at Foochow and a
few other cities, but now I find that some of the country places are being stirred, and applications for admission next year are coming in from the sons of the gentry in Hok-chiang and other districts.

Several young men will graduate at the close of this College year in February 1896. They will then have been with us eight years, and I am confident that they will be a credit to the school. All but one are members of the Church. This is the largest graduating class we have ever had, and it is a source of great pleasure to me to think of their growth in character as well as in knowledge during the years they have been with us.

One of the most interesting events of the year was a visit from Chen Tautai, President of the Foreign Board. He came in official state to attend the exercises at the close of the first term in June. He was welcomed officially by the United States Consul Mr. J. Courtney Hixson, why is the President of our Board of Trustees, and he expressed much pleasure at being present, and seeing the students. He gave prizes to the heads of all the classes, and at the close of the exercises was shown over the College buildings. He showed special interest in our Collection of Scientific apparatus. I intend to invite some of the higher officials to be present at our Commencement Exercises in February, and regularly thereafter at the close of every College year, that they may see what our work is and see that so far from being enemies we are the truest friends of their country. The College is always open to official inspection, and the more we have of it the better I shall be pleased. I believe it would be wise on the part of all who are in charge of the various departments of Mission work to invite such inspection, and so dispel, as far as we may, the superstitious fears with which so many of the people regard all that we are doing.

In January last we were called to mourn the death of one of our Trustees, the Rev. Dr. N. Sites. He had been a member of the Board since the founding of the College in 1881, and for several years
was the Board’s Secretary and Treasurer. He was a friend of the College from its beginning. He was always interested in its work, and believed in its future.

I regret to say that our Monitor, Rev. Sin Heng To, is compelled by ill health to retire at this Conference. He was appointed monitor last year, and though his duties were new to him, and many of them difficult, he did his best to meet the requirements of the position. He retires with the respect of both teachers and students, and we all hope that the rest of the coming year will restore him to strength again.

The conduct of the students during the year has been, with very few exceptions, very satisfactory. There have been a few cases of discipline, as there always are in so large a school. Two have been expelled, and four suspended. None regret such punishments more than the teachers, for it shows that in these cases our work has been in vain. Every method is tried to train an unruly boy, and only when kindness and patience and firmness are exhausted, is resort had to suspension or expulsion.

It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity of expressing my profound appreciation of the sincerity and thoroughness with which my colleagues both Chinese and foreign have worked with me. Without their hearty co-operation such a school as this could not possibly be conducted.

In closing this brief report let me urge you to do what you can to make the work of the College known in your circuits and districts. I am glad to see that in some of the country districts men are looking toward the College who never thought of it before. You can help us much by bringing it to the notice of those in your circuits who are thinking of giving to their sons a larger education than the ordinary Chinese methods afford. It is sometimes said that education here is expensive, but you can not think so if you remember what opportuni-
ties are open to boys who complete the course. It is found to be worth many times more than was paid for it. Regret is also expressed that so few of the students enter the ministry. I regret it myself, but whenever I think of it I remember what Dr. Sia once said to me on the subject. "Do not allow this to trouble you," he said, "Education in itself is a good thing, let God call to the ministry those whom He wants." I believe that as time goes on more and more of our students will devote themselves to the preaching of the Gospel.

I am confident that this College is destined to play a large part in the evangelizing of this great country. It is influencing now, many who are utterly beyond the reach of every other mission agency. There are many among its students here, who but for the College would not hear the Gospel at all. Its founders, one of whom, the Rev. F. Ohlinger, is with us to-day, were not mistaken. Its work is in line with all the living movements of to-day in China. Whatever be the attitude of the Government, the people are waking up. Great factories are being built at Shanghai, Ningpo, Nanking and other places, railways will soon come, and with all this awakening, men's minds will be stirred, and that church will succeed best which the people find is best fitted to satisfy both by education and preaching the new wants which they will feel. Only a few days ago two missionaries were called into counsel by Prince Kung, the President of the Chung-li yamen. Change is coming, and I feel assured that it means among other things larger and grander opportunities for the Anglo-Chinese College. Remember, brethren, this College is yours, many of you have had your sons, many of you have your sons, here now. Its success depends largely on your sympathy. Give us that, make our work known, send us the best students you can find, and I pledge you that those of us who are responsible for the conduct of the school will do our best to make it a mighty power for the lifting of the people of this province to a higher life, by leading them to a larger knowledge of the truth of God.
In presenting my fifth Annual Report as Superintendent of the Mission Press, I wish to thank the members of the Conference for their zealous support in this work. Much of the increased demand for books within the Conference is due to the energy shown by our missionaries and pastors in the circulation of religious literature. The unprecedented record of twenty-eight-and-a-half million pages last year has been exceeded this year in the number of pages, actually printed, although the work completed as shown by the figures below is but twenty-seven million pages. A large edition of the Easy Wenli New Testament, including about six-and-a-half million pages, is now nearing completion.

Our work during the summer was greatly interfered with by frequently illness among the employees of the Press. Although the cholera which was such a scourge this year did not come among us, yet about twenty of our men were ill at times during the summer. The crowded condition of the sleeping apartments, and their unsanitary situation in the basement, should be remedied as soon as possible. A similar crowded condition prevails in all parts of the building and the necessity for more room is everywhere apparent.

The work completed during the past five years amounts to 95,342,605 pages, as compared with 68,297,304 pages during the five years preceding. This increase of over twenty-seven million pages, is an indication of what we may expect if the Central Publishing House at Shanghai is not soon established. While I believe this is even now a necessity for the best interests of Methodism in China, yet until this shall be done our work here should be provided with larger quarters. Let us therefore work and pray that the Theological School may have
a new building, not only for its own good, but also for the prosperity of the Press.

The plant has been increased during the year by the amount of $2,500. This includes a beautiful fount of Chinese type made in Japan costing over $1,000, also a book press, a ruling machine, a perforating machine and other necessities including a considerable amount of English and Romanized type. The present capital of the press is about $22,000; the net profits for the year have been very satisfactory.

Book Store.

The old Guang-ing-cang book store had long been a failure and I am happy to report that it has been closed and an attractive store opened in the Press building. Here can be found in addition to all the publications of our own Press a large assortment of books published at Shanghai, Hongkong and Canton. It is greatly to be regretted that several of the books of the Conference course are out of print at Shanghai and cannot be secured. The new edition of the Methodist Discipline has just been issued and will be on sale before the Conference shall adjourn. The fact that we have sold about 6,000 copies of the large hymn book and 6,000 of the small ones for the day-schools is something of an indication of the growth of our church.

Romanized Work.

The printing of books in the Hinghua dialect has been continued at Hinghua under the direction of Rev. W. N. Brewster. 2,000 copies of the Gospel by Luke, and 2,000 copies of the Bible Picture Book have been printed. At Foochow we are printing the Gospel of Matthew in the Kien-ning dialect. The reprinting of the Baldwin and Maclay Foochow Dictionary has progressed rapidly during the year, about one-third of which is now completed.
REPORTS.

FUHKKIEN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

One year ago the circulation of this valuable paper had reached 3,500 copies monthly. This rapid increase was largely due to the war excitement, and we could not believe it could be maintained at those figures. However, under the efficient work of the Editor, Rev. G. B. Smyth the character of the paper has continued to improve and the public are finding it a valuable journal. There is a growing desire that it be issued semi-monthly or weekly. At the close of the war the circulation had reached 4,300, and near six months later it stands at 3,300.

The Child's Paper in the character colloquial has a circulation of 2,500, being an increase of 1,700 copies, much of which increase is due to Rev. G. S. Miner having introduced it into his day-schools.

WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR.

The work of the year has aggregated about $12,000. We now have in hand orders for work amounting to nearly $6,000.

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Of the 63,500 volumes of Scripture nearly all have been printed for the American Bible Society, and we are greatly indebted to the agent Rev. J. R. Hykes, for his hearty support.
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**The Hinchua Biblical Training School.**

W. N. Brewster, Principal.

The school is now in a more prosperous condition than it has been during the past four years. The number of students has been large although during the last quarter many of them have been appointed to outside work, so there are now only 23 in school.

At the summer examination in June Rev. N. J. Plumb and Rev. Hü Bo Mi, were present and were greatly pleased at the progress the students had made in their studies. At the revival meetings held in the spring and summer some of them were convicted of their sins and converted by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The students now do their work better than before, and 20 of them have conducted prayermeetings, assisted by the others. They have gone out every Saturday to visit the members and give them biblical instruction and on Sunday morning they catechise them on
the lessons taught. On Sunday afternoon they all go out to the villages to hold prayermeetings. During the year more than 300 persons have been added to the Church and give evidence by their attendance at church and their contributions that they are true disciples of the Lord Jesus.

During the summer the students have a two months vacation and this affords a good opportunity for them to supply the pastors places while they come to the Central Church for Bible Study and although the time is short they derive much benefit from the practice of preaching, or teaching the Romanized Colloquial to the school teachers. They use the Bible or any other book in the Romanized.

The teachers are all very diligent and take great pains to instruct their pupils by illustrations and brief explanations. Churches have been established in so many places that we are always short of preachers to take charge of the work, so that this school is the most important one of all to provide the greatly needed workers.

HOK-CHIANG BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

U Sieu E, Principal.

I was appointed to take charge of this school by the Presiding Elder Rev. N. J. Plumb, and at the District Conference at Haikau, in February, a consultation was held with all the preachers and official members and it was then decided that as the circuits on the lower part of the District were a long distance from the city where the school was, it was advisable to divide it and have one branch at Ngu-cheng, which would be much more convenient for those pupils living in that vicinity. Thus a division was effected and Mr. Ngu Hung Siong was employed to teach the school at Ngu-cheng, and Mr. Ngu Hua Teug
the one in the city. There have been 15 pupils in each school, in all as many as there were last year. Mr. Paul my colaborer and I have taught the Bible and simple scientific books. Mrs. Paul taught the Romanized, but with little success.

The school was interrupted some during the summer by the cholera which prevailed in the city, to such an extent that many deaths occurred daily. Victims taken in the morning often died before night. The school however, improved in the autumn. The school at Ngu-cheng under Ho Dieu Lu and Siek Gi Chiong had the same instructions as the one at the city.

Under God's kind favor the students have made progress in their studies and seven of the most promising have been recommended to enter the Theological School, and thus the time and money spent on them has not been in vain.

The school although divided is practically one, with the same rules, regulations and studies. We ask the prayers of all, that God's blessing may rest upon this work, that these boys may be trained up to do grand work for the Lord.

KUCHENG BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

M. C. Wilcox, Principal.

This is the fourth year of the Boy's Boarding School in Kucheng. Four of the students were recommended to enter the Foochow Theological School, in the early part of the year and one to be a day school teacher. There were still 28 pupils, and during the last quarter 4 more were received, making the present number 32.

This is more than we had planned for. During the past summer the school was continued without intermission, although all the other schools were closed on account of the Vegetarian trouble.
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During the first part of the year although necessarily absent much of the time on my District, I gave the students regular instruction when at home, in Church history, in which they did well and passed excellent examinations.

Since June owing to the troubles I have not been able to return to Kucheng to continue this work.

A four years course of study is required and most of the boys, are able to complete the course, and are recommended to the Foochow Theological School, but some are naturally dull and require a longer time and are not so recommended, as we refer to do thorough work and prepare capable men for the ministry.

During the summer vacation, I used some of these students to assist on the needy circuits and they did good work. The principal teacher and monitor, Ding Hiong Ching and his assistant are both excellent men and good teachers.

Our present quarters are entirely too small and it is our hope to soon secure a site and erect a suitable building for the school.

HINHUA BOYS’ BOARDING SCHOOL.

Rev. Saeng Hoe Lieng, Monitor.

I have given 2 hours a day to teaching the Bible since my appointment this year: Also 2 hours a day to the Biblical School.

As to the condition of the school:

1.—The school occupies a large rented building, containing about 40 rooms, situated about 100 yards from the new church.

2.—There is a day-school department in the same building, with about 36 pupils mostly Christians. There were 2 native teachers last term, this term but one.
3.—All the books taught, are explained, as well as read by the students. They are also taught to write essays, compose poems, writing, &c.

4.—I have taught the Bible, and have taken great pains to explain the meaning and give the history in full. Some of the students stood 100 per cent on recitations through the entire term.

5.—There were 29 in school in the higher classes this year during the first term, and 23 this term. They have been taught the Bible Geography and other books.

6.—There is a very good religious spirit in the school. Five of the students entered the Preparatory Department of the Biblical School this year. Many of them give time outside of the required hours to studying the Bible. They take notes of the sermons preached on Sundays. Some of them have led the Epworth League Meeting Sunday evening. We have a school prayermeeting every Friday evening, and all testify and praise God in this meeting.

A number of the pupils have been baptized this year and received into the church.
XI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education recommend:—

1st.—That a graded course of study for all of our schools be adopted and observed in all Districts.

2nd.—That we conform to and be governed by the regulations and courses of studies for day-schools as adopted by this Conference session.

3rd.—That whenever practicable the pupils shall complete the course of study in the lower before passed to a school of higher grade.

4th.—The Christian teachers, as far as possible shall be employed in all of our schools.

5th.—That the doors of our boarding schools be carefully guarded and allow none to enter who are not worthy.

6th.—That our Biblical and Theological Schools receive more instruction from missionaries than heretofore and more time be given to theological studies.

7th.—That we reaffirm the following rules p. 56 of last year, concerning the admission of pupils to our theological schools.

8th.—That every preacher, at least once a year, shall preach an educational sermon, to each congregation, setting forth the advantages of our Boarding and Theological Schools and Anglo-Chinese College.

9th.—That none shall be admitted to the Theological School unless he has exhortor's certificate.

10th.—We pray that our presiding Bishop will thoroughly understand the need of more Biblical instruction in our Theological and Biblical schools and do his utmost in supplying the need.
11th.—We are pleased to note the progress of the Anglo-Chinese College. It is now the largest school of the kind in the Empire and the advantages of an English education were never so great in China as now. We trust that our preachers will call the attention of their people to this important branch of mission work.

G. S. Miner,
Chairman.

Ceng Ung Uong,
Secretary.

ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee heartily approve of the recommendations of former Committees on the subject, but find that some have been carried out and others not.

1.—We recommend the appointment on each District, of a Committee to raise a fund for the purchase of important books for local preachers and exhorters.

2.—A weekly church paper should be established and circulated among all our people.

3.—We commend the work of the Mission Press, and the Manager Rev. W. H. Lacy, and while many books are issued some others are still needed and must be had from Shanghai. We request Mr. Lacy to secure large supplies of such books and furnish to the preachers at reduced prices, and for this and all his labors he will have our hearty thanks.

4.—A work on Homiletics was translated by Rev. F. Ohlinger when he had charge of the Theological School, many years ago, but was never published, we learn now that the manuscript has been found and we urgently request its publication.
5. We request the Press to print a work called Ming Sing Lu for the benefit of the church members.

6. We would ask the missionaries to publish sermons from time to time, to aid the preachers in the preparation of sermons, as well as for food for thought.

7. We recommend the publication of a book for probationers, containing Prayers for each meal, Lords Prayer, Apostles creed and Ten Commandments and Catechism to be given to each on entering the church.

8. The pastors in charge of circuits should observe the disciplinary requirements, on raising a collection on the sabbath for the purpose of purchasing books for the members, to be loaned and when read returned for the use of others.

G. B. Smyth,
Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and rested on the seventh day" and thus was instituted the sabbath that man might have a day of freedom from the cares of the world. That man needs one day in seven of relief from toil and distracting cares, shows clearly that God gave the day for man's good, and our faithful observance of it will prove our love for the benevolent and wise Giver. Its benefits are for both the soul and the body. Multitudes are careful for their bodies while they do not realize that the soul is the most important. The food provided by the preacher of the Gospel on the sabbath day is for the nourishment of the soul, and worshippers in God's house are made to rejoice in its blessed provisions.

Men in every condition in life have their trials and sorrows, and without this day they have no rest for either body or soul. When christians come to God's house they should leave behind them all their
worldly affairs, that they may be filled with the peace which Jesus promises to give them.

The observance of the sabbath day is the source of the greatest blessings to mankind and in all countries where it is properly kept, the people are prosperous and happy. When God commanded its observance he accompanied it by a promise of blessing.

Jesus taught that He was the Lord of the sabbath, and how can we, if his true disciples, disregard it? God gave the commandment in love and we should regard it as such.

It is important that we as pastors use wisdom in instructing the members on this subject, showing them clearly the benefits which will come from its observance and we should use our utmost endeavors to secure the keeping of the whole day and those who honestly do so, and sincerely desire its blessings, will grow in grace and be made strong to meet trial and temptation and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit be built up in the faith. We offer the following suggestions as likely to be helpful.

1.---Pastors should be at the Church early and late using all diligence in instructing the members, holding various services both in the forenoon and afternoon, this will engage their time and prevent their being tempted to work during the leisure hours of the day.

2.---Pastors should make careful inquiry as to whether the members keep the sabbath or not. When it is known that a member has violated the sabbath he should go to him and inquire into the reasons and hear his explanations.

3.---The members should be urged to come to church early, and attend all the services of the day. The farmer rises early and works late in providing food for himself and family, and should one not be equally diligent in the use of this day, for that which is of more importance than the body.
4. — Pastors should prepare their sermons most carefully, that they may be able to interest and instruct their congregations and thus secure their hearty attention and regular attendance upon the services.

N. J. Plumb,
Chairman.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The sabbath school is of the greatest importance to the church. Year by year a Committee is appointed to carefully consider this subject, hoping to greatly improve the Sunday School.

Your Committee beg have to report as follows:—

1. — That the Berean Lessons prepared during the past year, are very helpful to the teachers, and we recommend the continuance of their preparation.

2. — The pastors, or the Sunday School Superintendents should have teacher's meetings on Saturday evening or early Sunday morning to prepare them to teach their classes.

3. — Where the schools are large in the country and there are few who read, and teachers are hard to find, the pastor should get some of the most intelligent members together at some convenient place during the week and instruct them.

4. — The Sunday School may be held Sunday afternoon, when this is the most convenient hour.

5. — Classes should be made up specially for those members who may be able to read the characters but do not know the meaning, also for those who cannot read at all, and for the aged.

6. — The teachers should diligently study the lesson during the week that they may be able to teach the class to which they are appointed.
7.—The Presiding Elder should carefully inquire whether the preachers have done their duty in this matter or not.

8.—The Presiding Elders should make known these rules to all the charges and see that they are observed.

M. C. Wilcox.
Chairman.

SELF SUPPORT.

I.—The Present Situation of Self-support in the Conference.

We find that there is much to encourage, and also not a little to discourage us in the important matter of Self-support, in the reports this year.

The entire sum reported for pastoral support is $2,022.05. This is an increase over last year of $307.92.

Six districts have increased, while three have had a decrease.

Nearly all the increase has been in the Foochow and Buo-dieng districts. The largest decrease was in the Hok-chiang district, while the Kucheng and Ming-chiang districts have had a slight falling off. It is no doubt because of the great persecutions in Hok-chiang and Kucheng, and in Ming-chiang because of the deaths early in the year of our beloved Dr. Sites.

The following is a table showing the increase and decrease.

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In addition to this there has been collected in Hing-hua about $300. for Home Missions, which is to be used in supporting pastors in new or weak charges in that region. This is really a part of pastoral support contributions.

II.—Difficulties in the way of Self-support.

These are many: the poverty of the mass of our people; the low state of spirituality among the village Christians, owing to inability to read, insufficient and sometimes inefficient pastoral oversight; and the natural stinginess of mankind. These difficulties are inherent in the nature of things and must be eradicated, not by legislation, but by an outpouring of God's Spirit.

But there are other difficulties for which there is less excuse, and which we ought to take steps to eradicate speedily, or our labor will be largely in vain. Among these are.

1st.—The large majority of our preachers do not in their hearts really want self-support. The money comes irregularly and uncertainly. The foreign money is regular and certain. Their people are poor. Why burden them? The Missionary Society is, in their eyes, an inexhaustible mine of wealth.

It is needless to add that until the native preachers take a hearty interest in this matter, we cannot expect to make satisfactory progress.

2nd.—The native church does not want self-support. The reason is obvious; it is easier to let other people pay their preacher, than to pay him themselves.

3rd.—These difficulties are partly the result of our lack of system in collecting. Our preachers have good reason to fear self-support. They are mostly poor men, dependent upon their salaries for food and clothing for themselves and families. What the native
church gives is largely collected in the 4th quarter. Our preachers cannot afford to borrow money at Chinese interest to live on.

The lack of system also makes it difficult for our people to give largely. Adopt and carry out a wise system of collecting and these difficulties will largely disappear.

III.—The Remedy.

Fortunately we, as Methodists, already have the outlines of a plan which is adapted to all countries, but especially to mission fields.

We have the class-teacher system, which cannot be improved as a way to collect money. God's word is also very explicit. Paul writing to the church at Corinth said, "On the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." There should be a weekly collection in all our churches. Nearly all self-supporting churches do this. We must, if we would attain self-support.

We therefore propose the following Plan.

1st.—Let the Presiding Elders and preachers-in-charge at once proceed to divide each church into classes, where not already done, according to the Discipline, with from 10 to 20 in a class, and appoint suitable leaders. Let the Mission press print a class-book for use of the leaders.

2nd.—Let the Elders and Preachers provide each of these class-leaders with bamboo checks, one for each member of his class. These checks should be 3 or 4 inches long, and half an inch wide, with a hole in one end in which a short string is tied in a hard knot. Each check shall have written upon one side the name of the leader and number of his class, upon the other the name of the member. These checks are not to be taken home by the members, but left in charge of the class-leader, whose duty it is to distribute them each Sunday morning, if possible before
service begins. The member ties on the string the "cash" he wishes to give; and the stewards shall pass the tray each Sunday morning, either before or after the sermon, to receive the contributions of the people.

Those who have no money are to put the empty check back upon the tray when it is passed, to be used in future.

It should be made plain to the people, that this does not mean, that if they happen to have no money we do not want them to come to church. It simply means that each Sunday they will be given an opportunity to give something, however small, to the support of the church, and that they will be credited with the amount.

In order to do this, each chapel should be provided with a book properly ruled with a place for each Sunday in the year. The stewards should enter in this book each contribution in its proper place and tie up the checks in a bunch, according to classes, and return them to the class leaders, or put them in a box kept in the chapel for that purpose.

3rd.—As Bishop Walden has called our attention to the fact that the Discipline requires a collection to be taken in all our public congregations, we assume that all the preachers will at once begin to do this, if they have not already done so. It is the opinion of your Committee that the above system will meet with less opposition in introducing it, and will be far more fruitful, than merely passing the plate, because by this plan all that the people give will be credited to each person's subscription.

We therefore strongly urge that the Missionaries, Presiding Elders, and Preachers in charge make every effort in their power to introduce this system throughout the entire Conference.

W. N. Brewer,

Chairman.
XII. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
SUPERANNUATED PREEACHERS AID SOCIETY.

In presenting my sixth Annual Report as Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society, I wish to thank the Conference for the confidence placed in me, and express the pleasure I have had in caring for its funds.

In retiring from the Board of Trustees after two terms of service, as becomes necessary in view of my expected furlough to America, I wish to congratulate the Conference on the handsome sum which is now in its Treasury, the interest on which is almost sufficient to meet the needs of our Conference claimants.

I believe the time has now come when loans on Chinese security should be discontinued as far as possible. As our funds so rapidly increase, the lower rate of interest which the H. & S. Bank allows will soon be sufficient to meet all demands; and the absolute security of these loans, with the minimum care they involve, make them especially desirable. Loans on Chinese security at the best are a risk, and the care they involve in examining securities and collecting interest and principle rapidly increase as our funds grow.

The responsibility of collecting the rents from the Da Ding property, which was accepted in settlement of a loan, is a burden; as this property cannot be insured the risk is great, and a small fire might quickly wipe out the greater part of this investment.

I would therefore strongly urge that no more loans be made on Chinese security, and recommend that the Conference instruct the
REPORTS.

Board of Trustees to place its funds as fast as they may come into the treasury, on fixed deposit in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The statement of accounts given below has been submitted to the President of the Board of Trustees. The statement of Assets and Liabilities shows a net investment of $4,211.97.

Respectfully submitted.

Wm. H. Lacy,
Treasurer.

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W. H. Lacy,
Chairman.
Superannuated Preachers Aid Society.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

W. H. LACY, TREASURER.

Dr.

1894-1895.

The Balance due Treasurer at Conference, 1894 ...... $ 29.00

To Insurance Society claim paid Ding Ngük Cong...... 14.50

" Claims on Conference Fund paid as follows:—

Mrs. Sie Huo Mi ..................................... $24.00
" Dang Ging Dong ................................ 20.40
" Ding Neng Ciek ................................ 48.00
" Wong Ding Hok .................................. 30.00
" Hu Long Mi ..................................... 30.00
" Ling Ching Ding ................................. 24.00
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To Loans as follows:—

No. 18 (Renewed) ........................................ $421.03
" 22 ................................................... 840.00
" 24 ................................................... 500.00
" 25 ................................................... 200.00
" 26 ................................................... 250.00
" 27 ................................................... 200.00

To Treasurer's Account Book ............................. 1.25

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By Book Concern Dividend Gold $365, Mex. at

5½ per cent .............................................. $701.92

By Loans paid as follows:—

No. 18 ................................................... $400.00
" 22 ................................................... 800.00
" 23 ................................................... 450.00

By Interest on Loans ........................................ 109.08

" " Current Account, H. & S. Bank ...................... 1.09
" " Rent from Da Ding property .......................... 60.42
" " Balance due Treasurer Nov. 20th, 1895 ............. 175.17

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Examined and found correct.

J. H. Worley, President Board of Trustees.


**Assets and Liabilities of the S. P. A. S.**

### Assets

**Loans to Individuals:**
- No. 7 ... $50.00
- 8 ... 200.00
- 12 ... 350.00
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**Da Ding Property:**
- 1000.00

**Native Cemetery Land:**
- 170.00

**Subscriptions, &c.:**
- 155.11

**Total Assets:** $4416.14

### Liabilities

**Balance due Treasurer:** $175.17

**Insurance Society Claims:** 29.00

**Net Assets:** 4211.97

**Total Liabilities:** $4416.14

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**W. H. Lacy,**

*Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

**J. H. Worley,**

*President Board of Trustees.*
FOOCHOW CONFERENCE.

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W. H. Lacy,  
Treasurer.
XIII. RESOLUTIONS.

OF SYMPATHY TO THE C. M. S. MISSION.

Whereas,—The Church Missionary Society has been sadly afflicted by the Massacre of Missionaries at Hua-shang, near Kucheng city on the 1st August, 1895.

Resolved,—That we the Missionaries and native preachers of the Foochow Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby express our profound sorrow and sympathy.

Resolved,—That we will continue to pray that our Heavenly Father will, in His infinite love, comfort the relatives upon whom this blow has fallen, and in His infinite wisdom cause the death of our beloved fellow-workers to result in the furtherance of the Gospel, not only in the Kucheng region but throughout China.

Resolved,—That a certified copy of this action be sent to the Secretary of the C. M. S. Mission at Foochow and another copy furnished him to be forwarded to their Secretary in London.

N. J. Plumb.
W. N. Brewster.
G. S. Miner.

ON FOOCHOW MEDICAL COLLEGE.

Whereas,—We have heard with pleasure of the efforts of Dr. White, one of the first Medical Missionaries in China, and of the Foochow Mission, to establish a large Hospital and Medical College in Foochow, therefore.

Resolved,—That we most heartily endorse this plan, believing that such a school under Christian auspices would result in great good
to the people of China, and to the cause of Christianity in the Empire.

Resolved,—That we hereby memorialize the Board of Managers
of the Missionary Society to give this matter their most earnest atten-
tion, and as far as possible co-operate with Dr. White in his efforts to
accomplish this important work.

N. J. Plumb.
W. N. Brewster.  
G. S. Miner.  

Committee on Resolutions.

ON DELEGATES TO CENTRAL INDIA CONFERENCE.

Whereas,—The Conferences of India have sent a cordial invi-
tation to the Missions of China to send fraternal delegates to attend the
Central Conference of India which meets next March at Poona, and,

Whereas,—Rev. M. C. Wilcox, Ph.D., our delegate to General
Conference and, possibly Rev. W. H. Lacy, propose to return to
America by way of England, therefore.

1.—Resolved, that we do hereby elect Dr. Wilcox and Brother
Lacy fraternal delegates to said Central Conference of India.

2.—Resolved, that we request them, if possible to plan their
journey so that they may attend said Central Conference.

3.—Resolved, that we request them to bear to the brethren in
India our most cordial greetings, that we rejoice greatly in the mar-
velous success that is attending their labors, and that we pray that
God may still more abundantly bless them in the future, and that we
too may soon experience like blessings in China.

N. J. Plumb.
W N. Brewster.  
G. S. Miner.  

Committee on Resolutions.
XIV. IN MEMORIAM.

REV. NATHAN SITES, D.D.

Rev. Nathan Sites, D.D., who for nearly thirty-four years has been a missionary in Foochow, China, entered into life eternal February 10th at 5.30 p.m., one week from the time he closed his earthly Sabbath labors. Brother Sites was born November 6th, 1830, near Belleville, Richland Co., Ohio. His father was a farmer, and the son like Elisha the prophet, for a season followed the plough. But he had an ambition to be a master mechanic, and like the Saviour worked at the trade of a carpenter. But he longed for intellectual culture and became a student in Ohio Wesleyan University, located at Delaware. Converted at twenty-one, he very soon after heard from his Master, the call to the ministry, which he obeyed, and after his graduation in 1859 he was appointed by Bishop Ames to the Mohawk Circuit. While there, he met Sarah Moore, his now bereaved widow. From the ministry at home, he was called to be a missionary; his intense love for souls led him to give his life to those who were sitting in darkness, and the shadow of death. He was expecting to go to India, when an urgent appeal from Dr. R. S. Maclay for help in the work at Foochow, led the Bishop to assign him to this needy field. March 6th, 1861, he was married, and in the following June, he and his bride took passage in the sailing vessel Cathay for Amoy, a voyage of 101 days. By consulting the Mission Records we find under date of September 19th, 1861, "To-day our mission was made happy by the arrival per steamer Amoy of our brothers Maclay and Sites, and their families, all in good health. God has not forgotten to be gracious."

The second year after their arrival Brother and Sister Sites was stationed at Ngu Long and there they labored successfully and happily three years. The third year—"Dr. Sites began to preach in the
dialect, and as the new treaty provisions had granted freedom for
travel, he went out into the villages and even to distant cities. He
took with him Li Iu Mi and Uong Giu Daik and went (100) one hund-
red miles up to Kucheng. He was the first missionary ever in that
city. Crowds and crowds followed through the streets, to see the
strange man from a foreign country. He rented a chapel where our
Ek Bq Church now stands, and left a native brother there to sell books,
and testify for Christ. About a year later his Chinese teacher, our now
revered elder Sia Sek Ong, was baptized. Dr. Sites took him and Li
Iu Mi and opened the work in Ming-chiang City and Lek-du. He was
also the pioneer to Hinghua. "He has endured hardness as a good
soldier of Jesus Christ."

He knew what stripes, and bonds meant, what it was to be
reviled and persecuted, for Christ's sake, but he rejoiced that he was
counted worthy to suffer for his Master whom he loved better than
his life. He lived to see many of his bitter persecutors converted;
won by his loving spirit and labors to lay down their weapons of re-
bellion at the feet of his Lord.

His was a gentle, loving spirit; he knew how to conciliate and
forgive, and it was a joy to him in the last week of his useful life, that
with all the difficulties he had as a pioneer missionary, he had rarely
taken a case to the Consul. He has filled well the many positions to
which he has been called—Preacher, Pastor, Presiding Elder, College
Trustee, Treasurer, Translator, Interpreter, and yet, with all, modest
and unassuming. He loved like his Master to minister, rather than
be ministered unto.) The loss to the Mission and the Missionaries, to
the native preachers and membership, is very great for he was a man
greatly beloved; but our loss is his infinite gain. His last week of
untiring and joyful labor filled his glad soul with praise and gratitude
to God, and was a fitting close to his life of abundant service. He rests
from his labors, and his works do follow him.

W. H. Lacy.
REV. SIA LIENG LI.

The subject of this brief sketch was of southern ancestry and spoke the Amoy dialect as well as the Foochow, although a native of the Hok-chiang District.

He was one of the many trophies won for Christ through the faithful evangelistic labors of the sainted Rev. Ling Ching Ding who many years ago passed to his reward.

Naturally of a very quiet and retiring disposition our brother seldom appeared prominently in the Conference or on public occasions. His chief-characteristics were sincerity of purpose and firm adherence to his convictions of duty. The faithfulness of his early years followed him all through the subsequent years of his life as he filled the various positions of Pastor, Presiding Elder and Teacher.

He entered the traveling connection in 1873 and was a member of the Conference at its organization in 1877. Having proven his faithfulness in the pastorate in Hok-chiang, when the Ing-chung District was set off in 1878 he was appointed the Presiding Elder, he being specially fitted for that work by his knowledge of the language, and there were few available candidates at that time.

This position he filled for a full term until 1883, when he returned to the pastorate in the district. He was never very strong and the hard traveling over those high mountains of a long District, told upon his health.

His next appointment was at Tong Tau (Hot Springs) a large market town.

He continued in the pastoral relation until his death, but in 1894, he was placed in charge of the Woman’s School in addition to his pastoral work in Hu-yong.

He was now in great weakness but he never thought of a superannuation and did his work as long as it was possible for him to do anything, and was taken from his labors early in June 1895.
During the years of his Presiding Eldership it was the privilege of the writer to travel with him on various occasions over those high mountain ranges, and I was always impressed with his patience and untiring faithfulness in all his labors for the Master, from all of which he is now released. He has entered into his reward in that land “where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.”

N. J. Plumb,
Chairman.

REV. DING CING GUONG.

One of the most useful men in the Hing-hua work has been called to his reward.

Rev. Ding Cing Guong was a teacher of the Bible and of Chinese Classics in our Biblical School from its opening in 1892, until his death in January 1895.

He was admitted into the Conference in 1875. He was pastor of several circuits in the Hing-hua District, and for about the last 10 years of his life was in the Educational work in Hing-hua City. He was one of the finest Chinese scholars our Church has ever produced, and a very diligent student of God’s Word.

He was beloved and respected by all his pupils.

For the last 3 years of his life he seemed to have a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit that made his life singularly beautiful and full of power. His testimonies in the various meetings of the Church were always apt and with unction.

In his last sickness, he was constantly praising God, and longing for release. He had consumption, and knew his time was short.

He worked up to the last moment his strength would permit; then
waited in holy expectation of the coming of the Lord to take him Home.

Such death-bed scenes as his are a great benediction to our Chinese Christians.

W. N. Brewster,
For the Committee.

XV. COMMITTEES NOMINATED FOR 1896.

On Education.—G. B. Smyth, Ting Ung Tieu, Hu Chaik Hang, Uong Di Ki, Yek Ing Guang.

On Sunday Schools.—G. S. Miner, U Sieu E, Ding Siu Kung, Ling Mi Ing, Cheng Ung Uong.

On Religious Literature.—N. J. Plumb, Uong Guok Hing, Saeng Hok Lieng, Chung Daik Ming, Tiang Ngük Chöü.

On Temperance.—W. N. Brewster, Sie Seng Chang, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Ding Keu Ŭ.

On Sabbath Observance—Ting Nik Sing, Ding Dai Liong, Li Nga Hung, Ding Hieng Ngieu.

On Self Support.—J. H. Worley, Ding Ga Sing, Ling Ming Sang, Ling Ching Mi, Sie Seng Cang.
XVI. W. F. M. S. REPORTS.

FOOCHOW GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

In the good providence of God our Foochow Boarding School has had a prosperous year. The particularly hard things recorded in memories store house, are the dismissing of two girls from the high-school, Miss Bonafield's home going, and the Measles; but God's grace is sufficient for all and "Every cloud has a silver lining."

The dismissing of the two girls, while a very hard thing to do, has had a most helpful effect on the other girls, and these two girls, have profited also by the stern lesson and still know we are their sisters in truth, and that at is only justice that those who break-laws must expect punishment. We get good reports of their conduct from the ladies of the Districts in which their homes are located. Miss Bonafield's return is now eagerly anticipated and thanks to the Heavenly Father, and the skill of our good little Dr. Masters not one of our number but recovered from the measles. This year we did not expect to let the school increase in numbers knowing well that the work was already too great for one so inexperienced, but in spite of ourselves we could not help receiving these eager girls so long as there was space to be found for them.

This year we have taken in 22 new boarders and thirteen day pupils. We have enrolled 110 Boarders and 19 day pupils this year. Have opened a second primary room with one of our former high school pupils as teacher and she is doing excellent work. The new course of study is much better than the old, having much more practical education and much less of the ancient classics. Our head teacher is all alive to the value of the study of Western Sciences and spent his summer vacation studying these and "Western Method's of Teaching." He is now very enthusiastic about having new school-books made for China. Praise the Lord. It means more than you who have never
been in this "custom cursed land" can imagine to have a literary graduate turn from the dead books of Confucius and Mencius to living, practical, educational works. How true it is "The entrance of Thy word giveth light." As you know, this man is a member of the Conference and we appreciate profoundly our Presiding Elder's generosity in letting us have for our school one whom he so much wants in his Theological school. The girls, as well as we, appreciate the fact that Dr. Worley is one of their best friends. During the year fifteen of the girls have been received into the church in full connection and five have received baptism. The Junior League has grown in earnestness and consecration and one part of their service which is never omitted is the collection. Of course it is only the mites, but it is an education in the right line and it is so joyfully given that one can not but know the Lord accepts their offering because "He loveth the cheerful giver." Their mites amounted to $1.80 last term and this was paid in on the Pastor's salary.

The Missionary collection from the school amounted to two dollars. Small, but larger than many of us make considering our abundance and their poverty. The receipts from tuition and other sources have amounted to about one-hundred dollars.

We hope they will increase from year to year as the people learn more and more to value the educational advantages offered to their daughters. As we look back over the year we are not discouraged; but there is an intense longing in our soul that we may ourselves be continually filled with the Spirit, that our daily lives may be an inspiration to these precious girls and that continually we may remember that we are to count not our lives dear unto ourselves, but to offer them daily "A sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God" remembering constantly that even this is only a "reasonable service" since we are not our own but "bought with a price."

Faithfully.

Lydia A. Wilkinson.
MARY E. CROOK MEMORIAL ORPHANAGE.

MRS. EMMA NIND LACY.

The year has been one of mingled trial and blessing.

We have had in the home thirty-six children. Of these 25 were with us when we made our last report. Eleven have been received this year. Eight have died during the year. Of the eight that have died four were under seven months of age, one nine months old two were a little less than three years of age.

One died of Measles, one of Heart-failure, one of Spinal Meningites, three of Bronchitis and two of Cholera, infantum.

Of the children received, one was the child of an insane woman, who refused to nurse the child but abused it and threw it into the street to die.

The mother of one was dying a heathen and wished to give her to the foreign Christians because they are good. The mother of one died when she was a month old and her father wanted to kill the child to appease the gods but consented to give her to the foreigners instead.

One, the mother refused to nurse because she was a girl, saying, "This is too hard a life for girls; better let them die.

One, the mother died three days after the birth leaving eight children, the oldest fourteen years old.

One was left to the care of an opium-smoking father who realized he could not live long and wanted his little girl "to grow up to be a Christian woman like her sainted mother."

One was rescued from drowning by a Christian woman.

One, the parents refused to keep because they had too many girls; one was taken from being the slave girl of a young man who had become a Christian and convinced that it was wrong to keep child-wives.
One, blind and crippled, was picked up in the street and left in our care, the rescuer departing without waiting to see whether we were willing to receive it or not. One was brought to my house, by a man hired to bring it there and who refused to take it away again. The mother of one died when she was born. The father wanted to kill the child but decided to give her to us instead.

During the year three of the children have been reading Chinese in the primary department of the Girl's Boarding School and six have been in a kinder-garten class.

Family worship is held morning and evening conducted by the matron assisted by one of the older girls from the Boarding School.

We have held a weekly meeting in the home which has been productive of much good. Visits have been made to homes where children were being nursed or to investigate the cases which had asked permission to enter the Orphanage.

In all of these visits the story of Jesus and his love has been told to a company of listeners. We have not kept a record of the number of listeners thus reached, but it cannot be far from 10,000. In this work I have been most ably assisted by my faithful Bible-woman Lieu Ging and by Miss Rouse, who devoted much time to this work until obliged to leave for Kucheng.

We must also express our thanks to Miss Wilkinson for her invaluable assistance in times of sickness and death. When I was forbidden by my physician to go to the Orphanage on account of my own children, Miss Wilkinson stepped in and took my place and did all that possibly could be done. She has indeed fulfilled the law of Christ, "Bear ye one another's burden."

256 letters have been written to friends and patrons of the Orphanage, keeping them posted in regard to their little ones and trying to awaken a greater interest in this important work and urging the necessity of some young lady's giving herself to the care and training and teaching of these precious little ones.
May I ask you to continue to pray for us; that ere long the right young lady may be sent for this work; that God will, if consistent with his will, keep from us sickness and death, and that these little ones may grow up in the knowledge and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

LIANG AU MEDICAL WORK.

FOR THE CONFERENCE YEAR ENDING NOV. 1895.

Several things of special importance has characterized this years work. Aside from the regular coming and going of patients; the visits paid in homes; the regular preaching of the Gospel in the chapel; the bedside teaching of the in-patients and the Dispensary work.

Jan. 18th three of our students who had been with us six years were graduated from the Hospital and received their certificates. This making the third class to receive our certificates. These three women had been faithful hard working painstaking students and we felt well repaid for all our labor on their behalf. Uong Cio Dung Sing Sang Niong, Uong Cio Hwa, Sing Sang Niong, Ho Cang Saeng, Sing Sang Niong. With the exception of Uong Cio Hwa, Sing Sang Niong, we were able to keep these women with us. Ho Sing Sang Niong going into the city to assist Dr. Lyon and Uong Cio Dung to open Medical work in Ming-chiang. Great had been our hopes for Medical work in that District and our student gave fair promise of success, but alas after a few months of labor appreciated by all she succumbed to the disease which so short a time ago deprived her of her husband and now she is patiently waiting the time when she shall be called from her sufferings here below to her reward above, where she will hear her Lord say, as much as ye did it unto the sick ye did it unto me. Several itinerating trips were planned but we were able to make only one, that to Ming-chiang. Free Dispensary work was held in eight different places and
hundreds of people were seen. A small admittance fee was asked and nearly all seemed willing to pay it. We trust this visit was not without profit to many souls as well as bodies. All the Ministers entered into this work and assisted by every means in their power; preaching many times a day and doing much personal work among those who came for Medicine. It was a great pleasure to find amongst some of the earnest christians those who had become so, as the fruit of a similar trip some years ago. This fall Hu King Eng, E Sung has returned to us and now we hope to add her to the excellent corps of teachers we all ready have at the Hospital, and with her splendid training received in America, she ought to attract to our Medical School a large class of students. To our Matron, Teachers, Assistants and Students we owe much of the success that has been ours. In order to make our work what it ought to be we need more largely the co-operation of the christians of our Conference. We christians are not a large band of people and we ought to stand by and support each others work. If the Ministers would talk a little more about our Hospital and would try to get the sick in their parish to come to us and if the christian women would come to us more frequently and pray for us constantly, it would commend our work to the Heathen. Any thing that we are greatly interested in ourselves we can interest others in. We ask you to pray for us this coming year that Gods blessing may rest upon us and that many of our patients may become christians.

Statistical Report.

Patients in the Wards - - - - 228
Patients seen in Dispensaries - - - 3,985
Visits made at bedsides - - - - 1,305
Total persons seen - - - - 5,518
" Prescriptions written and filled - 7,039
" " not filled - 50

Mary Eline Carleton, M.D.
Luella M. Masters, M.D.
WOOLSTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, FOOCHOW CITY.

How the time flies! It seems as if we had had only a good breath since we were writing reports for last Conference.

Yet we can see that a little has been accomplished, and many things encourage us in our work, as we take a retrospective view.

Hospital work is monotonous and not much in it that is of interest to the general reader, so please pardon brevity.

This is the second year of this hospital's work. The people are hearing more about us, as our fame (?) spreads, consequently we have a few more in-patients than was recorded last year, so more have been healed of their bodily ailments, and have heard the story of Jesus, and we are cheered by the greater-interest manifested for the word.

One Bible-woman reports that eight, have become out and out christians and have joined the church, and that sixteen others are believers and wish to join but have been prevented by their husbands or other members of their families in their homes. She adds, that in no other year of her work have the patients been so willing to listen and be taught, but for an example of the other side let me cite a case of a woman brought to us covered with boils, with a high fever, and unable to retain food of any kind on her stomach. She said she had had cholera first previous to coming to us. She and her friends thought we had made a wonderful cure and after she left they paraded the streets with horns carrying a board painted black with gilt characters of praise which they presented to us and hung in our little chapel and waiting room; yet, she would scarcely listen to us as we told her of the Great Physician, saying that she promised the idol one thousand cash, and more earnest worship if he (or it) would allow her to be healed by the foreign physician. She surprized us by coming back to services the Sunday following her departure, and she listened attentively to the sermon. Once since she has returned for medicine, and replied to the Huoi Mu—bible woman. "I now want to believe but my son objects."
(Her husband is dead). We gave her some tracts for the son to read, but have seen nor heard nothing more of her.

As we have been called to the homes of the rich and poor, official and literati, we have been listened to, not only with willingness, but with eagerness, in many cases.

I have had two of our graduates with me for helpers, and splendid work have they done for the Master. They, with the Bible woman, carried on the work with good success during the summer. Our little hospital is packed in between Chinese houses and we all know how cholera raged this summer. It was so common to see the sick, dying, and dead lying in the narrow dirty streets that it took all their strength, courage and fortitude often to go out to their dispensaries and cases, but they worked bravely on and would write to me "Don't come down in the heat and bad odors for it will make you ill."

The situation of the hospital is such that I could not remain here as late in the spring as we usually remain at our work, and the hospital had to be left to these two young Chinese women.

Yet while away I was not idle, for missionaries and community people get sick as well as other people and I was kept quite busy with them, besides seeing a few Chinese, but as the Physicians of the American Board were making a business of them I did but little in that direction.

During the year, our members have not been great. We can accommodate but eighteen in-patients comfortably at a time but our figures are as follows:

- Dispensary patients: 2,520
- Hospital in-patients: 131
- Patients seen at visits: 440
- Ku-liang, and city Prescriptions given: 3,678

We again this year ask for your prayers, for the longer we
remain in China the greater is our faith in prayer, and much can you
do for these poor sin sick as well as bodily ill people. Pray for us.

Respectfully submitted.

ELLEN M. LYON.

BIBLE WOMEN FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

At the beginning of this year, three women were employed as
Bible-women on this District, one at East Street in the city, one at Lu-
loi, and one at Cing Sing Dong. The latter I dismissed at Chinese
New Year. Since then the evangelistic work in that neighborhood,
has been done in connection with the large afternoon Sunday School
by Mrs. Uong Lieu Ging. Her work has resulted in much good. At
East Street and Lu-loi, too, our sisters have been faithful and diligent
and their work has not been without fruit.

In April, a Bible-woman was sent to work at Su-liang Dong
but in August I found it necessary to dismiss her, and since then no
one has been regularly employed there. From these four fields we
have the following report.

More than 5000 have heard the gospel. Ten have been baptized
and fifteen received on probation.

On account of my regular work in the Anglo-Chinese College I
have not been able to do justice to this work. But Miss Rouse dur-
ing her stay in Foochow has been of great assistance in the work. Since
October first she has had five women in training from which number
she hopes to recruit the regular working force. These women report
having visited over one hundred and fifty homes and spoken to one
thousand three hundred people. One of them has persuaded three
probationers to unbind their feet.

Miss Rouse has had some most interesting experiences and has
already seen fruit from her labors in women turning from their idols,
and in the many calls to visit in new homes. Eleven villages have asked to have Bible-women sent to them, and from as many more have been received invitations to homes. Who will carry the Bread of Life to our perishing sisters?

Respectfully submitted.

Sarah M. Bosworth.

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DAY SCHOOLS AND BIBLE WOMEN, HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

The Day School teachers and Bible-women of Hok-chiang District have not had the excellent supervision of Miss Trimble this year. But I believe they are doing their work to please the Lord and not to please men and therefore did their best. I will first speak of the Woman’s School at Ngu-cheng. Mr. Plumb and Mrs. Ding Cio Sai have had charge of this school. Nineteen women have been in school this year. Three of them graduated at the end of the 5th month. (The first 5th month) I have been told that good work has been done by teachers and students.

The school has not been opened since the close of the 5th month.

DAY SCHOOLS.

There have been eleven day-schools this year with a total attendance of 141 pupils. The school at Hai Yeu has had the largest attendance.

I am sorry I have not been able to go to see each school, for I want to get acquainted with teachers and pupils.

Mr. Plumb and the pastors where the schools are located have kindly examined them, for which they have my thanks.

BIBLEWOMEN.

Two Bible-women have been at work all the year, and two more have been working since the Woman’s School closed.
God has given to Biblewomen and School teachers a very important work to do. If you do this work well,—if you do your best—it will not only please God, but it will make you happy in this world and add to your happiness in Heaven.

You, who are working to turn sinners to righteousness, remember what the Bible says in Daniel 12th chapter, 3rd verse. (Please write the verse).

Marie Allen.

HINC-HUA CITY AND INC-CHUNG DISTRICT.

In regard to the work I've been appointed to do I want to give honor to all the native helpers who have worked with me. There are 24 helpers so I cannot name all. All will know by looking at the list of appointments that my work is only that of supervision.

I.—Hamilton Girl's School.
II.—Juliet Turner Woman's School.
III.—Hing-hua City Evangelistic work and Day Schools.
IV.—Ing-chung Girl's and Woman's Boarding School.
V.—Ing-chung Day Schools.
IV.—Ing-chung Bible-women.

I.—Hamilton Girls School has enrolled for the year 88 pupils, 86 of whom were in School during the Spring term, beginning the first Chinese month. We had to turn away many girls for lack of room and money.

DEPORTMENT.—With the exception of a group of girls who for a few weeks fell into temptation and disobedience the girls have given us little trouble.

STUDY.—The work done by pupils has been faithful and effective. The Committee on examination did excellent work and gave good honest marks, therefore some of the girls have to study one book
again. With a careless committee they would have passed. Rev. Ding Cing Guong died and his place is not yet filled. He was teacher of Chinese classics.

Religious Life.—Our school was blessed greatly in the revival. The lives of many were transformed.

The school is divided into six classes with class leaders and each class holds a meeting once a week.

The girls all belong to Epworth or Junior Leagues.

God has blessed us.—We hope to reopen school after Conference and carry on the work interrupted by our being ordered to stay in Foochow.

II. Juliet Turner Woman's School. We have had this past term 35 women in school. There is a growing desire on the part of the women to learn. We received but one in three of the applicants recommended by Quarterly Conferences for entrance the first month. The women did well in their examinations both in the Preparatory Romanized School and in the Regular classical Bible course.

There is a great demand for our women as workers in the ripe harvest field. The good work, those gone out are doing encourages us to go on in training others.

We have outgrown our quarters and rejoice in another gift from Mrs. Turner to enlarge or move our School to another larger place.

III. Two Regular Bible-women and two assistants have been working under my supervision this year. The two in the City have been of great help to the Pastor in looking after the women of the Church and in bringing in great numbers of new women and also in collecting pastor's money. One woman is employed and lives in the Leper chapel to teach that poor people how to be saved, so that while they are so wretched in this life they may go to the Heavenly Kingdom where the inhabitants never say "I am sick."

We have had two day-schools, one in the City where most of the pupils were children of women in the school, but several pupils of
Christians from the City also came in. They took about the same work as other schools. The second school was in the Leper village with 15 pupils. We gave a dinner costing less than one cent each to the pupils. It was surprising to see how much and throughly these poor afflicted ones learned. One woman led to Christ in the school died and requested a Christian burial, which her heathen husband gladly allowed.

This is a mere outline of work done.

IV.—Ing-chung Girl's and Woman's School had 15 girls and 9 women.

I personally visited the School in May and found all just as the monthly reports had led me to expect. The girls were obedient and studious and are very bright, fine girls. We had a great loss in death of Sia Lieng Li teacher in the school. The women had most of them learned to read the Amoy Romanized readily, and were prepared to begin character study at the beginning of the next year. We hope much from this school. As long as we can have such efficient native supervision as this year, these schools should be kept open even if no missionary is sent there.

V.—Four Day Schools have been carried on with success. I have not been able to visit these schools except at Hu Long, but the Presiding Elder has given them much care. All their effectiveness has been due to the teachers work and this work of the Elder. I have sent messages and orders and visited one school at Hu Long in May.

VI.—Bible-women. We have had but one woman at work this year. She has been at Hu Long and worked faithfully in that and adjoining villages.

Many interesting things in regard to all this work might be given to show you how God has led and helped but our report already fills much space.

Respectfully submitted.

Elizabeth Fisher Brewster.
HING-HUA WOMAN'S WORK.

Day Schools, Biblewomen, Evangelistic and Sing-ia Woman's School.

Last year I was appointed to the Poleng and Sing-ia Day Schools, Biblewomen and Evangelistic work, and Sing-ia Woman's School. Have been as careful of time and opportunity as I knew how to be, but so much work has had to be left undone and many times my heart has been sad to have to refuse some call to visit a school or village where the Biblewoman or people were very anxious to have us go.

We visited the schools, and some of the circuits where we have Biblewomen, twice this year and should have gone again this last quarter had we not been detained in Foochow on account of the Ku-cheng troubles, but the examinations were given into the hands of the Presiding Elders and preachers who very kindly did it for us and by the reports rendered show that it was well done.

They have our hearty thanks not only for this but for other assistance in the past. Though knowing it would be well done I longed to return to Hing-hua where a different dialect made it possible to do personal work among the people.

There are 25 Day Schools this year. A few have only 8 and 10 students while others have 20 and more, the largest being 27 pupils.

The teachers have given more time to the meaning and spiritual teachings of the books this year and altogether it has been a successful one.

There are 25 Biblewomen. Some have been in prosperous places, while others have had hard work with little visible success, some have done excellent work, while others have not had the Spirit in such large measure and their work has not had the results in soul saving it might have had.

The Sing-ia Woman's School studied only the Romanized last year, but this year have had a class studying the Classical character as they could not be received into the Poleng School, as formerly,
when they had finished the Romanized course. There have been 22 in all this year, sixteen a term.

They have done well in the amount and quality of work done both in the school and in the village visiting, which was commenced this year, the women going out 2 and 3 afternoons of each week, two by two, with Mr. Deng. This visiting has been a blessing not only to them but to the homes where they have gone.

As we look over the reports from all these lines of work our heart is made glad by the great willingness to hear the Gospel and receive the Light. The Holy Spirit has been so working in the hearts of the people that it was possible to carry a message of love and blessing into any village and receive an attentive hearing and an invitation to return soon again.

We ask your prayers that the Lord's cause may continue to prosper and His name be glorified.

Respectfully submitted.

MINNIE E. WILSON.
XVII. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

FOOCHEW DISTRICT.

J. H. Worley, Presiding Elder,
Post Office, Foochow.

An oung-ga,—Ung Hong Siong.
Foochow,—Ching-sing Dong, Hu Bu Mi, one to be supplied.
Hok-ing Dong,—Dang Seng Ling.
Sieu-liang Dong,—To be supplied.
Tieng-ang Dong,—Uong Di Gi.
West-gate,—Co Kong Ching.
Iek-iang,—Li Ko Dung.
Lu-loi,—To be supplied.
Ngio-cang,—Ling Dieu Gek.
Ngukang,—Ding Daing Dieu.
Nguong-die,—Uong Gi Uong.
Puo-a,—Dong Cing Ga.

W. H. Lacy, Superintendent Mission Press; Member of Cing-sing Dong Quarterly Conference.

N. J. Plumb, President School of Theology; Member of Tieng-ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

J. H. Worley, Uong Di Gi, Sia Tieng Ang Professors School of Theology; Sia Tieng Ang, Member of Tieng-ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

G. B. Smyth, President of the Anglo-Chinese College, Principal of Boys' Boarding School and Editor of Fohkien Church Advocate; Member of Tieng-ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

G. S. Miner, Professor in Anglo-Chinese College, Superintendent of Day Schools supported by special gifts; Member of Sieu-liang Dong Quarterly Conference.
Sia Sek Ong, Associate Editor Fohkien Christian Advocate; Member of Tieng-ang Dong Quarterly Conference.
Miss S. M. Bosworth, Mrs. G. B. Smyth, Mrs. W. H. Lacy, and Mrs. G. S. Miner, Instructors in the Anglo-Chinese College.

HAI TANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG, PRESIDING ELDER.

G. S. Miner, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Dai-bang,—Ung Seng Chuang.
Dai-ho,—To be supplied.
Dai-liang,—To be supplied.
Den-chieong,—To be supplied.
Ngü-seu and Bak-sua,—Ü Sieu E.
Tang-tau,—Cheng Ung Uong.

HOK CHIANG DISTRICT.

NGOI GI LANG, PRESIDING ELDER.

G. H. Worley, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Deng-aing,—Ling Mi Ing.
Deng-cheng,—To be supplied.
Geng-giang,—Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ho Ik Ngüng.
Ha-gong-ing,—To be supplied.
Hai-ju,—Huong Daik Chiong.
Hai-kau,—To be supplied.
**APPOINTMENTS.**

Ha-ü,—To be supplied.
Hok-chiang City,—Sie Seng Cang, Ciong Hok Chü,
Ngü-cheng,—Ho Dieu Ieu, Siek Gi Ciong.
Ngü-ka,—Ü Siu Ling.
Sang-sang,—To be supplied.
Siek-geng,—Li Gi Chiong, Ung Uong Cui.
Sing-dong,—To be supplied.
Siong-gong-ing,—Uong Hung Ngüong.

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**BUO-DIENG DISTRICT.**

LI DIONG CUI, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. N. Brewster, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Bak-go-lau,—To be supplied.
Bing-hai,—Ling Ming Sang, Li Ko Ding, two to be supplied.
Buo-hi,—To be supplied.
Cheng-cai,—Ngü Ing Gi.
Chung-dieng,—Saeng Hok Ming.
Deng- nguong,—Uong Deng Huong.
Dëng-sang,—Diong Hok Gi.
Gang-kau,—Ding Soi Ling.
Guang-an,—Siek Sek Diong.
Hang-geng,—To be supplied.
Hing-hua City,—Ding Nik Sing.
Hong-ciak and Deng-cio,—Uong Tieng Siong.
Kang-back,—Ding Tieng Buoi.
Kia-siok,—To be supplied.
Nang-nik,—Ling Cing Cieng.
Sa-huong,—Saeng Bang Ciong.
FOOCHOW CONFERENCE.

Song-dai-li,—To be supplied.
W. N. Brewster Principal Bible Training School and Boys' Boarding School.
Hu Caik Hang, Assistant Principal Bible Training School; Member of Hing-hua City Quarterly Conference.
Saeng Hok Lieng, Monitor Boys' Boarding School; Member of Hing-hua City Quarterly Conference.

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ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.

Iong Daik Cheu, Presiding Elder.

N. J. Plumb, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chiak-cui,—Ung Guok Hing.
Cheng-cui-ding,—To be supplied.
Ching-cui-de,—To be supplied.
Dai-cheng,—Ceng Cong Ming, one to be supplied.
Daik-hua,—Song Guong Huo, one to be supplied.
Hu-iong,—To be supplied.
Ing-chung City,—To be supplied.
Maeng-u,—To be supplied.
Ngu-bo,—To be supplied.
To-Nguong,—To be supplied.

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KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

Iek Ing Guang, Presiding Elder.

M. C. Wilcox, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chong-tau,—Diong Ming Dung.
Ding-sang,—Ling Ui Sieng.
Dio-a,—Ding Siu Kung.
Dong-huang,—Ling Siu Ing.
APPENDMENTS.

Dun-giang,—Ding Bo Cing.
Go-iong,—Ding Bek Dak.
Huang-di-iong,—Supply.
Huang-kang,—To be supplied.
Ku-cheng City,—Tiang Ngük Cēu, one to be supplied.
Ku-de,—Ling Ching Mi, one to be supplied.
Liang-nang,—Ding Iok Nguong, two to be supplied.
Loi-hung,—Ling Dieu Daik.
Sek-baik-du,—Tiang Ngük Chiu.
Seng-iong and Dio-siong,—To be supplied.
Seng-lōng and Gang-ka,—Ling Heng Tung, one to be supplied.
Ting Ung Tieu, Superintendent W. F. M. S. Schools.

MINGCHIANG DISTRICT.

Chiong Daik Liong, Presiding Elder.

G. B. Smyth, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chek-du,—To be supplied.
Chiong-iong,—To be supplied.
Lek-du,—Ding Daik LIONG, Ding Tieng Buoi.
Ne-du,—Ding Cing Seng, two to be supplied.
Sek-ek-du,—Li Guong Sieu.
Sek-lek-du,—To be supplied.
Sek-ngo-du,—Lau Guang Hung, two to be supplied.
Sek-se-du,—Uong Huong Sing.

SIENC-IU DISTRICT.

Ling Ming Chiong, Presiding Elder.

W. N. Brewster, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Buo-moi,—Saeng Ngük Chung, two to be supplied.
Chiong-ong,—Li Nga Hung, two to be supplied.
Cia-sang,—Ling Seng Eü, two to be supplied.
Deng-liong,—To be supplied.
Gie-dieng,—To be supplied.
Gieng-sang,—Ding Nik Ong.
Hu-sang,—To be supplied.
Lieng-cü,—Ding Ga Sing, three to be supplied.
Lieng-hua,—Uong Nguk Ciong, two to be supplied.
Lung-hu-sang,—To be supplied.
Sieng-iu City,—Ling Hung Cho.
Ung-sü,—Dong Sieng Nguong.
R. L. McNabb, Absent on leave.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY WORK.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

Foochow Girls' Boarding School,—Miss Julia Bonafield, Miss Lydia A. Wilkinson.
Foochow Woman's School,—Miss Mary Peters.
Orphanage,—Mrs. Emma Nind Lacy, Miss Mable Allen.
Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Willma H. Rouse.
Liang-au Hospital Evangelistic Work,—Miss Mary Peters.
Medical Work,—Dr. Ellen M. Lyon, Dr. Luella M. Masters, Dr. Hü King Eng.
General Medical Work,—Dr. Mary Eline Carleton.
Student of the Language,—Miss Allie Linam.

MING-CHIANG DISTRICT.

Woman’s School, Day Schools and Bible Woman’s Work,—Miss Mary Peters.
HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.
Woman's School, Girls' Boarding School, Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Mable Allen, Miss Julia Bonafied.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.
Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Lydia A. Wilkinson.

HING-HUA DISTRICT.
Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Minnie E. Wilson.
Woman's School and Girls' Boarding School,—Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Brewster.
Medical Work,—Dr. Julia M. Donahue.
Student of the Language,—Miss Phoebe Wells.

SIENG-IU DISTRICT.
Woman's School, Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Minnie E. Wilson.

ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.
Woman's School, Girls' Boarding School, Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Brewster, Miss Minnie E. Wilson.

KU-CHENG DISTRICT.
Woman's School, Girls' Boarding School, Day Schools Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Willma H. Rouse.
Student of the Language,—Miss Althea Todd.

LONG-BING DISTRICT.
Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Willma H. Rouse.

ABSENT IN AMERICA.
Miss Carrie I. Jewell, Miss Lydia A. Trimble, and Miss Ruth Marie Sites.
XVIII. STATISTICAL TABLES.

Geo. S. Miner, Statistical Secretary.

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