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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

NAME

This organization shall be called the Foochow Woman's Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSE

The object of this organization is a united effort for advancing the Kingdom of Christ among women and children in China by the presentation of reports from missionaries and delegates, the discussion of methods of work, the consideration of customs not in accord with Christian principles and the making of recommendations in regard to the same.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERS

The membership of this Conference shall consist of properly accredited Chinese delegates elected by the District Conferences on the following basis: one from each institution or department of work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, one pastor's wife and one lay woman, together with the representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the General Board and with any other foreign women engaged in the work of the two Societies.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be a President, two Vice-presidents, two Secretaries (one English and one Chinese) and a Statistical Secretary.

BY-LAWS

I. This Conference shall convene at the same time and place as the Foochow Annual Conference.

II. The order of business shall be as follows:--

1. Devotions.

2. Calling of roll by Secretary.

3. Election of officers.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Reports of Work.
7. Appointment of standing Committees.

III. The rules of order shall be as follows:—
1. Each session shall open and close with prayer.
2. Resolutions to be discussed must be submitted in writing.
3. Reports of Committees shall be given daily after reading of minutes.

IV. The Standing Committees shall be appointed by a Committee chosen for this purpose and are as follows:—
1. Evangelistic.
2. Educational.
3. Medical.
4. Reform Measures.
5. Program.
6. Publications.
7. Entertainment.
8. Credentials.

V. Duty of officers:—
1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Conference and supervise all its general interests.
2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer and to aid her in her work.
3. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to keep a record of the proceedings of the meeting and to notify those members who are on committees of their duties.

VI. Election of Officers.
1. The officers shall be elected at the last session of the annual meeting by a majority of all the votes cast.

VII. Quorum.
1. A majority of the members attending the Conference shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. Amendments.
1. This Constitution and By-Laws may be added to or changed by a two thirds vote of the members present at any annual session.
OFFICERS

President: — Miss Mabel C. Hartford
Vice-President: — Miss Mable Allen

SECRETARIES

English: — Miss Jane E. Nevitt
Chinese: — Miss Dieu Siok Ieng
Statistical: — Miss Cora E. Simpson

Report of Nominating Committee

To Publish Conference Minutes: —
Miss Jane E. Nevitt, Miss Dieu Siok Ieng,
Miss Elsie G. Clark.

Delegates to Foochow Annual Conference: —
Dr. Mary E. Carleton, Mrs Ciong.

To write to Missionaries at home: —
Miss Jennie D. Jones, Miss Ruby Sia.

To write to the General Executive Meeting: —
Miss Carrie Bartlett.

To write to Women's Conferences in China: —
Miss Menia H. Wanzer, Mrs. Mary Lau.

Correspondents of the Woman's Missionary Friend: —
Miss Mabel C. Hartford, Miss Mary Sing Gieu Carleton.

Correspondent of Junior Missionary Friend: —
Miss Cora E. Simpson.

Correspondent of Chinese Christian Advocate: —
Mrs. Ding Guang Deu.

Correspondent of China Christian Advocate: —
Mrs. Walter N. Lacy,
{ Miss Alice Linam
Miss Lura Hefty
Miss Elizabeth M. Strow
Miss Mary Sing Gieu Carleton
Mrs. Ciong

Nominating Committee
Members of Woman's Conference

Foochow District
Mrs. Ding Daik Ing, Mrs. Ciong, Miss Dieu Siok Ieng
Mrs. Ling, Miss Adams, Miss Billing, Miss Clark, Miss Folenshee, Miss Gaylord, Miss Hall, Miss Hostetter, Miss Hurlbut, Dr. Hu, Dr. Lyon, Miss Mann, Miss Nevitt, Miss Plumb, Miss Sia, Miss Simpson, Miss Strow, Miss Trimble, Miss Wallace, Miss Wanzer, Mrs. Eyestone, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Gossard, Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. Lacy, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Main, Mrs. G. S. Miner, *Mrs. W. H. Miner, Mrs. Sites, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Wilkinson.

Hai-tsang (Hai-tang) District
Miss Bertha Li, *Miss Glassburner, Miss J. D. Jones.

Ku-tien (Ku-cheng) and Ku-de Districts
Mrs. Ding Siok Li, Mrs. Si Eu Seu Leng, Mrs. Cieng Ung Hua, Miss Eichenberger, Miss Hefty, Miss Peters, *Mrs. Trumble, Mrs. Worley.

Mintsing (Ming-chiang) District
Mrs. Lau Guang Hung, Uong Ai Nguk, Ngu Ik Ding, Uong Pek Nguk, Dr. Carleton, Miss Mary Carleton, Miss Mace, Mrs. Bissonnette.

Lung-tien (Ngu-cheng) and Fu-ching (Hok-chiang) Districts
Ling Ho Saeng, Ho Ngung Saeng, Sie Ding Saeng, Ling Ngung Saeng, Uong Hie Ciu, Li Soi Ching, Mrs. Sie, Miss Allen, Miss Bartlett, *Dr. Li, *Mrs. H. R. Caldwell, Mrs. H. V. Lacy.

Yenping District

Iu-ka (Yu-ki) District
Mrs. Hung Nguong Seng, Miss Hartford.

Ing-ang District
Mrs. Williams.

*Not present at Conference Session
DAILY JOURNAL

First Day, Wednesday, October 14, 1914

The thirtieth annual session of the Foochow Woman’s Conference convened at half past two o’clock on Wednesday afternoon, October 14, 1914 in the chapel of the Foochow Girls’ Intermediate School, with the vice-president, Mrs. Worley, in the chair.

The devotional service was led by Rev. Iek Duang Mi of the Anglican Church, who used as his Scripture texts the fifteenth chapter of John and Mark 16:15. Following his talk an anthem was sung by some of the students of the College Preparatory School.

The following officers were then elected:

President. . Miss Mabel C. Hartford
Vice-President. . . Miss Mable Allen
English Secretary . . Miss Jane Ellen Nevitt
Chinese Secretary. Miss Dieu Siok Ieng
Statistical Secretary. . Miss Cora E. Simpson

Mr. Cio Lik Daik, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., addressed the conference using as his subject “The Hand of God in Fukien’s Evangelistic Campaign.”

After a solo by Mr. Edwin C. Jones the president called for the roll-call of delegates from the various districts.

The proposed new constitution was read by Miss Ruby Sia and it was voted to adopt it as a whole.

The president then appointed the following nominating committee: Misses Linam, Strow, Hefty, Carleton, and Mrs. Ciong.

The new missionaries who had arrived since the close of the conference of last year—Misses Hall, Hurlbut, Hostetter and Gaylord—were introduced. Misses Linam and Adams, Mrs. Eyestone and Mrs. Ford, recently returned from furlough, were also greeted by the conference.

It was moved that the English reports be given by the missionaries in the evening at 7:30 at the Tai Maiu home.

The delegates were invited to go over to the reception then being given to the joint conferences to meet Bishop and
Mrs. Lewis, and the meeting adjourned with the singing of the doxology.

At 7:30 the English session was held for the hearing of the missionaries' reports.

**Second Day, Thursday, October 15, 1914**

At half past two o'clock the conference came together for its second session. The meeting was opened with song. Mr. Iek, one of the fraternal delegates from the Foochow Annual Conference then in session led in prayer, after which he presented the greetings of the conference.

Mrs. C. M. Lacey Sites had charge of the devotional service of the afternoon, bringing us an inspiring message from the women of Korea, whom she had visited in the summer. She gave as the text that shows the policy of the Korean Christians and explains their success, 1 Cor. 2:2, “For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” Two of the favorite hymns of the Koreans were sung, “Glory to His name” and “There is a fountain filled with blood.”

After the devotional service the minutes of the previous day were read in English and in Chinese and were approved.

Mrs. Eyestone then brought a message in song to the conference. Following this Miss Simpson conducted a discussion as to the “Immediate Need of the Women in Fukien.” Representatives from the various districts gave short talks, each showing something of the present condition of women in her district. While conditions are vastly better than they were a few years ago yet much still remains to be done in banishing illiteracy, foot-binding, infant betrothal, disease, idol worship, and other evils. Those taking part in the discussion were as follows: Yenping, Mrs. Ling; Ingang, Mrs. Williams; Haitang, Miss Bertha Li; Fuching, Mrs. Ling; Iuka, Mrs. Chai; Mingsing, Miss Mary Carleton; Kude, Mrs. Ding; Kutien, Miss Mary Peters; Foochow, Miss Ruby Sia. Miss Sia spoke of the terrible evil that seems at present to be spreading in Foochow, that of traffic in girls and women. A petition written by Dr. Hu King Eng to the governor-general asking that he stop the proposed building of places of ill fame was read, and a committee composed of Dr. Hu, Miss Sia, and Mrs. Sites was appointed to present the petition to the governor-general.

After the discussion a group of students of the Foochow Girls' Intermediate School sang a missionary hymn.
Bishop Lewis, the second of the fraternal delegates from the Annual Conference, was then introduced, and after some words of greeting dismissed the conference with the benediction.

A second English session was held in the evening at 7:30 at the Tai Maiu home to hear the reading of the remainder of the reports written by the missionaries.

**Third Day, Friday, October 16, 1914**

The meeting of the third day was opened at 2:30 with song by the conference. Some of the primary children of the Foochow Girls' Intermediate School then sang "God will take care of you."

Mr. Iek Duang Mi again conducted the devotional service. His text was I Timothy 4:13, and in his talk he stressed strongly the importance of prayerful Bible study.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read in English and in Chinese and were approved.

The report of the nominating committee was read by Miss Hefty and was adopted. (See page 3). Dr. Carleton, as one of the delegates to the Foochow Annual Conference, asked permission to ask the help of said annual conference in the matter presented by Miss Sia on the preceding day. The conference by a rising vote granted her the desired permission.

Miss Helen B. Crane, secretary of the Y W C. A., gave a short address taking as her subject, "The Y. W. C. A. as an Evangelising Force in China."

A second address was given by Mr. Uong Gang Huo. His subject was "Our Responsibility in the Present Evangelistic Campaign of Fukien." He showed that the work is not just the work of the men but is God's work, and so the responsibility rests upon the Christian women as well as upon the Christian men.

After a song by the conference Miss Ruby Sia gave the report of the Foochow Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S., telling the purpose of its organization, its plan of organization, and something of its work done during the year. Mrs. Ling told of the organization of the auxiliary at the Magaw Memorial Hospital.

An amendment was made to Article VI of the By-laws of the new constitution, said amendment providing that the officers shall be elected at the last session of the annual meeting instead of at the first session as previously stated.
It was voted that the Chinese secretary be instructed to write a letter to Dr. Hu King Eng expressing the sympathy of the conference with her in her recent bereavement in the loss of her brother.

A letter of greeting from the Woman’s Conference of Central China was read by the English secretary.

After the singing of a hymn Miss Trimble led in prayer. The minutes of this last meeting were then read in English and in Chinese and were accepted. Then, after a few moments of silent prayer, the thirtieth session of the Foochow Woman’s Conference was adjourned.

JANE ELLEN NEVITT,
Secretary.
REPORTS

FOOCHOW DISTRICT

College Preparatory Department
of
The Woman’s College of South China
LYDIA A. TRIMBLE, President.

L. ETHEL WALLACE  ELSIE G. CLARK
RUBY SIA  BAYLIE HALL
MARY MANN  FLOSSIE HOSTETTER
MRS. T. M. WILKINSON  EDITH F. GAYLORD

As we review the year it is with joy that we note progress in every phase of our work. We received a class of twenty-three girls this year, the largest in the history of our institution. The girls in this class came from our boarding schools in Ngu-cheng, Sing-ju, Kucheng, Foochow, Swatow, and Amoy. One from the Woman’s Law School in Foochow city, and one from a private school. With the entrance of this large Freshman class we have now a total enrollment of seventy-three.

We also graduated our largest class from our College Preparatory and Normal Departments this year, in number just twice that of last year. They are sixteen splendid girls who are either doing faithful work as teachers or are continuing their studies. Of this class four have entered our first college class, two are teaching in our boarding school at Kucheng, two at Yenping, one at Mingsing, one at Ngu-cheng, two at Hing-hua, two at Foochow, and two are taking special work in music in Shanghai.

At last the hope of many years has been consummated. Our college work is now no longer a dream but a reality. We are quite sure that no institution was ever prouder of her first college class than we are of ours. They are five splendid girls representing Foochow, Hing-hua, Kucheng, and Amoy. We have been very much pleased indeed, to find that these girls who during their high school course have taken all their mathematics and sciences in Chinese and have had English only as one subject in their course are now able to take their full college
work in English. To appreciate just what this means, we should think of an American girl on graduation from high school pursuing her full college course in the French or German language.

Words fail to describe the advance made in equipment: we have moved from our crowded rented quarters into our spacious new buildings where we have well equipped class-rooms for every department of our work. The devotion of our women at home in making possible these beautiful buildings will surely be repaid a hundred-fold in the ever increasing number of trained Christian young women who will go forth to render service to their less fortunate sisters.

Many valuable additions have been made to our teaching staff. A fine Chinese scholar has been engaged as a teacher of Chinese classics. Our society has sent us this year teachers for the following departments, science, English, household science and also a physical director.

Last in order, but first in importance—for this is the aim and crown of all our work—there has been a deepening in the spiritual lives of the students. For the first time in the history of our Student Young Woman's Christian Association, the closing meeting of the year was conducted entirely by the seniors, and it thrilled one to the heart's core as these girls brought their messages to the girls whom they were soon to leave. The president brought a very strong message, the burden of which was, "Ye are the salt of the earth". During her student days she has been, and will in the future indeed be, the saving salt in whatever community her lot is cast, and yet such is her deep humility that in tears she confessed her failure to live the Christ-life before her fellow-students. That which made our hearts glad as we listened to each one was the strong impression borne in upon us that these girls had entered into a vital union with Christ; their words were not from their lips alone but out of the depths of a real heart experience which had been growing during their busy school-days.

As time goes on and our institution is becoming better known we are receiving applications from an ever widening circle, and while we are glad to welcome graduates from the various government schools, officials' daughters, and others of influence, we keep ever before us the main ideal, the training of Christian leaders. We cannot forget for a moment that we are
but one link in the chain which binds all our work together form the smallest day-school up through the intermediate and high school to the college. We exist for each other, and united we will help to usher in the Kingdom in Southern China.

For all the good gifts of the year, for the growth and progress in our work, we give to Him who is the Source all the praise and glory.

Girls' Primary and Intermediate School

Florence J. Plumb

Menia H. Wanzer        Jane Ellen Nevitt

Fifty-five years ago this autumn, the Foochow Girls’ School was founded,—only a tiny seedling then, planted with fears, yearning hopes and prayers! Today that little seedling has grown far beyond the highest hopes of those who planted it.

The discouragements and difficulties of those early days in the work for Chinese girls are absolutely unknown to us of this generation, who today see the girls of China reaching out eager hands for an education, glad to pay according to their means for what they receive.

A look at our statistics for this year will certainly show the truth of the above statement, for we have had a larger enrollment than ever before in all the history of the school, totaling two hundred and twenty-seven.

In 1913, our numbers had grown so large that we had overflowed our school rooms, and a new building for our primary department was an imperative need. So during last autumn term, the new primary school building was begun, and the work went on so rapidly that by the time the school opened for its spring term of work, the building was ready for use. It is a plain, but substantial building, not large, but quite suitable for our needs, we thought, as in it we can accommodate one hundred children. This building was erected as the Mary Hartsock Memorial.

With our increased accommodations, we thought it would be well to circulate a notice informing the public that we were prepared to receive a larger number of pupils in our primary department. Before the notice had come from the printers,
however, we had promised all the applicants that we could possibly accommodate, and had turned away a large number because we had no more room.

As for self-support, we have received for board and tuition during the year $2031 (Mexican).

Besides our satisfaction in having the new primary building, we are constantly grateful for the comfort and convenience of having a special place for our music work. "Huntley Hall," named for our beloved Mrs. Huntley, Secretary of the Baltimore Branch, is one of our greatest blessings, and the music work under Miss Warzer, is proving one of the most helpful and uplifting forces of the school.

In February Miss Bonasfield left us for her furlough, and her departure has left a void that cannot be filled. How we miss her and long for her return to the work to which she has given so many years, and which so greatly needs her.

But we are so thankful for Miss Nevitt, who since last conference, has completed her first year of study, and is now doing full work, carrying heavy burdens during Miss Bonasfield's absence.

After ten years of most devoted, efficient service to the school, our dear sister, Miss May Hu, is taking a year's vacation. She left in July for Peking, where she expects to spend the coming year. We miss her very much indeed, but are so glad that the change has already been of great benefit to her health.

At the close of the school year in January, a class of eight finished the intermediate course, and nine were graduated from the Primary Teacher's Normal Course. Most of the intermediate graduates are continuing their studies in the high school here or in some other place, while the nine normal girls are engaged in teaching in primary schools in Foochow, or in the districts from which they came to us.

The class of 1915 is the largest class we have yet had to graduate—eighteen—though at the present writing our hearts are deeply saddened because one of the brightest and sweetest girls of the class is lying at death's door, and we fear she may not be with us again. We are thankful that she was a Christian, and from a Christian home, so she knows Jesus as her Saviour.

With a large proportion of our pupils coming from non-Christian homes, we realize the great opportunity and respon-
sibility that we have, of carrying the Gospel to those so closely connected with us. For several years we have employed a Bible-woman to visit in the homes of our pupils. This most faithful, consecrated woman is doing good work in bringing to the mothers of our girls a fuller knowledge of Christ and His Gospel.

For two years, a special feature of the spring term has been the "Reception Day" of each class. On these afternoons, the mothers, sisters, aunts, and cousins, accompanied, of course, by the little sisters and brothers, have been our guests, and the girls have taken great pride in preparing a program, in which the instructive, as well as the entertaining, had a place. Then there was tea and cakes for the visitors, followed by calisthenics on the drill court, which gave us a splendid opportunity to get acquainted with our guests.

This spring, the thought came to us, "Why not have a Fathers' Day, as well as a Mothers' Day? Why not get acquainted with the fathers and uncles of our girls, and let them know something more of the school to which they are sending their girls?" Though a new idea there seemed to be no reason why it should not be carried out. Every girl in the school was permitted to invite either her father or uncle, and it was but natural that in at least a few cases where there was no father or uncle who could come, a brother received and took advantage of the printed invitation, which also served as a ticket of admission.

Miss Wanzer prepared a musical program, in which every class took part, and Mr. Ding, our senior gentleman teacher, gave an address concerning the history and aim of the school. The chapel was filled, and we heard that there were those who were not fathers and uncles who wished they were, that they might be guests on this occasion. It was a very interesting audience, and a representative one, composed of men from all classes of society. The calisthenics by the little girls, and the tour of the buildings, when school rooms, dining-rooms and kitchen—every place but dormitories—were inspected with great interest,—all were enjoyed. We have since heard from several of the visiting gentlemen that they were glad that their daughters are in this school, as what they learn here is helping them to become good, useful women.

Along the line of religious work and Christian teaching of the youth, we are convinced that the Sunday school is a most
potent force. During the year, our Sunday school has been reorganized, and under Miss Wanzer’s superintendence, it has developed into an up-to-date Sunday school, with a large corps of teachers, each having a small number of pupils under her care. There are twenty-four classes in all, twenty-three of which meet on Sunday morning. Of this number, seven are in the intermediate department, composed of the older girls, and sixteen are in the primary department. We have weekly normal training classes for the teachers of each department. Our teachers all teach in the Sunday school, and in addition, the members of our highest class are all teaching primary classes either in our own Sunday school, or in the Sunday school held at the church on Sunday afternoons.

Attendance at Sunday school is required of all the pupils of our school, so Sunday morning sees quite as full an attendance as any week day, and indeed the Sunday school is such an interesting and delightful place, that all are glad to come, and often bring their little brothers and sisters with them. It is interesting, too, to see how the work of teaching and helping others is developing the older girls. A desire to serve others is here created which we feel will not leave them as they go out from our midst.

Throughout the year, the all-round development of the girls,—culture of their mental, physical and spiritual natures—has been most earnestly and prayerfully sought for, and we ask God’s blessing on what we have tried to do—to make these lives beautiful, helpful, life-giving to the many in darkness and sin around them.

Primary Day Schools
and
Mary E. Crook Children’s Home
Elizabeth M. Strow

Primary Day Schools
During the past year seventeen faithful teachers have been at work sowing the gospel seed as well as teaching the regular studies in the day school course in fifteen schools throughout the district. In the city we have three very good schools; that at Boding-haeng was opened early in the year and the teacher,
who is the wife of the assistant pastor, is a graduate of the Primary Teacher's Normal Class. At the examination in June the pupils did excellent work and gave every evidence of careful training. This year we have had two teachers at East Street and are continuing to rent the property next to the church; we had hoped to be able to purchase it when we got the money for a model day school building, but at present the price is prohibitive. We expect to open a school at Hua-haeng this week.

Between the island and the city, there are four schools; Dading has two teachers again this year, one of whom is also a graduate of the Primary Teacher's Normal Class; we have not had as many pupils as formerly this fall, because the plague was very bad in that section in the summer; the pastor's wife died of it and also the teacher of the boys' day school, and pupils are very slow in coming back. At the urgent request of the pastor we opened a school at Au-cheng at the beginning of the year. A number of years ago we had had a teacher there but she was not a success; the present teacher is doing very fine work. Visiting there one day shortly after it was opened I noticed a woman studying with the children and inquired about her, and was told that she was a young widow who was supposed to be possessed with an evil spirit. When she heard of the school she wanted to study and her family finally allowed her to go and live with the teacher, they paying her board with the hope that she would be helped; the faithful teacher has worked and prayed with her and now she is a happy Christian. After she got well the family said they could no longer support her there as she was able to come home and help with the work of the home but after a great deal of persuasion she is still in school and now another woman, afflicted in the same way, wants to come and live with the teacher.

We have two schools up the river and I regret that I have been able to make that trip only once this year but the teachers are doing their best, I feel quite certain. Down at Daining the work is done under very great difficulties. The school is held in the open court; while we were conducting the last examination as I looked at the surroundings I felt sure that a teacher at home would feel that she never could accomplish anything under such conditions, and yet the children did surprisingly well. The large open court was also the store room for several families and as they were farmers all the farming utensils were stacked up on one side; off in a corner about twenty
idols of various sizes were piled up and next to them about twenty or more ancestral tablets were arranged. Back of where I was sitting two women were grinding rice, and we had the usual company of onlookers, tho they were not very noisy. But altho the floor was clean and it was quite orderly still it was not a model school room, tho the maps and blackboard were on the wall, and the chairs and tables in proper order. This teacher is a graduate of the Foochow Boarding School, at home with her parents who are not Christians, and she seemed a very different woman from the women around her.

Our other schools are all on Nantai Island. That at A-do still keeps up its fine record; this teacher has had a good school for over twenty years.

Early in the year we planned to have a two weeks’ conference institute, but the time had to be given to the Sunday school institute. The teachers came in and enjoyed that and then stayed a few days longer for some special lectures and helps. One of the teachers of the Foochow Boarding School had been of great assistance in examinations and visiting and helping in the schools, and while we are glad for the home which she is now making happy, we greatly miss her in the work.

With the hope that we may work up to self-support in the day schools, this year we are asking each scholar to pay twenty cents a year and at the June examinations it was no difficulty to collect half of this sum. Of course the amount is small but I had to fix it so that even the poorest could pay. Next year we hope we can ask for more.

Christmas boxes have come from Emory Church, Jersey City and from Long Branch, and we are very grateful to these friends, for they helped us to send the Christmas cheer into many homes at that happy season.

We feel that these little lights, shining in the needy places, can become strong centres for the Gospel light, and we long for the time when we shall have good buildings and better equipment for these foundation schools.

Mary E. Crook Children’s Home

Miss Wells left for furlough in July and asked me to look after some of her work until Conference. As I have been associated with the Children’s Home before it was somewhat of a pleasure to be with this work again. I find, however,
that the work has changed and the problems are greater. The children who were in kindergarten then are now in primary school and we have only one baby left and she is five years old. Three of the girls are married and are happy mothers, while three more are looking towards matrimony in the near future. The kindergarten is in charge of one of our girls, Ai Lang, who took the course in Peking, and she has for an assistant one of her younger sisters. Miss Hefty says only kind words of the work of Ai Hiong who is the special teacher for deaf and dumb at Kutien, and Dr. Gloss writes that Sing Li is slow but sure and will make a very good physician. We have one girl in Nanking who has a special scholarship provided by a gentleman in Pacific Branch and she is doing fine work in music; we expect her back soon to help in Foochow. Two of our girls have studied photography and we are hoping that the outfit purchased in Shanghai will soon be here for them. They are most enthusiastic over their work and we believe that they will make it a success. The other children are students, three in the College Preparatory and the others at Tai Mau, and for those who are specially slow we have a little class at home.

We feel most fortunate in being able to secure Miss Li Chung Nguk as matron and pray that her strong Christian influence may be felt among these children as she minglest with them and directs their home life.

The little houses put up for little tots are now too small and are getting so old and out of repair that we question the advisability of spending much money to repair them, if we had the repair money. We need a comfortable house, for tho no new children are coming to us, still we shall have to have a home for those we have for some time to come. If you wish to see how things are, I invite you to come over and see us yourself and perhaps you will agree with me that things do wear out and children do grow too large for infant’s quarters.

Above everything else we pray that the children who belong to the Mary E. Crook Home may be trained to lives of usefulness in the Master’s vineyard. All are not alike; we have the slow ones and others who give more promise, but we pray for all, that the Christ may live in the heart of each one and, then we know that He will take care of the work and the worker.
Mary E. Crook Kindergarten
Emma Eichenberger

We have been having two circles during the past year, half of the children coming in the morning, the other half in the afternoon. More than we could handle on one circle came to us, so we decided to divide in this way, giving both circles a shorter session than we had been having in the morning when all the children came. The first term, in the fall, we enrolled seventy-six and in the spring term eighty-two. Bad weather at different times and feasts and holidays throughout the year brought down the average of attendance but we have worked to secure more regular attendance at both kindergarten and Sunday school and to a certain extent have been successful, but it is not yet all that we desire.

We lost some of the children when their parents discovered that we were no longer teaching the reading and writing of Chinese characters. The year before, we had permitted the teaching of characters to the older children who came back in the afternoon for reading, writing, arithmetic, and calisthenics. Even then, however, we felt not only that it is not right to require such work of children of kindergarten age but positively wrong to allow them to do it. But as it was what the parents wanted we yielded to them at first until they could learn more about the kindergarten, what it really is and what it proposes to do and can do for the little child. We have succeeded in winning some to our way of thinking but others are not yet convinced.

We do not wonder that they want their children to begin early on the characters when we remember how many, many of them there are to acquire and how very difficult they are to learn. And we know that it is of no small importance that both boys and girls gain a thorough knowledge of them, but we fully believe that if the little child first has proper kindergarten training, he will later be the better able more rapidly to acquire and retain the characters, in a short time more than making up for the one, two, or even three years that, according to some parents' ideas, he has lost. It is a sight no kindergartner can bear, that of little four and five-year-old children, foreheads wrinkled or wet with perspiration, putting forth every ounce of their tiny strength to master the lesson assigned, rocking back and forth saying over and over again the characters they are trying to learn, or, with heads bent low over slates or papers, trying to
make the difficult strokes with little hands whose muscles are as yet untrained to such fine work. We say nothing against build-
ing or playing with blocks on which the characters are printed or written, or against making them with sticks in the sand or in any way into which enters the spirit of play. But many par-
ents do not consider this serious enough work for even very young children. However, we are working toward, and some day will have, a more ideal kindergarten which will be better understood by all the parents.

We felt that we were not getting into the homes of the children nor winning their people as we should and so secured a Bible-woman to help us in the work of visiting in the homes, for which we had been unable to find all the time that should be given. All of her time was to be given to calling in the homes of the children, becoming acquainted with parents and relatives, telling them the Gospel story, explaining the work of the kind-
dergarten, and trying to get the children to come more regularly to both kindergarten and Sunday school.

Miss Wells had been trying to think of a change of work and location for one of her Bible-women who was ailing and needed to get out of the crowded district in which she had been living and working, and this woman seemed to be just the one we needed. So she came to us and began her work with enthu-
siasm and real love for it, but the Father in Heaven had better plans for her. She fell ill and in a short time was called home. We were sad, for we needed her, but rejoice with her in her great happiness. We were unable, during the rest of the year, to secure another Bible-woman but at the beginning of the fall term in the new year one who had done good work at the hos-
pital came to us.

One of our little ones, a girl from a home where she was loved dearly, left us one day to join the happier circle in her heavenly home with the great Friend of little children. Such a timid, quiet little girl was Sieu Ing, but she thoroughly enjoyed in her way the stories and songs, the work and play of the kind-
dergarten, and often made a little play-mate happy by practicing the little lessons of thoughtfulness and kindness she had learned.

Our teachers this year have been the same, Miss Daing: the kindergartner, and assisting her, two graduates from the Foochow Girls' School, a graduate from the Woman's School,
who has now gone to help Miss Linam, and one of our girls from the Children’s Home. We regret that Miss Daing did not return for the new year just begun, but wish her success in the work she has undertaken elsewhere. One of the girls from our Children’s Home, Siek Ai Lang, a graduate of the Kindergarten Department of the Union Woman’s College of Peking, after doing excellent work at translating lectures and songs for the Union Kindergarten Training School, took up the work at the beginning of the new year this fall.

Our thanks are due the friends at home who have sent out gifts for the children, whose little faces shone when they received them on Christmas. And we are grateful too for the prayers that have been spoken in our behalf, prayers which are so necessary to all of our work, especially to that of guiding aright the footsteps of those of whom the Master said, “Of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Foochow Bible Training School

PHEBE C. WELLS

Lack of means limited the number of students to twenty-seven. All but five of the forty women, who had completed the first year’s course in the Bible classes on the district, had to be refused admission to the beginning class in the school.

The classes are proving a success. Last term thirty women and girls passed the full term’s work. In all the classes new hearers and old Christians are alike welcome, and aside from Bible lessons given to all, each woman studies what she most needs, the great aim being to give them the Bible, and to drive home its truths. One class was organized in a large village where no Christian work was being done. The women and girls furnished a nice room for the Bible-woman, and at the close of the first term six bright young women were examined on the full term’s work. Already a number of them have asked to have their names recorded as enquirers. The result of another class was that five were brought into the church at one time. Still another has opened the way for a Christian day school for boys, and for the gospel to be preached in three villages.

Five women were graduated in June, having completed a five years’ course of study. All were appointed to evangelistic
work, one in our new hospital; the rest have already organized Bible classes on the district. One class is in a village where there are no Christians.

For a number of years we have been asking for a new building for our training school. The estimate has not been granted, and so the school will have to be closed until we can either secure funds for a building or rent temporary quarters. Some of the students have been sent out on the district for a year of practice work, others will continue their studies as best they can in the classes.

Our Bible training school has for its object the specific training of workers for reaching the masses who have never heard about Christ, and the preparation of efficient evangelistic leaders for the church. Our students are the pioneer evangelists. They are sent out to gather the heathen women and girls into classes, where they must first be taught to read before they can understand the Bible and its teachings. They are the evangelistic leaders in our churches, and in the social life, for custom makes it impossible for unmarried women to take an active part in public affairs.

The work among the women is being graded. Only the most promising students in the district classes, who have become Christians and who can pass the required examination, are admitted to the training class. We now have a uniform course of study for all our conference Bible schools. Later we hope to add still another course for another class of workers and Bible students. Our plan for the future is the establishment of a permanent Bible training school, where in the ages to come women and girls can be trained for the Master's service.

Until the millions of China become Christianized, and educated enough to be able to read the Bible, the present grade of workers is an absolute necessity to the church. The standard will have to be changed to meet the new conditions, but the need of specific Bible training will remain as long as the world stands. When we consider the rapidly evolving New China with its new thoughts and motives and ambitions, many of them in antagonism to the Christian church, added emphasis is given to the urgent need of preparing a body of Christian leaders fitted to meet and overcome the intellectual and social difficulties that are already confronting the church in its expansion.
It is time for us to ask ourselves the question,—Are we doing our full duty in producing an efficient and adequate company of evangelistic leaders? Do we even consider the supply and training of evangelistic workers of the first importance in missionary work? The spiritual needs of the Chinese people cry imperatively for a host of qualified evangelists to penetrate every hamlet and to present the Gospel, not once nor twice but until it is understood, to every creature. Efficient evangelistic leadership is not possible apart from a properly equipped training school. The workers must be trained. Of all the assets in the work of evangelization the training school should be the most complete, and, above all, given the best teaching force the mission can command. Up to the present time too little emphasis has been placed upon direct evangelistic work, and as a result our Bible schools have the most poorly equipped buildings in the Conference. For the sake of the untouched millions and the millions yet to come, I beg that we reconsider our policy for reaching the heathen. In the future is the object of missions to be purely educational, or to make strong Christian workers? If the latter, may not this plea for a suitable building for our training class be quickly granted? We have a good site, and should have at least ten thousand gold for the building. This is an opportunity for some one who would like to invest for the Master. The interest will be a continual ingathering of souls.

After the first of September I shall be in the home land for a few months. While there I hope to be able to secure the funds for a building, and shall be pleased to hear from any one interested in pioneer evangelistic work among the heathen.

Address:—150 Fifth Ave., New York City, in care of W F. M. S.

Bible Women

MARY MANN

Last year's report tells us there were twenty Bible-women at work on the Foochow District. Since then death has claimed one from the ranks. But with the addition of the five young women who graduated from the Woman's School in the spring they now number twenty-four, some eight of whom are in Foochow and the rest in centers out on the district.
These women are spending their afternoons in home visitation, just as we have so long pictured Bible-women—helping the sick, comforting those who are in trouble, finding women who are willing to accept the Saviour and preparing them for membership in the church.

As the Woman’s School is closed for this year, some of the students from the upper classes are working with older Bible-women. Two are teaching classes in their own homes. These young women, with those who so recently graduated from the school, are entering the work with an enthusiasm which promises to bring many of their untaught sisters to know the Christ.

The women are now busy all morning with their wee schools. These consist of from three or four to ten young women, sitting around a table in their teacher’s own room.

The other day I visited one of these classes. It was Saturday afternoon. The women had met just because they knew I was coming. The enthusiasm with which they received me, and with which they read from Matthew and Luke, was just one more evidence that China’s womanhood is hungry for the mental and spiritual development that comes with that which we call education. Those women are not far from idolatry. Indeed in an adjoining room were well-kept idols which are worshipped by other numbers of the family.

These classes are following a definite course of study; and last spring term sixteen passed their examinations on the first term’s work; nine, on the second; and five, the third. These little groups of women are catching a glimpse of Jesus Christ and are receiving His message in such a way that they can pass it on.

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Leper Work

ELIZABETH M. STROW

Last spring I took a trip with Miss Wells to the leper chapel which is located next to the asylum. There are two Bible-women living at the chapel who make frequent visits into the homes of the afflicted ones. Regular preaching services are held each Sunday and the pastor gives a very good report of the attendance at these services. I went thru the streets and looked into the homes, greeted the people and they seemed so
happy to see us. On many of the walls I noticed the Tercan pictures and knew that the message of the Christ had been given to these sad ones.

Miss Simpson goes very regularly to dispense and has seen five hundred and fifty-six patients at the chapel clinic.

Vankirk Industrial School

Jean Adams, Supt.  L. A. Wilkinson, Assistant

As I wrote you last year, at the migrating time, that is when it is the proper season for re-renting houses, the women from the out villages moved in near the school so that now we have an enrollment of fifty-two with a few workers still outs de. one of them being the crippled girl out side the North Gate of the City, one a lame widow more than three miles from the school, and a few who are doing the silk thread doilies. The fact as reported by Miss Adams when she reached home in December of 1912 that drawn work was not in demand, together with the stories the fashion books all told us that embroideries on clothing were what people would buy, made it plain that this line of industrial work would be most likely to succeed for a time at least. It was not an easy matter, with all the embroidery shops about here employing men and boys only, to enter into competition with them, and so we arranged with a good embroidery man to help us get started. He had the frames and benches made for the first class of four women and bought the thread and cloth and did the designing, and he has been indeed a good friend to our Women's Industrial School. We have just gradually gone on each month taking off three or four from the drawn thread-work department and teaching them embroidery until now they number twenty-six in this department, and from present indications we may safely continue until most of the school will be either in the embroidery work or learning dress making. This has been our next step. In the winter the Singer Sewing Machine agent here in Foochow, offered to lend the school machines and send a competent dress-maker to take charge of a sewing class; this was in order to create a demand for the sewing machines. I was to furnish intelligent, honest women to learn dress-making and the material for them to work on. This seemed too good an opportunity to lose, so with the help of the Bible-women I got twenty women in a short time all anxious to learn, but in the meantime that agent was taken away
and another sent in his place. He sent us six machines and the teacher. She understood the machine thoroughly but not foreign dress making. However our six women did well for the chance they had and two of them are paying for machines. The teacher left us in June and it was pretty hard work during the summer with every tailor away at the mountain, but we cut and fitted as best we could and kept going until the Kuliang season was past, and now have a good tailor employed who gives every afternoon from one o'clock until dark teaching dress making. When they learn we will have teachers of our own. The women have had a splendid teacher during the year, Mrs. Sia Ming Leng, who is a model mother, and is a spiritual helper as well as a scholar. She gave all day during the summer months but since schools are all open again she is giving one half the day to teaching a missionary lady the language.

Mrs. Ciong, the Bible-woman, comes in almost every morning and takes the chapel service with us. Four of the women have been baptized and taken into the church during the year and five others have joined on probation. There are still twenty-seven in the drawn work department. Some of them can be put into the embroidery department next month. Some of the women have already learned to read their Romanized New Testaments and before another year ends we hope most of them will be able to do so. We only plan to teach these poor women to be intelligent Christians. If you could look into the school you would see some girls among the workers. They are doing the work for some poor old women whose eyes and fingers cannot now do the work. The industrial widows will for the most part never be able to teach except as they live their religion among their poor neighbours, and you will be able to judge how well they do this when I tell you that throughout the entire time since the school was again brought together we have had only one trouble about anything being taken. That was some embroidery cotton. The woman who was responsible for the loss remained away for a month and when she returned another woman had been given her embroidery frame. She had sent no word as to why she did not return and this seemed to us the best way to impress on the entire school the seventh commandment.

We cannot but wonder how this dreadful war will effect our industrial work, but we just know that "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and we are sure some way will be provided for these needy ones.
Magaw Memorial Hospital

and

Florence Nightingale Nurses' Training School

ELLEN M. LYON, M. D.     CORA E. SIMPSON, R. N.

Forty years ago the tenth of November Dr. Trask arrived in Foochow and began the medical work of our W. F. M. S. here. This year we rejoice in the completion of our beautiful new hospital. Only the old woman who lived in her shoe with her great family of babies will be able to understand how glad we will be to move out of our cramped quarters into our airy new home.

There have been delays in the work. In the spring Mr. Trimble, who had the building in charge, was compelled to go home for health reasons. Dr. Gowdy was called home on mission business and the building was left in the hands of the other members of the committee. Many of the things have not yet arrived from America because of the congested shipping facilities on account of the wars; but we are thankful for the results accomplished under so many difficulties, and long before another report is written we will be happy in our new home.

The work of healing has been carried on as formerly in our cramped quarters, at the clinic, in the homes, and some dispensing has been done on the districts. It has been so hard to turn people away but the optimistic words "when we get into the new hospital," heard a hundred times a day has been a cure for all troubles, until we wonder sometimes if the millennial dawn will be a happier day for our people than this long expected event will be.

Dr. Hatfield is still on furlough. We had hoped she would be back for conference, but now word comes that she will not be here before Thanksgiving time but with her comes a new doctor. Only those who know the great need of medical workers in the Orient can realize what joy the coming of another doctor will be to us.

This year our beloved Rachel Ling, who has been with us for ten years as a most valuable helper and beautiful Christian worker, left us for the Father's house. She longed to work a while in the new building, but after a few weeks of suffering she slipped away one morning at dawn to the Father's eternal
mansions and received her crown. We draped her casket with the rainbow banns and banked it with flowers and after a beautiful service by our pastor, Rev. Hu Caik Ciu, and a touching song by Mrs. McLachlin, we carried her to our Christian cemetery on the hill, where she sleeps after her brief but "hot-hearted," life of service for the Master she loved so much.

Ida Dang, another helper, continues with us to take up important work in the new hospital.

In July Dr. Edith Ling, one of our Foochow girls who has just finished the medical course in Canton returned and has been doing most efficient work.

Marion Huong will finish the medical course in Peking and return to us in June next year.

Our Bible-women have been faithful in their work in the hospital and homes. The mothers' meetings and prayer meetings have been continued as before. Mrs. Ding was very ill but is better now and resting at her son's home. Mrs. Ling continues to carry her sunshine Gospel into hearts and lives. Mrs. Ling Ing Seng came to us during the year to help with the evangelistic work and is doing good work.

The gifts continue to come from the Chinese to help furnish the new hospital, some larger, some smaller. From scraps of cloth the free patients in the hospital have pieced enough quilts for the children's ward and have pieced and tied many of the larger quilts. They said they could not give money but were glad to give work; and that means money, for otherwise we would have to pay to have the work done.

One little woman with both legs off sits and sews and sings all day long. She had to have both legs amputated because of gangrene from bound feet. She is now a happy little Christian. She says, "I lost my legs but found Jesus in the hospital." Such a merry sewing society it would be hard to find. Many thanks for the hospital boxes sent during the year. We are using the cloth to make quilts of which we have only about half enough.

This year the Florence Nightingale Nurses' Training School sent her first daughters out into service. Our first class of nurses graduated last year but all stayed to take the midwife's course this year and in March three of them left us. Mrs. Alice Ciegel is helping Dr. Gillette of the America Board Mission at Diong-loh and we hear good reports of her work. Mrs. Mary
Ding was married to Dr. Ling of Fochow and finds a wide field helping him. Mrs. Grace Go was married to Rev. Chai Bu Ing and went with him to the far away city of Iu-ka. I wish the ladies at home could have heard her talk the first night after she came back at conference time. We did not mind the flying hours as we listened to "our girl" tell of her work and the needy fields there. How her face glowed as she told of pirates, ship wreck, personal illness, homes visited where mothers were dying for help, of the trips over mountains after the lost ones. Our minds flew back to last March when she, a quiet little bride, was married in our parlor and then went away leaving a lonely spot in our hearts and lives. We wish you might have been at that wedding. After the friends had assembled the Midwife's Diplomas were presented to the class and then came the beautiful ceremony performed by Rev. W. A. Main. Everything Republican style if you please: bridal veil, best man, maid of honor, double ring ceremony, wedding march, bouquet, reception later and then the departure in the "flower chair" and the ten days wedding trip up the Min River in a boat to their new home. It is needless to say theirs is a happy home where love lives and Christ is King.

Mrs. Sarah Su stays with us as our Chinese head nurse. More and more as we felt her lifting the burdens this summer we realized what a help she will be in the larger work. She is taking some of the teaching of the nurses this fall, which is also a great help.

Another class of seven entered in March so now we have sixteen nurses in training. This year, because we have been so crowded in the hospital, our nurses have been to nurse in homes several times with most successful results.

Dr. Gossard still continues his interest in the training school and gives of his valuable time to lecture and class room work before the different classes.

There are two things worthy of note in connection with our training school this year. First, the organization on Oct. 16, 1913 of the first W. F. M. S. auxiliary in the Fochow Conference under the conference organization which was completed Oct. 10, 1913. A year later we report, members thirty-three, new and old, money paid in $23.00, and great interest among the nurses. Second, the registration of the training school. This means that our nurses can enter for the national diplomas and are eligible for membership in the national association and through that to membership in the International Council of Nurses.
The Bible-woman to the boat people continues her work teaching little groups of women in the mornings, and in the afternoon visiting from home to home. Her only son was married last year and his daughter-in-law has had a school in her own little home for the small children. Last spring one day a woman came into the clinic carrying a baby about a year old and on examination we found that her abdomen, chest, and legs had been burned to a crisp. She had fallen into the river and when taken out was unconscious. They thought the river devil was after her body and soul, and some one told them that fire would drive him out, so they turned one of their large oval shaped frying pans upside down, built a fire under it and when hot turned the baby over it stomach-side-down. The baby did recover consciousness and after a week they brought her to us. The burned flesh had formed a crust and pus formed under it. She lived a few days but before she died the flesh dropped off revealing her intestines. Such suffering one seldom sees. Her baby moans haunt me yet. The young mother kept saying, "O, I thought I was saving my baby, body and soul. If I had only known what to do!" Her grief was terrible to see, for the tiny girlie was dearly loved. When O when, will the mother hearts of China know of the great loving Friend of the children? When will the babies of this great land come into their right heritage? When will the mothers know how to care for them? We long for a great army of nurses to be prepared and take up this work, for verily there is no greater in China.

Last winter on account of the unrest in Hinghua the missionaries were unable to return for several months. During these months Dr. Betow was with us and we greatly appreciate her help in the hospital and in teaching the nurses, as well as her cheery presence among us.

Ngu Huoi Mu, our hospital grandma, who for twenty-five years was matron of this hospital, is back for conference this year. Her many friends in America will be glad to hear that this saintly mother keeps well although she is in her seventy-fourth year.

The Haitang medical work continues under the care of Hung Ciong Saeng, with her mother, Ding Huoi Mu, doing the evangelistic work. A glance at the statistical sheet will show that they have had busy days this year. There has been much plague and many mothers have been helped.
This is a glance at the year's work. There is not space here to tell of meetings held, dressings done, medicines given, visits paid, journeyings by water and land by day and by night in the medical and evangelistic work, of the classes taught, hours of endless supervision, planning and figuring, of letters and reports written, operations performed, of lives transformed and of the million and one things that fill the time of a medical missionary; but with all it has been a blessed year, and we are grateful for privilege of service with the great Physician among his little ones in this place where the need is so great, the burdens so heavy, the moments so full and the joys so complete.

Monday afternoon at two thirty o'clock October 19, 1914 the Magaw Memorial Hospital was dedicated by Bishop Lewis, in the presence of the Men's Conference, Women's Conference and other friends.

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**Woolston Memorial Hospital**

**Hu King Eng, M. D.**

"He leadeth me, oh blessed thought." He is able to make difficulty easy and rocky ways straight. Thank God for His secret guidance throughout the year.

Some of my in-patients said to me, "Doctor your work is just like a 走馬燈 merry-go-round lantern. You are busy, busy day after day. and year after year labouring for so many people, high and low, clean and dirty, and you all are working so nicely together too. You are treating so many patients in the morning clinic and how can you go again to see the patients in their homes in the afternoons and sometimes again at night? You do not keep regular hours for rest and meals. I see you doctors just want your patients to be particular in taking care of themselves, but for yourselves, I see you very seldom can do what you tell us to do. You are so particular and patient in doing your work. The Jesus religion is and must be very good and wonderful." May God help us ever to be good and faithful in His service.

There was an ex-official of the Manchu Dynasty who had a cushion made and brought to the clinic and placed on my chair. He asked me to accept his little gift which he hoped might relieve some of my weariness in the long morning as I worked in the dispensary.
One morning a woman came with her son to us for treatment. They brought Joss sticks, Joss paper and candles. The patients saw them and drove them out very quickly and scolded them severely and said, "How can you dare to bring offerings for devils into God's hospital, you blaspheme the true God?" The woman and her child were badly scared and left the hospital at once. All the patients seemed to agree that this was the right thing to do.

We were asked to go to the homes to see many serious cases this year. Thank God there were only a few that we were unable to help. Some of them came so late that the patients died before we reached their homes, but the patient's people seemed to understand and had only regrets that they had come too late.

Christmas was as usual a most joyous festival. Since our chapel is small and the people so many we gave out tickets to admit those who could be invited, and the favored ones were of those who had either attended the clinic or the Sunday school. One hundred and fifty were invited, but thirty came who had not tickets and begged so to be admitted that the students said "Let us give them our seats", so they were admitted. Pastor Hu preached a good sermon, Miss Strow brought a victrola, and after that we had moving pictures, and all went home greatly delighted. Some of the guests even asked us not to forget to invite them again next year. Our Sunday school children also had a part in the program; they were trained by our students. We hope the friends at home will not forget our little ones in the Woolston Memorial Hospital when sending out Christmas parcels.

In June we graduated another class of five young women. Rev. W. L. Beard of the Foochow College delivered a fine address to the class, and Mrs. Wilkinson presented the diplomas. This class had to be graduated two weeks earlier than we intended they should because of an urgent call from the Government Hospital of Harben. The well known Dr. Tuk who is in charge there writes under date of March 26, 1914. "I have been wanting to write you for some time and inform you that I am well satisfied with the work of Mrs. Iek who since her arrival here has earned golden opinions from those with whom she is associated. In fact I am so well satisfied with her services that I wish you to recommend another of the same standing as Mrs.
Iek who is willing to come on the same conditions. I understand you have now an assistant named Mrs. Ung Nguok Ing who is very reliable, and who will graduate in a short time. If you can spare her as soon as she graduates, I shall be glad to accept her services. You will understand that I am anxious to have the best employees around me in order to show the people that a Chinese Government Institution can be properly managed, and may even be superior to a foreign institution. To attain this object our staff must be capable, neat and industrious. A hospital to be well managed must have nurses who understand discipline and have a dignified appearance. Such I understand Mrs. Ung is. Anyhow the matter is in your hand. I am sure that if you can spare the best you will send her here. If all goes well I intended to promote Mrs. Iek to Tapeihho Hospital.” Mrs. Ung went as soon as her class graduated and is doing nicely. It is a cause of thankfulness to us that we are able to train these Christian women for such service for our China.

We have just received a governmental grant of five hundred dollars in Chinese bank notes, and forty dollars in ten cent pieces from the salt commissioner. It was good of him to remember our work. The two Bible-women that the hospital employs have been doing good faithful work both in the wards and in the clinic besides visiting in the patients’ homes, and bringing in women and children to the Sunday school and church services. Some students from the Government school wish to enter our class as students, but we have so many applicants from Christian schools that we have not been able to take outside students. The growth and advance in the work of the year will be seen in the statistical report. Please pray that we may be able to do more and more for these suffering ones in this great needy city.
HAITANG DISTRICT
Girls’ Boarding School, Bible Women
Woman’s Training School, Day Schools
MAMIE F. GLASSBURNER JENNIE D. JONES

Girls’ Boarding School

To be given endurance to climb a hilly path is undoubt-
edly a richer blessing than to be led along a level way. One
may reach the same goal by either, but there is a freshness and
variety and gladness in traveling the rough road that could never
be experienced on a dead level.

There has been no monotony in our boarding school life
the past year. Conference played havoc with our faculty, making
a district superintendent of the Rev. Ding Ceng Bing, who has
served the school most faithfully almost from its very beginning;
and putting the Rev. Ceng Ung Uong, our able teacher of the
classics, into the pastorate in one of the newly opened mission-
ary districts on the mainland. There was a scurry to find new
teachers to fill the vacated places.

Two men of excellent scholarship were found, neither of
whom had ever been inside a Mission school, and both of whom
frankly said that they were able to govern any boy, but that girls
were beyond their ken! Shortly after this our matron was taken
so seriously ill that she had to drop all of her work and go to
 Foochow for treatment. Before the term closed, all the Bible
teaching of the four intermediate grades, and the geography and
arithmetic of two grades had devolved upon the writer. It some-
times seemed like making bricks without straw, but there was,
at least, no lack of mud. Our roof which had leaked steadily
for seven years was taken off to be replaced by a new one. The
fair weather lasted longer than could reasonably be expected,
but there was a delay in materials, and finally the winter rains
set in. The scenes that followed can be better imagined than
described. Girls who had friends in town went out for the
night; others sought shelter in the woman’s school. The re-
main ing thirty found lodging in the ‘servants’, quarters’ which
were emptied for the occasion. Our teachers took refuge in the
store room, while Miss Jones and I put our bed in the one intact
place in the house large enough to cover it, protecting ourselves
from an untimely death by falling plaster with planks laid on
top of our mosquito net rack. We learned during those wet
sticky weeks the kind of material of which our girls were made,
as we saw them bob up serenely after each fresh deluge of mud
with smiles on their faces and rose buds in their hair.

We prayed for good weather for Christmas. The heavens
did smile upon us for a few days, and the girls with trousers
rolled to their knees and sleeves rolled to elbows waged war with
the latest layer of fallen clay until the house was again immac-
ulate for the great day.

At the unconscionable hour of one o’clock on Christmas
morning we crept into bed weary but happy over our Christmas
preparations. We had barely gotten well to sleep after the
carols with which we were regaled by the students of first the
woman’s and then the girls’ school when we were wakened by
the gentle patter of rain on the floor. Knowing that it would
take the water a little while to penetrate to the first floor, we
dressed, called our students together, and carried out the pro-
gram as planned. The light on the girls’ faces as they circled
around the tree aflame with candles, singing “Jesus the Light of
the world,” was something never to be forgotten. One of the
girls said afterward, “I only wished that we could have marched
around a few more times.” The down pour did not really come
until that night, and then we decided we must seek other quar-
ters. We moved into the property of our sister Anglican Mis-
sion and in dry though crowded accommodations, completed the
term’s work. We had said that we should be satisfied if our
girls, under the circumstances, barely passed their examinations.
They did far more than that and though we were not satisfied
we were indeed glad and grateful.

During the spring term, our faithful matron, who has
since gone home to Heaven, was again unable to carry her
wonted work, and two of our other teachers were absent a month
each. This autumn Mrs. Ding Nguk Ing, who has given us
such splendid service for a year and a half, found it impossible
to return, so we are again piecing out just any way, looking for-
ward to the graduation of two of our girls from the college pre-
paratory school in January, when we trust that we may turn our
attention to some other problem than the lack of teachers.

Sixty-one pupils are enrolled in our intermediate and pre-
paratory departments. Sixteen of these are in the last half
year of preparatory work. The other forty-five are straight
intermediate. Three students were graduated in January and nine others will complete their course at the end of this term.

The one thing that will make this year stand out in the history of the school is the advance we have made in our Sunday school work. We find the following note in our Haitang report of eight years ago, "Our brothers at Tangtau have long had a fine Sunday school for adults, but the lambs of the flock were by tacit common consent left out. We began in the second month with eight boys and girls who opened their brown eyes wide when we told them we would never be satisfied until their number reached fifty" That was our first dream, and it seemed quite a big one, but now, putting it alongside of the five hundred Sunday school students who attend the "decentralized" Sunday school of Tangtau circuit meeting in seven different divisions and at many different times and places, we realize a little of how much more He is able to do than we can ask or think, and how much land there must be yet to possess. For the last five years we have rejoiced over the work our girls have done in the afternoon Sunday school in Tangtau, but this year we felt that we must reach out farther. All of our outlying points are either distant or difficult of access. Two of them may be reached by a walk of two miles over sandy and wet roads, one by a sampan as irregular in its habits as the tide, while one five mile walk may be shortened to a little less than three by our taking off shoes and stockings and wading in the fishermen's road. Our girls, however, have never failed to go gladly any where that we have been able to lead the way; and while we could not be in all of the places at once, we have been able to take the different points in rotation, while they, under the leadership of our earnest woman's and girls' school faculty, have done the work.

The teachers' training class has helped them to definite-ness of aim in their work. We have attempted nothing but primary methods in the class, and were encouraged that some of our official members asked the privilege of attending, saying that they found our methods helpful in their work. Some of our pastors on the other circuits have told us that our Sunday school work in Tangtau has stirred them up to attempt new and greater things for God. So we thank Him for the influence of the school and pray that we may be so faithful to our opportunities that He will dare to trust us with larger ones in the development of His Kingdom.
Bible Women

In our Bible-woman's work this year we are attempting some reconstructive measures, in order to get it on a basis by which we can give more careful supervision, help, and inspiration to our workers. The ultimate evangelizing agency in China as in the homeland must be the individual Christian. Evidently, therefore, the first duty of the Bible-woman is to lead those who have already named the Name to some true conception of what that step means. Again the only adequate food with which to nourish the Christian life is the Word of God. To this end as many as possible of our Bible-women have been put in charge of small station classes in which they are teaching women to read, not by memorizing the characters in a detached verse or two, but by mastering the "Romanized" system, by which in a very short time a woman of ordinary ability may be enabled to read the Bible for herself.

Hereafter all women desiring admission to the Bible Training School must enter from one of these station classes, having first completed a year's work there. We hope thus to sift the women who are to receive training, eventually providing a stronger and more efficient type of Bible workers, while incidentally emphasizing the importance of the "station class."

Four days of the week are supposed to be given to the class of women who are willing to leave their houses and meet with the Bible-women for systematic study, the remaining time being spent as far as possible in house to house visitation. This type of work is far more exacting in its demands upon the tact and energy of the Bible-woman than the old way of desultory visiting. To prepare our Bible-women for this radical change we summoned them to a two weeks' training class at the beginning of the year, in which special attention was given to Romanized and the other subjects to be taught in the classes. Aside from this there was time for some inspirational books, and an hour each day with the women of the Bible. The evening services were taken by our district superintendent. Some of his subjects will indicate the deeply spiritual nature of his addresses: "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian"; "I have not called you servants: I have called you friends"; "My people have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and made unto themselves cisterns, broken cisterns—"; "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house"; "Go with Him twain." These talks did not a little to prepare the women for the station class proposition,
and the cheerfulness and hopefulness with which they took up what seemed to many of them a doubtful experiment has warmed our hearts.

The first quarter's examination of the classes found thirty women or large girls who had made a good beginning, and who should be able to read the New Testament intelligently by the end of the year. We hope that the example of these thirty when they have reached the goal may incite other more conservative spirits to action.

In May we spent nine days among our classes, giving to each a day crowded as full as possible of things helpful to Christian life. At the last point we had two days, and knowing that we must leave in the afternoon and that some of the women from a distance were anxious to go home early we began at eight in the morning and ran without a break until twelve. When I told Miss Jones about it she said, "What in the world did you do?"

Perhaps you are asking the same question. We spent the first half hour in studying Gal. 5:22—the fruits of the Spirit. After the ordinarily bright women could repeat it from memory each separate "fruit" was discussed with them in its relation to practical every day life. After this there was another period of study. This time the text was "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God by whom ye are sealed unto the day of redemption," followed as before by an informal talk. As an illustration of the extremely practical and informal nature of these services the following may serve. It was suggested that it might seem difficult to be patient when after a hard forenoon with a cross baby and possibly an aching head, the "church brother" came home and complained because dinner was late. The women smiled and nodded their heads emphatically, and one confided audibly to the others "She knows!" The practically inviolable Chinese betrothal was used as an illustration in explanation of the sealing in the second text. In speaking of the bridegroom's care for the bride another woman remarked, "Strange she should understand that, when she is unmarried herself;" and another, a moment later, spontaneously testified "It's settled. I am pledged to the Lord." These things did not elicit a smile or in any way break the current of thought. They rather indicated that it had the women in its grasp, and gave us courage to go on. Then we reviewed our picture scroll made from "Berean Leaf Clusters," which makes far more vivid to them than could words alone the leading incidents in the life of our Lord. The time that remained was devoted to a review of the duties of a Christian
woman as outlined in our little handbook. Spirit filled-ness, clean-
ness (outward and inward), kindness, prayer, Bible reading,
testimony, Sabbath keeping, baptism, church membership, par-
taking of the Lord’s supper, tithing, unbinding feet, not betroth-
ing one’s sons and daughters to non-Christians—you can see how
the hours were filled. Souls are in too desperate need and time
too short to spend it in diluting the Word of God. Of course
we did not talk uninterruptedly. One has to watch constantly;
and the moment attention shows signs of wandering some change
is made, a verse of a hymn sitting, another verse standing, a
whole hymn, Bible verses already committed recited in concert,
but always, always at it.

Now that there are actually two of us in Haitang we hope
to do much more of this intensive work with our Bible-women,
among our nominally Christian women; and we hope by giving
this department of our work its just quota of time and thought
to make it take its rightful place—the foremost one in bringing
Hai-tang to the Cross of Christ.

Day Schools

This year the task of reporting the day schools falls to my
lot. I am not sure about its being a pleasant one, but I can assure
you that the day school work itself has been most pleasant even
if writing the report is not.

We began the New Year with twenty-three schools; only
one of these has “died” and that because of a great deal of trou-
ble the church members have been having with the Catholics.
There has been a great deal of sickness in many of the villages
the past summer and some of the schools were forced to close
for a short time, but all are at work again and we hope there may
be no more interruptions.

Some people seem a little inclined to pity the missionary
whose lot it is to live on Hai-tang, but there are compensations,
and one of the many is that distances are short so we do not
have to spend weary hours in travel when making the rounds of
the day schools. They can all be visited in a little more than
two weeks, and if perchance we do tire of walking or chair rid-
ing, we can “sit” in a boat and sail away to one of the other
islands on which we have schools.

Then we have such nice day schools that it is a real plea-
sure to visit them, and after a country trip one realizes more than
ever what a worth while work is being done, in spite of the fact
that we can give it so little time.
In the village of Lau-ciui we have one of our very best schools. The teacher while in school was not a star, and seemed too timid to make a good teacher, but she has certainly surprised every one. There is no church in this village and it has always been considered a very hard field, but the school has twenty-seven pupils enrolled, most of them from heathen homes. The school room is such a tiny place that there is hardly room to move when the children are crowded in, and this is one place where curious spectators are forced to stay out doors. The school is well graded and the children seem to consider it a great treat to be examined.

In these twenty-two day schools we have three hundred and forty-four pupils enrolled. Some of these entered the boarding school this fall and the fact that they will do only one half year's preparatory work shows that the work has been well done.

In Tang-tau we have three primary schools and a kindergarten with a total enrollment of seventy-five. Surely this is indisputable evidence that we are ready for and need a day school building.

The day school patrons were most liberal with Christmas gifts this year so we had material to give each pupil a new dress and it was certainly appreciated.

In February we held our Teachers Institute lasting a month and it was most profitable and enjoyable even if we were somewhat crowded. At that time the roof on our school building was being repaired so we were forced to move into the vacant buildings of the Anglican Mission which are much smaller than ours.

One of the most enjoyable books studied was Livingstone, the Pathfinder. The women took a most keen interest in the story and they certainly have some new views since reading it.

In September we had the privilege of sending our day school teachers to Hokchiang city where they attended the Jubilee. It will certainly mean much to them and they will have a broader outlook and a new vision from the days spent in that meeting. We are hoping and praying that we may see great results from it.

One of the incidents of my last day school trip will long remain with me. The village of Leu-giang has no church and no pastor, and the people have turned from idolatry to Christianity within the last year. But they are so eager to learn that the children all study and some of the mothers with them, and while
I was there they all crowded into the tiny school room and begged that I tell them the Story that is old but ever new. Think what the day school teacher means to this village—the only educated Christian among them! Our day schools are indeed more than schools. They are lights shining in the darkness dispelling ignorance and superstition, pointing ever to "The Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Woman's Training School

As I think over the events of the past year and the work of the Woman's School, I feel that I, personally, have gained more from it than any one else. My vocabulary has been most materially increased from the weekly taking of accounts, I have had practice in talking in the two classes of which I have had charge and a constant drill in Romanized in the writing of necessary notes to the doctor, etc.

However the purpose of the Woman's Training School is not to educate new missionaries altho that may be one result. The remark of a friend who was present during the examinations at the close of the school year will serve to show what others think of the women and the work they have done. After the examination of the Romanized school in Bible she said that to her, the knowledge of the Bible that these women had gained in six months seemed most remarkable, and when we stop and consider all the facts we ourselves must admit they have done well even if sometimes we do think they are stupid. This is true not only of their Bible work but of all the other subjects they have studied, and the results are certainly due to the faithfulness and hard work of our efficient teachers.

Last year we had twenty women in school. Three of these graduated last January and are now at work, one teaching a most successful day school while the other two have station classes. This term the attendance is smaller; some of the women were unable to return and we have no entering class this fall. This is due to the fact that we have decided we will admit no women who have not first studied a year in a station class. This will undoubtedly mean fewer women in the school for the next few years but it will also mean better students and workers in the end.

The women have been of great help in our Sunday school work, and for those whose feet have been bound it is truly hard to take the long walks each Sunday but they have always gone most cheerfully.
During the year a service has been held each Wednesday afternoon in the Woman's School. This has been for the women of Tangtau who are Christians and has been a prayer meeting and study hour combined, the women reading the Probationer's Hand Book. The women in the school have been most faithful in helping in these meetings and have themselves been benefitted by them.

KUTIEN DISTRICT
Girls' Boarding School
Primary and Intermediate Departments
LURA M. HEFTY

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," has been a text of great comfort during the past year, for the task ahead seemed overwhelming when Miss Frazeys left for furlough last October and I had no one more experienced than myself to assist me in the work that two had shared. Miss Elsie G. Clark, still a student of the language, came up after Conference and remained till January, giving invaluable assistance in teaching English and music, and by her cheery companionship lightening the labors of all.

The autumn term passed by quickly, broken into by Conference, Christmas, and Commencement. At Christmas, our teachers and girls gave "The Birds' Christmas Carol" as the main part of the program, which was greatly appreciated by all. We had one happy "family gathering" in school to distribute the gifts which thoughtful friends in the homeland had furnished. Each girl received a handkerchief made by the sewing class. On Christmas evening the school had its feast. How the girls do delight in helping prepare it, and it seems that there were not too many cooks, for the broth was not spoiled. What a joy it is to hear the girls testify that Christ was born to be their Savior and to know that the Christmas songs are sung from hearts that have given Christ a welcome!

In January we graduated a class of six girls, three of whom, in February, entered the college preparatory school in Foochow, one other going to a normal school to train as a teacher in our school, and two are "making good" in village day-schools.
Our matron, a young widow, who had given us faithful service for two years, left us to study in Foochow, but we have been fortunate in being able to bring in from a day-school the widow of one of our preachers and we feel that she is accepting her work as a trust from God.

Miss Eichenberger from Foochow came up in February to help us and has been such a help. Our faculty has been strengthened by Mr. Lang and two graduates from our college preparatory school in Foochow. We now have a Chinese faculty of eight, besides a teacher of mandarin for a half day, and a specially trained teacher for our class of deaf-mutes.

We received ten new pupils in February making our enrollment for the year one hundred, five of whom are deaf-mutes. During the summer vacation one of our mutes, the child of one of our local preachers, died of diptheria. Her father wrote that when dying she kept pointing toward heaven, and we believe that this little one though deaf and dumb still had a conception of the Father and the home He had prepared for her. During the summer we made plans for another mute to come into school and she has fitted into her work very well.

In May Rev. Wallace Miner held a Sunday school convention in Kutien, and our school was fortunate in being able to attend some of the meetings, and more interest in Sunday school work is the result. We are so glad for every opportunity that comes to us to give inspiration and renew zeal in the lives of these girls whom we long to educate in Christian virtues more than in book-lore.

Aside from an epidemic of mumps that went through school during the spring term, we have had very little sickness and no serious cases.

Kutien has suffered a great bereavement this year in the loss of our beloved Rev. J. H. Worley whom God called to a higher appointment in June. His spiritual life meant much to our school, and the lives of our girls will always be influenced by the many helpful talks he gave them.

Feeling that "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" is still sufficient promise for the future, we have taken up the autumn's term with gladness and thankfulness that the Father still has given us one more day in which to labor in His vineyard.
Woman's Training School,
Romanized School, Day-Schools, and Bible-Women.

MARY PETERS

Woman's Training School

The Kucheng Woman's Training School during the past year has had an average attendance of twenty-five women both terms.

We have followed the new course of study which was accepted by the W. F. M. S. and approved by the General Society. The women committed to memory the Scripture prescribed by the North China Conference Course of Study for local preachers: Psalms 2, 51, 61; Isaiah 35; and John 3.

The past term I gave the first class Dr. Torrey's "How to Lead Souls to Christ." The Bible verses and the study of how to use them in leading souls to Christ did them much good. They had the additional practice on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of each week with the women in the homes of Kucheng City. On Saturday afternoon all the women in the training school went out two by two into the homes to give the Gospel message to the women dwelling in darkness and superstition.

The Thursday evening prayer meeting, Saturday evening class meeting, Sunday school and Sunday evening Bible study have been spiritually helpful to the women of both schools.

Five women graduated from the training school this year. One of them is now teaching the Romanized school or training class. She is a very bright woman and a good worker. Two are Bible-women on the Kucheng district and two are teaching girls' day-schools.

I have some very nice women in my school. They did very well in their examination in arithmetic and in fact in all of their studies. We praise and thank God for the kind of women He is bringing in and for the progress they are making. May their number increase and may they develop spiritually, physically and mentally and be used of God in leading many to Christ.

Romanized School or Training Class

We have had twenty-three women in the Romanized school during the year. Nearly all have studied some in the
day-schools or with the Bible-women before coming to us. This gives them confidence and enables them to learn more during the year, and by the time they finish the course they can write letters and read anything in Romanized. They can read the hymns and sing, for they are taught singing an hour daily. They can read the whole Bible in Romanized, and work examples in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They have read the Bible Picture Book and learned to tell the stories; have had Mark and Luke and written answers to questions on the different chapters. They have had written sentence spelling and the catechism, and have learned to repeat the same Scripture that the training school women have learned. They attend the same weekly services and take part in the class meeting and prayer meeting. The women do all the work of the school and so have had practice in cooking and cleaning house. They cook well and keep the building nice and clean. This work with their studies helps to develop good strong capable women who will be able to make China better whether they go on into the training school or return to their homes to be a blessing and help there and to the neighborhood and the church, should they be so fortunate as to have one near enough to attend. Pray that the women in China may become filled with a desire for knowledge so that the women in the out-stations may arise to their privilege and learn to read, in order to become acquainted with God as one only can through reading His precious word. Only those who travel the districts know how great the soul darkness is because of this lack, and their need of the Bread of Life. May God help us to pray for these poor people and send out the light by and through our Chinese women from our schools.

Day Schools

Kucheng district has twenty girls’ day-schools. The schools have been examined each quarter during the year. I have taken the trip around the district three different times. In June my woman’s school teachers kindly examined them for me after the close of the training school. This fall on my return from Peitaio I commenced examining day-schools at once and only finished Oct. 7 with a few days for my own school in between times. I took one trip of eleven days alone, as I had no one who could be spared from the work. But the Lord was with me and provided for every need and gave much love and blessing along the way and in every place. The scenery along the streams, and the mountain sides covered with forest trees with
their varying shades of green and the feathery bamboos were beautiful and refreshing. In some places where my road led over a high mountain a magnificent view spread out before me of miles and miles of mountain tops covered with green verdure. The scenery on the Kucheng district is very beautiful, especially in the mountains. The rice crop was good, providing another cause for thanksgiving to God. The schools throughout the district are improving. There are quite a number that I would be pleased to have my friend, Mrs. Gamewell, who contemplates going with me sometime, see. The Cie-a school has a number of women studying in it. They all did very well in their examinations. They wrote from dictation, from the government readers, read and explained their books, and repeated hymns and Scripture. Every one counted one. One woman over seventy years of age did very well. Her son, a farmer and a leading Christian in the place, has been conducting the services since the pastor's death. They meet every evening for prayers in the open court of a Chinese house—the house in which we have our day-school and rooms for the teacher with her mother-in-law, and our Bible-woman. The Seng-leng, Dio-a, Chong-tau and other schools were also a pleasure to examine. One takes such enjoyment being with those who do good work.

The teachers gathered in Kucheng for their yearly examinations in January and they showed an increasing interest in them and were anxious to learn. May God bless them and fill them with the love of Jesus that they may be led by the Spirit in this work and lead many into the Kingdom of God.

**Bible-Women**

There are twenty Bible-women on the Kucheng district. Four of them are in places where we have day-schools, but where the preachers in charge very seldom go to preach and the services are conducted by the Bible-woman and teacher of the girls' school. All the others are located where there are preachers, and are workers together for the spiritual welfare of the people and for the salvation of souls. The Bible-women are faithful workers and are loved and trusted by the people among whom they work.

In May Dr. Worley had his preachers' and teachers' conference, and our Bible-women were invited to share the feast of good things. Mr. Miner and his son and a Mr. Ding were here from Fcochow, and they had six days of conference packed full of helpfulness. One evening, the subject astronomy, illustrated
by magic lantern views, was given; another evening, the life of Christ; another, America; another, pictures from the Old Testament. During the day there were addresses or lectures on teaching Sunday school work, and how to preach so as to reach the people and get them saved. The meetings were indeed very practical, spiritual and helpful. I have seen the fruits from that conference as I have traveled over the district. The churches have opened Sunday schools, and the people are being taught the lessons. I spent Sunday at Dong-huang during my last trip around the district, and they had very good services, commencing with the Sunday school. The preacher superintended in proper order. The school was divided into five classes, two for women, of which I taught one and the Bible-woman the other. The teacher took the girls, the preacher the men, and the teacher of the boys' school had the boys. All the classes were of good size. The preaching service was well attended and the preacher preached a good sermon. The people sang well and we had a good League meeting in the afternoon. The preacher, who is a good singer, taught the children to sing hymns a while before the meeting. It was good to hear. The teacher led the Epworth League and a good many took part. It was a spiritual service. At night the preacher's family, the Bible-woman, and teacher had prayers and Bible reading in which each read around, verse by verse. The day's services were helpful to me and I believe to all. Two from the graduates of the training school are doing Bible work on the district. The evangelistic work needs our prayers.

Let us do all we can to encourage and help the workers in the forefront of the battle. May God bless and raise up workers so that this great work may be properly superintended. We need more workers so that while one work is being done another equally important work shall not suffer by neglect.

We were all grieved at the loss of Dr. Worley. He was greatly beloved by the Chinese to whom he gave his life work. He was lovely and faithful. Our loss is his gain. He still lives in the hearts of the people. May his place be filled so the work may go on to the honor and glory of God. Dr. Worley always had a word of encouragement for the woman's work. Both he and Mrs. Worley prayed and worked for the women of China and spoke highly of the teachers' and Bible-women's work. May God bring about His will through these dear Chinese workers, and lead them into fuller and richer experiences of His grace and glorify Himself in and through them.
KUDE DISTRICT

Day Schools and Bible Women

LURA M. HEFTY

Day Schools

We have been greatly rejoiced the past year to see an improvement in our day-schools, in some cases more efficient work by the teacher, and in others more regular attendance by pupils, which is an index to more interest being taken by the villagers in the day-schools and in the education of their daughters.

We reported sixteen day-schools last year and have increased the number by two; still there are many villages begging for schools but we are not able to get efficient teachers for them, even had we more money to open schools. The day schools have been examined each quarter, but our having charge of the boarding school has meant less time for country work and so each time the work has been done in too much haste to be satisfactory; and to know how the different problems of each school are to be met requires a more leisurely itinerary than we have been able to give.

One large village has two flourishing schools. This is a village of wealthy and educated men, which means more secluded women than in poorer villages, and it means smaller bound feet. One of the teachers has a wonderful ability in persuading women and children to unbind their feet. Maybe it is not all eloquence, but partly because she cuts patterns for shoes, makes patterns for embroidering, and helps to make many shoes. In her school of nearly forty, every girl but one had unbound her feet and this one was a new pupil. We have another school where most of the girls are bound-footed, and the plea is that the families are so poor that they can't find good husbands for their daughters if they have big feet like slave girls.

We are requiring more rigid conformity to the uniform course of study and find that the girls who enter our boarding school are better prepared for grade work. Reading, writing, classics, and essay writing form the usual curriculum of a native school, and it is hard to get parents to understand the necessity for other studies; but in the past few years, because they know
we will not take pupils into our boarding school without arithmetic, geography, history, Romanized, Bible, hymns, etc., they are more willing to submit.

We engaged one of our day-school teachers to be our matron, and another one has gone to be matron at the Mintsing Girls' School. Only five of our teachers are single women and two of them are to be married this autumn. We think that on the whole our teachers are doing very well when most of them have family cares and few of them have pleasant places for schoolrooms.

When we realize that these little ones in the day-schools are our future college graduates, we know that nothing but our best efforts for them will do, and more necessary still is this effort when we realize that much of China's future strength depends on Christian womanhood.

May we pray that we shall have more workers and more time for our day-schools!

Bible Women

I feel a sadness and disappointment in reporting our Bible-women's work, a sadness that during the past year there has been so little time to give to these women who are in twenty-two villages scattered through the beautiful mountains of Kude district. True, most of them have been visited each quarter, but in such hurried visits, with so little time for discussion of problems and for prayer, and there is so much need to help and encourage them in the problems they meet and so much more need to pray with them for strength in the fight against idolatry, superstition, and ignorance. The disappointment is because of my own inability to give the spiritual support that this band of "Church Mothers" need. I am often ashamed when I find one of them with a happy smile telling of lives that have come into the light and of victories over sin, and not one word of discouragement, while I in my own work find myself at times disheartened. Many of these Bible-women are examples of faith and courage to me.

One dear old "Mother" is so rejoiced over the saving of one woman from devil-possession. The tale the pastor and Bible-woman tell sounds like the time of the apostles. A woman in a village where the Gospel had not been told, suddenly appeared insane, and though she had never heard a verse of Scripture she repeated verse after verse and kept calling on God to help
The men in her family had heard of a "sect who worshipped a strange God" so went to inquire to see if it were the same one this woman was calling on. When they found it to be so, they asked the pastor to go and cast out the devil that possessed the woman. He went and after much prayer the woman seemed all right; but a few days later she relapsed and then the Bible-woman went and remained with her for several days praying with her and teaching her of the God who alone could help her. The woman believed and the evil spirit again left her but she felt she wasn't yet strong enough to resist the old influences so she went to live with the Bible-woman a few weeks. It was there that I saw her and had a long talk with her. She, too, told me part of the story and kept interrupting herself, by saying, "Oh the grace of God is so wonderful!" She had brought three idols to the preacher to destroy but asked me to take one to America and show the women there what Chinese in their ignorance of a true Savior worship, and tell the Americans that there are still so many who have not heard of a Savior.

This is only one case of what our Bible-women do. Into homes of sorrow they go to comfort the bereaved. I saw one woman throw herself into the Bible-woman's arms and say, "Oh tell me of a God who can comfort me for the loss of my only son; all I have tried failed." Into homes of sickness they go and minister to the suffering; into homes of the sin-sick to urge the despairing one to look up in faith to the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Into homes of the ignorant, teaching them better ways of living and caring for themselves and children. Often they are consulted about a bride's trousseau. They make patterns for shoes for women who have unbound their feet, and even help in cutting out garments. These women learn as true disciples to be "all things to all men." Some are not as faithful as others but each one of us works according to the light she has.

The splendid Sunday school convention held here in May was an inspiration to our Bible-women who came in to attend, and we felt that they went away with a new sense of responsibility and a greater desire for faithful work among the women who are still in darkness.
LUNGTIEN (NGUCHENG) AND FUCHING (HOKCHIANG) DISTRICTS

Girls' Boarding School, Woman's Training School
and Station Class

MABLE ALLEN

Girls' Boarding School

The past year has been a pleasant and profitable one. Last January twelve of the girls, who had grown very dear to us during our years together, left us with smiles on their faces and diplomas in their hands. Our diplomas are greatly prized as is evidenced by the fact that in several bridal processions the diploma has been given the place of honor, leading the procession. Three of our graduates will continue their studies in the Woman's College of South China preparatory school. Seven of the others are teaching day-schools.

Christmas was a happy event. Every girl in school received either a gingham or calico dress from America. These new dresses appear in the Sunday services and add much to the daintiness and attractiveness of the girls. Our thanks are due to Mrs. H. V. Lacy, who brought a large supply of pretty ginghams when she returned from America, and to the patrons who have sent pieces by parcel post.

The departure of our twelve graduates made room for us to take in a class of raw recruits. The girls are so utterly unsophisticated and so innocent of all school rules when they first arrive, that it is quite refreshing to have a new class enter. One day, as I passed the school room door, a little new pupil rushed out of her class and grasped me cordially by the hand and asked where I was going and what I was going to do.

Our attendance for the year was forty in the intermediate department, thirty-seven in the primary, and twenty-three in the kindergarten. The kindergarten is doing a fine work. It is still housed in the church, and for aught we know to the contrary, it may have to dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

The growth of the boarding school has been greatly hindered by lack of scholarships. We cannot take in the girls who are ready to come. Day-school pupils are preparing to enter,
but unless we have more scholarships we shall not be able to take them. They are bright girls. The Master needs them in His service. If we refuse them, they must grow up in ignorance as there is no other school open to them. Not only does our inability to receive them cripple the boarding school, but it is a positive harm to the day-schools. The incentive for study there is taken away, and the pupils drop out. There are no government schools for girls in our territory, and only one other boarding school, that of the Church of England, which is overcrowded like our own.

The school building asked for at our last estimate meeting is an urgent need. Lungtien and Fuching districts furnish unlimited opportunities. We go forth into the new conference year, believing the Lord will supply all our needs.

Woman's Training School and Station Class

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one to write conference reports, we assume that there is one unfailing event in Lungtien to be reported,—the typhoon.

We hold these truths to be self-evident,—that mud buildings will fall; that they have certain inalienable defects; that whenever such buildings become destructive to life and the best interests of education, it is the right of the sufferers to alter or abolish them, and to institute proceedings for new buildings, insisting that their foundations (as high up as the eaves!) be of such materials as stone or brick, and planning them in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that buildings made of mud should be changed for strong and durable ones, and that, before any lives have been lost in the falling walls. But unfortunately, all experience hath shown that womankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the buildings to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of typhoons and storms, pursuing invariably the same course, evinces a design to reduce them under our very eyes, it is our right, it is our duty, to tear down such buildings, and to provide new ones for our future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of your humble servants, and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former attitude of silence and meekness, and to submit the facts to a candid world.

Somewhere in the wide world there must be the money for our buildings. Who will help us to find it?
We have not been able to open our station class this fall, for just before time for opening, a typhoon took a section of the west wall of the school building, extending from the roof to the foundation. Fortunately the wall fell before school opened, or some of the women might have gone with it.

By using only the rooms on the east side, we have been able to open the training school. The women in both schools have made good progress during the year. Mrs. Lacy has shown the same enthusiasm and thoroughness in teaching that Miss Ankeny displayed in former years. We are grateful indeed for her services.

Miss Bartlett, too, has been a great help to the women by giving them some practical work to do. She has organized two Sunday schools, one in a village about a mile from the school, and the other about two miles distant. The women from the training school gladly walk to these two villages to teach under Miss Bartlett’s supervision.

Last January, a class of six graduated, and all are now doing active work in the vineyard of our Lord. One of the number came during the summer and said, “Please keep my salary for the last half year, and use it in the work as you think best.” No one had suggested such a thing to her. In fact, we urged her to take at least part of it for her own use, but she said she wanted to give it all. Then she added, “If you think best, I’ll take two dollars to help a blind woman on the charge where I am working.”

The words of Christ, “Freely ye have received freely give,” have entered into her heart and life. We close the year with gratitude for the evidences of the Christ-life manifested in the lives of many of China’s women and girls.

Hok-chiang Day Schools and Bible Women

CARRIE M. BARTLETT

Day Schools

This is the Jubilee year of Methodism in Hok-chiang, so it seems fitting that we take a backward glance over the years that are past, as well as report the present progress of the work.
Our first day-school was opened at Geng-giang by the Misses Woolston some forty years ago, and one of our present workers, Ho Ngung Saeng, was one of the first pupils in that first day-school. It was taught by Cieng Ieu So, the grandmother of one of our teachers. This woman could read very little herself, and each evening her husband taught her what she was to teach the pupils the next day. Later a Christian man taught the school, for there were very few women who could read then. Other schools were started at Iong-bieng, taught by Mrs. Sie Huo Mi, and at Ngu-cheng, taught by Mrs. Ngoi Gi Lang. These schools were under the supervision of Mrs. Plumb.

It seems that these schools were not kept up, for during a period of twelve years, no mention is made of them. The first report we find of Hok-chiang day-schools is in our Woman's Conference Report of 1886, where the following item appears: "In Hok-chiang we have but one girls' day-school. This was started during the year at Gong-ing, and has an enrollment of seven only." From this it would seem that day-schools were a new feature, but this time they had come to stay, and increased very rapidly, for four years later we have reported thirteen schools. They had increased to fifteen at the time of the Conference Jubilee in 1897, and have continued at that number or an increase ever since. At the beginning of the present year, we opened twenty-two schools, though we have an appropriation for only sixteen.

While our schools are yet far from our ideal, much progress has been made. In the early years, the girls were paid to come to school. Later this was done away with, but books were furnished free. Now pupils buy their books and much more expensive ones than were used in former years. The course of study has been strengthened and modernized, until now our girls are following the same course of study as that used in the boys' day-schools.

One of our greatest problems in these districts is the epidemic of plague which sweeps through almost every year. We get a school nicely started, then this dread disease takes the teacher or some of the pupils, and the school work is interrupted for a long period, if not broken up permanently. Oh for school houses where the children might be free from the awful unsanitary conditions of the majority of our school houses now! For example, I held a meeting in a village recently, where I was given the school room as my place of abode during the days I was
there. It had the roughest of mud walls, which had never seen plaster or white wash, and for the floor only mother earth, which was so wet that it was muddy. Though it boasted the luxury of a window, and there were plenty of holes in the walls and roof for fresh air to come in, yet the air was so impure, because of its close proximity to the cow stable and pig pen and other places of filth, that I had a headache the greater part of the time I was there. When they accomplish so much under these unfavorable conditions, what would they not accomplish with buildings as good as the most ordinary school buildings in the homeland!

Our banner schools are those of Liang-chio, Hok chiang City, Nguk-ka, Au-haeng, and Deng-biah. Other schools are doing good work, and at the time of the June examinations, only two or three schools were really poor.

The islands have come in for their share of the schools this year, as seven of our twenty-two schools were on four different islands, and another asked for a school, but there was no teacher.

One school was opened in a large heathen village without a single Christian family but the girls seem eager to study, and are willing to study our Christian books. At the examination the girls answered well in Bible study, hymns, and catechism, as well as in other books. I thought of what this must mean to these heathen homes. Several of the girls are almost young women and will soon be going to homes of their own. The teacher tells us that quite a number of women attend church, and are just ready to accept the Christian religion. We consider this one of the greatest openings for Christian work in the district.

Perhaps the greatest progress has been made in the Nguk-ka school, which opened last August with about twelve girls and this year reached an enrollment of almost thirty. They are expecting to bring the school up to the requirements of a graded school next year with two teachers. At examination time a committee waited upon us and begged for a school building, and they backed their request with an offer to give one hundred dollars Mexican for every one hundred dollars gold given by the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society. This sounds as if they were interested in the education of girls, doesn’t it? Surely there is some one who could give the five hundred dollars which would make this school building possible. We feel that we cannot let this opportunity go by, for we do need this building very much.
Hok-chiang City has made practically the same offer, though they have not put it quite so definitely. Both places have the land for buildings. I think this practical demonstration of interest in these two schools has been one of the most encouraging features of the year.

At Liong-chio one class of girls has done practically all of three years work in two, and next year will be ready to enter our fourth year primary class in the boarding school. We do so covet these girls and the Au-haeng girls for our boarding school, and the girls themselves want to come, but their parents are not yet willing for them to unbind their feet and come, though the Liong-chio girls have their shoes all made.

On the whole our day schools are encouraging, but still they need more and closer supervision. This year we have tried having only two examinations, but visiting the schools as often as possible in between, and the plan has seemed to meet with approval generally. Our distances are so great, that it takes nearly a month to make the rounds, so we cannot visit them as often as we should.

Teachers' institute was held from July 6th to 24th, and though we had two typhoons during the session, we had a good institute, attended by all but two of the teachers, who were prevented by illness. We were fortunate in having it at the same time that Mr. Lacy had his institute for men, so we could use the same teachers. With a faculty of five foreigners and five exceptionally good Chinese teachers, we felt that the teachers were given much that was helpful, and ought to be better teachers this coming term.

We want to thank those who so generously responded to our request for Christmas cloth for the day schools. Because of your generosity all the pupils in the day schools, the teachers, and Bible women each had a new Christmas dress. We hope you had as much joy in giving as we had in receiving. To many this was the first Christmas gift in all their lives.

**Bible Women**

The records are not clear as to who was our first Bible-woman, or where she worked, but among the first, and probably the very first, was Mrs. Sie Huo Mi, who for so many years was the matron at our Liang au hospital. Ngu Huoi Mu was another of our early workers.
This class of workers was evidently discontinued for a time, for there is no record again until 1890, when this note appears in the conference minutes: "Our one Hok-chiang Bible-woman is Mrs. Sie Huo Mi. She wrote us during the year of many villages visited, and of many women glad to hear about God."

These workers have steadily increased until we now have thirty or more appointed, and yet there are not enough to supply the demand. Many places asked for them, and we had to say, "All are appointed, perhaps we can give you some one next year."

The direct evangelistic work has been continued during the year as we had time, but many circuits have not yet been reached. This far during the year, we have held meetings on fourteen circuits. These meetings have been attended with good results, and because of them we believe many women have gained a new vision of Christ as a personal Savior. Some of the lonely, isolated places have been visited this year. In May, we went to Seu-tau island. We found the people all stirred up because an attack had been made upon the building in which our day school was held, and the teacher's husband had been severely beaten. We thought at first that it would be no use to try to have a meeting, but a few of the women came together, and God was with us in blessing, even under those distracting circumstances. Near the close of the meeting, when we were showing our pictures on the Life of Christ, and the Bible-woman was explaining them, the teacher's father a dear old church father, came in. When we came to the pictures of the trial and crucifixion, the tears rolled down his cheeks, and he said, "I never realized before what the cross meant, I could not but weep as I looked." We find the pictures a great help, not only in gaining and holding attention, but in making the truths clear to the women. That evening I heard one woman telling another the whole story of Christ's life as she had seen it pictured in the afternoon service. If she had heard it without the aid of pictures she probably would have understood and remembered very little of it.

At Go-sang-che a great company of women gathered, and we had one of the best meetings of the year. Many women were brought nearer to Christ, and the closing service was a little foretaste of Heaven. How the joyful, definite testimonies warmed our hearts! One woman told how in a meeting ten years before, held by Miss Trimble, she had promised to unbind
her feet, but after the meeting, she forgot her vow until brought low in illness; then she remembered her promise, and told the Lord that if he would restore her to health, she would unbind. This time she kept her promise, and with shining face she told her experience, and how the Lord had led her from that time.

At Lo-laeng on the top of one of our Hok-chiang moun-
tains, God gave us a real mountain top experience. Some years ago a hunchback boy from this village came to the boys' school in Ngu-cheng, heard of Christ, accepted Him, and about five years ago went back to tell his own mountain people about his Savior. Rarely have we met a company of women and girls more eager to learn, and more responsive to the message. It hardly seemed possible that five years ago they had not heard of our Christ. How glad we were to tell them about Christ and his love!

We have been very ably assisted in the evangelistic work this year by two of our Bible-women, Ling Ho Saeng and Ling Kong Saeng. In earlier years they were Miss Trimble's helpers, so have had valuable training. Both are consecrated women, and but for their help we feel we could not have done the work this year.

During the year one of our Bible-women, U Ho Saeng, has been called Home. She was not well for months before, but kept at her work almost to the last, and the people tell how faithfully she worked when almost too ill to be up. A few years ago, Mrs. Jessie Ankeney Lacy visited her home, such a wretched place that she almost hesitated to enter. Ho Saeng saw her hesitation, and said, 'Don't you think I'll be glad when I get to Heaven after living in such a place as this?'. Today she has gone to the Mansion prepared for her, and the women of Geng-giang will long praise her for the twelve years of faithful ser-
vice among them.

Our Bible-women's institute was held at the same time as the teachers' institute, and was a most helpful time for all. After our early morning devotions, we had the story of David Livingstone and his wonderful work in Africa. Then Mrs. Lacy had an hour of Bible study. This was followed by a sermon by Rev. Wong De Gi, who used as his text, "The Heavenly Compass," a sermon rich in helpful instruction and illustration. Miss Allen took the drill in Romanized, preparatory to the opening of station classes next year. Rev. Mr. Ling had a profitable hour teaching the greater catechism. Dr. Li gave helpful talks using as a
basis, "The Wife and Mother in the Home," and the day closed with an hour of practical talks about the work of the Bible-women. Our closing Sunday evening service was in charge of Dist. Supt. U, who a few weeks later went to his reward. How little we thought it was his last message to us. His faithfulness and devotion to work will always be an inspiration to us. And the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has lost one of its staunchest friends.

We thank those also who sent Christmas gifts to the Bible-women. Some sent money, and others cloth, so that all were remembered, and were made happy because you shared your Christmas joy with them.

Ngucheng Women and Children's Hospital

Dr. Li Bi Cu

This has been our busiest and happiest year of service for our blessed Master. We never realized before how much joy we can get from helping those who need our help. We cannot thank God enough for giving us this privilege of working for Him.

The first thing we did on our return was to change the rules about the patients' board. We used to allow them to bring their own food, and charge them three coppers a day for the wood they needed for cooking. We never liked that method because they did not have proper food and consequently they could not get well as quickly as they should. We were told that we would not have any patients if we should board them. But to our greatest surprise and joy we have found that since we board them for ten cents a day we have more patients than we can accommodate at times for the lack of rooms. We find that our patients do not have to stay with us as long as they used to because they get well quicker under proper diet.

We are very thankful to God that we were able to get Dr. Uong Kie Chung to help us. She has been very faithful and earnest in her work, and a great blessing to the patients and to us all.

We have been glad ever since we have had so many patients that we took five young women as nurses. They have helped us much in making the poor sufferers comfortable. The patients were grateful for such care as they never had before.
More than one hundred maternity patients have been under our care since we returned. At first many came from a village where they had to run away from the soldiers. They went to their relatives living in other villages or to their own fathers and mothers’ homes. But they were not allowed to give birth in these homes for fear they would carry away the good luck with them. But since then we have had patients come from far off places which we have never heard of before. We have acquired a great reputation for having so many more boys than girls born. Not long ago a patient came who had had six daughters and no son. According to their old sayings the seventh one must be a girl. Her family sent her in here with the hope that she might have a son. How happy she was that her baby happened to be one of our many boys.

Our daily average of in-patients has been from thirty to fifty throughout the year. At times we have had to double the number of patients in some of the rooms. For instance a room 12 x 15 has been occupied by nine patients, the youngest one five years old. During the year several of the patients were sent away because it just happened that we could not squeeze them in; even the outside building was full. We shall never forget one little five years old patient. He was brought in by his mother and had to be sent away. He certainly did need our care and it was sad that we could not keep him. We do hope we will not have such experiences often for they are too hard to bear.

A large number of children have been treated both in the dispensary and hospital. They presented all kinds of diseases. How they had suffered, poor little ones! The most pitiful ones were those brought here sightless. Many of them could have been spared the suffering if they had not been neglected. It would make your hearts ache to see some of our little ones. The saddest part is we are powerless to help.

Our patients have more opportunity to hear and learn of our Saviour because each nurse is giving one hour a day to teaching those under her care. We do pray that many will be brought to serve Him. We find that those who have experienced much suffering are more anxious to lean on our Comforter. One woman came in with her very sick child and told us that four months before she came she had lost a son sixteen years old and a daughter of fourteen within six days of each other. She was sick herself and did not expect to see her only living child a
month old. She did get well but her poor baby got all the poison from the mother. For a time we had no idea we could help him but thank God that He spared that child to comfort his mother. She has decided to become a Christian and we do pray that she will be earnest and true.

Another woman came who had been troubled by the evil spirits for years. Her family were supposed to be Christians but they could do nothing for her until she came to us. We told her she must give herself to the Lord if she wanted to get well. She was willing to do every thing we told her. She unbound her feet and she learned how to pray, to read Bible verses, and to say grace at each meal. She was a different woman when she left us, happy and hopeful.

We could tell you of many more but we must not. Our preachers have been very kind to give us an hour each Sunday afternoon to talk to the patients. Much interest has been shown by every patient. We can only sow the seeds but our Father in Heaven will make them grow. Our Wednesday afternoon prayer meetings have been very helpful throughout the year. How much they all have enjoyed the Victrola!

We thank a friend in East Baltimore district for supporting a bed. She does not wish to have her name known but we know she will receive her reward from our Heavenly Father. Many poor patients have received free treatment. The Marrow Memorial M. E., Church Sunday School in Maplewood, N. J. also has a bed in our hospital. No one will ever know how many lives have been saved because it was possible for them to receive free treatment.

We want to thank our friends in Washington, East Baltimore district, Williamsport, Philadelphia, Genesee Conference and River Falls, Wis. for sending us boxes and parcels containing bandages, cards, and other supplies. We use so much old linen that we never could have all we need. much labor has been saved by Mrs. J. R. Field’s gift of a sewing machine. How grateful we are to her!

Dr. Mary Griscum, one of my own professors, gave us much help while she was with us. We wished we could keep her all the time.

I do hope you all will pray for us that we may do more and better work for Him “Who loved us and gave Himself for us.” We can do all things through Him, and without Him we can do nothing.
MING-CHIANG DISTRICT
Girls' Boarding School, Woman's Training School, and Station Classes

ROSE A. MACE

Girls' Boarding School

We greatly rejoice over both the mental and spiritual growth of our seventy-five girls during the year. Of course we are far from the goal toward which we are striving, but we do not feel discouraged because we have the assurance of the Heavenly Father's guidance, and we know that although we make mistakes, He is able to lead to victory.

At the opening of this term I was very much pleased over the reports which the girls gave of their work during vacation. Several girls had each induced one or two women to attend church. Others found women to whom they taught Scripture verses, hymns, and the Ten Commandments. One little girl won a soul for Christ by the singing of a hymn. Still another had the courage to kneel and pray the Father to lead her hearer into the light. Let us support these brave little workers with our earnest prayers that they may grow in the knowledge and love of Christ, and thus become a power for good among their own people.

The girls are taking a more active part in the class and prayer meetings as well as in the Epworth League work, but I feel their greatest help comes from their faithful observance of the morning watch.

The teachers are doing splendid work this year. They take a real interest in helping to bring the school up to a higher standard. The two girls who came to me from the college preparatory school especially deserve mention, they have been helpful in so many ways.

Our heart was saddened by the marriage of one of our fifteen year old girls during vacation. A few days ago she came to tell me how sorry she was to leave school, but she was betrothed when a child and the mother-in-law would not postpone the marriage any longer. She lives in a non-Christian home, but promised to be faithful and to try by a good example to bring her family to Christ.
We had a very happy Christmas. The teachers and pupils decorated the school chapel most beautifully. Christmas eve we had an interesting program in which the hospital and boys' school took part. Christmas morning the pretty and useful gifts so kindly sent us by the Baltimore Branch were distributed, after which the girls with light and happy hearts attended the services at church. After quite a good but simple dinner we invited our mission Sunday school to a service and a little treat.

Another event of interest was on the fifteenth of February when men from all over the district met on a lot adjoining our school grounds to hold their annual fair. Benches were taken from our chapel and dining room and arranged on the school campus. The gate was opened and a large sign put up extending a cordial invitation to all. The school porch was used as a pulpit and four earnest speakers took turns in giving the message. This was continued throughout the day. The seats were constantly filled and much of the standing room occupied, so a large number of people heard the story of salvation through Christ. All seemed glad to hear and some seemed really interested, therefore we believe that these efforts and our prayers were not in vain and that precious souls will be harvested from seed sown that day.

**Woman’s Training School and Station Classes**

This year we have twenty-one women in the Bible training school, several of whom seem especially promising. Four we hope to graduate in January, three of whom will have completed the five years' course of study for Bible-women. The other one will have finished the seven years' course recently prepared for the younger women. The latter was a former student in our girls' school. As a rule we do not receive women into the Bible training school who were previously students in the girls' school and left before completing the prescribed course of study, but we received this one because of her beautiful and loyal Christian character.

Another woman who seems truly filled with the Holy Spirit comes from a non-Christian home. When she heard of Christ’s love for mankind and accepted Him as her Savior, her family was greatly displeased and even persecuted her in many little ways. Her husband is dead and she has one little boy whom she is very anxious to give a Christian education. She wanted to come to school and learn to read the Bible but her family wanted her to stay at home and make straw sandals which
they sell for a cent a pair, therefore they refused to help plan for the child if she came. However, with the help of her pastor and much sacrifice on her own part, she is keeping the boy in a day school and is taking the Bible training herself.

The spirit of fellowship and earnestness in the school this year is very encouraging. Of course it is hard for some of the elder women to learn as their minds were not developed at the proper time, but they are all diligent and are making the very best use of their opportunity.

Mr. Bissonnette, our missionary in charge, has given very able Bible lectures in the training school several days each week during the past term, and Mrs. Bissonnette kindly taught an English class in the girls' school.

Our station classes have not grown as I had hoped they would, but we do have women studying in several of the townships. I hope our native workers will make a special effort to help and encourage these classes, and that we may find more time in the future to devote to this very important work.

The Father has truly blessed us in many ways during the year, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will so fill the hearts of all our students that others may see in them the light and love which Jesus shed abroad when here upon earth, and that during the coming year many through them may be led into the circle of His abiding love.

Primary Day Schools

MARY CARLETON

During the past conference year we have been able to visit most of the nineteen day schools on this district four times, some only three times, one once and one not at all. On the whole there has been advance in the schools and the experience of working in them has been of value.

We were unable to hold the teacher's institute till just before the woman's district conference this spring, instead of at the New Year as formerly. At the New Year there were a few changes made. Four schools had to be closed but there were calls for the teachers elsewhere. It is unfortunate that we have to rely on the people for rooms for our schools and teachers and thus often lose a flourishing school. It makes one long for the time when we shall own our schools and be more independent.
The new school over which we have rejoiced the most is the one at the county seat. We have hoped for this opportunity for a long time. This is a wicked place and a most difficult center and we felt we might be able to reach the people through the children. The school at the Second Township grew so large that an assistant teacher was asked to help a half day. The Bah-hung-do school which caused us special rejoicing last year has done splendid work, and through its influence a boys' school has been established there and a very favorable sentiment towards Christianity awakened, so that the people of this large town are asking for a chapel.

The number of students has increased, there being over three hundred enrolled. In all, five girls from these schools entered the girls' boarding school. Two were not prepared to enter, but because the school in their village had to be closed Miss Mace took them in.

The women came for their institute during the month of May and it was very gratifying to see how hard they worked to improve every opportunity. Seven tried the examinations for the first grade certificates but only six passed. The third week of the institute was the woman's district conference. At that time we presented the six with their certificates. They were the first to be given in our district so it was an important occasion for the women, some of whom celebrated by getting new names. The woman's conference lasted only four days. During the remainder of the month the teachers attended lectures given to the preachers and men teachers of the district on methods of teaching children, which they found very helpful.

We wish to thank our American friends for a splendid Christmas box and many packages which gave the school children a happy Christmas and which no doubt has helped to keep up the good attendance during the year.

Having been appointed to teach for a half day in the boarding school it has been difficult to be away for any length of time. If by the little that has been done this year we can rejoice in the advancement of the schools, and good feeling as well as wholesome rivalry among the teachers, how much more could be accomplished if one could give her entire time to this work.

This is probably the last time that we shall give a report for this work, so we make a plea once more for our day schools that they be given the best that the mission has instead of only the time which a missionary can spare from other work.
Bible Women

MARY ELINE CARLETON, M. D.

Conference refusing to change my appointment I assumed the superintendency of the Bible-women with regret. One cannot put as much heart into a thing that she knows she will not do well as into something that one knows she has time and ability to do. However as the responsibility was not mine I took courage, and did what I could. At the women's district conference eight received licences for the ensuing year; of these six had been working for us for sometime, one was reappointed after a lapse of a year, and another was a new worker. At the New Year we sent Mrs. Uong-Ding (familiarly known as Ne-cia) to work at our county seat, Mintsing Gaing. Her son was the preacher there and so no better place could be found for his mother; she has done her work well, but the Gaing is a very difficult place to work in as the people are hardened and unresponsive; nevertheless she has helped to keep the girls in the little school, visited a few women who had been in the hospital, visited and sent to us a few who were ill, besides preaching several times when the minister was absent. Her opportunities have not been the best, but it has been worth while to have such a well disposed, well educated woman at the county church.

We were much pleased to secure the services of Mrs. Ding-Gong. As a girl she was educated in the Anglican Girls' School at Kutien. Her home is in the northern section of our district where we have just begun work. Her husband has had several appointments as a local preacher under our mission, but this past year did not accept an appointment but moved to a small village some miles from their home in Siong-iong. When they received word that I had appointed Mrs. Ding-Gong to be a Bible-woman there, he went out of doors and rang a large bell he had; the neighbors within reach of the sound quickly came running to see what was the matter; then he told them and asked them to remain to a service. From that time she said: "I simply did what I could; I taught the few children who would come, I visited those who would receive me, I preached to those who came to my husband's shop, and I assisted my husband in holding a service every Sunday." The result of their united labor has been the conversion of several persons (the place did not have one Christian in it when they went there) and the voluntary subscription on the part of the attendants at the Sunday service of over twenty dollars. One converted woman over
sixty years old brought two rabbits to Mr. Gong, saying that she had nothing else that was her own to give and she wished to give these.

Mrs. Uong-Ling, my travelling Bible-woman, tho living at the Fifth Township as her appointed place, perhaps has been away from there more weeks that she has really been there. It was a great joy to me to hear the preachers at the district conference speak of the excellent work she has done on their appointments. One man said, "I did not know before that there could be such a woman." Many times without a day's notice she has packed up to come to take the place of our hospital matron who has several times been called home, or to go for an itinerating trip with me, sometimes being sent on ahead of me for one or two weeks and then left for "follow up work" after my dispensing; it hasn't seemed to matter what the nature of the call, or the place sent to, she has responded with a happy face and entered upon her new work with the wonderful enthusiasm that characterizes all she ever does.

Many good things could be said of the others, but time forbids further enlarging. I trust all have been faithful according to their light; that they would have done better work had their missionary visited them and worked with them there can be no doubt.

All the Bible-women came in for the conference held in the spring and they will be invited to attend the evangelistic meetings held under the Eddy Campaign. Perhaps a class for Bible study can be arranged for them later on. They need your sympathetic interest and prayers, for while they are under the care of one whose legitimate business keeps hands and heart full one must feel they are working greatly handicapped.

The Good Shepherd Hospital

M. E. Carleton, M. D.

Another milestone has been reached, and we stop for a moment to contemplate the past year before rushing on into the future. It has been our blessed privilege to serve our Lord another year in China, and for this we are devoutly grateful; and because of this, we know "we have served ourselves by every sense of service which we have rendered"; for it is a high privilege. The first half of the year we had as much illness amongst
our own people to contend with as we had from without. Death removed from us one of our students; Uong-cio-gieu, the eldest daughter-in-law of our matron, died; the daughter of our first assistant was ill a long time, as was the son of another. In short there was no one amongst our own number who, if not ill in person, had not some relative who was. It was a very difficult and trying time, for many were depressed and others tempted, and it seemed sometimes as though I had to have courage and faith for all.

The New Year brought back health and a better spirit with a rush of patients, so that none of us had much time to think of our own infelicities. The old building repaired last year has been in constant use, part of it being occupied by our men servants and teacher, and the remainder by the men patients. We have had twenty beds there, and they have been used nearly all the time. Lau Cauk Ging has been untiring in his efforts to reach these men, leading them to church and to our own services, and teaching them the Scriptures. A little blind beggar boy found his way to us and as we took him in hand to see what we could do for the one eye that still had a little sight, Cauk Ging went to work to see what he could do for the lad’s soul and mind. He discovered that the boy had a wonderful memory, and so began to read the New Testament to him; at present the boy can repeat the first eighteen chapters of Matthew, and give the principal teaching of every section, besides endless other detached portions of Scripture and hymns. I have promised the boy an entire suit of clothes when he can repeat the whole book of Matthew and he assures me he will be ready for the suit before cold weather. We are hoping to get him into the school for blind boys in Foochow.

Our dear old matron has greatly aged since the death of her daughter-in-law, but though grievously afflicted no one has heard a murmur from her lip, and in this, as in all she does, she testifies to the grace of God in her. We were glad to be able to send our first assistant to Foochow to attend a Sunday school convention; this greatly refreshed her, besides opening up for her a new field of usefulness. She continues to hold the respect and confidence of all. Our senior class of students felt greatly the death of Uong Cio Gieu who was one of their number. They were untiring in their care of her during the three days of her illness and followed her to her grave with chastened hearts. There are three students in the second class, and when one considers the many new conditions which seem most upsetting to
students I am most grateful to record that we have had the most harmonious relationship with them throughout the year.

Sia Sing-sang has taught most of the books, but Ciong I-song has assisted me in teaching obstetrics, and my daughter Mary also has been able to take two classes in the evening.

The religious services have been well attended. Probably the Monday morning chapel service provokes the greatest interest, for it is then that the patients take a part repeating the portions of Scripture learned during the week. The Sunday school held Sunday afternoons always bring to it a goodly number from the village just above us. The pastor often says that he speaks to more heathen people at our Tuesday evening service than at any other place. My own Bible class with the workers and students has been a great blessing to me.

I have during the year made four itinerary medical trips, visiting fourteen large centers. The first of these trips was across the River Min into the northern part of our district, and one can say into the most neglected heathen portion of our district. On two other trips I spent a week at each appointment, going out to sub-appointments from the one center. I took a very capable Bible-woman with me and it was delightful at our district conference to listen to the words of appreciation spoken of her by the pastors as they gave their report; one said "I didn't know there could be such a woman."

Our hospital school has continued all the year. I have had as teacher one of our own Ming-chiang girls who, after graduating from our school took a year in a normal class, held at Tai-maiu school. At present we have about ten studying in the hospital, ranging all the way from seven to forty-seven years of age, including the blind boy mentioned before.

Not among the least of our duties accomplished is the happy consciousness that the forty supporters of the forty beds in the hospital have all been written to and received reports of those who have benefitted from their generosity. A few of these patrons have sent money for iron beds; if others will do the same this coming year I shall soon be able to equip the hospital with a uniform comfortable clean bed. Three boxes of hospital supplies with a few Christmas things have already arrived; we are most greatful to St. Mark's Church Brooklyn, to Metropolitan Temple, New York City, and to the Standard Bearers of Cazena via district for these. In response to a notice put in the Friend for me by Miss Watrous I have received a great many bundles
of old cotton and linen; these are most acceptable, for cloth for
bandages or dressings is very expensive and these represent a
very real saving for us. I am afraid we shall be very much in-
convenienced this coming year, as my large biennial drug order
was placed with Merck just before war was declared; beyond a
note saying my draft and order were received and would com-
mand their immediate attention I have heard nothing; perhaps
the Allies are rejoicing in an unexpected supply of drugs; if so,
I would they knew they were purchased with an eye to another
kind of warfare than the one they are engaged in.

YENPING DISTRICT
Emma Fuller Girls’ Boarding School

EMMA L. EHLY

Last week as we thought of the report that must be writ-
ten we were in a "straight 'twixt two" scarcely knowing whether
to report our work as educational or as medical. But yesterday
all the girls were again at work, and the very sick girl was taken
to the hospital, so today we feel as if we were really in school
work.

In February, on my return from Foochow, I found that
during my absence I had become an heiress—the Girls' Boarding
School being my inheritance. My heart sank, for I felt that I
was hardly out of "swaddling clothes", so recent was my coming
to China. But I had brought up to Yenping with me two gra-
duates from the preparatory school and they with the other
teachers helped me over many rough and untrodden paths.

While last term was not a failure we cannot claim for it
the greatest measure of success. All our hopes were not realiz-
ed; there were some disappointments and some discouraging
features, but this term finds us still on the sunny side. It was
a time of experiences such as can come only to a new missionary,
and it was a preparation and stepping-stone to the work of the
present year.

As I wrote to my secretary we had an epidemic of malaria,
mumps, and mischief with study sandwiched in. At the close of
one day in particular after the girls had partaken of forbidden
fruit, instead of the doxology did my heart sing:
"In brief, suppose the fashion was
For children to be 'nice,'
'Twould save a heap of trouble—
But life would lose some spice!"

We had an enrollment of sixty-seven, the largest I think since the school was started. In spite of the many difficulties to be overcome due to a new principal and inexperienced teachers the girls of the intermediate school did creditable work, averaging fairly well in the uniform examinations.

One of the interesting events of the term's work was a visit in the country—taken for a rest as well as to further the interests of the work. As a result we have in school two new girls—the first to come from this locality and the first in the village to unbind their feet. We feel quite encouraged and hope that as we advance in experience we may have a small part in bringing in the kingdom of our dear Christ.

This year we are trying to make one or two changes which we think will be of benefit to the school. First, we are following the new course of study. This necessitated some changes and adjustment of classes and studies, but all pupils are now definitely classified. Second, it seems better for the mental and moral atmosphere of the school to exclude the small tots. So we are going to attempt to have as one of the requirements for admission, the completion of the primary first and second years' studies. This is an experiment whereby we hope to raise the standard of scholarship and permit the teachers to devote more time to actual instruction and less time to mothers' duties. The pastors with whom we have talked of the new plans heartily approve and have expressed a willingness to help in any way they can.

We trust that this year may be crowned with success not only in the mental but even more in the spiritual lives of those who have come under our care.

Bible Training School and Woman's Station Class,
Kindergarten, Bible Women, and Day Schools

Alice Linam

As my furlough was due the summer of 1913, I went to America then and returned to China this summer. I came back by the way of Europe. I left New York City July 11, I passed
through Europe before the war, and so was only delayed a few days. I reached Hongkong August 29th, but on account of the typhoon I did not reach Foochow until September 3rd. Most of the missionaries were still at Kuliang. I went to the mountain September 4th, and spent the day with Miss Hartford, talking over the Yenping work, as she did not plan to return to Yenping.

While in America I received many letters from Yenping so have been able to keep in touch with the work there. September 5th, I started to Yenping on a messenger boat, but we did not make much progress, owing to the wind, and other difficulties, so after three days I transferred to the steam launch, and reached Cui-kau that evening. There I took a small boat and in less than two days I was on the Yenping district. This boat was only ten feet long and four feet wide and made so much motion that I had to be perfectly quiet while they were rowing the boat. But I thought I would sooner be very miserable for a short time than waste so much time on the larger boat. I asked Mr. Ling, one of the Chinese teachers, when he thought we would have a railroad to Yenping. He said, "I do not expect to live to see the railroad, but possibly my little sixteen months old boy may live to see it." So you see things are not moving as fast in China as some of us thought they were. But I find many encouraging things about the work.

I stopped at some of the churches before reaching Yenping City. After spending one night in our home in Yenping City I started on a five days' trip up the Min River. As school opened September 23rd it was necessary to start immediately so as to get back in time to get things ready for the opening of school. I visited Sa-king, Uong-dai, A-iong, Tiong-kau, Song-chong, Nguong-kang, Gau-ka, and saw several of my day schools and Bible-women. Although I found some discouraging things yet on the whole the work has advanced.

When I went home last summer, it seemed that foot-binding would very soon be a thing of the past. But I am sorry to say that many of the women on the Yenping district have not yet unbound their feet, and they are still binding the feet of some of the little girls in some of the far away villages. But in several of the large cities the sentiment is quite strong against the custom, and many of the heathen women as well as others have unbound their feet. A little bride, who had unbound her feet, told me not long ago, she would give anything she possessed
if she could only have natural feet. She is so ashamed of her poor crippled feet.

Several of my day schools are not doing as well as I wish they were, but I feel sure that in another year they will be very much improved. At Uong-dai I found that thirty-five women and children study in the day school. Some of the women from the woman's school and girls from the girls' school at Yenping had been helping the teacher during the summer vacation. They had just closed a tent meeting. There were a number of conversions and over $1000 was subscribed for the new church which they very much need.

One of the women was very sick while I was there. Ten of the girls and women went to the home to have prayer with her. We had a full house in the evening. When the pastor asked how many would promise to pray and read their Bible every day, every one stood up.

A number of the pastors' wives on the district are women who have studied in the Yenping Woman's School. They are all earnest Christians, and are doing excellent work.

I have thirty women in the woman's school this term besides several day pupils. Many more are anxious to study, but I have not the money. I hope every one who promised to take a scholarship next year will do so. Then I will be able to take in more women. We have a fine kindergarten this year.

While in America I made Sunday school work a special study. I hope to adopt the graded lessons in all the Sunday schools on Yenping district. The Sunday school is truly the school of the church. I also hope to have a good Epworth League and Junior League at each of the churches.

We had a very good district conference. We are all praying earnestly for the Sherwood Eddy meetings that we are to have in November. We are expecting a wonderful blessing.

Although it has not been three months since I returned to China, it seems as if I have been here a year already. I want to thank you for the good Christmas boxes you sent me this year.

Let us not forget to pray for the native workers. Only the judgment will reveal all they have meant and still mean to the spread of the Gospel in China.
YUKI DISTRICT

Women’s Work

MABEL C. HARTFORD

In the Yuki district there are eighteen circuits. Many of these circuits have one or more subcircuits. All of them cover a wide territory. Many of our Christians walk ten or more miles to attend church. Many women in Christian families cannot attend church, as they cannot walk such a long distance, so Bible-women are much needed in this district. We have fourteen Bible-women, and need at least as many more, simply to care for the women in the families, where the men attend church.

Our fourteen Bible-women are hard working women. Many of them walk several miles nearly every day. In the various reports which have been received we see that each one reports only two, three, or four new women who have become Christians during the past year. This may seem to some to be a small number for a whole year’s work, but we must remember women are not counted Christians unless they attend church. Many of our women cannot attend church. I am sure several of them who have been visited by these faithful Bible-women desire to be Christians.

We have six day-schools. The one at Ka-kau is all one could desire, both in regard to numbers and in the quality of work done. The other five have not as many pupils as we would like, but I feel sure it is no fault of the teachers. The people of Yuki district have as yet no great desire for learning. Indeed the heathen people know or care little about new China. The men are afraid to cut off their cues for fear the Manchus will again be in power, and cut off their heads. There are many bandits in several of the townships, and the children are afraid to attend school.

In all of our schools, however, there are some children who are truly anxious to learn, and through those from heathen homes, the Gospel is being carried into dark places.

In our Yuki City school a mother comes with her two little daughters. The older of the girls has studied before, so can help her mother, who is just beginning. Sundays the old grandmother comes to church with them. The father is an earnest Christian, so we have the whole family. When we can win whole families to Christ, our work will prosper.
Heretofore nearly all the women in Yuki district who have come to our Woman's Training School, have been from the north-eastern quarter of the district, near the Min River. But now we have five women from the extreme southern part of the district, very near the Da-cheng district.

The past year there have been nine women studying in the training class at Yuki City. In June one of these women was appointed a Bible-woman at the Fourth Township, a newly opened circuit, where we as yet have no Christian women. She indeed has a hard field and needs your prayers.

In September I moved to Yuki City, and so hope to be able to do more for the women and girls of the district during the coming year than I have in the past.
W. F. M. S. APPOINTMENTS

Foochow District

Woman's College of South China: President, Lydia A. Trimble, Faculty: L. Ethel Wallace, Ruby Sia, Mary Mann, Mrs. Lydia A. Wilkinson, Elsie G. Clark; Baylie Hall, Flossie Hostetter, Edith F. Gaylord, (Students of the language)


Woman's Training School and Station Class: Closed because of condemned building.

Mary E. Crook Children's Home and Kindergarten: Elizabeth M. Strow.

Foochow Leper Work: Cora E. Simpson, R. N.

Bible Women: Mary Mann.

Primary Day Schools: Elizabeth M. Strow.

Industrial Work: Jean Adams.

Magaw Memorial Hospital: Ellen M. Lyon, M. D., Lena Hatfield, M. D.

Superintendent Florence Nightingale Nurses' Training School and Hospital Evangelistic Work: Cora E. Simpson, R.N.

Instructor in English: Mrs. R. A. Ward.

Woolston Memorial Hospital: Hu King Eng, M. D.

Woolston Memorial Hospital Evangelistic Work: Mrs. Lydia A. Wilkinson.

Foochow City Evangelistic Work: Mary Sing-gieu Carleton.

Hai-tsang (Hai-tang) District

Girls' Intermediate School (Boarding and Day), Woman's Training School, Station Class, Primary Day Schools and Bible Women: Mamie F. Glassburner, Jennie D. Jones.

Medical Work: Magaw Memorial Hospital physicians in charge; Dr. Hung Ciong Saeng, internes.
Ku-tien (Ku-cheng) and Ku-de Districts

Girls’ Intermediate School (Boarding and Day) Deaf and Dumb Dep’t; Ku-de District Primary Day Schools, Bible Women: Lura M. Hefty, H. Laura Frazey, Emma Eichenberger.
Woman’s Training School, Station Class, Ku-tien District Primary Day Schools and Bible Women’s Work: Mary Peters.

Mintsing (Ming-chiang) District

Girls’ Intermediate School (Boarding and Day), Woman’s Training School, Station Class, Primary Day Schools: Rose A. Mace, Edna Jones, Mary Sing-gieu Carleton.*
Nathan Sites Memorial Good Shepherd Hospital and District Bible Women: Mary E. Carleton, M. D.

Lung-tien (Ngu-cheng) and Fu-ching (Hok-chiang) Districts

Girls’ Intermediate School (Boarding and Day), Woman’s Training School, Station Class, Primary Day Schools, and Bible Women: Mable Allen, Carrie M. Bartlett, Floy Hurlbut, (Student of the language).
Teacher in Woman’s Training School: Mrs. Jessie Ankeny Lacy.
Women’s and Children’s Hospital: Li Bi Cu, M. D.

Yu-ki (Iuka) District

Woman’s Training Class, Primary Day Schools, Bible Women: Mabel C. Hartford.
*Miss Carleton’s appointment in Mintsing expires at the close of the lunar year.

Yenping District

Girls’ Intermediate School (Boarding and Day)): Emma L. Ehly.
Woman’s Training School, Station Class, Primary Day Schools, Bible Women and Kindergarten: Alice Linam.
Evangelistic Work in Ing-ang District:  Mrs. Williams.

Treasurer and Business Agent:  Elizabeth M. Strow.

On Furlough

Phebe C. Wells, May Hu, Julia Bonafield.

Furloughs Granted

Mable Allen, Ellen M. Lyon, M. D. Lura Hefty.

Standing Committees of the W. F. M. S.

Reference:—Carrie M. Bartlett, Mamie F. Glassburner, Alice
Linam, Emma E. Chenberger, Mary E. Carleton, M. D.
Mabel C. Hartford, Jane E. Nevitt, Lydia A. Trimble,
Cora E. Simpson, the official correspondent, ex-officio.

Building:—The lady or ladies in charge of the work, the treasur-
er, the missionary of the General Board in charge of the
District, Lydia A. Trimble, Ralph A. Ward.

Official Correspondent:—Elizabeth M. Strow.
### STATISTICAL TABLES

For the year ending May 1st, 1914

**Cora E. Simpson, Statistical Secretary.**

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Course of Study for Focchow Missionaries

First Year

1.—Focchow Hand-book Part I; Writing one half of the radicals, giving meaning.

2.—Geography; Draw a map of the Fuhkien province locating prefectures, counties and principal cities. Draw a map of China locating provinces with their capitals, also the great rivers of China.


4.—Read and translate into English from the Romanized the Ritual for Baptism, Reception of Members, and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

5.—Gospel of John in Romanized.

6.—Write 20 sentences from dictation in Romanized Colloquial.

7.—First Writing Book.

8.—Read volumes 1 and 2 of the Chinese National Readers.

9.—Give an exposition of a Miracle or Parable of our Lord to be selected at the time of examination by the Committee.

10.—Give a short address to general (Chinese) audience.

*To be read;—The Real Chinaman, Holcome; Life of Pastor Hsu, Mrs. Howard Taylor; The Awakening of China, Martin: China under the Empress Dowager, Bland and Stenhouse; Ways that are Dark, Walsh.

Second Year

1.—Remainder of Focchow Hand-book; last half of radicals.

2.—Exodus in Romanized; Luke and Acts in Weulior Vols. 3 and 4 of the National Readers.
3.—Three Character Classic.
4.—Read and translate into English the remainder of the Ritual.
5.—Give a 20 minute address to Chinese audience.
   *To be read:—China in Law and Commerce, Jernigan; Imperial History of China, Macgowan; Prolegomena to Confucian Analects, Legge; China and the Chinese, Giles; The Changing Chinese, Ross; Romanized local paper.

Third Year

1.—The Analects, Part 1.
2.—Matthew and Mark in Wenli or Vols. 5 and 6 National Readers.
3.—Sermon to Chinese congregation.
   *To be read:—Religions of China, Edkins; China in Convulsion, Smith; Prolegomena to Mencius, Legge.

Fourth Year

2.—Students choice of book from Classical Bible, or Making of a Man, first two chapters.
3.—Evidences of Christianity, Martin.
   *To be read; The Far East, Little; The Chinese, Thompson; The Chinese Empire, Broomball; Mission Problems and Mission Methods in South China, Gibson; Travels in Tartary and Tibet, Abbe Huc.

*The student may select any three of the books mentioned for reading, and will be expected to present to the examining committee a synopsis of the books read.
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