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Foochow Conference

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Minutes of Meeting of Foochow Woman’s Conference

Morning of Nov. 29, 1926.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 A. M. in Hwa Nan Chapel by Miss Ruby Sia, in the absence of Dr. Li Bi Cu, President. Owing to various reasons many changes had to be made on the program. Bishop Brown conducted the Devotions in the place of Mrs. Brown who was detained at home by illness.

Following the devotions Miss Abel introduced the following new members to the Conference, Dr. Lewis, Dr. Witham, Miss Vanderburg, Miss Landis, Miss Davis.

At 9:45 Mrs. May Hu Nga gave a paper on the subject, “My Ideal Missionary.” She said First—that an ideal missionary does not regard hardships as of much importance remembering Jesus was born in a manger.

Second—An ideal missionary must have a strong body in order to do efficient work.

Third—An ideal missionary should know the Chinese language and be able to read the Chinese characters. Otherwise she will not be able to understand Chinese thought if she does not know something about the literature of China.

Fourth—An ideal missionary should have love for the people among whom she is working, and a willingness to help any who are in need of help.

Fifth—An ideal missionary’s wife will be interested in the Chinese people as well as in her own home, and will be able to find opportunities of service if she is anxious to do so.

Sixth—Ideal missionaries in charge of schools will cooperate with the parents, getting to know them better by inviting them to parent’s meetings, and will also visit in their homes, doing individual work.

Seventh—Above all the ideal missionary will have the deep inner spiritual life and will try to give this abundant life to those around her.
The discussion hour which was to be charge of Mrs. Brown and Miss Daisy Ling was omitted since neither of the leaders were able to be present.

Miss Grace Davis sang a solo at this time which was enjoyed by all.

At 10:45, Mrs. Sites gave a talk on, "My Ideal Evangelistic Worker", very ably substituting for Miss Grace Ding who could not be present. She quoted from Romans 1:1. An ideal evangelistic worker is a "servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God". She pointed out that Jesus was an ideal evangelist because He always approached his hearers on some common ground, illustrating by the story of the Woman at the Well, how Jesus got her interest by asking her for a drink of water, then proceeded to tell her of the Water of Life. She also said that the woman herself became an evangelist. She told all her village to come to hear Jesus, forgetting her water pot in her zeal. Mrs. Sites told how the first visit she made to Jacob's Well, she found it all choked up with stones and only a very little water there. She went at another time and it had all been cleared out and the stones removed so that one could see the four springs at the bottom which were the source of the water supply. She asked if our lives were so choked up with stones that the Water of Life could not flow forth to satisfy thirsty souls.

After a short discussion hour led by Miss Margaret Uong, the meeting adjourned to be immediately followed by a business session.

In the absence of Dr. Li, at the request of Miss Abel, Miss Sia continued to act as Chairman.

Voted that the Nominating Committee be appointed by the Chair. The Chair appointed Miss Jones, Miss Reik, Miss Wilson, Miss Margaret Wong, Miss Lois Huang.
Miss Abel, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, presented the following names which were voted upon and accepted as members of the Conference,

Miss Ding Ai Ling, Ngu Cie Lang, Dang Hie Pek, Evelyn Ding, Myrtle Sia, Mrs. Mary Lau, Lau Nga Hung, Dong Eng Lang, Lau Chui Geung, Sia Mi Ting, Ling Pek Chai, Uong Ai Ngii.

A communication was read from Mr. Lacy, Secretary of the Annual Conference, enclosing a letter from Mr. Worley asking that action be taken by the Woman’s Conference whether it was considered best to continue the Easter Choral Concert or not, and if favorable action was taken, to appoint some one who should represent the Woman’s Conference on the committee to arrange for said concert.

Voted to approve the concert’s being given. Miss Katharine Willis was re-elected to serve on the committee for the Easter Choral Concert.

Afternoon Session, Nov. 29, 1926.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Miss Abel, in Tai Maiu parlor. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Voted that the Nominating Committee suggest names to be voted upon for the officers of the Conference as well as for the standing committees, and be ready to report to the Conference.

Voted that appointments be made through the Reference Committee as heretofore.

The election of representatives from the Woman’s Conference to the Conference Board of Education followed, one person to be elected from each district. The following persons were elected:
Foochow (north) Miss Abel
Foochow (south) Miss Carol Chen
Futsing Miss Lois Huang (Uong Hang Pi)
Ngüo Cheng Miss Ruth Cui
Ngüo Ka Miss Bartlett
Haitang Miss Daisy Ling
Kutien Miss Lila Ding
Bing Hu Miss Dorothy Tiang
Min Tsing Miss Dong Eng Lang

The nomination of representatives from the Woman's Conference to be elected by the Board of Education, to serve on the Provincial Board of Education next came up. Each year three representatives are nominated from the Woman's Conference, three are nominated from the Annual Conference, and three from the Board of Education. From these nine names the Board of Education elects five persons who shall serve on the Provincial Board of Education. Miss Wallace, Miss Carol Chen, and Miss Ruby Sia were nominated to represent the Woman's Conference.

Voted that Miss Plumb continue on the committee for Union Normal work.

Voted that Dr. Ida Lewis serve on the Board of Woman's School of Industrial Arts to fill the vacancy left by Miss Adams.

Voted that Dr. Li Bi Cu serve on Kuiling Sanitarium Board.

Voted that Miss Shawhan serve on U. K. T. S. Board of Managers to fill out the term of Miss Höddinott, who should serve till 1927, but is going on furlough.

Voted that reports be not read to the Conference, but be turned over to the Publication Committee for editing.

Voted that the report of the Publication Committee given by Mrs. Lacy be accepted with thanks.
Voted that eight hundred copies of the Minutes of the Woman's Conference be printed as last year, and after the names on the official list have been supplied with copies as before, the remainder of the copies should be divided among the members of the Conference pro rata i.e. each member should receive five copies individually, and each school or type of work should receive ten copies, with the understanding that if any do not wish the full number assigned to them, they may leave them for others who may wish them.

Voted that correspondents to various papers be suggested by the Nominating Committee instead of by election from the floor.

A letter from Mrs. Harvey in regard to Union Medical work was read, Mrs. Harvey said that she went before the Foreign Committee with the cable and all the information she had received in regard to the Union Medical work in Foochow. On October 19th, this action was taken. They expressed themselves as favorable toward Union Medical work with the Board of Foreign Missions, but at present felt themselves unable to enter such union if it meant more money or missionaries. The Committee is awaiting from the Field a plan as to finance, staff, and organization.

Reports from Standing Committees were then called for.

The Auditing Committee reported that all books were audited except those of Magaw Hospital, which are ready to be audited.

The Educational Committee gave no report. There was some discussion whether it were wise to continue the Educational Committee, since the Provincial Board of Education somewhat duplicates the work, but it was voted to continue the Committee.

The Entertainment Committee, Miss Wells, Chairman, reported that a meeting had been held and entertainment of guests planned for.
The Language Committee, Miss Plumb, Chairman, reported examiners had been given and all being examined had done well. The Publicity Committee, reported that Miss Tyler had sent in articles to the Woman's Missionary Friend which have been published.

The Evangelistic Committee, Medical Committee, and Kulung Sanitarium Committee gave no reports. Neither did the Committee on Moral Welfare, and Advancement of Christian Life in the Home.

The Program Committee gave no report but it was evident they had met and carefully prepared the program for this Conference, although the program could not be carried out for various reasons.

Miss Shaw, Correspondent to the Children's Missionary Friend, reported that articles had been sent to the paper to be published, enclosing pictures, but as yet they had not been published.

The Correspondents to the other papers gave no reports.

The Retirement Fund Committee, Miss Wells, Chairman, presented its report in writing as follows:

Whereas the Foochow Woman's Conference recognizes the need of providing for the retired workers who are being inadequately paid during their active years, and

Whereas the Chinese members have earnestly solicited attention to this need,

Therefore the Conference, through a committee, has instituted a Retirement Fund for Bible Women and Christian Workers.

The money for this fund shall be secured by voluntary subscriptions from the foreigners and Chinese. Only the interest of the capital subscribed for this fund shall be used for the support of the retired women.
ARTICLE II.

A. Finance Committee, appointed by the Conference, shall have charge of the Retirement Fund, and the interest accruing on the same shall be administered by the Evangelistic Committee.

ARTICLE III.

A worker should be recommended by the missionary with whom she works to the Evangelistic Committee for the Retirement Fund. The Evangelistic Committee then recommends her to the Conference. If it is approved by the Conference, she receives her retirement fund. An amount of $5,000 should be reached before the retirement fund allowance can be paid out to any worker.

ARTICLE IV

The maximum amount paid to any woman shall be sixty dollars per year. Any amount under that sum to be determined by the circumstances of the person and the amount of fund on hand.

ARTICLE V

A worker must have given satisfactory service in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for at least fifteen years in order to be entitled to this retirement benefit.

The Retirement Fund Committee also reported a sum of five hundred dollars had already been subscribed to this fund. The Committee recommended that a Treasurer of Conference Funds be appointed to handle all moneys. The motion was made and carried.

Voted that the Field Reference Committee act as a Nominating Committee to suggest members who shall serve on the Field Reference Committee for next year. It was requested that the committee make its report to the Conference Wednesday morning in a business session at the close of the program.

Motion for adjournment.
Morning of Nov. 30, 1926

The meeting was called to order in Hwa Nan Chapel. The College Chapel Committee had planned to have the regular College Ritual service at this time. The College Choir, vested, came in singing the Processional, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." The regular order of the Ritual Service followed. Bishop Brown gave a short talk which was followed by a special musical number by the choir. At the close of the service, the audience stood while the choir marched out singing the Recessional. One could not but be impressed by the sweet faces and voices of the girls as they marched in and out singing. It was a picture which will remain in the hearts of all those present.

In the absence of Dr. Li Bi Cu, her part on the program, "My Ideal Christian Doctor and Nurse", had to be omitted. Miss Lois M. Huang gave her talk on, "My Ideal Teacher-Village and Day School", at this time. Miss Huang's main thought was that the Ideal Teacher forgets self in doing for others. She said that the Ideal Teacher will minister to the students under her care in four ways: mentally—by giving them learning from books, physically—by teaching them rules of hygiene, spiritually—by teaching them God's love, socially—by making the school the center of good times and healthful play, all of which are needed to make the perfect well-rounded life. By so doing the teacher will gain blessing for herself in training her for leadership, and she will enrich the lives of others as well as enlarging her own circle of friends.

At this time Miss Marion Cole of Hwa Nan College delighted the audience with a Mandolin solo.

Following the music, Dr. Lewis gave a most excellent talk on the subject, "The Place of Hwa Nan College in Training Ideal Leaders". Dr. Lewis gave a very splendid tribute to the work of Miss Trimble and Miss Wallace when she said she did
not know of a school anywhere which was making so great a contribution to the work of God's kingdom as Hwa Nan. She said the reason for this was that Hwa Nan graduates go back to their own villages and become Christian leaders, because the motto of Hwa Nan, "Saved To Serve", has become the desire of their lives. To date Hwa Nan College has graduated thirty-eight girls with A. B. degrees. Of this number thirty-four have given service in Christian work, and twenty-five are at present engaged in our own W.F.M.S. work. Four are studying medicine, three are studying in higher institutions of learning, one being in America and three are married. The girls who are in Christian work are scattered in many places. One is in Sienyu; one is in Yuki, one is in Manila, one is in charge of the work at Siong Iu Dong, two are in Tai Maiu Girl's Boarding School, two are in Haitang, three are in Hingga, three are in Mintsing, two are in Futsing, and four are in Kutien. So we find Hwa Nan College graduates everywhere.

Dr. Lewis said the letters received from the missionaries in charge of the work where Hwa Nan girls are teaching or engaged in Evangelistic work, show that they are beautifully helpful and are setting the ideals for the younger girls with whom they work.

Following this a business session was to be held, but due to a misunderstanding, many of the members of the Woman's Conference left. Since a representative number was desired to elect officers, it was decided to postpone the business session till Wednesday A.M. at the close of the program.

Morning of Dec. 1, 1926.

The Woman's Conference attended the Devotional services of the annual Conference at Tieng Ang Dong instead of having its own Devotional service at Hwa Nan.
At 9:30 Miss Ruby Sia called the Conference to order and after singing a hymn and prayer, Miss Plumb gave a paper on, “My Ideal Church Member and Homemaker.” She said the ideal church member attends church regularly and does not allow little things to keep her at home. Not only this but she also tries to get others to go with her. The Ideal church member supports the church with money and gives it cheerfully. The ideal church member tries to help rather than criticise and prays for the pastor and for the church.

Miss Dang Hie Pek led the discussion which followed. One point further which was brought out was that ideal church members should be modest in their dress and not attract attention to themselves. Another point was that the Sabbath should be kept differently from other days. Some people say that every day is the Lord’s Day and every day should be holy, but we should set apart one day on which we do no work, and should keep it as a day of rest and worship.

Mrs. Mary Lau then gave a talk on, “My Ideal Missionary Society.” She said that ideal church members will certainly belong to the Missionary Society, and the Ideal Missionary Society will have enrolled one hundred percent of the women members of the church. The members of the Ideal Missionary Society will serve the society with money and with their other talents. The money can be given by the members themselves or by contributions from their friends. Above all the spirit of sacrifice and Christ’s love must be in every heart if it is to be an Ideal Missionary Society. The Missionary Society is like a big engine. Every part in the engine no matter how small, is important.

Mrs. Cartwright gave a piano solo which was much enjoyed by all. Following this Miss Abel introduced to the Conference Miss McBee, who had just arrived the day before.
This ended the morning's program and after a short recess the meeting was called to order by Miss Abel, Vice-President, for a business session.

The minutes of the last business session were read and accepted. The report of the Nominating Committee was called for. The following nominations were presented and election took place by ballot except in case of the Statistical Secretary and Official Correspondent. Since only one name was presented for each of those offices, it was voted that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for those persons.

For President: Dr. Li Bi Cu, Miss Edna Jones.
Vice-President: Miss Plumb, Miss Lucy Wang.
English Secretary: Miss Wilcox, Miss Wilson. Miss Wilcox withdrew and Miss Cole was nominated in her place.
Chinese Secretary: Miss Ngu Cie Lang, Miss Tiang Suoi Nguok, Miss Lucy Wang.
Statistical Secretary: Miss Grace Shawhan.
Official Correspondent: Miss Carrie Bartlett.
Treasurer of Conference Funds: Miss Edith Abel, Miss Elsie Reik.

The following officers were elected.

President: Dr. Li Bi Cu.
Vice-President: Miss Plumb.
English Secretary: Miss Emma Wilson.
Chinese Secretary: Miss Lucy Wang.
Statistical Secretary: Miss Grace Shawhan.
Official Correspondent: Miss Carrie Bartlett.
Treasurer of Conference Funds: Miss Edith Abel.

The Nominating Committee also presented the following nominations for Standing Committees which were voted upon and accepted by the Conference.
Auditing Committee  Miss Elsie Reik, Miss Edith Abel, Miss Carrie Bartlett.

Credentials  Miss Eva Sprunger, Miss Pearl Wong.

Entertainment  Miss Wells, Miss Richey, Miss Li Mi Daik, Miss Wilson, Miss Vanderburg.

Evangelistic  Miss Grace Ding, Miss Wells, Mrs. Sie Ceng King, Miss Dang Hie Pek.

Language  Miss Plumb, Miss Wallace, Mrs. Mary Lau, Miss Margaret Wong, Miss Ruby Sia.

Medical  Dr. Li Bi Cu, Dr. Hu King Eng, Dr. Hemenway, Miss Staubli.

Advancement of Christian Life in the Home  Mrs. Mary Lau, Miss Margaret Wong, Mrs. Lettie Dang Ding, Miss Pearl Wong, Mrs. May Hu Nga.

Moral Welfare  Miss Tiang Suoi Nguok, Miss Margaret Wong, Mrs. Wilkinson, Miss Daisy Ling.

Program  Dr. Ida Belle Lewis, Dr. Li Bi Cu, Miss Martha McCutchen, Miss Lois Huang, Mrs. Worley, Miss Ruby Sia.

Publication and Editing  Miss Edith Abel, Miss Emma Wilson, Miss Marion Cole, Miss Alice Wilcox.

Publicity  Miss Ruth Jayne, Miss Harriet Halverstadt, Miss Alice Smith.

Kuliang Sanitarium  Dr. Li Bi Cu, Dr. Ruth Hemenway, Miss Frieda Staubli.

Retirement Fund  Miss Wells, Miss Laura Frazey, Miss Ruby Sia, Miss Carrie Bartlett, Miss Lucy Wang, Miss Li Mi Daik, Miss Edith Abel.
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Correspondents

To Missionaries at Home..................Mrs. Wilkinson.
To Conferences in China..................Miss Martha McCutchen
To Junior Missionary Friend..............Miss Ursula Tyler.
To Chinese Christian Advocate...........Miss Ruth Ciu.
To China Christian Advocate.............Miss Katharine Willis.

The Nominating Community offered the suggestion that the name of the Educational Committee be changed to that of "Standards and Qualifications of Teachers", the work of this committee being especially to discuss salaries and requirements of education for teachers throughout the district.

Voted that this new name for the Educational Committee be adopted and that Miss Jennie Jones, Miss Janet Ho, Miss Myrtle Sia, Miss Margaret Wong, Miss Martha Graf, Miss Ursula Tyler, Miss Carol Chen, serve on the committee.

Voted that Mrs. Lettie Dang Ding whose term of service on the U.K.T.S. Board of Managers expires this year, be re-elected to succeed herself.

Voted that the Secretary of the Woman’s Conference send greetings to Mrs. Brown who was unable to be present at Conference, the note to be accompanied by a basket of flowers. It was also voted to express the appreciation of the Conference to Bishop Brown for conducting the devotional services each morning in the absence of Mrs. Brown.

Voted that the Chair appoint a committee to attend to pooling of expenses of missionaries and delegates who attended the Conference. Miss Reik, Miss Graf, and Miss Jones were appointed.

Voted that Miss Sia and Miss Plumb represent the Woman’s Conference on the Fukien Christian Council.

It was announced that the property hitherto occupied by Miss Adams, was leased beginning April 1927, at a rental of
§125 per month, the money from the rental of this property is to go to the retirement fund for aged Chinese workers.

Motion for adjournment, the meeting to be immediately followed by a meeting of missionaries and wives of missionaries who have appointments under the Woman’s Conference, to elect the Field Reference Committee.

The meeting of missionaries and wives of missionaries who have appointment under the Woman’s Conference, to elect the Field Reference Committee was called to order by the Vice-President, Miss Abel, in Hwa Nan parlour.

The report of the committee nominating the Field Reference Committee was called for. The following nominations were presented.

Kutien ........ Miss Martha Graf.
Haitang ....... Miss Martha McCutchen, Miss Harriet Halverstadt.
Mintsing .... Dr. Hemenway.
Futsing ..... Miss Jane Jones.
Foochow...... Dr. Lewis, Miss Florence Plumb, Miss Frieda Staubli.

Ex-Officio ... Miss Carrie Bartlett, (Official Correspondent.)

Election took place by ballot, and all were elected. The newly elected Field Reference Committee then retired and nominated the Field Property Committee. The following persons were nominated: Miss Plumb, Miss Willis, Miss Bartlett, Miss Wilcox. Since there were no other nominations it was voted that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for these persons to serve on the committee.

Motion for adjournment.
Respectfully submitted,

Lucerne Hoddinott,
Secretary Woman’s Conference.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Editorial and Publishing Committee

December 1926

This committee has been urging conciseness and brevity upon you all so we shall make our report as short as we can, saying in passing that we had a good time over all our work, with only a few problems which we solved to suit ourselves, for lack of a better way of doing.

800 copies of the printed minutes were authorized and as some of the first mailing lists sent in were rather large we feared the supply would not hold out so we asked that the lists be cut if possible. Consequently we have left over 40 copies. The financial statement is as follows:—

To 800 copies minutes $155.60  By balance on hand 200.00
,, envelopes for mailing 10.10  ,, appropriation $17.85
,, postage 18.57
,, 1 half-tone block 2.70

Total 186.97
By balance on hand 30.88

$217.85

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN M. LACY,
Chairman.
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Report of the Field Property Committee

During the past year no new lands have been acquired nor have new buildings been begun.

In Futing, the Oner S. Dow dormitory, the Lucie F. Harrison Hospital and the Maria Allen residence have all been completed and are now occupied.

In Kutien, the Kindergarten Dormitory has been finished and is now in use.

In 1925 Miss Jean Adams deeded the Van Kirk Industrial property to the W.F.M.S. The gray stucco house has been leased for a period of three years to a foreign merchant and the Reference Committee has recommended that the rental, exclusive of repairs, be given to the Chinese Workers’ Pension Fund. Due to the fact that the Christian Woman’s Union School of Industrial Arts of Foochow is not ready at this time to begin work in the red brick house, the property has been leased for one year to a foreign merchant. The Rent, exclusive of repairs, is to be turned over to the Industrial Arts’ School committee to be used in its other departments of work.

MABEL HAMMONS

Union Kindergarten Training School

“Foochow Sister” is the name of a four-year old boy who started to kindergarten this term. “Foochow” was given to him probably because he was born here, and “Sister” because he was the only child, so was very precious. Girls are not very precious and thus live longer. Therefore this name “Sister” would give him long life.

Foochow Sister had been coming for two months but still was not willing to take part. When Miss Uong invited all to stand in a circle, he would immediately run into the center and jump up and down. When others sang, he only moved his lips
and made funny noises. Miss Uong decided the child was too young, so let him do what he pleased. Two days passed and Foochow Sister had not been to kindergarten, so his class teacher and Miss Uong went to see him. He was very glad to see them, and not a bit afraid, but ran and opened the door, then called to his mother while he led his teacher into his bedroom.

“What have you been doing these two days at home?” Miss Uong asking.

“Nothing to do but play,” he answered.

“Have you sung any songs for the family?” she asked.

“His grandmother urged him to sing, but he did not dare,

“Can you sing ‘When I grow to be a man’? How high would you like to be?”

“Six feet,” he answered, and then he sang all the song.

His mother added, “You can sing about a light.” So he sang, “God make my life a little light.” They were surprised to find how many songs he could sing.

“Whom do you love the best?”

He waited a minute then pointed upward but not like pointing up to heaven and quickly added, “I have pointed out already. I love God”

“Whom do you love next best?”

“Jesus.”

“Whom else do you love?”

“Teacher.”

“Why do you love God?” the teacher asked, to find out if he really understood.

“Because God has given me my mother, father, things to eat and things to wear.

“When you eat do you thank God for the things He has given to you?”

“No, I never do”
The grandmother asked, "Why should you pray?"
Without paying any attention to the grown-ups, the teacher questioned the child in detail tracing back step by step where he got his rice. The grandmother said we had rain last summer because the idols heard their prayers. Miss Uong explained a little about water evaporating from the earth, that this was God's plan.

"Now where did your rice come from?"
"From God", they all answered,
"If your mother gives you something what do you say?"
"Thank you"
"When God gives you so much what do you say to Him?"
The grandmother nodded to the mother, "This has reason."
As Miss Uong started away she reminded the child, "Now to-night before you eat you must not forget to say thank you."
And in Chinese fashion he took his guests to the big gate, bowed low and said in English—"Good-bye"
This is only one instance of kindergarten influence in an unexpected place.

Grace Shawhan

Report of Hwa Nan College

Hwa Nan College has completed the fifth year of full college work as a chartered institution. Under the noble leadership of Lydia A. Trimble, Ethel Wallace and the devoted faculty this college has succeeded in giving a remarkable contribution to the cause of Jesus Christ in China.

1. The Graduates.

There have been graduated 38 women, every one of whom is a member of the Christian Church. Of these, 34 have given service, and to-day 24 are giving service to Christian schools; 2 are in America, one of these will probably come back to the Hwa
Nan faculty in June, 1927; 4 are studying medicine; 3 are married and have established Christian homes; 3 are post graduate students in the Universities of China. One of the latter group of young women is preparing to teach Chinese in Hwa Nan. She was given a full scholarship in America, but chose rather to study her own literature and philosophy in her own land. This is a clear indication of the trend toward more Chinese influence in Christian schools.

II. The Constituency.

The college is serving the young women of Fukien. Very truly is it the Woman's College of South China. Most of the students come from the schools of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fukien. This is a body of 5021 girls. There are 3 Senior Middle Schools and 4 Junior Middle Schools. The upward push of these schools is marked. As the college graduates return to them as teachers, the standards will be speedily lifted. If political conditions will permit, there will soon be 7 Senior Middle Schools, made possible by faculties that have been graduated from Hwa Nan College.

However, not only Methodist girls come to Hwa Nan, but there are students representing the Baptist, Anglican, Presbyterian, Congregational and Reformed churches. All students plan to give service in the Great Christian Cause, and lift China's girlhood a little nearer to Jesus Christ.

III. The Enrollment.

The total enrollment during the year of 1926 was 87. Of these, 15 are seniors; 14, juniors; 25, sophomores; 33, freshmen.

IV. Forward movements during the year.

Perhaps the most significant step was the appointment of Carol Chen, to the post of Acting Principal of the Middle School. Miss Chen has shown marked executive ability,
and both faculty and students rejoice in the progress she has brought about.

In the autumn, Dorothea Keene, Dr. Lois Witham and Rotha Landis came to the Department of Science. These professors, with Lucy Wang of the Chemistry Department, warrant the establishment of a Pre-Medical Course. For many years young women have been asking for this work, and a goodly number of students have already enrolled in this course.

The library, under the new librarian, Miss Grace Davis, promises to become one of our greatest assets. The college hopes to be able to have a circulating one for the use of teachers in service in the near future.

V Needs.

The most insistent need of the college is an increase in faculty. We are praying that these women may be found for these tasks. 1. A teacher of physics and mathematics. 2. A teacher of instrumental music, a conservatory graduate. 3. Two teachers of middle school English, who will release college teachers for college work.

Our hearts are lifted to the Heavenly Father in thanksgiving for the privilege of service. With the assurance of His abiding presence, we go forward into the untried year, trusting that He will lead into the new day.

Respectfully Submitted,

IDA BELLE LEWIS

Hwa Nan High School

This last year at Hwa Nan has been the record of happy days filled to overflowing with the routine of busy school life, lessons to be learned and tasks to be done, but with it all is the sense that we are teaching the girls other things than mere books, and our girls are learning how to make the most of their lives by helping their own people.
Just before Commencement last January the High School and College girls together rejoiced in the coming of Dr. Lewis to the Presidency of Hwa Nan College and High School. Her radiant cheerfulness and understanding of girls endeared her to them at once, while her ability to speak Mandarin inspires them with greatest respect for her knowledge. Also has she not the title of PhD, which is a great thing in Chinese eyes?

At Chinese New Year time the High School faculty was depleted by Miss Ehly's going on furlough. She was greatly missed for in addition to her work in Religious Education and English she had taken care of the sick girls, which is a very real task among a student body of one hundred and seventy girls.

The one big event on the High School calendar during the year was the High School concert. This was given two nights in succession and represented the chorus work done by the High School girls during the term under the training of Miss Willis and Miss Hoddinott. The entire High School composed the big chorus which was seated on the platform in seats arranged in tiers. When the curtain was drawn, the crowded audience applauded the appearance of the girls. It was no wonder for they surely looked flowers in a garden, in their rose, blue, yellow, orange and white. More than half of the audience was made up of admiring fathers, brothers, and friends who did not fail to show their appreciation by encomning repeatedly. The numbers which especially pleased the audience were rendered by a double mixed quartette, the bass and tenor parts being taken by students from Anglo-Chinese College, who sang with our own Hwa Nan girls. Who says we are not making progress along social lines, when it is possible to have boys and girls from two separate schools sing together?

With the coming of the fall term, Miss Carol Chen assumed the duties of acting Principal in the absence of Miss Mann
who went on furlough in the summer, Miss Clen is universally liked and respected by all the girls and is surely making good. What a joy it is to think that one of our own High School graduates was able to take over this important responsibility, for she can cope with the situation in these difficult days in China, in a way no foreign born person could possibly do. Indeed Hwa Nan High School is most fortunate in having two of her own Alumnae as well as Acting Principal on the faculty. In these days when demands are being made more and more for Chinese people to be at the heads of Educational Institutions, we are most happy that our own Alumnae are proving themselves ready for the tasks.

The religious activities of the High School girls find expression in the Y.W.C.A. and the Sunday School work. The meetings of the Y.W.C.A. are held each Thursday afternoon at 4:15 P. M. Sometimes an outside person has been invited to speak to the girls but often the meeting is in charge of some one class. Voluntary Bible classes in which a large percentage of the girls is enrolled are conducted each Sunday morning under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. These classes are taught by girls from the College Y W. C. A. So does the older sister help the younger.

The High School girls take a definite share in the Sunday School work which is Hwa Nan's pride and joy. They are responsible for certain Sunday Schools and they take care of them well. Another place of service which many a High School girl fills during the summer vacation is conducting a Daily Vacation Bible School in her own village. The girls gather the children of their own villages together each day during the summer, teaching them to read, telling them Bible stories, giving them lessons on sanitation, teaching them little songs and prayers etc. It is interesting to note that about thirty-five of our girls did this kind
of work last summer. To give the girls material and plans to work out in these Daily Vacation Bible Schools, one week of Chapel exercises is devoted to this purpose, near the close of the spring semester, and the girls take notes.

Just at this Conference time we welcomed to Hwa Nan High School Miss Edith Mc Bee, who comes to the English department. Already she has been able to relieve Dr. Witham of her two English classes and we bespeak for her all the joy which can be packed into five years of service. We are sure she will find her place in the hearts of the girls, for they are the finest ever.

Lucerne Hoddinott

Foochow Girls' School

Two years ago; ere I had seen the Foochow Girls' School, I was told that when it was opened in 1859, the first Methodist girls' school in Asia, the Chinese parents could hardly be persuaded to let their girls come to study, though clothing, books, food, and rooms were provided for them. Those who believed that Christ so valued Chinese womanhood that He had commissioned them to "share" their Christian inheritance with their Chinese sisters even paid the girls five or eight dimes, or a dollar, for each successful examination in order to enlist a few students with whom to begin their work. What a contrast I now see: two hundred forty-eight students in the nine grades, of whom two hundred and two are self-supporting, and eighteen women teachers, of whom seventeen are graduates of this school and all of whom have had higher training in high school, college, or Bible school! Now Chinese girls are eager for education, and their parents are willing to pay for it.

However, eager as they are, we cannot be content to receive all who come unless we can give them all something more
than education and culture, unless we can see their characters moulded by Christ and their hearts constrained by His love to serve. Therefore, at the opening of the year 1926, after carefully considering the present large enrollment and the large proportion from non-Christian homes, Miss Plumb and our faculty decided to limit the enrollment by receiving as new students only applicants from Christian homes. Though there our first duty lies, not all these could be received, but it is our prayer that we shall be able to touch personally each one now within our walls with the power and love with which Christ blessed the multitudes when "he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them."

Another contrast between what I was told of early days and what I see now is in the music department. When the girls were first taught to sing our Christian hymns, anxious parents withdrew their daughters from school lest they become vulgar women, for in China only women of the theater or brothel ever sang any kind of song. But patience and the joy of the faith, in time won both parents and girls. Now not only does every girl learn to sing, but also of the sixty-eight girls in the Junior Middle School, thirty-eight are taking lessons on the piano, organ, or mandolin.

This year, free from the opposition of last, is nearing a happy close, in spite of the tension of military manoeuvres, and seventeen girls will be graduated to join the four hundred forty alumni in the homes and schools of South China. Miss Abel's release from Haitang to help in the work here during Miss Hurlbut's absence for furlough, is a blessing to us all. During the long drouth of the summer, the coincidence of prayers to the idols and sudden showers had a strong influence on some of our girls. We ask your earnest prayers that their faith in Almighty God may become more secure, and that all may be strong,
whatever the military changes of the immediate future may bring to our Christian work here in China.

Emma W. Wilson

Fookhau Primary Schools

A glance at the statistics of our church records will show that primary and village schools occupy the foremost place in all missionary enterprises. Built, equipped, and maintained at a trifling cost, they form the nursery and training ground of the native church. Simple as these schools are, they need not only be staffed by normal trained and qualified teachers but by men and women of Christian character. Gaining the respect and confidence of the neighbors by the consistency of their home life, which cannot fail to be seen and commented on in a heathen village, these teachers may truly be likened to "A city set on a hill, which cannot be hid." In course of time many who have watched them will allow their children to attend the village mission school although they would not listen to a missionary preach or receive a visit from a preacher. In many places where one now finds a flourishing native church, the original seed may have been a humble primary school taught by a conscientious follower of our Lord Jesus.

Last year one little girl who came to see our Christmas heard for the first time the story of Jesus and why he come to the world. She went home and told her people about it. The next day an old man came asking me to go to his village. Two teachers went with me to visit and we had a fine time. We sang and explained the meaning of the songs and Bible verses. The music, as usual drew all the people of the village and we had a very profitable meeting. Several months later they asked us to open a school there. When they learned that we were not able to support a school this year, the old man and his friends promised that they would be responsible for the support if we could
send a teacher. In March we sent one and have had a good school ever since. In June we went to examine the school and found twenty-five girls doing good work.

We have fourteen such schools and twenty-one teachers, with an enrollment of three hundred children.

Our problems of the past years and for the immediate future are: teachers and school rooms. The primary school teachers need to be normal trained. At present we have no normal training school, and two thirds of our teachers have had very little training to equip them as teachers. In the two districts in Foochow we have only one model school for girls, built with the money given us by Pacific Branch. With the exception of this we have not one single school room in which you would be willing to put your children for a single day. Suitable school rooms are difficult to find, and rent for these is very high.

The outstanding features this year are our Teachers’ Training Institute, and Workers’ Retreat. The former at U.K.T.S. last winter and the latter at Trinity College last summer. More than one hundred and thirty teachers, men and women gathered together to learn the best methods of teaching and above all to know more of Jesus and His love.

We thank you who have helped us and made it possible for these children to study and to know Jesus. We hope to have better teachers and better schools next year.

Ruby Sia

Mary E. Crook Kindergarten

As Solomon said, “A men’s heart deviseth his way, but Jehovah directeth his steps,” so the progress and development of our Kindergarten is God’s providence bringing to fulfillment the plans and hopes of earnest Christians in America who make possible our Kindergarten, and also the hopes of the Chinese parents who entrust their little ones to us.
MARY E. CROOK KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES

FOOCHOW, 1926
There are three lines of progress. The first is the improvement in regularity of attendance. In 1926 of the hundred and children who registered, ninety have attended very regularly. At Christmas time last year those who had the best record of attendance received a doll from America as a special gift, in addition to the tooth brush and tooth cup which was given to each one. The brush and cup made the children very happy because they had learned the importance of brushing their teeth and now they could practice with a new brush and cup, though some uneducated parents could hardly be persuaded that the preservation of the child's teeth was more important than the preservation of the new cup and brush. The joy of the Christmas time, of wearing nice clothes, singing for others and receiving gifts, was scarce! over when twenty-eight little boys and girls received their kindergarten diplomas at the graduating exercises of the Foochow Girls’ School.

The second line of progress is in the appearance of the children, many of whom are very pretty and all very neat because they have learned to wear their clothes neatly, to wash their face and teeth regularly, and to carry and use a handkerchief daily.

The third line of progress is in intellectual attainment. Previously parents and other teachers have criticised the kindergarten because so much attention was given to play and song that when they entered school they seemed lazy and unwilling to study. This year they have been taught characters and simple numbers, those graduating next February having learned two hundred thirty characters with various combinations, and being able to add and subtract in units and tens. When the fall mothers’ meeting was held, these little graduates-to-be reprinted phrases and sentences in Mandarin, the new national language, and their classmates translated them into the Foochow dialect.
One experience of the term may help my readers to realize how through the children we have opportunity to influence their parents. A little boy was naughty and angry one day but he refused to be shut into a room where he could not disturb the other children. I picked him up in my arms to put him into the room but he bit me very hard on the arm. The other children were very much frightened but when I returned to the circle I told them I still loved the little boy and hoped he would learn to be good. When the mother came to apologize with tears in her eyes for her little boy's conduct, she could not understand why I did not feel angry at him and at her. Then I told her of Christ's love and forgiveness and how He wants us to love and forgive. She was glad to hear of Christ and now comes to church every Sunday to learn of Him.

Lucy Lu

Mary E. Crook Children's Home

It may be rather surprising to read a report from the matron instead of from the loving mother, Miss Florence J. Plumb, who has been Superintendent of the Children's Home since Miss Nevitt went home last year. The fact is, that the one who should report the work, Miss Plumb, is so heavily burdened with other responsibilities in Uk Ing Girls' School, that I acceded to her request to do it in her stead. Concerning the mother, Miss Plumb, she has truly been an affectionate and sympathetic mother and friend to all the orphan girls at all times. Although they are scattered in different places, they frequently come back to see and consult with her about their difficulties. Indeed she is such a comfort and help to them that they not only come back when they are in difficulty, but on happy occasions too, such as Christmas and other festivals, during which we feast together.

It seems to me the girls appreciate their home more after they have left it for awhile. During the vacation they all
have a good time telling each other about their experiences in the various schools they are attending. They work diligently; every day they sew, knit, mend, or crochet almost incessantly. In this way they earn some pin money and part of this they give willingly to help the missionary work at Yung-An. One of the girls who is studying in Hwa Nan told me that the teachers there often remarked about their generous giving, saying that the orphan girls were very willing to contribute money to help the poor. Really they have learned the spirit of, “Freely you have received, freely give.”

By the kindness of Miss Plumb, I was granted a month’s rest last summer. You may wonder who took my place during my absence, but there was no one except the girls themselves. They divided the household work among the older sisters, each of whom bore some responsibility, while the little ones helped to run errands for the home. They worked together with great delight and much satisfaction. I am sure they will not need a matron to look after them in a few more years because they all know how to take care of themselves and even to help others.

Last summer we had our Home all repaired. The wells were white washed and the floors painted. Now the building looks so nice that one wonders if it were not newly built. We are certainly very grateful to have such a beautiful place to live in.

Isabel Wong who graduated from the Union Kindergarten Training School was sent to America for further study and she came back last spring. We all joyously welcomed her home and we have learned much from her for she is the first one of our number to go abroad. She is now teaching at the Union Kindergarten Training School and is doing splendid work there. Last summer she spent most of her vacation at Kuliang, but returned home to stay with us for three weeks. During that short time, she greatly influenced the girls by her humble and thrifty spirit.
Three of the girls have entered college to seek higher education. As there is no scholarship offered, both Dang Huo Bing and Dang Seuk Hok (the crippled girl), who had been teaching for two years, are very willing to support themselves entirely for the first year and will pay half their college expenses the last three years. Li Seuk Ging, who is taking the pre-medical course, is supported by her older sister who is a physician in a hospital at Kiangsu. She sends annually one hundred dollars home to this younger sister. We hope every girl will follow in her steps by showing her grateful, generous and loving spirit.

We thank the Heavenly Father for His care and guidance in every respect, mentally, physically and spiritually. No matter how hard the task or how heavy the responsibility may be, we believe that if we only depend upon His power we shall at last win the victory. May the Lord always be with these orphan girls and lead them in this wide world to be as lighted candles and to help bring in His kingdom on earth.

Dang Hi E Pek

Jewell and Huntley Bible School

This year has been marked by a splendid spirit of Christian fellowship. The faculty and students have been determined to let nothing hinder them in their work and studies. The senior classes of the two grades have eleven fine young women who plan to become workers.

As a Community Center, our school in becoming popular with Chinese Christians. Among various meetings held, two have been of special importance and help to the students: first, the revival services under the leadership of Bishop Brown and Mrs. Sites; second, the Chinese Union Christian Council with its full program on methods of work. The students were given an opportunity to show how pageants can be used to inspire as well as to entertain. The Holy Spirit was so manifest during the plays that a number in the audience bowed in prayer.
Another memorable day was spent with preachers and their wives. The result was an Association for Preachers' Wives. Among our students are wives of our Christian University students, and one whose husband is in America. Bringing wives up to date is on our program of work. How can an uneducated non-Christian woman make an ideal home for a University man who is a Christian? There are hundreds who are attempting to do so in China to-day. Can we help them? Let me tell you a story:

Years ago a wealthy Chinese business man and his son returned from Manila on a visit. The father, without his son's consent, betrothed him to an uneducated fourteen-year old heathen girl. She was plain and very timid. Of course the young man did not fall in love with his child bride. They put her into school and returned to Manila. Her father-in-law sent her support. Not a line came from her husband. Years passed. She graduated from the Bible School, and then from Normal. She developed into a charming Christian woman. Then we urged her to go to her husband. He refused to let her come, but she took my advice and went. On reaching Manila she learned that her husband was trying to force his father to consent to his taking a second wife. Engagements rings and bracelets were ready. He refused to call on his wife, but finally he yielded to the advice of friends who told him, "Your wife is far superior to the girl you want to marry, and is more attractive." The result was that Mrs. Ling got the rings and bracelets.

Is this part of our work worth while?

New China needs "living epistles" more than sermons.

We are thankful for these changed lives, and for those who are going out to bring others in touch with the Master Teacher.

We are grateful to our friends, Chinese and foreign, who have enabled us to meet expenses.

Phoebe Wells
The conference year began with special evangelistic meetings for the district Bible-women and the day school teachers. With Bishop Brown and Mrs. Sites as leaders we soon had the spirit of a real revival.

Then followed the Chinese Christian Council Conference. Methods of work were openly discussed and criticized by able Chinese leaders of the conference. It was a profitable checking-up time. The different classes of workers were often asked, "What are you doing?" "Why" and "How?" All felt that a crisis had come and that the future life of the church depended upon the Chinese themselves. There was a strong feeling that Chinese Christians must take the responsibility and be united in their efforts in spreading the gospel. The inspiration and help received from this conference resulted in better work, and, in some places, a real awakening on the part of church members.

The increase in the cost of living, and an unusual amount of sickness has made this one of the most trying years for the Bible-women. The price of rice has gone up from six to fourteen dollars a load. Yet, as we review the year, we find much to be thankful for. In spite of bandits, plague, fire, and flood, "with persecutions", our women have kept steadily at work and have produced results.

Mrs. Ling Song-Sai thinks she has great cause for thanksgiving. Her son was appointed to Lu-loi, a country village. Bandits were so bad that Mrs. Ling left all her trunks and best clothing in Foochow, when she went into the country. While she was gone, the parsonage where her clothes had been left, was burned. Then a typhoon struck the Lu-Loi church and parsonage. At midnight her son came into her room and forced her to go into the church wrapped in a blanket. They had just stepped
over the threshold into the church, which was adjoining the parsonage, when a loud crash let them know that the parsonage had fallen, and all their furniture and dishes were completely destroyed. They had a midnight praise service because all the family were alive. After this disaster Mrs. Ling went up country to her old home hoping that she could get a little money due the family. There bandits entered her room and took the blanket she had saved from the typhoon. They left only the clothes she had on her back. Yet she said, her face alight, "I was so thankful they spared my life that I did not mind the loss of my things. Men and women were being tortured and killed, while others were taken for ransom or sold." If you had experienced all that Mrs. Ling has endured in one short year, would you still praise the Lord, as she does? When Mrs. Ling was young, she was called "high-strung". Through suffering, like the rest of the women, she has become like a weather-beaten oak to stand the storms of life, and to shelter others.

When they report victories won for the kingdom, I realize the Master was right when he said, "The meek shall inherit the earth". It is not the bloodthirsty soldiers who will save the country, but these women and girls who are slowly but surely bringing in the Kingdom. Don't forget you can uphold and strengthen them by your interest and prayers.

Phoebe Wells

Institutional Church-Women's Work

Last January, 1926, I was asked to come in to take charge of this school at Siong-Iu-Dong. At the beginning, of course, there were many difficulties to meet and adjustments to make, now I enjoy my work and love the girls very much.

There are thirteen teachers working with me. Three of them are men and four are married women. Seven are Hwa Nan High School graduates. We hope we can have a College
graduate to help us this coming year. This term there are ninety-seven students in the grades and Junior High School, and sixty children in the kindergarten. They range in age from six to twenty. We have boys in the first, second, and third grades. They are naughty and mischievous sometimes. We are judges as well as educators; very often we have a good time listening to their pleas.

One of the outstanding days in our year was the Parents' Meeting. Perhaps you would like to know what we did? We had folk dances and a short play on our program. The children were dressed in black and white for their Butterfly Dance. We gave "Esther" for our play; this patriotic story pleased the audience very much. The last number on the program was a patriotic dance. There were fifteen girls; each three having a stripe of colored silk, representing the rainbow colors of our Chinese flag. At the end of the dance, the girls held the silk stripes up and put them together to form the flag of China and then sang a patriotic song. The audience was very much delighted. The parents were glad to see that their sons and daughters could do something else besides reading characters.

One of the most popular institutions at Siong-Iu-dong is the Girls' Club. Students from the third grade up meet once a week on Friday afternoon in this club. The girls themselves take turns in leading the meeting. Often we ask outside people to speak. They have officers, an advisor, and regular dues of twenty cents a term. Last year they gave their money to our school at Ing Ang.

This semester we shall have another good time together—a sacred time when Christmas comes. All our plans are made and we are hoping that political conditions will in no way interfere with them. We have already had to have a week's enforced holiday because of the moving of soldiers.
There is a saying in Chinese that no matter where a person goes, money must walk alone there first. If that is true, you will not be surprised when I tell you that we need money. We need about $180 or $200 to run our school each month. Many repairs are needed. When it rains, the rain comes on us in our classrooms. We use umbrellas to go from one court to another, for you remember our school is in an old Chinese house. Our stairway sings when we step on it and we tread very fearfully because we never know whether it is going to fall or not. You would be amused if you could look through the holes in our floor. Some of the boards you can pick up with ease. Even so, we are glad we do live in a typical old Chinese house, which previously belonged to officials. Our quarters are quite too small now. We have sixteen boarding pupils, and they and the additional teachers make it necessary to have more room. We hope very soon to have money enough to have the school rebuilt.

MARGARET G. WANG

Woolston Memorial Hospital

Medical work is, of course much the same year in and year out. The year just closing is different in one respect—Sister and I took a vacation. This is something we have never done before. Where did we go? We went to bed. I got a sort of rheumatism in my ankle that kept me off my feet for more than a month. About two weeks after I got at work again, Sister got rather dangerously ill. It seemed to be an acute attack of Bright’s Disease and she also had neuralgia. Since our unusual vacation we are feeling much more like work and our patients are pleased to see us again.

This year we had thirty-seven students of whom five graduated. Of these five, one remains in the hospital as an assistant. The other four are practicing independently. The students are largely from mission schools but some are Government school
graduates and a few are wives of officials. These married women generally go when their husbands are transferred, so they do not get a great deal but we feel that even a few months teaches them many things about the care of children, and sanitation, and as they study in the classes with these Christian students it requires no extra time to teach them and it gives them a different idea of Christianity.

More intensive work has been done in the hospital along evangelistic lines because it was not been possible to do much outside. Six new places have been opened on our street for the worship of idols. This active opposition to Christianity has cut down the attendance at clinic and that in turn has decreased our receipts. It also shows that the need for more missionaries is still a real one.

Here is a little incident that may interest you. An Anglo-Chinese graduate had a little son nine months old who became very ill. There seemed little hope of his recovery. His father was the only Christian in the family. The mother and grandmother appealed to the idols but were told that the child's life was required because the idols were angry at the father for becoming a Christian. Any medicine he might take would be in vain even if her were treated by a great physician. Nothing would avail to atone for the father's apostasy. The father, a teacher in our Christian Herald Orphanage, stood firm and prayed for his son's life. When the family felt sure the child would not live they did what is usual, put him outside the door to die. Then the father took him and started for our hospital. As he went along he kept saying to himself "Where shall I plant my son? He says he too had not thought the child could be healed but he felt there was nothing else to do. He could not let him die there on the ground. Well, the baby got well even after a hard fall, influenza and the curse of the idols. Since the son has
recovered the mother is happy to go to church. She knows now that the idols were not right in this case and probably are not to be relied upon.

This is only one little instance of the awful hold superstitions fear has on this people, even in this city where Christianity has been preached and taught for three quarters of a century. But we, and hundreds of others know that "This is the True Light that lighteth every one that cometh into the world."

Hu Kind Eng

Magaw Memorial Hospital

The past year has been a busy, happy, satisfying conference year. 886 in-patients spent 15527 days in the hospital, which means that each patient spent, on an average, 17.5 days within the hospital walls. The general average of cases in each department has been about the same as in previous years except in the obstetrical department where there has been some increase.

It appears that the Chinese people begin to see the possibilities of the hospital caring for its bottle fed babies and each year we can see an increase in the number of these cases as well as of older children suffering from malnutrition. One cannot be a long time in a hospital for the Chinese without realizing the deficiency in their diet, and especially is this noticeable in the obstetrical and medical departments. We have endeavored to meet this by introducing light and liquid supplementary diets. This has added materially to the hospital running expenses but the results warrant it. These supplementary feedings are prepared in the diet kitchen and served to the patients by the nurses themselves. In instituting this dietary regime not only had the prejudices of the patients against new foods to be overcome but also those of the nurses against such menial tasks.
Especially do we appreciate the "Free Bed" gifts for they enable us to care for many patients entirely and many more in part. It is our wish that our appropriation be increased, for never have we stayed within the limit of the gifts and there is constant demand for more.

The general secretary of The Mission to the Lepers has visited Foochow and a beginning has been made to organize a union project enlisting the aid of the Chinese. Heretofore, except for very meagre monetary help from the government nothing has been done by the Chinese for their lepers. Magaw Hospital has the same preacher-teacher at the East Gate village as last year and it is making its usual monthly dispensing trips.

Our hospital clinic has served 12537 patients during the year. Clinic in China is even a larger boon than in the bigger cities of America because of the general poverty of the people and the prevalence of diseases peculiar to the subtropics. Not only is our clinic a great help to the patients but we consider it of incalculable value in the nurses training.

The Florence Nightingale School of Nursing has five graduate nurses and twenty-six students. The present freshmen class was the first to enter under the new and higher entrance requirements and already we notice a better type of girls and quality of work.

The foreign nursing staff has been increased by two; Miss Vanderberg newly appointed, who is now finishing her first year of language study, and Miss Wilcox who returned from furlough in March.

The Staff

Marguerite Stewart Girls' School

I can hardly realise that another year has gone by and the time come for my annual report. It is as we come to this time
that we look back over the work of the year and sum up how much of joy has come to us during these months.

Our greatest joy is in our new Dow Dormitory. When word came from America last spring that no more new buildings were to be put up in China this year it caused many sad hearts. But the contract had been let for our building only a few weeks before so we could go on with the work. When I told the girls of this one morning in chapel and how near we had come to having our plans fail you should have seen the happy faces and heard the applause over our good fortune. On April 14th we had the laying of the corner stone. Mr. Ding Nguong Lung, pastor at the Church of Heavenly Peace in Foochow, gave the address which was most appropriate as well as shot provoking. I am sure the girls will not soon forget his message. When school opened this fall the building was almost done and now at last the long looked for day when we can move in has arrived. As soon as the second floor was ready we let two teachers and the graduating class move over. No words can tell you the great joy in the hearts of the girls. They kept running around and looking over the building for they were too excited and happy to do anything else. Even the teachers were excited too, so for many days it was hard to do our regular work. Three days later the second year Junior High girls moved in and the next week end the first year, and a few days later all the rest. During those days our hearts were filled with joy and gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His great love, and to all who have had a share in giving us this beautiful building.

But we have had sorrow and suffering mixed with our joy. There was scarcely any rain all summer so we feared for a while that we would have to postpone the opening of school because of the lack of water. But our prayers were answered and rain came in time so we opened on the regular date.
two weeks later our water supply was so low that the water carrier said he could not do the work and left. It was impossible to get any one just then and we did not know what to do. But our girls have learned to take responsibility so they carried the water until we could get some one. We then had to get two men for there was no water left in our wells and it must be carried in from outside. The girls who live in the city go home on Saturdays to do their washing and so we have been able to continue school in spite of the drought.

This year the girls have a Mandarin Society organized by Mr. Dong, one of the teachers. He realizes that before many years Mandarin will be spoken all over China so our girls must not only learn to read it but speak at well. The society meets every Saturday morning and only Mandarin is spoken and used in the programs given. Last June we had an open meeting to which the parents and friends as well as students of other schools were invited. A play was given and the girls did it very well indeed.

Our girls take a great deal of interest in the work of our local Missionary Society which helps in the support of the school in Ing Ang. This year besides their other giving they gave more than twenty dollars for this work.

This year a class of nine girls will graduate. Most of them will go out as teachers in the Day Schools. When Commencement time comes in is always hard to let them go but when we think of the need and the many calls we are always glad that we have these girls to fill the needy places. That each girl may give her life to Jesus Christ and in service to others is my sincere prayer.

JANET L. Ho
FUTSING

Woman's School

We hear much of the New China and the demand for freedom on the part of the students. Not only has this spirit permeated the younger pupils but now the women are demanding that they be given liberty. All too often it is selfish liberty they crave with no thought of their obligation to others and this leads to sorrow and suffering.

Among the applicants for entrance into the Woman's School this fall were two women from the island of Gong Ing. One, only sixteen, had been married for two years, the other, twenty, was an adopted daughter still unmarried. The usual questions in regard to consent of families were answered satisfactorily and a letter of recommendation provided, so they were admitted. But one Sunday morning a letter from the magistrate of their island home was brought in asking that they be sent home at once as they had run away and as a result a lawsuit was on. Close on the heels of the letter came the magistrate with the irate husband and father. We called the women in to face the heads of their respective families, and the spirit in which they met them was anything but meek. They admitted their guilt but were determined to fight to the last ditch for their hard earned freedom.

The wife said she had endured the abuse of her mother-in-law as long as she could and at last in desperation had run away. The second woman denied that the younger one had persuaded her to leave home too. Her reason for going was that her foster father instead of really counting her as a daughter was planning to marry her to his son five years younger than she and this she was determined not to do.

The official, whom I think in his heart sympathised with the women, said that the unmarried girl could stay in school for this term and she was not to marry the boy. But the married
woman must go home for she must obey her husband and her presence was necessary to settle the case. Poor child, how she begged to stay! But if the law said she must go we felt we could not interfere, so at last weeping bitterly she was lead off, with the promise that we would do all we could to persuade her family to let her return.

Constantly they had talked about freedom but it meant only one thing to them, freedom to do as they pleased. The lesson of our obligation to others had not been taught them yet. But that it can be learned we have evidence of in the lives of the women who have been with us for a longer time.

One of our pupils, who was brought up in a Methodist home was married into a Catholic family. They allowed her to attend the station class in the village but later refused to allow her to attend church services or keep the Sabbath. At last she gained the half hearted consent of her mother-in-law to come to school, but when her husband, in school in Foochow, heard of it he was very angry, so she went home for the summer vacation fearing she could not return.

That summer there was much sickness in the family, three of them dying, and at last she was taken ill. Her life was dispaired of and they called the priest to administer the last rites. But still she lingered on and at last gathered courage to ask them to send for the Methodist preacher. To her surprise they consented and when he came, tho she was too weak to talk, he knew she wanted him to pray for her. She dated her recovery from that visit and also the changed attitude of her family, for now they were willing for her to return to school. When she went home this summer, hearing that the girls in her village wanted to study but no teacher was to be had, she offered her services without salary.
It is women such as this one who make us realize the real
worth of the work and the possibilities of these women when at
last Christ's words are fulfilled in their lives, "Ye shall know the
truth and the truth shall make you free."

JENNIE D. JONE

Day Schools

It is true that a supervisor of day schools has many inter-
esting things to report, but it is not easy to select a few from the
many.

This year I have made two visits to each school staying
from three to six days each time. During this time I supervise
the work of the teacher and teach the children hand work, songs,
and games. This year in each school a health play was given.
The parents enjoy the programs very much. I also have evening
meetings for the parents. This gives me a chance to visit with
them and they always tell me how much the day school teachers
help the children, that they are taught to be clean, polite, and
helpful to their parents. The responsibility and privileges of a
day school teacher are very great. I am thankful to say that
most of the teachers are loyal to their work and doing their best
to shine for Jesus.

A pupil in one of our day schools has great love for God.
One day when he was sick, his mother wanted him to worship
idols. He replied, "Mother do not worry, my God will take care
of me." He prayed earnestly to the Father who answered his pray-
ers. Another day a neighbor asked him to buy idols papers. He
fell down on the way, so returned to the house, gave back the
money saying "I am a Christian. God made me fall down so I
know it is wrong to buy idol papers for you." Since then he will
never do anything which is connected with idols tho his people do
their best to tempt him.
This year the enrollment of the Model Day School in Futsing city is double that of last year. The attendance has also improved. Miss Ida Fong who is the first grade teacher is also the head teacher. The improvement is largely due to her work. This autumn we talked to the children about helping the pupils in Ing Ang. They were very happy to take mite-boxes. When The Futsing Woman's Missionary Society had a special program for mite box opening, the children enthusiastically brought in their boxes. There were more than twenty-three small dollars in fifty-eight boxes which they had for only six weeks. One of the pupils is from a poor non-Christian family. The teacher did not give her a mite box, but she asked earnestly for one and promised to put money in it. She kept her word and had about fifty pennies in the box. When she was going to take it to the meeting, her mother saw it and took the money. Tho only a small amount it meant a great deal to her, so she came with a sad heart.

The school in Ngü Ka has also improved this year. We now have two teachers and an enrollment of forty-three pupils. They too are much interested in the missionary work and have this year had more than ten dollars in their mite boxes. It has been impossible to get any one to take care of the class rooms but the older pupils were very happy to do this and have kept the school rooms very neat and clean.

But there is another side to the work which seems dark. The people here say that girls are to take care of the cows, gather wood, and look after babies. One day when we passed a house a girl of nine ran out and whispered to me. “Please ask your load man who is my father to let me go to school”. We did ask the man and he promised to send her. But later we found out that his promise was only to be polite. This is one of the many who have no chance to study.
In spite of the disappointments of the work, I have strong faith in the children who are in our day schools. They are full of hope and life. When they grow up, they are to be the pillars, the great women of new China. Who say they can not? The Bible says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." This is the motto for my work.

Lois M. Huang

Evangelism in the Futsing Field

Last year I told you of the work on Gong Ing island and now I want to tell you about a trip that took us first to the island of Seu Tau about twenty miles off our Futsiug coast. The island is about three miles long by one mile broad and has a population of three thousand five hundred or four thousand. We only have one church and one pastor on the island and no Bible-woman.

We had three days there with good results. Mrs. Sie had taken some medicines along from the Lucie F. Harrison Hospital and the dispensary work was so much appreciated by those so far from any hospital or doctor.

Our next stop was on the border of the adjoining country where we have a live little Christian community of five families and a sixth was added while we were there. We also have a fine girls' day school and the lovely fifteen year old daughter of this family had learned about Christ in the day school, had become and earnest Christian and did so wanted her family to come to Christ, too, but they were ardent idol worshipers. Finally on the last day of our meeting they came early in the morning to tell us that they had decided and asked us to come and destroy the idols, and we were not slow in going. The Bible-woman, day school teacher and all the pupils accompanied us, and we routed the idols from their long resting places. Some of them seemed to have the dust of ages upon them. We then had a song and prayer and thus a new home was dedicated to Christ. I wish you
could have seen the beaming face of the happy little daughter. The mother afterward told us that she had eight daughters and that she had drowned four of them, given three away and saved only this one. Now this one despised girl has brought them the greatest blessing of all for it was really through her that they were brought to Christ. The mother-in-law and daughter-in-law had not been on speaking terms, but that day they were brought together and we left them a happy, united family.

The following Sunday found us at a church that we visited a year ago and we were glad for the signs of growth there. We examined three women and they qualified for the gift of a Bible that we had promised to all who completed a required amount of reading. Our last visit was to a mountain top, but we had hardly a "mountain top" experience for we found it such a needy, needy place, and the women so bound by superstition and fear. We came home very tired but happy in the experiences that the days had brought, and for the privileges of service.

This is only a sample of the work that has occupied most of the year. Mrs. Sie and I have visited and held meetings on thirty-three of the circuits of the fifty on the three districts. Since I do not have to divide my time this year with Haitang I am hoping that in the coming year we may have a meeting on every circuit. It is such a worth while work.

As we have itinerated we have been telling the women about the missionary society and giving out mite boxes. Many women cannot pay dues but are glad to take mite boxes and help in that way. At our recent district conference at Lungtien we had the mite boxes from only four or five of the circuits, but we had thirty-one dollars and a half. One Bible woman whose patron had sent her a special gift of ten dollars immediately gave two dollars of it as a Thank Offering to the missionary society and this fairly well represents the spirit of sacrifice that we find
among the women everywhere, when they know of the missionary work and of the Yungan field their funds help to support. Yesterday was mite box opening in our Futsing auxilliary. Our Marguerite Stewart school chapel was crowded with eager expectant girls and women, and as the school girls gave the pageant in the August Friend, "The Plea of the Mite Boxes" and then one hundred and seventy mite boxes were piled upon the rostrum, enthusiasm ran high. When they were emptied and the money counted we had seventy-eight dollars which was an advance of thirty-three dollars over last year. We all felt like singing the long meter Doxology. We expect the offerings of our Futsing field to come up to five hundred dollars this year. Truly our women are learning the real meaning of, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Carrie M. Bartlett

Lucile F. Harrison Hospital Report

An able writer could give you a thrilling account of this banner year in the annals of the hospital but my mind has been so occupied with making history that I find it too tired to be able to write it. There have been days and months of hard work getting ready to move into our new buildings. Hospital garments as well as bedding had to be made and our graduate nurses after their regular duties were done helped with this sewing. When tired instead of stopping they would run races to see who could sew fastest. In this way they saved hundreds of dollars for the hospital.

At last moving day, to which all had been looking forward, arrived. Some of the patients were able to walk, others rode in chairs. I wish you could have seen their faces when at last they saw this beautiful place. They had the good fortune of being the first to live in the new hospital and to use all the new things and this they appreciated very much. Then too
they shared with us the congratulations of our friends who
sent many firecrackers, framed testimonials and merit boards.
Some gifts were accompanied by a Chinese band as well as the
popping of crackers, but fortunately few of the patients were
afflicted with nerves!

The whole community waited anxiously the arrival of the
first baby. Tradition says that no son was ever born in the home
which formerly occupied this site. When the first three babies
were boys it was evident the spell was broken and when out
of the first twenty-one babies eighteen were boys our fame
spread abroad, so in six months we have had 190 maternity pa-
tients. The "newness" has also been a great drawing card and
in this time there have been 827 inpatients other than maternity
cases. Only seventeen boys out of forty-six babies last month
has rather put a blight on our former bright reputation!

If we had kept a record of the visitors it would far exceed
that of patients. They come in streams and droves and it means
using a good deal of cloth for the heels of the shoes of all bound-
footed women must be wrapped in order that the floors will
not be scarred. Many of them have never been in such a high
building so the climb makes them very dizzy. The view of the city
from our front veranda vies with the baby ward in popularity.

We would like to tell you of our many interesting patients
but space will not allow. One non-Christian woman come to us
to have her eyes treated. One night she had a vision. An old
man with a white board came to her. The moon seemed to be
very near too so she could see him very clearly. He said to her,
"Are you sick?" and when she told him of the trouble with her
eyes he assured her she had done the right thing to enter the hos-
pital. The next night he came again and put a crystal on her
eyes which seemed to help them a great deal. Since then she has
had many visions and really thinks God speaks to her in this way.
Lucie Harrison Hospital
Futsing, China

Maria Orme Allen Home
Futsing, China
She has become a very earnest Christian and has brot many very sick people to the hospital.

A fourteen year old girl, from the island of Hai Tang was brot to us more dead than alive. For four years she had stomach trouble and during the last six months it had become so bad that she could retain scarcely any food. Her father-in-law had asked her brother to redeem her and take her home but he did not have the money so as a last resort they brot her to the hospital. We had little hope of being able to save her but after two weeks she was much better and at the end of a month was able to walk a mile to the boat landing, on her very home. We had become so attached to her that it was hard to see her leave and all the more because we feared she would no longer have the kind of food she still needs.

We cannot but feel that these wonderful six months have given us only a foretaste of the service we can render in our finely equipped new plant and we expect to have even better things to report next year.

We are indeed sorry to report that we had to close the Ngu Cheng Hospital again as Dr. Ung felt she is not strong enough to carry on the work, and we were unable to get any one else to continue it. We do pray that God will raise up some one for this place soon for the people there are really suffering for help.
HAITANG

King's Heralds' Girls' Boarding School

It is scarcely light when the rising bell rings these mornings. The girls are soon up and dressed so that they may observe the quiet hour at the beginning of each day.

The school work is much the same as it was before I went home on furlough. There have been some changes in teachers, one class of girls has graduated, and new students have entered school. Perhaps the greatest change is the work in co-education. The suggestion for co-educational work was first made by one of our Chinese girl teachers and last year the plans for this work were carried out. In the lower primary grades we often find boys and girls in the same schools in China, but it is very unusual in the higher primary and the Junior Middle Schools, but so far it has proved successful in our school. There is a splendid spirit of co-operation among both teachers and pupils of the two schools. Of course the boys sit on one side of the class room and the girls on the other; or in some classes the boys have the front seats and the girls have the back ones, but they study and recite together, and work side by side at the blackboard and in the science classes. They have just had one of their social meetings and together planned and gave the program. Most of the program was given in Mandarin as we are emphasizing the use of Mandarin in conversation and chapel as well as in lessons.

The attendance of girls is about the same as last term but the total is a little less as some of the boys could not return because of the high price of board. They do not all receive scholarships as the girls do, and with famine conditions rather serious on Haitang this year it is difficult for some students to plan for school. We are very thankful that we are going to be able to provide for our girls this winter tho most of their food will be the dried sweet potatoes. We shall not be able to give them much
rice. I had never eaten any of these dried sweet potatoes so decided to eat with the girls sometime. The bowl of dark looking potatoes did not appear as appetizing as the white slices had looked before cooking, and the taste was even less appetizing. I tried to finish my bowl however and that of the girls who must eat them nearly every day. As a rule they have just a little dried fish to eat with this. But they are thankful for this for it is more than many families on the island will have this winter.

The water supply is very low due to the lack of rain and the poor water may be the cause of an unusual amount of illness among both teachers and pupils. One girl in the graduating class has typhoid fever. I sent her to Dr. Hung’s where she could have better care than she could at the school. She had a high fever for a few days but it suddenly dropped to normal and she was sure that she was well. She was so eager to study that the next day when Dr. Hung went to the country she walked back to school. We told her that she should stay in bed but she thought she must not miss her classes. However she soon had to go to the hospital again. She realizes now that she cannot graduate with her class and is very much disappointed as she had a scholarship promised for next year at Hwa Nan. It is difficult to make some of these girls realize that their health is more important than an education. They are so eager to study when they have the opportunity.

Martha McCutchen

Bible Women and Day Schools

You cannot know how good it is to be back at work again after two years and a half at home, even though every bit of that time was most happily and profitably spent.

During the past year there have been four Station Classes held for women on the District. The average attendance has
been about fourteen women to a class. There are five women who are asking to go to the Woman's Training School at Futsing for further study. In the case of one of these women, it is the mother-in-law who is especially anxious that her daughter-in-law study further. Her son, because he has been displeased with his wife because she likes to go out with the Bible Woman on her rounds, and because he was further displeased with her when she entered the Station Class to study, is threatening to sell her to some other man. His mother is very much distressed over the matter, and has been pleading with us to send her daughter-in-law to school. It is not certain yet whether we can arrange for her to go to Futsing next term.

At our District Conference in November more than half of our Bible Women who have been following the Course of Study for Exhorters finished the fourth year of work. Next year some of them plan to continue with the Course for Local Preachers. Not all of the women have studied sufficiently to be able to go on with this Course for it is rather difficult.

One interesting feature of our District Conference Meeting this fall was the Missionary Meeting which was held one afternoon. Following the devotional period, Mrs. Ding, a sister of the first and only missionary sent out and wholly supported by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Foochow Conference, gave a brief report of the work which is being done for girls at Ing Ang, the place where their Mission School is located. Then the Bible Women gave a clever demonstration, similar to the one used at home called the Mite-box Opening. Only here we call them Thank-Offering Boxes. Different women told of their methods used in filling the Boxes. One woman said she made her children go without a meal occasionally and used the money saved to put in her Box. The leader told her that was not a good method. The children needed good food, and they need
regularly, and to see her children hungry should not be a cause for gratitude or thankfulness. Another woman said that whenever she punished the children she put some money into her Box. This method, too, was denounced by the leader. She said, "Are you grateful for the occasion to spank your children? You should be sorry to have to do that, and this is a 'Gang-Ong Ak';" literally a "gratitude box." She explained very carefully that whenever anything happens to make them feel happy or grateful, they should show their gratitude by putting something into the "Gang-Ong Ak." The preachers as well as the women from that and neighboring villages, seemed to be very much interested.

This coming year we are hoping to have Miss Ho Lang Ing back from Nanking where she has been taking work in the Bible Training School she will have charge of most of the day school work. A group, interested in this great problem, have worked out a tentative program for Religious Education in the Day Schools, which, we hope with Miss Ho's help, can be carried out this coming year, or rather, be well begun.

Harriet J. Halversladt

Kutien Girls Boarding School

Just a few miles outside of Kutien, in a small village, lives "Excellent Pearl." In spite of her dark heathen home, she is well worthy of her beautiful name, for she is truly a light shining in darkness. Excellent Pearl had finished her five years of primary and oh how she longed to continue her education in Kutien, but her mother was not willing. On account of unfavorable home conditions she lived in school awhile, and during that time there was a big flood. One night the mud walls fell on her and another girl. Excellent Pearl constantly prayed, fully trusting that God would save her from under that heavy mud pile. She also encouraged her fellow sufferer to pray instead of cry, but she did not have the same childlike faith and soon her pitiful cry
ceased. Excellent Pearl however soon felt a hand touching her; it was the hand of her own mother, whom God had sent to save her. That mother's heart was deeply stirred when she found the other student had passed away, but that God had saved the life of her daughter. She realized for the first time that He was a living God who loves and saves His children and she knew it was He that prompted her to get up in the dark night and walk to school in the pouring rain. Her heart became changed and as a result Excellent Pearl came to school the next semester.

It didn't take the girls long to find out that their new classmate was an unusual girl in every way. She seemed to understand everything. In all the subjects she stood at the top of her class, yet at the same time she was very humble and ever willing to help others. Her Christian life is simply beautiful and her influence among the girls invaluable. When after her first term's work she went home, she opened a public school in her village, giving everyone a chance to study and this past summer her former pupils came long ways to meet their beloved teacher announcing at the same time that they would be back to study the next morning. Before Excellent Pearl had eaten her breakfast they had already arrived after a one and two miles walk. She planned to teach them a half a day and do some handwork to pay for her school expenses the rest of the time, but when noon came those children could not be sent home; they had already brought their dinner and said they were going to study all day, all summer long. So Excellent Pearl opened her school every morning telling them Bible stories and on Sunday afternoons she went to spread the glad tidings to her children's parents. Two weeks before her own school opened she had a lovely commencement at the church, but to her great surprise all her students were back again the next morning, they just couldn't stay home while Excellent Pearl
was still around. Of course she was happy to satisfy their longings, but she so much hoped she could be more help to her mother, who seemed to love her more all the time and who was as proud as she could be of her daughter, so that everything she did for her was her own delight. She felt that Excellent Pearl's work for their Lord was much more important than anything she could do for her.

How wonderful it is to see the power of God working through our school girls, for it is just the thing that keeps us happy all the time.

Martha Graf

Kutien Kindergarten and Lower Primary

After Conference comes Christmas which is the happiest time of the whole year. We usually prepare an entertainment to which we invite the children's relatives and friends, but this year there were so many events taking place on the same day that we decided we would give a little afternoon program just for the children.

After the Christmas dinner we were greatly surprised to find the chapel packed with friends and relatives. They came without having been invited. In the morning the preacher had announced in church that a program would be given in the higher primary school up on the hill. We thought they had misunderstood what the preacher said, but they said they didn't, that they came because they liked to hear the little children's program. So we let them stay and the pupils sat outside.

Our former dormitory was an old Chinese house which was built more than two hundred years ago. It had only four bed rooms. Of course it was too crowded for the children. Unfortunately in May a little third year girl was stricken with plague. We immediately moved all the children out of the old house that
night and packed them in the chapel, using the long seats for beds. We used small rooms here and there for dining rooms, and the kindergarten room served as chapel. Under these conditions we waited eagerly for the new building which was then being built.

This fall we moved into the new building and we cannot tell you how much we enjoy it. Whenever we look at it, we think of the kind people who made it possible.

We also have a new cement floor drill court. Oh, you cannot imagine how the children like it! They enjoy it more than the new building, I think.

We are also happy because this year we have two kindergarten teachers of instead one. Both of them are good teachers; they love the children and the children love them. One of them has charge of the little ones, the other has charge of the larger ones, so the children call them "big sister" and "little sister."

The children love to come kindergarten. One little boy always wanted his mother to carry him about. His mother knowing that he wanted to come to school said one day, "Now you are big and can go to school. You must not ask me to carry you any more. Otherwise, I will not let you go." The boy promised but one evening after supper he again asked his mother to carry him. His mother said, "You are a student now. You must not ask me to carry you," but the little fellow said, "Oh mother, there is no kindergarten at night!"

We thank God for the new building and the new drill court and we hope that He will give us new strength to do the best work for Him all through the year.

Lila Ding
KUTIEN AND BINGHU

Day Schools, Bible Women and Evangelistic Work

We come on our annual visit to you with grateful hearts because during the months of 1926 we have been practically free from the horrors of banditry. It has been a joy to find people on the districts living normal lives again. But with our joy there are traces of sadness, because the after-math of banditry is still with us, in ill health from over-strain and exposure, and in financial difficulties. A severe drought this past summer has made times ten-fold harder and most of our workers are getting into debt merely to live.

A casual look at our day schools with so little visible in results for one year is not encouraging. A Sunday morning in Kutien with the long lines of attractive school girls and women, filing out of our Compound going to the city church, makes us feel better for we know that the majority of the students before our eyes, but for the start given them in the day schools, but for the taste of learning gotten there would never be here preparing themselves for teachers and Bible women. And giving girls an impetus toward higher learning is not the only benefit coming from the day schools. Daily Christian instruction is having its effect on even those who do not openly confess Christ. Little Clever Sister lived in a home where idols were worshipped: While she was still quite young her father and grandfather both died and her mother and grandmother with nothing to comfort them gave themselves up to grief. The little girl could not understand it all but was troubled because they were. In the day school she had to memorize hymns and one was “To Heaven the home of endless bliss” Immediately she began to wonder about Heaven and whether it was a place to which her father and grandfather might have gone. In the clouds she saw shapes of persons
and she thought that these must be her departed loved ones. For several years her mind was questioning the after-life and just what Heaven might mean. As a girl of fifteen in the fifth grade, she spoke out her thoughts to our School Inspector who was in the village and was giving a lesson on Heaven. She gave as an illustration of the soul going to its reward, the birds flying to the happy Southland when winter comes. Clever Sister’s questions showed how her mind had been struggling with its problem but her questions were answered and her heart is at rest.

At the beginning of this year we had to cut down the number of our teachers and Bible women and now we are facing another cut in order to be able to pay a living wage to those who remain at work. And facing another cut brings several pictures to my mind.

The first picture is of a week of intensive work in a large heathen village. In the mornings we visited in the homes and in the afternoons called the women and children together. Only a half dozen women had ever been accustomed to going out to any kind of meeting but they came, from twenty to fifty of them, to hear the victrola, and the children swelled the crowds to eighty or ninety. After the music and some singing, mostly by the children, they were taken to an adjoining house where our very efficient School Inspector, Miss Ruth Ling, told them Bible stories, taught them motion songs and games in such an interesting way that they were happy to stay just as long as she wanted to keep them. Miss Grace Ding step by step so beautifully unfolded the the plan of salvation and on the seventh day we gave them a chance to make a definite decision. Seven decided to give up their idols and serve God. A meeting similarly conducted in August in a smaller village resulted in more than ten women declaring themselves ready to begin the Christian life. In both
these villages our Bible women are doing follow up work with these who have decided for Christ.

The next picture brings up a four mile walk on a hot August day in company with two Bible-women. One of them was taking us to a village behind the hills, around the bend of a river, two miles from her place of work. In that village where there is not one Christian and where Christian work has never been done, we visited in three different houses and took our turns giving short messages to those who gathered and listened so attentively. One of my companions said that we had fifty-one listeners. I observed that each house had its idols and that the women and girls all had bound feet. By questioning I found that their daughters were betrothed in childhood and that the women and girls had never had an opportunity to study. As we talked came the usual pathetic statements about life being very sad and hearts not being at peace. We could tell them now to find peace but the news was too good to be grasped at one hearing. Before we left, the Bible woman who lived two miles away promised to go again and teach them.

And the third picture is what I was thinking and seeing that day as I walked four miles back to Kutien. I could not keep my mind off the village we had just left, the village behind the hills which I had never seen nor heard of before, the village that had waited so long for Christ. But I thanked God that Ciu Pek Leng with three villages to care for spiritually, was willing to add another. But neither her time nor strength will permit her to give it the attention it needs. And my thoughts ran on to other villages. I have heard of many and I daresay there are many of which I have never heard, waiting for schools, and for Bible-women.

The vision of the waiting villages haunts me yet and I am not comforted when the secretaries from the Homeland write me.
"So many dropping their support." And recalling those two seven days meetings in the villages so dark, my heart's pain is increased for I keep thinking of what might be done with workers freed for that kind of service alone. In my perplexity I remember that Jesus said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord Harvest." But the work is heavy with the responsibility for the? Woman's School, thirty-one village schools, and forty Bible-women. Often from sheer weariness of body and brain, I find my praying ineffectual. We must have your prayers and your money if ever the waiting villages are reached. I am believing that you are not going to fail us in this our day of need, for God's command to his people of old still comes to us today, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation; spare not; lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes."

Laura FrazeY

Kutien Womans' Training School

Before I begin this report I must first thank God, because during the year I have been kept in good health and I feel that I have advanced in spiritual things. As to the School, the numbers have not increased yet I perceive that in education and character there has been advance.

We have three classes of students. One class is preparing to be Bible women, another group of students want to be teachers and are taking that course. Then we have the Station Class students who truly receive profit not a little. They seem to me like seed put in the earth in spring. In a few days they are up and growing big. These students studying Romanized Chinese can in a few tens of days learn to read their own Bibles and their Hymn Books. Some of them quickly understand the doctrine and after a term return to their homes to set a good example
before their relatives and friends. They are willing to keep the school rules and want to improve in their studies. As to their faith most of them want to find Christ as their Savior.

Our school has three instructors who are kind and diligent in their teaching. The women because of home cares are often late in planning to study and some are very slow. But the teachers are very patient with them. We thank God for preparing Miss Frazey to be our principal. She very carefully plans and looks after us in all things. Her conduct is that of a sincere Christian, a worthy example for us to follow.

This year I am going to give a little special report of my work in the school. I have been matron for twenty years and I certainly thank my God and my Savior that He has given me strength for the work. Originally I was like a piece of decaying wood, not good to make a single article. But fortunately the Lord did not despise me.

During these twenty years. I perceive that the Woman's School has greatly benefitted the women of Kutien. When I began work here there were few women to spread Christ's doctrine, teach folks hygiene, and explain the harmful customs of China, since such a small number have had an opportunity to study. Should I compare the present students with those of twenty years ago, as my eyes see it, they are more capable and more spiritual.

During my twenty years in the school more than seventy have graduated. Some three hundred have studied for one or two years. Among these were widows and lone women with none to care for them and their difficulties were many, but Christ cared for them and saved them. We thank you that you have sacrificed and given your money to help Kutien women to be raised from death to life.
While I have been in the school we have had three principals Misses Peters, Hefty, and Frazed, whom I see as God's chosen ones for this work.

Our course of study has been changed and added to and our students must now reach a much higher standard. They are diligent in all good works and their subscriptions to the Church increase yearly. Pray for us that we may bear a harvest worthy for God to garner.

Ling Cio Gieu
“Whatever you need, if you ask it in prayer,
You can leave it with Him, for you are His care.”

The past year has been marked by a distinct deepening of
the heart life of the girls. Their faith in God is real. Prayer
has become to them a communion of spirit with God. They are
learning to take all the things that concern them to Him in pray-
er and know He loves them and answers. “No matter what you
ask, I will do”, is the little verse we live by.

Early in the year we found ourselves in need of rice. Peo-
ples could not sell to us, for they themselves had been impover-
ished by bandits and poor crops. Day after day we learned to ask
God for “daily bread” and He gave in such quiet, beautiful ways
that we knew the gracious touch of His hands upon it. It car-
rried with it precious blessing as did the bread given to those other
followers of His by blue Galilee years ago. There was a bit of
awe about the use of it and it seemed to have a special flavor. Of
course we know that God always provides for our needs, but this
came in answer to special prayer. We prayed and He gave.
Every little stumbling, incoherent prayer He heard and in giving
He increased our faith in Him and in praying.

Because of high prices school fees had to be raised. Again,
the need for praying and trusting God. The girls’ parents said
it was impossible for them to pay more money but the girls pray-
ed and God answered. They all came back to school, most of
them with fees increased, and all of them with faith in God in-
creased. They know that God can make the impossible possible,
and “No matter what you ask, I will do”.

With such earnestness and eager faith it was easy to talk
with them about having clean hearts and giving their lives to the
Master for service. They loved Him already and it needed only telling for them to understand that Jesus died for them and would forgive their sins and come into their hearts if they but asked Him to. In quiet little meetings, covering about one month's time, they each one in the secret place of her own heart asked forgiveness and invited Jesus in to abide. They so sweetly, quietly accepted Him as almost to make one whose faith is not so simple doubt that they really understood. But as the months have gone by and certain changes have taken place in their doing and speaking we know the reality of Jesus with them, of His changing, cleansing, and beautifying.

One of the girls came a few days ago and said, "Can you plan for me to go to Kindergarten Training School next year?" With some surprise I answered, "I thought you wanted to go on to High School and college." She said, "Yes, but I go into the villages on Sunday to teach little children and I see so many tiny children who aren't being taught and I think God wants me to prepare to teach them." When I asked her if she had prayed about it she said, as her eyes filled with quick tears, "Yes, I have prayed all day to-day about it, and now I have decided and am very happy to do what God wants me to do." It was just a little hard to give up her ideal of a college education and fit herself for early service, but having prayed she could do it.

—Ursula Tyler

Day Schools and Bible Women

Will you come with us for a visit to Fifteenth Township? There is a neat, little church there, and we shall have a comfortable place in which to put up our country cots in a room connected with it. We are fortunate, too, in having a nice, light room for the day school and rooms in which the teacher and Bible-woman live. These were added at a cost of about $200 when the
church was built a few years ago, and it was money well invested, for the conditions for working are so much more satisfactory, than they can be where we use part of a Chinese building.

Miss Dong, our efficient day school assistant, will go with us, and she will give helpful suggestions to the little teacher as she works with her in the classes. She will also conduct the chapel services each day, preparing the little ones for personal acceptance of Christ and on one of the mornings we shall have a decision meeting for them. This is one of the objects of our visit there and another is to lead the parents of the children also to become Christians. So we invite the mothers, grandmothers, and other women of the place to a meeting each afternoon of our stay there, and I know you are rejoiced as we are, to see the eagerness of these women and their earnestness. They seem so glad to learn the way to be Christians and to follow Him who said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life". They accept Him whole-heartedly and the next day bring other members of their family to hear, so our audience of responsive listeners increases each day.

On the last day we give them Christ's promise, "I am with you alway", and it is beautiful to see their joy in this knowledge, that He will be with them all the time, even though our season of meetings is over. One dear old lady of seventy-three, who has come every day during the meetings, turns to wave her hand to us as she goes over the hill out of sight on her way home, and she calls back the promise of Christ's abiding presence.

Now our visit to over, and the pupils and their mothers (and also some grandmothers) are together following Christ with new understanding, and those who were not before church members are preparing for this. Our ideal is for the whole family, and we suggested having a meeting at night for the fathers, but were told that the men would not come out in the evening as
bandits are plentiful in this region, and it is best to lock up houses early and stay inside.

This is only one of twenty neighborhoods where our day school teachers and Bible women are working, and where we help them as we can by visits for directing the work and bringing to personal decision for Christ those whom they have been instructing in the schools and out in the homes. In our Institute for these two groups of workers this fall they all pledged themselves to definitely strive pray, and believe for the real salvation, this year, of all those whom they are teaching. Please pray for them that they may remember their pledges, and with this high purpose before them may make each day a day of soulwinning. The harvest truly is ripe, and may we all together put in the sickles and reap for the Master.

EDNA JONES

Woman's School

As I write this report I am facing a roomful of women who are having a written examination. Some of them just began studying in the spring, and yet now, by means of the Romanized script, they can read with ease and are able to write simple examinations.

On one side of the room sits the fourth year class, four women who are to graduate this winter. As I look at them I thank God for their earnestness and helpfulness in the school. The brightness of their faces reflects the Christ who dwells in their hearts, and He has worked wonderful changes in them during the years here, so now we can send them out for His work with rejoicing.

Before me sits Ne Muoi who came to the school two years ago at the age of forty. She was ill at the hospital and she tells of how while there she found Christ and of how then the long
road home did not seem long at all nor her bundle heavy, for her heart was so glad in her salvation. She loves to tell others of the joy in Him.

Near her sits our sweet and gentle Geuk Sieng from distant Eighth Township. The Bible-woman there taught her of Jesus and also taught her to read the Bible. She says, "I found it so interesting I would hurry home from gathering wood on the hills to read more." She is very poor and would not have been able to come to school had not the Bible-woman helped her with clothes and bedding. During the summer vacation Geuk Sieng worked in the harvest fields to earn money and she also made shoes in between times. When she came back to school she carried a load for a teacher, arriving barefooted and sweaty, but smiling and happy because of the opportunity for further study. She is a splendid student and a true Christian and no one notices her faded and patched coats for the beauty of her character makes one forget these.

In the next seat is Ai Gieu—bright, interesting and lovable. She, too, became a Christian at the hospital and when she went home she destroyed her idols and bought back her little girl whom she had previously sold to be a "little daughter-in-law". She has been much persecuted at home because of her faith but she remains firm. She is a widow and the other people of her house will not cultivate her fields for her, and then last winter while she was at school they stole her winter's supply of rice. Her only son died, and they told her it was because she would not worship the idols. But is spite of all these things she keeps sweet and trustful and does her school work well. She is happily looking forward to the time when she can go out as a Bible woman and her daughter as a teacher, and they can work together to bring their people to Christ.
Next I look at Ging Chai whom I found in a faraway mountain village last year. She at once attracted my attention as being different from the others, and when I questioned her I found she had been in a day school a short time when a child. She became the interpreter of my messages that day and helped to make my visit to the village a fruitful one. This fall we were glad to welcome her into the school and she is proving a remarkable student, and is a lovely woman.

The woman's school is ministering to such as these. Lack of space forbids my mentioning others, but everyone of the roomful is worthy of the opportunity which she is having here, and we thank you for helping to give them this opportunity.

Edna Jones

Nathan Sites Memorial Hospital

This third year has shown more improvement than I had hoped, and this in spite of several month's limited capacity on my part. In-patients, dispensary and out-patients have all increased in number; and we are having more operations. Doctor Dang is doing all the itinerating work with a nurse, using our two ponies, and she treats from thirty to eighty at every clinic she holds in the surrounding villages. Last year we saw a little over 2,000 on these trips and this year we have seen as many in eleven months. Small as the work may seem to people in other places, it is really an important station in as much as it is the only medical center for miles in every direction. Our patients make two and three day trips to get to us, some times.

Many pitiful cases come to us and we are glad every time that we are here to help make them more comfortable. This year a girl of fifteen was brought to us by her neighbors because her mother-in-law was abusing her. Her legs had been pounded to pulp by a stone hammer, her neck burned with a red hot iron, her
back punctured with many knife wounds, her breasts black from pinckings, both arms rendered useless, and her mind utterly confused by her sufferings. For the first time I recognized the truth of one Chinese man's remark that it is better to drown the girl babies than to sell them. Another woman whose husband was negotiating to sell her to another man but planned to keep the baby himself, fled to us as her only refuge and hid for several weeks. Men, women and children shot by bandits, are often brought to us in a shocking condition and every time we are glad we are here to help save the legs or arms or lives of other wise would be lost. We had two dreadful injuries to children caught on water wheels both brought in in a dying condition but I am glad to say they recovered and one went home in a few weeks with a patched face that was quite passable considering that he did not look like a human being when he came in; while the other child after six months of patient waiting is going home with two good legs altho one is a little too short. When he came in we feared amputation at the hip, would be necessary so we consider he is quite fortunate. In fact every operated case in these last two years has gone home well except one bandit who skipped off the next day after an operation on a fractured femur. However I shall not be in the least surprised to meet him on the road hale and hearty one day, for if people can survive our amateur operations, they can stand almost anything! Our cured cases are a great help in advertising the hospital to the doubting sick, also in supporting our charity box. The money from this goes to take care of penniless patients, like Sang Muoi who was brought in by neighbors because her suffering cries of hunger disturbed them. Her mother-in-law was starving her to death because she has arthritis and could not work. We have kept her two years on this money and now she has learned to sew and can earn
money this way! It makes my bones ache to watch her sew with those twisted hands but she is happy!

There are countless stories that might be told but for lack of space, so we will conclude with a summary of the three years work in brief; of course 1926 statistics are for eleven months only.

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Ruth V. Hemenway

The Chinese Woman's Missionary Society

Our Chinese Home Missionary Society was started fourteen years ago and there are now fourteen organized Auxiliaries in different places, besides some that are not regular Auxiliaries but which have been helping in many ways, such as giving scholar. ships, Christmas gifts, Thank-offerings and gifts from mite-boxes-

The work which we are supporting is at Yung-An but it is a difficult place to reach because of the soldiers and bandits on the way. The workers are very devoted to their work and during the past year is has proven very successful in spite of many hindrances. All through the year there has been fighting and much unrest in that region.
Twice this year we sent things up to the school, but they were never received. Once the launch was wrecked and every thing lost. The other time the load was three months on the way because of fighting, and when it did finally arrive, it was found that all the best things had been stolen, and only some spoiled were left.

Many girls are wanting to come to school in spite of obstacles and this year there are about sixty girls studying in six grades. There would be many more pupils if the school building were larger, and to meet this need we are now raising money for a new building. We hope by next year that many more sheep can be taken into the fold. Miss Ethel Lee, our missionary there, wrote recently, “The opportunity here is great. It gives much comfort to see the quick changes that have taken place in the lives of the girls. When they first entered school at the beginning of the term, their faces appeared ignorant and hopeless. After they had been here for a month their faces showed the brightness and joy of a new hope in their hearts. By the end of the term, they had learned who Jesus is so they could sing and pray and tell others of His love.”

What our China needs to-day is more of these missionary auxiliaries to help save the souls of her daughters who are sitting in darkness. So we plead with you to pray for our wee society and its work in different places. “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore, that the Lord of the harvest may send forth reapers.”

Mary Sia Liu
Money received for 1926 from the various auxiliaries of the Chinese Woman's Missionary Society of Foochow Conference.

Futsing .................................. Total receipts, $318.00 Mex.
Lungtien .................................. " " 59.49 "
Haitang .................................. " " 261.26 "
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Kutien .................................. " " 69.00 "
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Foochow Girls' School .................. " " 77.44 "
Magaw Hospital, Foochow ............. " " 64.79 "
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Special gifts from individuals .................. 495.27 "
Building fund for Yung An, from all sources ...... 1155.12 "

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Foochow

Union Kindergarten Training School
Mrs. Lettie Dang Ding, Grace Shawman.

Hwa Nan College
Ida Belle Lewis,—President.
L. Ethel Wallace,—Dean.
Carol Chen,—Acting Principal of the High School.
Katharine H. Willis,—Registrar, Physical Education and Singing.
Andrew K. T. Chen,—Chinese Department.
Elsie I. Reik,—English.
Lucie Wang,—Chemistry and Physics.
Alice Louise Smith,—History and Mathematics.
Marion Ruth Cole,—English.
Dorothea L. Keeney,—Biology.
Rotha Landis,—Zoology.
Lois Witham,—Health Education.
Grace Davis,—Librarian.
Mrs. Ralph A. Ward,—Music.

Hwa Nan High School
Carol Chen,—Acting Principal.
Pearl Wong,—Religious Education.
Li Mi Daik,—History.
Edith McBee,—English.
Elizabeth Richey,—English.
Lucerne Hoddinott,—English.
Mrs. Lydia A. Wilkinson,—English.
Mrs. T. H. Coole,—English and Music.
Girls’ Junior High, Intermediate and Primary School
Florence J. Plumb, Edith F Abel, Emma W Wilson, Myrtle Sia, Evelyn Ding, Dang Hie Pek, Ng Cie Lang.

Jewell and Huntley Bible School
Phebe C. Wells.

Evangelistic Work, Bible-women and Station Classes
Phebe C. Wells, Mrs. C. M. Lacey Sites.

Mary E. Crook Children’s Home
Florence J. Plumb.

Institutional Church-Women’s Work
Margaret Wong.

Lower Primary Schools
Ruby Sia.

Magaw Memorial Hospital
Chief of Staff,—Mabel Hammons, M.D.
Supt. of Hospital,—Alice A. Wilcox, R. N.
Supt. of Florence Nightingale School of Nursing,—Frieda Staubli, R. N.
Half time Student of the language,—Annie Vanderberg

Leper Work,—Magaw Memorial Hospital.

Woolsten Memorial Hospital
Physician in charge,—Dr. Hu King Eng.
Assistant,—Hu Seuk Eng.
Evangelistic Work,—Mrs. Lydia A. Wilkinson.

Futsing

Marguerite Stewart Junior High and Intermediate School
Janet Ho, Ruth Ciu.

Evangelistic Work, Bible Women and Station Classes
Carrie M. Bartlett, Mrs. Sie Ceng King.
Woman's Training School and Lower Primary Schools  
Jennie D. Jones, Lois Wong.

Lucie F. Harrison Hospital  
Dr. Li Bi Cu, Wong Kie Chung.

Lungtien Hospital  
Dr. Li Bi Cu.

Haitang  
King's Herald Girls Junior High and Intermediate School  
Martha L. McCutchen, Daisy Ling.

Evangelistic Work, Bible Women, Lower Primary Schools  
Harriet J. Halverstadt, Aileen Ding.

Medical Work  
Hung Ciong Saeng.

Kutien  
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Martha A. Graf, Ruth Jayne, Dorothy Tiang, Grace Sia, Ruth Ling.

Intermediate School, Lower Primary School and Kindergarten  
Eva F. Sprunger, Lila Ding.

Evangelistic Work, Bible-women, Lower Primary Schools  
H. Laura Frazey, Grace Ding.

Woman's Training School and Station Classes  
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Mintsing  
Girls' Junior High and Intermediate School  
Ursula Tyler, Lau Nga Hung, Lau Choi Geung.

Woman's Bible Training School, Evangelistic Werk, Bible-women, Primary Day Schools  
Edna Jones, Dong Eng Lang,
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Nathan Sites Memorial Good Shepherd Hospital
Ruth V. Hemenway, M.D, Dr. Dang Mi Gieu.
Evangelistic Work-Mintsing County Seat
Mrs. Isabelle Longstreet Eyestone.

Business Agent
Edith F. Abel.

Conference Evangelist
Lydia A Trimble.

On Furlough
Julia A. Bonafield, Myrth Bartlett, Emma, Ethly, Floy Hurlbut, Mary Mann, Ross A. Mace, Jane Ellen Nevitt, Roxy Lefforge, Cora E. Simpson, Myrtle Smith.

Retired
Jean Adams.
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