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III. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, March 23, 1938

AFTERNOON SESSION

The third session of the PHILIPPINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH convened in the Methodist Church at Mexico, Pampanga, at 4:00 p.m., March 23, 1938, with Bishop Edwin F. Lee, Resident Bishop, presiding. After the congregation sang “My God I Thank Thee,” Isaac Manganti led the prayer in Pampango and Arcadio de Ocera in English.

ROLL CALL: The roll was called and the following members responded:

Donato C. Antonio  Benjamin I. Guansing  Agaton Pascual
Ambrosio Bernardo  Esteban Guillermo  Alejandro M. Perez
David M. Candelaria  Catalino Guzman  Benito Reyes
Ruben V. Candelaria  Don W. Holter  Eladio M. Reyes
Donato P. Capule  Crispulo M. Ichban  Simon D. Reyes
Cirilo Casiguran  Pedro C. Lusung  Ismael de la Rosa
Vicente S. Cordero  Juan Macaspac  Ricardo del Rosario
Esteban T. Cruz  Isaias G. Manahan  Agapito T. Santiago
Leoncio V. Cruz  Isaac M. Mañganti  Julian M. Santiago
Paulino Danan  Eusebio M. Manuel  Catalino T. Santos
Tomas Diwa  Regino Martin  Lorenzo T. Tamayo
Nicolas Fajardo  Constancio Mercado  Pedro A. Tellez
Gregorio O. Fernando  Arcadio de Ocera  Ernest E. Tuck
Filomeno Galang  Hector P. de Ocera  Hilarion Tumamao
Francisco S. Galvez  Candido Padilla  Clemente M. Zuniga
Jose Gamboa  Natanael de Pano
Balbino Gatdula  Jose A. Pascua

PROBATIONERS

Santos Adriano  Tomas de los Santos  Simeon Medina
Fidel Galang  Delfin P Zapanta  Joaquin Manuel
Guillermo Manuel

CONFERENCE SECRETARY: Jose Gamboa was elected secretary.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE: It was moved and ordered that the names, Manuel Adeva, Fernando Laxamana, Mamerto Galvez, Quirico Santos, and Julian A. Santos be referred to the conference relations committee.

CONFERENCE BAR: The front pew, the three rows in the middle section, and the entire left wing were designated the conference bar.
CONFERENCE PROGRAM: After some necessary changes were made it was moved that the printed program be the official program of the conference. This was so ordered.

PRESS CORRESPONDENTS: It was moved and ordered that the chair appoint press correspondents. Benjamin Guansing and Joseph W. Moore were appointed.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES: It was moved and ordered that the chair appoint a committee on privileges. Eusebio Manuel and Francisco S. Galvez were appointed.

REPORT OF W. F. M. S. MISSIONARY: Miss Mildred M. Blakely reported as a W. F. M. S. missionary in charge of Hugh Wilson Hall.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: As it was reported that Roman Nacu cannot come to conference, the Bishop announced the appointment of Benjamin I. Guansing as chairman of the resolutions committee.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY: For the same reason it was moved and ordered that the appointment of a statistical secretary be referred to the Cabinet.

COMMUNION SERVICE: Bishop Lee, assisted by Isaac Manganti and all the District Superintendents, administered the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper to the ministers and almost an equal number of laymen and friends.

OFFERING FOR MEMBERS IN DISTRESS: It was recommended by the Bishop that next year during communion, an offering, a real offering and not just a collection, be taken which will be placed in the hands of the Conference Board of Stewards to be used to help members in distress.

ADJOURNMENT: Conference adjourned at 5:50 after Bishop Lee pronounced the benediction.

Thursday, March 24, 1938

MORNING SESSION

DEVOTIONS: Hymn “Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”, was sung. Esteban Guillermo led in prayer closing with the Lord’s Prayer repeated by all. After hymn “Blessed Assurance,” was sung, the Bishop read 37th Psalm and gave a message with the emphasis on “Mark the Perfect Man and Behold the Upright.” A short closing prayer was offered by Bishop Lee. The devotional hour closed with the singing of hymn “Jesus, Thou Joy of loving Hearts.”

ASSISTANT-SECRETARY: B. I. Guansing was appointed assistant secretary.

CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN: Bishop Lee announced the appointment of Clemente M. Zuniga as conference statistician.

QUESTION 34: The name of Lorenzo T. Tamayo was called, his character passed, and he read his report as Superintendent of Nueva Ecija-North Tarlac District. His name was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations looking toward retirement.
CONFERENCE EVANGELIST: It was moved and ordered that the Bishop be authorized to appoint a conference evangelist. The Bishop announced the appointment of Lorenzo T. Tamayo as conference evangelist.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE: It was moved and ordered that biographies of the members of the conference who have retired after a successful ministry be written and printed. This was ordered referred to the committee on Christian Literature. B. I. Guansing was named to write said biography.

BIOGRAPHY: Clemente M. Zuniga moved and it was ordered that a short biographical sketch of Lorenzo T. Tamayo, retiring district superintendent, be printed in the journal together with his report.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE: It was moved and ordered that a committee on Christian literature be added to the list of committees to be appointed.

INTRODUCTIONS: Bishop Lee introduced to the conference Mrs. H. O. Holter, mother of Don W. Holter, who spoke and brought a word of greeting from the Kansas Conference.

The Bishop also introduced Rev. W. H. Fonger, Secretary of the American Bible Society, who spoke about the work of that society.

QUESTION 34: The name of Donato C. Antonio was called, his character passed, and he gave his report.

RECESS: There was a brief recess from 10:50.

QUESTION 34: The names of Ambrosio Bernardo and David M. Candalaria were called, their character passed, and they gave their reports.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE: It was moved and ordered that the name of Ruben V. Candalaria be referred to the conference relations committee.

QUESTION 34: The names of Donato P Capuli and Cirilo Casiguran were called, their character passed, and they gave their reports.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE: It was moved and ordered that the names of Vicente S. Cordero, Balbino Gatdula, and Filomeno Galang be referred to the conference relations committee.

QUESTION 34: The name of Esteban T. Cruz was called and his character was passed. The following names were also called, their character passed, and they gave their reports: Paulino Danan, Tomas Diwa, Nicolas Fajardo, Gregorio O. Fernando, Filomeno Galang.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH: It was moved and ordered that the present issue of compulsory Religious Instruction in public schools be referred to the committee on state of the church which committee should report back Saturday morning.

QUESTION 34: The names of Francisco S. Galvez and Jose Gamboa were called, their character passed, and they gave their reports.
QUESTION 34: The names of Benjamin I. Guansing and Esteban Guillermo were called, their characters passed and they gave their reports.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH: Bishop Lee announced the addition of Francisco S. Galvez, Agaton Pascual, Hilario Tumamao, and Crispulo M. Icban to the committee on state of the church.

ADJOURNMENT: After the singing of the doxology and the benediction, pronounced by Lorenzo T. Tamayo Conference adjourned at 12:00 noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference reassembled at 4:30 p. m. with the singing of hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and a short prayer offered by Bishop Lee.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS DAYS: The secretary read the minutes of previous days. This was ordered approved after some slight changes were made.

SPECIAL PRIVILEGES: It was moved and ordered that privileges of the floor be granted to the members of the Philippine North Conference who are present and to lay missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions and to W. F. M. S. missionaries who are present.

QUESTION 34: The names of Catalino Guzman, who has been serving in Mindanao, and Don. W Holter were called, their characters passed and they gave their reports.

SPECIAL PRIVILEGES: B. O. Peterson fraternal delegate from the Philippine North Conference was introduced and spoke a word of greeting from that Conference.

Mrs. Gregorio O. Fernando was introduced and spoke a word of greeting as chairman of the Women's Conference.

ADJOURNMENT: After hymn "Come Thou Almighty King" was sung and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Peterson conference adjourned 6:00 p. m.

Friday, March 25, 1938

MORNING SESSION

DEVOTIONS: After singing hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" short prayers were offered by Mrs. Teodocia V. Cruz and Lorenzo T. Tamayo. The hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" was sung. The Scripture lesson was read from Acts 17:15-20. Francisco S. Galvez gave a message on "God in Experience". The devotional hour closed with the singing of hymn "O Jesus I Have Promised" and the benediction pronounced by the speaker.

MINUTES: The secretary read the minutes of the last session and after some changes were made was ordered approved as corrected.
FRATERNAL DELEGATE: It was moved and ordered that this conference elect one fraternal delegate who will represent the conference at the next session of the Philippine North Conference.

OFFERING FOR MEMBERS IN DISTRESS: It was moved and ordered that a special offering be taken every year which will be placed in the hands of the Conference Board of Stewards to be used to help members or their families who are in distress, or illness.

COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY: It was moved and ordered that a collection be taken next Sunday during the ordination service for the Pastors who suffered during the Orani fire as an expression of Christian affection.

REGISTRATION FEE: It was moved and ordered that a registration fee of fifty centavos be charged each delegate of the Conference next year which will be turned over to the host of the conference for incidental expenses.

WITHDRAWAL OF NAMES FROM CONFERENCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Clemente M. Zuniga moved and it was ordered that the names of Ruben V. Candelaria and Quirico Santos which have been referred be withdrawn from the conference relations committee.

QUESTION 34: The names of the following were called, their character passed, and they reported: Pedro C. Lusung, Juan Macaspac, Isaias Manahan, Isaac M. Manganti, Regino Martin, and Constancio Mercado.

W. F. M. S. MISSIONARY: The name of Marian Walker, a returned missionary of the W. F. M. S., was called, and she spoke a few words to the conference.

UNITED SESSION

LAY CONFERENCE MEMBERS: At about 10:00 o'clock, the members of the lay conference after having organized themselves arrived to join the annual conference for the united session.

QUESTION 1. Officers of the lay conference were announced and introduced:

Roman de los Reyes, chairman
Miss Carmen Cunanan, Vice-chairman
Crisostomo Bartolome, Secretary

The lay conference secretary read the names of the members of the lay conference and the churches they represented.

REMARKS BY BISHOP LEE: Bishop Lee spoke a few words to the united session and more especially to the laymen about the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its constituency and its coming Union with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church to show them in a brief way the church to which they are affiliated.

QUESTION 34: The name of Esteban T. Cruz was called, and his character having been previously passed, he gave his report as Superintendent of Manila-Bulacan district.
INTRODUCTIONS: Chaplain Torres a Roman Catholic and Chaplain Matias Cuadra of the Philippine Army were introduced. Chaplain Cuadra spoke about his work and pleaded for the cooperation of the ministers, promising on his part cooperation with all.

QUESTION 34: The name of Eusebio Manuel was called, his character having been previously passed, he gave his report as Superintendent of the Pampanga-South Tarlac District.

ADJOURNMENT: The united session adjourned after the singing of hymn “True-hearted, Whole-hearted, Faithful and Loyal” and the benediction, pronounced by Agaton Pascual.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference reassembled at 4:30 p. m. with the singing of hymn “More Love to Thee, O Christ,” with Dr. B. O. Peterson in the chair. Rev. Severino Cordero of the Philippine North Conference led the opening prayer. The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

QUESTION 24: Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) In studies of First Year.
   Crisostomo F. Bartolome

(b) In studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule?
   None

(c) Exempt from Course of study under Seminary Rule.
   None

QUESTION 25: Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) In studies of First Year.
   Tomas de los Santos

(b) In studies of Second Year.
   Deogracias Angeles
   Carlos Manacop
   Guillermo Manuel
   Guillermo Padolina
   Bernabe de Pano
   Delfin P. Zapanta

(c) In Studies of Third Year?
   None

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
   None

QUESTION 26: Who have Been Discontinued?

   Mamerto Galvez
   Cipriano Malonso
   Fernando Laxamana

CHAIRMAN: Bishop Lee resumed the chair.
QUESTION 27: Who have been admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year.
   Santos Adriano
   Fidel P. Galang
   Manuel M. Joaquin
   Simeon V. Medina
   Beltisezar C. de Pano
   Benito S. Quiwa

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
   None

(c) Elected to be ordained elsewhere.
   None

(d) Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected by another Conference.
   None

QUESTION 28: What Members are in the Studies of Third Year?

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
   Santos Adriano
   Fidel P. Galang
   Manuel M. Joaquin
   Simeon V. Medina
   Beltisezar C. de Pano
   Benito S. Quiwa

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
   Manuel Adeva
   Ismael de la Rosa

QUESTION 29: What Members are in the Studies of Fourth Year?

   Donato C. Antonio
   David M. Candelaria
   Ruben V. Candelaria
   Pedro C. Lusung
   Alejandro Perez
   Jose Pascua
   Teodorico Sionil

QUESTION 30: What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
   Isaias G. Manahan

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
   None

(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
   None

(d) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere. None.

(e) Ordained Elder, having been previously Elected by another Conference.
   None

(f) Ordained Elder elsewhere under our Election.
   None
QUESTION 31: What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
(a) As Local Preachers.
   Faustino Friginal
(b) Under Seminary Rule.
   None
(c) Under Missionary Rule.
   None
(d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
   None

QUESTION 32: What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
(a) As Local Deacons.
   None
(b) Under Missionary Rule.
   None
(c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
   None

ADJOURNMENT: Conference adjourned at 6:30 p. m. after the singing of the doxology and the benediction pronounced by Paulino Danan.

Saturday, March 26, 1938

MORNING SESSION

DEVOTIONS: After hymn “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult,” Miss Mary A. Evans led in prayer. Bishop Lee read the passage from Philippians 4:6, 7 and preached on the subject “Our Dependence Upon God” closing it with a short prayer. The devotional hour closed with the singing of hymn “O Love that Wilt not Let me Go.”

QUESTION 2: Amended Articles of Incorporation as the “Philippine Annual Conference” of the Methodist Episcopal Church are now being prepared. [Note: These incorporation papers were issued April 8th 1938.]

QUESTION 3: All Permanent Funds, Conference Benevolences, etc., are handled through the Mission Treasurer’s office where all accounts are regularly audited by certified public accountants.

QUESTION 4: (a) From the Statistician. See Statistical Report.
(b) From the Treasurer. See Treasurer’s Report.
(c) Other items. See Conference Stewards’ Report and other reports.

QUESTION 5: No apportionment has been made.
(b) None

QUESTION 6: None

QUESTION 7: and 8. None.

QUESTION 9: For Annuity distribution 237 years, multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of P6.00 per year—P1622.00. For Necessitous Distribution. None.
QUESTION 10: From the Book Concern. None.
From the Chartered Fund. None.
From the Board of Pension and Relief. None.
From Annual Conference Investments 1838.00
From Pastoral Charges 61.00
From other sources. None.
Total 1899.00

How has it been applied? See Conference Board of Stewards' Report.

QUESTION 11: 12, 13, 14.—None.
QUESTION 15: See Proposed Church Budget.
QUESTION 16: See reports of Committee on Evangelism.
QUESTION 17: See printed list of boards and committees.
QUESTION 18: See Lay Conference Resolutions.
QUESTION 19: This was moved and ordered referred to the Cabinet.

QUESTION 34: The name of Arcadio de Ocera was called, his character passed, and he gave his report as Superintendent of Bataan-Zambales District.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE RETENTION OF ARCADIO DE OCERA: Natanael de Pano read a resolution requesting the Bishop to return Arcadio de Ocera as Superintendent of Bataan-Zambales District.

PRAYER FOR THE DISTRESSED: At this time the Conference paused for prayer in behalf of the victims of the fire in Orani. Agapito T. Santiago led in prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS: Governor Sotero Baluyot of Pampanga was introduced. He welcomed the conference and spoke a message requesting cooperation of all in educating the people to the end that a peaceful government may be maintained.

QUESTION 34: The secretary continued to call the roll of the rest of the members and the character of each man was passed.

MISSION SUPERINTENDENT: The name of Ernest E. Tuck was called, his character having been previously passed, he gave his report as Mission Superintendent.

INTRODUCTIONS: Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Foley of Union Church Manila were introduced to the Conference. Dr. Foley spoke and brought greetings from New York East Conference.

RECESS: There was a brief recess from 10:45 to 11:00.

RESOLUTIONS: Eusebio Manuel introduced the following resolutions as recommended by the Cabinet.

1. For the calling of a meeting of the Central Conference of the Philippine Islands within the quadrennium, preferably early in 1940 following the Annual Conferences.

2. Requesting the Philippine Annual Conference to appoint a committee to meet with the committee of the United Evangelical Church, to explore the possibility of closer cooperation and possible organic union. (See list of Committees.)
3. Requesting the adoption of the Proposed Church Budget. All were ordered approved by the Conference. (See Resolutions.)

LAY CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS: The following resolutions were presented by the secretary of the Lay Conference as approved by that body in a separate session.

1. Protesting against the movement now in progress for compulsory religious instruction in the public schools.
2. Requesting the Annual Conference to give space in the printed Conference program wherein it would be shown that the Lay Conference should meet as a body to organize at 4:00 p. m. on the day before the United Session.
3. Expression of thanks to the Pastor and members of Mexico congregation for entertaining the Lay Conference.

STATISTICAL REPORTS: Clemente M. Zuniga, the statistical secretary, reported giving the important items of the statistics.

SPECIAL SONG: Mrs. Foley favored the conference with a solo.

ADJOURNMENT: After the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Foley, conference adjourned at 12:20 noon.

Sunday, March 27, 1938

CONFERENCE REASSEMBLED AT 9:30 A. M.

RECEPTION OF CLASS: Bishop Lee received into Conference Membership the class to be ordained Deacons this morning, Sunday, March 27th, and put to them the questions in the Discipline.

ORDINATION SERVICE: Immediately after the reception of members Bishop Lee conducted the Ordination Service assisted by Ernest E. Tuck, B. O. Peterson, and the District Superintendents.

Deacons Ordained:—Santos Adriano, Fidel P. Galang, Manuel J. Joaquin, Simeon V. Medina, Beltisezar de Pano, Benito S. Quiwa, and Faustino Friginal.

Elder Ordained:—Isaias G. Manahan.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: At this time a collection was taken as an expression of Christian affection for the Pastors who were victims of the Orani fire. P25.00 was collected and distributed equally to Pastors A. de Ocera and Beltisezar de Pano.

MORNING WORSHIP: At 10:00 a. m. the Conference Service of Worship was conducted by Eusebio Manuel and Isaac Manganti in the Mexico Church. The church was filled to its capacity. Bishop Lee preached a very challenging and inspiring message on the subject: "The Golden Age, Past, Present and Future."

SERVICE OF REMINISCENCE: At 4:00 the Conference Service of Reminiscence was conducted by Eusebio Manuel. After hymn "Come Thou Almighty King" was Sung, Simeon D. Reyes offered prayer. The speakers who brought back to memory the old days, days of pioneering work, of hardship and persecutions, but nevertheless glorious days of the growth of Protestantism in the Islands, were Cirilo Kasiguran, Juan Macaspac, Catalino T. Santos, and Lorenzo T. Tamayo. The service closed with the prayer led by Ernest E. Tuck.
Monday, March 28, 1938

MORNING SESSION

DEVOTIONS: Hymn "Safety Through Another Week" was sung. After Hilario Tumamao led in prayer, the congregation repeated the Lord's Prayer. Bishop Lee gave some advice on prayer in public and also on procuring good books; he distributed a list of 12 current books on world affairs and religion and spoke of the importance of careful selection of books in this field. After hymn "Jesus Calls Us O' er the Tumult" was sung, Bishop Lee offered the closing prayer.

CONFERENCE PICTURE: It was moved and ordered that the Conference adjourn for the Conference Picture. This was done.

EDITING COMMITTEE: It was moved and ordered that an editing committee be appointed to check the minutes and print the journal. The following were named: E. E. Tuck, F. S. Galvez, Jose Gamboa, Clemente Zuniga, J. W. Moore.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: It was moved and ordered that the boards and committees as named by the cabinet and printed in the journal be the boards and committees elected and appointed for the ensuing year.

OFFICIAL RECORD: It was moved and ordered that the minutes as printed be the official record of the conference.

INTRODUCTIONS: Don Mariano Cunan an, a personal friend of Dr. Jose Rizal was introduced. He spoke of the beginning of Protestantism in Pampanga and of Rizal and his work for the Filipino people, and especially towards enlightening their minds with regards to religion.

RESPONSE: Bishop Lee responded to thank Don Mariano Cunan an for his address on behalf of the conference as recipient of that favor.

CHAIRMAN: At the request of Bishop Lee Ernest E. Tuck took the chair.

COMMITTEE ON WORK AND INTERESTS OF LOCAL PREACHERS: Gregorio O. Fernando reported for the committee. His report was ordered adopted. See reports.

W. F. M. S. MISSIONARY: Miss Mary A. Evans, W. F. M. S. Missionary reported as missionary for the Manila-Bulacan District.

REPORT OF HARRIS MEMORIAL TRAINING SCHOOL: The written report of Miss Marguerite M. Decker, who has already left the Islands as retired missionary, after having served for a period of thirty-three years, was read by Miss Evans.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION: It was moved and ordered that a special resolution expressing appreciation for the services of Miss M. M. Decker for the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Islands be drafted by a special committee headed by Francisco S. Galvez.

W. F. M. S. MISSIONARIES: Miss Bernice Cornelison reported on the General Study of Sunday School Curriculum Needs.

Miss Hazel Davis also reported as district W. F. M. S. missionary.
BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING: Don W. Holter reported for the board with recommendations to be followed for the ensuing year. This was adopted. See report.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: Eusebio Manuel reported for the committee on the state of the church. See report.

It was moved and ordered to receive the report of the committee on the state of the church in general and to print the statement of the Federation of the Evangelical Churches on Social Justice for study during the year and to adopt it next year if the conference so wishes.

COMMITTEE ON SELF SUPPORT: Agapito T. Santiago reported for the committee. See report. The report was ordered referred to the editing committee before printing.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS BOARD: Agapito T. Santiago reported for the committee. This was ordered accepted subject to editing.

DELEGATE TO MADRAS: The chair announced that an additional delegate to the International Missionary Council meeting in Madras, India is allowed from the Methodist Episcopal Church. This was ordered referred to the Cabinet with power if it finds ways of raising the necessary fund for travel expense with the understanding that the Conference will not be involved financially.

QUESTION 42: Cirilo Casiguran, Nicolas Fajardo, Juan Macaspac, Catalino T. Santos, Quirico Santos, Lorenzo T. Tamayo.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION: It was moved and ordered that the resolution of appreciation of the services of L. T. Tamayo of the Nueva Ecija-North Tarlac District be the resolution adopted by the Conference. See report.

QUESTION 39: It was moved and ordered that the Secretary of the Conference be instructed to notify Manuel Adeva in writing "and ask him to request location at the next session of the Annual Conference," pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 505 section 1 of the Discipline.

QUESTION 26: Mamerto Galvez, Fernando Laxamana.

QUESTION 41: Ruben V. Candelaria, Filomeno Galang, E. A. Rayner, Julian A. Santos.

QUESTION 48: Roman Nacu, Ricardo del Rosario.

QUESTION 34: The names of Vicente S. Cordero, Balbino Gatdula, and Natanael de Pano were called, their character passed and they were continued in the effective relation.

E. A. RAYNER: It was moved and ordered that the secretary be instructed to write E. A. Rayner and inquire if he would not prefer to accept the retired relation at the next Conference.

EFFECTIVE RELATION: It was moved and ordered that Donato Capuli be continued in the effective relation.

ADJOURNMENT: After singing hymn "O for a thousand tongues to sing" and the benediction pronounced by Crispulo Icban, conference adjourned 12:20 noon.
Conference reassembled at 2:30 p. m. with the singing of hymn
"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."

QUESTION 34: Yes, in open conference.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Felisberto Cabotaje reported for the committee. It was moved and ordered to accept the report in general and be referred to the cabinet for correlation. See report.

METHODIST BOOK ROOM: Ernest E. Tuck reported on the Methodist Book Room. This was ordered accepted. See report.

MISSION TREASURER: Ernest E. Tuck reported as Mission Treasurer. This was ordered accepted. See report.

PHILIPPINE NORTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROPERTIES: Ernest E. Tuck presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, most of the church and parsonage property now within the bounds of the Philippine North Annual Conference is at present registered in the name of the Philippine Islands Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church;

WHEREAS, the Articles of Incorporation of the said Philippine Islands Annual Conference are being amended to conform to the new organization of the Philippine Annual Conference therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Philippine Annual Conference hereby affirm and declare that all the property located within the geographical bounds of the Philippine North Annual Conference now registered in the name of the Philippine Islands Annual Conference or the Philippine Annual Conference be recognized as belonging to the said Philippine North Annual Conference with full authority to use, sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of, in accordance with the provision of the law and the instruction and actions of the Philippine North Annual Conference.

TRUSTEES OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS: On nomination of the Field Finance Committee, Ernest E. Tuck, Don W. Holter, Joseph W. Moore, were elected trustees of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church to receive, hold, and transfer property belonging to the said Board in the Philippine Islands in accordance with instructions of the said Board.

TRUSTEES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY: On motion of Ernest E. Tuck, Miss Mildred M. Blakely, Miss Mary A. Evans, and Miss Hazel Davis, were elected trustees of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

TRUSTEES OF THE PHILIPPINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE: On nomination of the Cabinet the following were elected trustees of the Philippine Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: Arcadio de Ocera, Esteban T. Cruz, Ernest E. Tuck, Catalino T. Santos, Francisco S. Galvez.

CHANGES IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: It was moved and ordered that the papers regarding the changes in the articles of incorporation of the Union Theological Seminary be referred to the Cabinet with power to check and approve for the Conference.
CONFERENCE TREASURER: Gregorio O. Fernando reported as Conference Treasurer. See report.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS: Jose Gamboa reported as chairman of the Board of Conference Stewards. This was ordered accepted. See report.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM: Francisco S. Galvez reported for the committee on evangelism making the same recommendations as printed in full in the 1937 Journal. This was accepted. See report.

COMMEMORATION OF JOHN WESLEY'S ALDERSGATE EXPERIENCE: By common consent it was agreed that all the churches be requested to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley on Sunday, May 22, 1938.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVICES OF MISS MARGUERITE M. DECKER: Francisco S. Galvez read a resolution of appreciation for the services of Miss Marguerite M. Decker. It was moved and ordered that the resolution be printed in the journal.

FEDERATION OF EVANGELICAL CHURCHES: The chair informed the conference of the letter of Dr. Enrique Sobrepeña, Executive Secretary of the Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches, requesting our two conferences to raise ₱500.00 towards the general expenses of the federation. It was moved and ordered that Dr. Sobrepeña be informed that as a conference we will attempt to raise ₱300.00 for the said fund. This is included in the proposed church budget already adopted.

OFFICIAL ORGAN: It was moved and ordered that the question of adopting an official organ for the church be referred to the committee on Christian Literature.

LETTER FROM THE REGISTRAR OF MARRIAGES: The Chair announced the receipt of a letter from the Civil Registrar of Marriages informing him that those who applied for renewal of permit since January need not apply this year, and that those who did not renew their permit for the last year or two may apply for renewal by paying that office the fee of ₱2.20.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: Benjamin I. Guansing reported for the committee on resolutions. See Reports.

SPECIAL SONG: The Guagua choir favored the conference with a special song.

QUESTION 46: See list of appointments.

Bishop Lee then announced the appointments of the four district superintendents, and they read the appointment for their respective districts: Eusebio M. Manuel, Superintendent of the Pampanga-South Tarlac District. Arcadio de Ocera, Superintendent of the Nueva Ecija-North Tarlac-Bulacan District. Benito Reyes, Superintendent of the Bataan-Zambales District. Francisco S. Galvez, Superintendent of Manila District. Bishop Lee read the list of special appointments. (See Appointments.)
ADJOURNMENT: After singing hymn "The Church's One Foundation", Lorenzo T. Tamayo pronounced the benediction and the third session of the Philippine Annual Conference came to a close at 5:15 p. m.

JOSE' GAMBOA,
Secretary

EDWIN F. LEE,
Chairman
Certificate of Ordination

This is to certify that following election by the PHILIPPINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH On Sunday, March 27th, 1938 in the Methodist Episcopal Church MEXICO, PAMPANGA Assisted by several Elders I Ordained as DEACONS: SANTOS ADRIANO FIDEL P. GALANG MANUEL M. JOAQUIN SIMEON V. MEDINA BELTISEZAR C. DE PANO BENITO S. QUIWA FAUSTINO FRIGNAL Subsequent to election as indicated above and Assisted by several Elders I Ordained as ELDER: ISAIAS G. MANAHAN

Edwin Fi Lee Resident Bishop

MANILA, Philippine Islands April 2nd, 1938
NEW IMPETUS FROM OUR JOINT WORKERS’ MEETING
AND SPIRITUAL RETREAT

This special gathering took place in Orani, Bataan, during the last week of September 1937. We were fortunate to have with us our beloved Bishop and also Dr. E. E. Tuck. The fraternal advice of the Bishop brought new courage and emphasis in our ministerial career. In this meeting we discussed thoroughly the general financial situation of the district, which need to be improved. After a considerable discussion of the different methods of giving, we concluded that to assure the regularity and increase of the financial income of every charge is to revive the tithing band and to apply in every circuit the single budget system. Since then, we began to explain in every circuit the great advantage of the tithing band and the single budget system for the financial maintenance of the whole work of the church. The members gladly accepted and adapted these two systems. We have now ten organized tithing bands, and 97% of the district has practiced the single budget system.

TWO GENERAL DISTRICT GATHERINGS

Two provincial Epworth League and Sunday School Conventions were held in November 1937. One in Orion, Bataan, with Revs. F. Galvez, E. Manuel, Benjamin Leaño of the Independent church and N. C. de Pano as our distinguished visitors. There was a religious parade with speeches and sermons delivered. Hundreds of the town people witnessed the occasion.

The other convention was held in Iba, Zambales. One of our guests speakers was the acting governor of the province, Hon. Zarate. He gave a very well-thought-of address on the tradition and meaning of “Thanksgiving Day.”

The Domestic Mission Convention and the District Conference were held simultaneously in San Narciso, Zambales. Hon. Bernardo Farrales, as our guest speaker in the welcome program, gave a very high comment on the valuable undertakings of the Protestant churches, particularly the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Lee gave the convention a very inspiring message. Bishop Lee’s sermon in the evening implanted a new Christian attitude to the congregation, numbering more than five hundred souls.

Dr. E. E. Tuck led the devotional hour on the first day of the District Conference. Again, Bishop Lee addressed the conference on the general and practical outlook of church buildings. Dr. Tuck delivered a message about Social Justice based on the triangular foundation of life, which could only be obtained from the teaching of the New Testament.

The Convention and the Conference started with ardent interest and closed with more glowing enthusiasm, devotion and dedication. No delegate felt tired. Everyone stayed peacefully and interestedly in all the sessions.

THE WESTERN LUZON CHRISTMAS INSTITUTE

The Western Luzon Christmas Institute this year was held in Olongapo, Zambales. This institute eclipsed all the previous ones in every way as generally accepted by workers and delegates. The
inspirational addresses of our guest speakers, Dr. Tuck, Revs. Fonger, Cordero, Cabotage, Atty. Nabong and the Chaplain of the Navy, accomplished their real purpose.

The Candle Light Evening Service conducted by Miss Walker and the Consecration Service led by Miss Cornelison, left a lasting impression upon the instituters.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The work of the young people is much better than that of last year, especially in the province of Bataan. Rev. B. C. de Pano started the fire of interest in his circuit, and immediately its glow spread in the whole province. Many activities have been accomplished, as in bringing souls to the Kingdom and in helping the ministerial support.

JUNIOR LEAGUE AND DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

These two important institutions have been carried on successfully through the able and faithful leadership of our respective women missionaries and deaconesses of the district. Both enterprises made a considerable progress during the year.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Domestic Mission Society in both provinces has been the best in all previous years. Its collection was P532.32, an increase of P326.32 over that of last year. Out of this amount P383.00 was raised in Bataan, and the rest in Zambales. Due credit for this increase is given to Revs. A. Santiago and H. Tumamao, the presidents of the two provincial cabinets.

Circuits that achieved special success: In new membership; Dinalupihan is first, gained 59 converts. San Narciso is second, obtained 37 converts. Iba is third, received 36 new converts. In self-support; Hermosa, proportionally speaking, raised the highest support during the year. It raised from P52.00 a year to P237.00. In general contribution, self-support, Domestic Mission, improvements and other purposes; Olongapo leads by raising P1,258.00. San Narciso is second by contributing P1,201 and Orani is third by raising P1,171.00.

IMPROVEMENTS

Orani circuit was able to push the work of the new church spending P628.00, including the P200.00 given by the mission. San Narciso made a great improvement. Out of the old and almost decayed chapel, a beautiful small cathedral was built. A clinic in the basement of the parsonage was established. The clinic is a great source of help to the town of San Narciso and to the neighboring towns. It has five efficient nurses and three able doctors, who give free services. The Olongapo parsonage is renewed. About P500.00 is already spent. The old chapel of Sta. Rita was torn down, and a new one is built. P250.00 is spent. The work has been managed by Pastor Mercado, who has voluntarily offered his service as a supply pastor with no allowance. Through the initiative and efforts of Pastor Aday, the Limusungan church was reconstructed.
SPECIAL MENTION

This year two men voluntarily joined the ministry in the district, Brother Emiliano Gallardo of Limay, Bataan, who is willing to take a charge this coming year, and brother Catalino Garcia of Calaguiman, Samal, Bataan, a second year law student who is expecting to study in Union Seminary this year.

Two new church lots were purchased. One in Candelaria, costing P75.00, and the other in Cabangan, for which the mission paid P250.00.

Last December before Christmas, I was able to secure 3 pieces of drill goods, enabling 15 pastors to get a pair of suits each.

CONFLAGRATION

The widespread conflagration, which occurred in Orani on the 16th of this month, was the most terrific, shocking and worst catastrophe that ever visited the province of Bataan. The most beautiful, duracl, modern and ancient public and private buildings were burned. Among these were the Municipal Building, the public market, one public school, the antiquated Catholic Church 300 years old, and the new Methodist Episcopal Church, which was erected only 3 years ago. More than two-thirds of the town proper was demolished. About 1,000 houses were reduced to ashes, making 5,000 people homeless. The estimated value destroyed is P1,000,000. There were 3 lives lost.

The fire started in a small nipa house by a little girl, who was left alone by her mother while cooking. The fire lasted for more than two hours. It could hardly be put out, because: there was a strong wind, the houses were thickly situated, there was no water, and the streets were narrow that people found it impossible to rescue their belongings.

Our church was among those who suffered most. The damage done on the church building was estimated P2,500.00, and on the parsonage P500.00. Twenty-five of our members, among whom are strong supporters of our church, were victims of the fire. Mrs. de Ocera did her best to save most of our belongings but in vain. All her clothes, one of my daughters Luz, and mine partially were burned. All furniture and my private library having 750 volumes were reduced to ashes. I began my collection of books since 1905. Out of the meager income I receive in the ministry, I always separate a part of my salary to buy books. The total loss of our belongings was estimated P3,162.00.

Three days after the conflagration, Bishop Lee and Dr. Tuck gave a benevolent contribution of P200.00 to share among the victims. Last Sunday morning after the church service in the meeting of the church congregation, I presented the charitable aid of the Bishop and Dr. Tuck to the victims. They were very glad and thankful of the good news. Immediately after the presentation every one of the victims unanimously and joyfully agreed that this P200.00 would be used in the reparation of the church edifice. Then one of the members who didn't suffer in the fire gave the following challenge to the other members who are not victims of the conflagration. She said, "If the victims were bold and glad to give the church their entitled benevolence of P200.00, why not we who didn't suffer contribute at least P100.00 for the reparation." The challenge was unanimously and gladly accepted.
Manila-Bulacan District

E. T. CRUZ, Superintendent

Led by the word of the Lord and encouraged by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we continued working in the great vineyard of the Master where he has placed us to labor.

We thank God for this conference year which is coming to its close, and we are continually thanking him for the spiritual and physical health of our pastors and deaconesses. Generally speaking our workers suffered very much materially which sometimes effected their spiritual lives; however, they remained true to the Lord, loyal to the great cause and faithful in shouldering their responsibilities.

CHURCHES AND PARSONAGES

In the beginning of the Conference year, we knew of no funds available for our chapels and parsonages. But in spite of it, our people continued repairing or building churches and parsonages in the midst of prevailing adverse financial conditions. Typhoons visited our Manila-Bulacan District this past year and many chapels and parsonages were damaged. Many of the houses of the members were also destroyed. But such disasters did not check the enthusiasm of the brethren. They went ahead repairing those that needed repairs and finishing new buildings.

Saint Paul's Church, Manila has had remarkable improvements under the able leadership of Pastor Francisco S. Galvez. They spent more than P900.00 for the improvements. Its sanctuary has a new beautiful altar, new pews and it is newly painted. Its stone wall is completed, flagged walk and stone stairs built.

Our people in Mariquina rebuilt their chapel and it was dedicated last September. They spent more than P276.00 for the project. This was done under the leadership of Pastor Deogracias Angeles.

Our Church in Plaridel continues in the work of finishing the church edifice. This year they spent about P600.00 and the estimated value of the church building is about P5,000.00. This edifice is made of reenforced concrete. It is hoped that in the near future this beautiful church would be dedicated. Our brethren in Plaridel and Pastor Vicente S. Amos deserve praise and commendation in their heroic effort in building this strongest and most beautiful church in the province of Bulacan. Even though they are poor and few in number they dedicate their lives in the work of the Lord and thus build this fortress of their faith.

Our church in Paombong has the evaluation of about P1,600.00. It is almost completed now and its dedication is nearing. The completion of this chapel is due to the sacrifices of our brethren there under the leadership of Pastor Bonifacio Bautista and the untiring effort of Sister Leona Marcelino, the deaconess of the circuit. Our brethren worked hard in building their house of prayer without mission help. This year they spent more than P275.00 in building this church.

Under the leadership of Rev. Ulpiano de Pano, the brethren in Calumpit worked hard this year in completing their church building. Due to their untiring effort, the church is now about finished and according to Pastor de Pano, will be dedicated this coming April. They have already spent about P500.00.
Our chapel in San Miguel, Calumpit, which was destroyed by the typhoon and floods will be built very soon. All materials needed for the building have been collected. They have also secured a new site for their chapel.

The chapel in San Isidro, Hagunoy was burned, but our people continue in their plans of building a new one. They also bought a piece of land on which to build their chapel. This work is carried on by our brethren under the leadership of Brother Leoncio V. Cruz.

Our brethren in Hagunoy are planning to build a strong, new chapel. They also desire to enlarge the premises of the church. In fact, they have already bought a piece of land adjoining the back yard of the church. This work in Hagunoy is under the leadership of the tireless pastor Rev. Leoncio V. Cruz.

The chapel and parsonage in Pamarawan were completely destroyed by the typhoon, but the people there and Pastor Felix Nicolas are working hard to build them again.

The parsonage and chapel in Angat were destroyed by the typhoon. The parsonage has already been repaired thru the efforts of Pastor Eladio Solis Geronimo, but the chapel which was completely destroyed is still unmoved as left by the storm, for our people are still collecting contributions to build the chapel.

The church in Tangos, Navotas, Rizal, is at present undergoing repairs due to the damages done by the typhoon. They have already spent P1,500.00 for the repairs, but the amount they still need is great in order to complete the church building. Our work there is under an able leader—Pastor Agaton Pascual.

Our benevolent old brother Silvestre Pascual of Malabon has given a piece of land for our church in Muzon, Malabon. At present the chapel is standing on a piece of land that does not belong to the church. Our brethren in Muzon are exerting efforts to collect the necessary amount in order to demolish the old chapel and construct a new church on the new location.

The parsonages in Baliwag, Calumpit, and Meycawayan were all damaged by the last typhoon but due to the efforts of our pastors and members, these were all repaired and our pastors and their families are now living in their respective parsonages.

Due to the unceasing efforts of the pastor and brethren in Guguinto, Bulacan, a new and beautiful parsonage was recently erected. Our brethren there deserve commendation for the work they had done for the Lord.

We give our thanks to the Lord that in spite of the adverse material condition that have prevailed in the district, our brethren, deaconesses and pastors with their families joyfully faced hardships, obeying faithfully the will of our Heavenly Father. All workers remain true to their tasks praising His holy name.

OUR CO-WORKERS

Once a month our workers hold a meeting. These monthly meetings manifest the sweet fellowship that exists in the hearts of our workers. Problems that affect all are discussed in these meetings. Helpful advice were often heard from some brethren inspiring other workers in their work. Evangelistic campaigns of the district were also planned in these meetings and the duties of local churches to the district and to their workers were often discussed and empha-
sized. Due to this plan of work, we have found remedies for the many problems that have confronted us in the district and we were able to continue in the work, over all obstacles and discouragement that we have met in the way of service.

EVANGELIZATION

During this passing year, our workers gave themselves to the service of the Master, and as a reward of their labor, most of the churches were revived, 413 new members were added and 346 children and adults were baptized.

EPWORTH LEAGUE, DOMESTIC MISSION, SUNDAY SCHOOL, DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Daily Vacation Bible School which was carried on by our deaconesses are not among the least in the Kingdom building. They were able to gather 1440 children who were taught by them and were helped in shaping their moral and spiritual character.

Our Sunday schools did not succeed very well during the past year. It is true that there was an increase of 2 in the number of schools, but there was a decrease of 7 scholars. The decrease is partly due to those brethren who had been called to receive their heavenly reward.

Our Epworth League and Junior League have been successful during this past year. Many new souls have been received due to the efforts of our deaconesses, and the members of the local cabinets of the Epworth League guided by the cabinet of the District League under the leadership of Brother Vicente Concepcion, president of the District Epworth League. The young people had a very successful meeting in Malabon North last July. Hundreds of them attended this meeting. Last November the convention of the Epworth League, Sunday School and Domestic Mission was held in the new beautiful church of Plaridel, Bulacan. This convention was a great success. Hundreds of people attended especially during the last day of the convention when we had a parade. That parade served as a public demonstration of the Methodist zeal in the district. Thousands of our members joined this parade to insure its success.

Our Domestic Missionary society has had a very successful year. All the pastors supported by the society were paid up during the year and right after the convention the treasurer reported a surplus of over P300.00.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The District conference was held in Calumpit, Bulacan last February 16-20. Our brethren in Calumpit did their best in welcoming the conference members and exerted all possible efforts to make the stay of the conference comfortable. All those who attended the district conference were very much pleased and grateful to our kind friends there, to their active pastor and deaconess who worked hard for the success of the conference. This conference passed many important actions. A decision of great importance was unanimously approved asking the Philippine Conference to make the necessary steps to organize a Central conference in accordance with the Enabling Act of the 1936 General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (Paragraph 321, Section 5, 1936 Discipline) and to elect the Central Conference bishop of the Philippine Islands.
The past year proved a year of labor for all of us. Each worker gave his best effort to carry on the task that was given him to do. We did our best according to the grace of God that was bestowed upon us and we consider it a great honor and privilege to be counted as his laborers in His great white field.

Eight years have passed, and yet to me and my family, they seem just yesterday. Our Heavenly Father has been very good to us. While our way was not always strewn with roses still He has kept us and led us in times of discouragement, held us from falling, comforted us in our sorrows and strengthened us in our weakness. We were faithful to God and in his service to the limit of our ability. We held our hands to the plow and without looking back we went ahead in His service. But to us now a new form of service in the vineyard of the Lord is dawning—that is the pastoral work in a single church which we have been anxious to do for quite a while and to which we could devote our full time in the service of the Master and in fellowship with the members of the church. Besides that we want to give opportunities to other workers in district work. But we wish to make it known to all that we are not glad in leaving the work of the superintendency, nor do we hate and have gotten tired in dealing with our co-workers in the district as District Superintendent. Not at all. I desire a change of work, to have direct relations with the members of the church where I would be assigned to work and to prevent in myself the dying of Pastoral zeal. But if the will of the Lord does not conform to our desire, our plea and prayer is “They will be done” and not ours. In the eight years of labor in the district, the following were the fruits of the joint labor of the workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

**SUMMARY OF SOME OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1931-1938**

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

We acknowledge the intelligent leadership and fraternal affection of Bishop and Mrs. Edwin F. Lee for which we are profoundly grateful.

I wish to express our deep appreciation for the efficient services and untiring labor of our missionaries Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Cottingham, who had guided and developed us in our early ministry, the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Beckendorf who had prepared the Central District for our incoming to supervise the district, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Lyons who have helped us in the district for so many years, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Tuck who had been close friends and real older brother and sister to us, and to Dr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Moore who had been always ready in helping us as our district missionary. We also express our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the women missionaries who had labored unselfishly among our people and helped us in the district—Misses Hazel Davis, Marion Walker, M. M. Hewson, Mary A. Evans, and M. M. Decker. We raise our praises and gratitude to God for these unselfish lives of our Missionaries and we pray the Lord that His abundant blessing and grace be poured upon them.

I will not do justice to my most intimate co-worker, Mrs. E. T. Cruz, who has shared with me in all my difficulties, tribulations, suffering and more so in my joys. I will not hesitate a bit to state here that I owe her an immeasurable debt of gratitude. Her prayers and advice have greatly encouraged me in the performance of my duty. With her I share the happiness of having done even a bit for the glory of the Good Heavenly Father.

**CONCLUSION**

All these accomplishments insignificant as they are would not have been realized were it not for the whole-hearted support of my fellow workers in the district, and above all thru Him who blesses us bountifully. To Him therefore, we give all the honor and praises for the results of our efforts.
Lorenzo T. Tamayo retired from active service after nearly a third of a century as a Minister of the Gospel, thirty years as a member of this Conference, and twenty-three years a District Superintendent. He retires with the deep affection and sincere appreciation of his brethren and of the church at large.
Nueva Ecija-North Tarlac District

LORENZO T. TAMAYO, superintendent

With the bountiful help of God and the wholehearted cooperation of all workers and the brethren of the district and our district missionaries, Dr. B. O. Peterson and Miss Hazel Davis, the work was fairly successful.

I. INSTITUTES:

(a) There were four institutes conducted by the women workers under the charge of Miss Hazel Davis. Classes were conducted in twenty-five places in charge of seventy-three teachers. There were 1,541 children enrolled. Of this number, 1,201 regularly attended their classes. The amount expended for travel fares was 87.00.

(b) LYCEUM AND EPWORTH LEAGUE INSTITUTES: These were held separately at different places and at different times during the year. The enrollment was 167. In the evangelistic services in the evening there were 103 adults baptized. Brother Roman de los Reyes has donated a trophy, valued 8.00, to be awarded to the best delegation at the Epworth League Institute. This trophy is to be contested for five years, the delegation winning three times will retain it permanently. For the first time, San Jose delegation won the trophy at the Rizal Epworth League Institute.

II. CONSTRUCTION:

Two new chapels were erected, one is at Laur, Nueva Ecija, and one is in Timanem, Geron, Tarlac. The total worth of these chapels is 600.00. There are churches under process of constructions. One is in Moncada, the total amount already invested in this church is 600.00; and other is in San Jose, the total amount already expended for this church is 700.00 and another one is in Debuaco, Baler, Tayabas, the amount already expended is 300.00. A parsonage is built in Zaragosa. Its value is 800.00. The total amount expended for all these projects is 2,600.00.

Six chapel lots were donated. One is in Debuaco, Baler, Tayabas, its size is 25 x 50 meters. Its worth is 100.00. One in Vargas, Sta. Ignacia, worth 150. It is 15 x 10 meters. Another one is in Timanem, Geron, Tarlac, valued at 100.00. Its size is 30 x 30. One in Baste, Papaya, Nueva Ecija, valued at 300. Its size is 80 x 100 meters. Another one is in Padapada, Sta. Ignacia, Tarlac valued 500.00. Its size is 400 sq. m. The total value of all these lots is 1,450. The total amount expended for construction and worth of chapel lots donated to the church is 4,250.00.

III. STATE OF THE CHURCH:

1. Just after the annual conference last year, Rev. Catalino Guzman emigrated to Mindanao. With brother Guzman went 320 families, 150 of this number are members of the church from this district. I received very good news from brother Guzman that on October they erected in Cabacan, Cotabato, a chapel. Three chapel lots were donated to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Some new congregations were organized by brothers Guzman and Hidalgo and the exhorters and local preachers.
2. CAGAYAN: Eight families from this district emigrated to the Cagayan valley. Some of those who left the district are exhorters and local preachers.

The constant exodus of members of the church in this district to various parts of the country has greatly affected the ministerial support. But in spite of this condition the work is going on and with the abiding grace and help of God and through the sacrificial efforts of the workers a fair degree of success was attained.

3. CUYAPO CIRCUIT: It is under the charge of brother Modesto Callanta. The members who bolted from the church some years ago have already returned. The church is being repaired.

IV. EVANGELISM: Pentecostal services were conducted with the help of Dr. B. O. Peterson. He helped us also in our conventions and conference. Our district conference was particularly helped by the presence of the provincial governor, Aurelio Cecilio, who stated among other things that the evangelistic work is greater and entails greater responsibility and risk than that of the work of the governor. He very well contrasted the work of the ministry with the work of the Government. There were other visitors in our district conference besides the provincial governor.

RESUMÉ

1. 746—new members.
2. 594—adults baptized; 745 baptized children. 1339 total
3. P 6,660.00—ministerial support.
4. 2,700.00—amount expended for construction.
5. 1,450.00—value of 6 chapel lots donated.
6. 349.00—domestic mission collections.
7. 42.00—benevolence collections.
8. 914.00—general expenses.

P 12,115.00—grand total.

On trial in the Philippine Conference ... 1
For ordination of local deacon ... ... . . 1
New exhorters ... ... ... ... 35
For Bible women ... ... ... ... 6
For deaconesses ... ... ... 2
For nurses ... ... ... ... 7
New chapels, Laur and Timanem ... ... 2
Parsonage (Zaragosa) ... ... ... 1

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Pampanga-South Tarlac District

EUSEBIO M. MANUEL, Superintendent

In the first place, I want to thank Bishop Lee and the Cabinet for giving us here in the Pampanga-South Tarlac District the rare opportunity and blessed privilege of being hosts of two Annual Conferences within the last four years,—the Conference of 1934, and this Conference. Our only regret is, that we could not entertain you satisfactorily on account of our inadequate facilities, and the lack
of additional conveniences and attractions which a city like Manila can afford to give you. However, with our limited resources plus your full material and moral cooperation and support, we have tried to make you happy while you are here with us.

GRATITUDE TO GOD.—We, here in this District, are indeed grateful to our loving heavenly Father, for He wonderfully delivered us during this year. Despite serious physical illness that fell upon quite a number of the workers and their families, no one died. Despite all kinds of natural calamities—earthquakes, storms, floods,—and the social and economic crisis, we were able to survive, carry on, and get over, although, in fact, the typhoon of November 11 destroyed 13 of our buildings—chapels, parsonages and Mission houses,—and several houses of our members. Three of the 13 buildings fell entirely to the ground. And since then most of our attention was diverted from evangelistic campaigns to the reparation of these buildings. We needed at least 2,000 pesos to repair all the damage, and up to now we have not completed the repairs, because we lack money. We have been trying to do our best financially, and little by little, as we get hold of cash, we have tried to push on the work, with our faithful members shouldering gladly and willingly the great burden; but we still need outside help—from the Mission, or from other sources. Despite the various trials, temptations and discouragements, we were able to emerge through victoriously. The song that was constantly on our lips and from our hearts is:

“When upon life’s billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.”

And the earthquakes, the typhoons, the social and economic unrest were, it seemed, challenged by the showers of orange blossoms; for in the history of this District, nothing in the past can compare with the number of workers who got entangled in wedlock in a single year as this last year (1937). Eleven of our workers—6 pastors and 5 deaconesses—got married. One of these weddings was performed by Bishop Lee himself, and there were two of the couples married at the same time at the same altar.

DISTRICT GATHERINGS.—We reduced the number of district gatherings this year. After the last Annual Conference we had the Workers’ Meeting for one and a half days (March 12 and 13) in San Fernando, for the purpose of planning a tentative program of our work during the year. We closed that meeting fully conscious of the fact that “if God is with us, who could be against us?” The next meeting was the lyceum and spiritual retreat which began on June 20, for one week, at Bamban, Tarlac. We took up for our study Dr. Jones’ “Victorious Living”, and a subject on the “Social and Economic Problems”, and Homiletics. Most of us came out of that mountain-top experience resolved to live victoriously. On the 24th of September we met again at Bangcal, Guagua. This was a unique gathering because of the encouraging and inspiring presence of our beloved Bishop Edwin F. Lee, together with our Mission Superintendent Dr. Ernest E. Tuck. Their messages left in us lasting impressions which we constantly need in our work for the Kingdom of God. And then, just the following month, October 11, we found ourselves again assembled in San Fernando. At least two laymen from each circuit of the District were with us workers in this meet-
ing. The workers from Rev. A. de Ocera's District also came with him. This gathering was perhaps the rarest of its kind, for, it may indeed be the only one in a lifetime. This was when Dr. E. Stanley Jones came. The schedule of the day was full for Dr. Jones. In the forenoon he spoke to us workers and laymen in the church; at noon he had a round table conference with a select group of over 100 officials and prominent people of the province of Pampanga, including a few from Tarlac and Bataan, at the luncheon served in his honor at the Philippines Hotel; in the afternoon he spoke to the students and faculty members in the Pampanga High School assembly hall; and then, lastly, in the evening, he spoke again in the church to a crowd of not less than 700 people. This visit of Dr. Jones gave us new meaning and interpretation of the Christian life, particularly of the "victorious" life. The next gathering was on November 26, near the bank of the Bamban River. It was a Young People's Rally. About 1,000 of our young people from all over the District gathered for inspirational as well as for recreational and social purposes. Instead of holding a convention which is quite common we tried to have this a sort of picnic-type for one whole day. The delegates came in groups on hired buses, bringing their lunch with them,—hence, without molesting anybody, we were able to hold one of the most successful and happiest gathering during the year. To the Western Luzon Epworth League Christmas Institute held at Olongapo, Zambales, December 27-30, our District was able to send about 60 delegates. At San Vicente, Mexico, February 3-7, we held our District Conference. Although the place is a little bit out of the main high way, most of those who were invited as our guest speakers came. Dr. E. E. Tuck with Mrs. Tuck came. Mr. F. Cabotage, Rev. A. de Ocera, Capt. Jose Morales, and Chaplain Hal C. Head of Stotsenburg, also came; and their messages were all very inspiring. The Stotsenburg choir furnished the best music of the Conference. In general, a note of another year of victory, through hardships, was sounded in the reports of the workers.

RELIGIOUS (CHRISTIAN) EDUCATION.—Our work in Religious (Christian) Education has improved. The general increase in the attendance of the Sunday schools, the Epworth Leagues, and the children's Sunday and week-day classes indicates success. With regard to the Epworth League work, especial mention is due the San Fernando, Guagua, Stotsenburg, San Vicente, San Bartolome, and Concepcion chapters, for their extra-ordinary activity during the year. We are very glad of the splendid cooperation of our W. F. M. S. missionaries. Since last Conference we have had with us not only Miss Ruth E. Joyce Atkins, but also Miss Bernice Cornelison. Miss Atkins, being assigned to district work, took charge of the D. V. B. S. We had 14 schools last year, with a total enrollment of 858 children. Miss Cornelison has been doing curriculum work until sometime in September, when Miss Atkins was transferred to the Mary J. Johnston Hospital to take the place of Miss Deam who went home on furlough; and Miss Cornelison was asked to take up the district work in addition to her curriculum work. During the latter part of November, Miss Marion Walker returned from the United States. A few days after her arrival, she took up her usual district work, and Miss Cornelison was again relieved of this extra burden. Miss Walker and I started again our work among the students of the Pampanga Agricultural High School, and at present we have about 100 students in the class which we hold in the main school building every Friday evening, for one hour. We are opposed to compulsory teaching of religion in the public schools, and to us the present law
of the Country regarding this matter is satisfactory. Under the management of our women missionaries the girls’ dormitory in San Fernando continued its work; and the one in Tarlac has been managed by Mrs. Ondulia M. Bengco (former Miss Obdulia Manaloto). We have two kindergarten schools,—the one in Tarlac under Miss Paz Pineda, and the other in San Fernando under Miss Primitiva Dizon. We have also work going on in the provincial jails of San Fernando and Tarlac every Sunday afternoon. Our young people are in charge of these prison services.

SUMMARY.—There were 210 new members received during the year; there are now in the District 14,578 full members, 269 more than last year; 22,795 total Christian community, 468 over last year’s; 5,852 Sunday School scholars, an increase of 524 over last year; 1,402 Epworth League (senior) members, 186 over last year’s; 3,504 junior league members, 95 more than last year; P95,254—the value of churches and parsonages, P6,737 more than last year; P6,769 for total ministerial support, P1,034 more than last year; P289 paid for Domestic Mission, P73 more than last year; and P4,198 contribution on the Field, P267 less than last year.

In conclusion, whatever progress there is in the work this year, is all due to the untiring efforts of all the workers of the District. “Praise God from whom all blessings flow.”

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(b) Standing Committees and Boards.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS BOARD

The Conference Board of Domestic Missions recommends the following to help carry on the work of the Domestic Missions:

1. It is expected that all Christian Workers are tithing and that at least one half per cent of their tithes be contributed to the District Fund of the Domestic Missions.

2. The District Officers shall do all they can to cultivate the spirit of Missions for others to all local churches—so that they will in return catch the vision and proportionally subscribe toward its realization.

3. Every family who are members of the Domestic Missions Society shall be canvassed to support the local Domestic Missionary Society by giving to it not less than one centavo per member per month.

4. Group Conventions of two or three neighboring churches once a year may be held under the auspices of the District Officers so as to accelerate the machinery of the Missionary Society in the whole District.

5. All Domestic Missionary Societies whether District or local please consult the Annual Conference Journal or your pastors who should have a copy of it with regards to these recommendations together with the Constitution of the Domestic Missions for your strict adherence and guidance.

A. T. SANTIAGO

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BOARD OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS

Believing that we can never do justice to our brethren who have retired and to the families of those who have died unless we comply with the Disciplinary provisions for annuity distribution according to the "Years of Approved Service" your Board therefore did its best to make as fair a distribution as possible on that basis. We are recommending the following:

1. That the "Annuity Rate" for 1938 be fixed at ₱6.00 for each "year of approved service," according to disciplinary requirements.

2. (a) That no widow's allowance for 1938 be reduced below the 1937 allowance.

   (b) That no allowance for any family of children be reduced below the 1937 figure.

3. That the following be the distribution for 1938:

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4. That any emergency cases that may arise during the year because of death or serious illness be referred with power to the Board of Stewards.

5. That this Conference adopt "The Pension Code" as embodied in Paragraphs 943 to 965 of the Discipline and that by our action this be made effective this year, emphasizing especially the following:

   a. The election of the Board of Conference Stewards to consist of not more than 15 members, divided into three classes of equal numbers, arranged so that one class shall be elected each year.
b. The apportionment to the Pastoral Charges for the purpose of providing for annuity claims be directly proportional to the amount of cash received by the Pastor on his salary.

c. The creation and maintenance of relief fund for accepted Supply Pastors.

6. That to facilitate the computation of the "Years of Approved Service" which is the basis of annuity claims, the Conference Chronological Roll as it will appear in the journal should show the following:

   a. Names and Addresses of Pastors
   b. Year entered Itinerancy
   c. Year received into full membership
   d. Years not in effective service.

   JOSE GAMBOA, Chairman

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   BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

   Your Board of Christian Education makes the following recommendations:

   I. ORGANIZATION

   It is recommended that there be a CENTRAL ADVISORY BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION representing the two Annual Conferences.

   a. Membership

   Felisberto V. Cabotaje, General Secretary.
   Francisco Galvez, Philippine Annual Conference.
   Felix Grospe, Philippine North Annual Conference.
   Ernest E. Tuck, Mission Superintendent-Treasurer.
   Hazel Davis, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.
   Bernice Cornelison, Sunday School Curriculum.

   b. Functions

   1. To help promote the work of Christian Education in the two Annual Conferences, to coordinate the work of the committees of this Board and to associate in the extension of the work in all the districts.

   2. To help the Secretary in initiating and planning the program and in publishing the materials in the field of Religious Education.

   3. To assist in the raising of the Budget and to plan for the distribution of the funds allocated to the Board for the work of Christian Education.

   II. SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

   a. Membership

   We recommend that an aggressive program for membership be launched.

   1. Methods.—Adopt the "GOD CLUB" as devised by the Secretary. Promote the organization of Barrio Sunday School classes. Maintain a systematic monthly program or yearly plan for Christian Education in every local Church.
b. Curriculum Materials

1. Select and create materials that will fit the local needs and interests.
2. Devise means whereby Sunday School materials shall be made available to each member of the Sunday School.
3. Interest each home in having a Bible and a hymnal and other devotional literature.

III. CHURCH LIBRARY

We urge the maintenance of a local Church Library in every local Church. We request the Methodist Book Room, the P. C. C. E. the members and friends of the Church to help develop this project. A Church librarian should be appointed.

IV. LEADERSHIP TRAINING

a. Local Church Training Institute

1. We recommend that each local Church should conduct a leadership training institute in which the studies shall be closely related to Sunday School Work; such as home relations, character building, social welfare, health and sanitation. Such an institute may be held once a week for at least an hour and continue for at least ten weeks.

2. That each pastor conducts a Bible study class for all of his Sunday School Teachers at an hour other than a Sunday School hour using Peloubet’s Notes or some other commentary of like nature as the guide, the lessons being used this year to be the course of study.

3. That each deaconess or Bible woman gather into one group weekly not more than eight women or girls in the community and train them for the teaching of children.

4. That a separate class in the Sunday School be maintained for children under six years of age.

V. FINANCE

a. We recommend the revival of Children’s Day and Rally Day throughout the Conference wherever they have been neglected, the offerings of such days to be turned to the Conference’s Treasurer in the proportion agreed upon by the Annual Conference in the single Budget Plan.

b. We recommend that the local Church encourage the creation of special projects such as gardening, poultry raising, as a means for raising the Budget.

VI. YOUNG PEOPLE’S WORK

We recommend that a Young People’s gathering be held at the time and place of the Annual Conference.

VII. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE HOME

We recommend that an aggressive program for the Christianization of the homes be launched.

a. Methods

1. Sermons on the home at least four times a year.
2. Observe a family Sunday in the Church once a year.

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3. Sitting by families in the congregation.
4. Courses on the family or parent education in the Leadership Training Institutes.
5. Family social gathering in the Church approximately once a month.
6. Set some goals for the homes.
   a. Cleanliness. This is next to Godliness.
   b. Punctuality.
   c. Good relationships.
   d. Regular family devotions.
   e. Religious literature and art in the homes.

VIII. GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

a. We suggest the beautification of the Church and its surroundings for orderliness and cleanliness inside and outside the Church building arouse a spirit of awe and reverence in worship.

b. The parsonage. The parsonage should be made an example of home beauty and fine atmosphere. Reverence to God demands beauty in His temple. Love for others brings beauty into the home.

IX.

We request the editors of the Dialect papers of the Church to confer with the P. C. C. E. Secretary and adopt a policy of publication of the Adult Sunday School lessons so that there will be no duplication of effort and material.

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We recommend that the Curriculum Committee selects portions of the Membership Manual of the Methodist Episcopal Church into the dialects for distribution in all the districts.

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SELF-SUPPORT AND BENEVOLENCES

Your Committee met and recommends the following to the Annual Conference for adoption:

1. Adopt and apply the ‘Single Budget System’ by and for our churches.
2. Educate the local church in Christian Stewardship through Biblical precept and Christian practice.
3. Every Christian family should be trained to show their loyalty to Christ and His Church by becoming honest stewards of prayer, of self, and of their possessions.
4. Special designated days are Benevolences Days when all collections and offerings as usual be turned to the Annual Conference Benevolence Fund.
5. Observe "Thanksgiving Sunday" as "XILO DAY" by having the people offer a kilo of anything that would be of help to the church especially to balance its budget. For instance, a kilo of rice, of sugar, of corn, of eggs, of fish, of meat or even of centavos may be offered during a special service set aside for Thanksgiving.
6. A "SILVER SUNDAY" may be observed also in June for the same purpose—that is, to have the people offer during this special day, not coins nor nickels but silver from ten-centavo piece upwards. You may please do these.

A. T. SANTIAGO

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Recommendations of the Board of Ministerial Training

1. That one of the requirements for Reception on Trial shall be High School graduation until 1940, when the requirement shall be raised to two years of study of College grade.

2. That a Graduate Course of Study shall be provided in the future for men who have completed the Conference Course of Study and in realizing the project a loan library under the supervision of Dr. Don W. Holter shall be created and that this loan library shall be a stepping stone toward that Graduate Course of Study.

3. That there shall be one Ministerial Training School for the two Conferences.

4. That the responsibility for completing work in the Course of Study rests upon the students and that the school shall be a review period.

5. That the Ministerial Training School shall be held in Manila in the last two weeks of May starting on the 18th and running through the 31st.

6. That beginning with the School of Ministerial Training of 1938 the travelling expenses of the students shall be pro-rated so as to make travel of the students uniform.

7. Next year no credit shall be given for work in the course which is presented after the opening day of conference.

8. Examinations for Reception on Trial conducted by the Bible Extension Institute shall be valid when conducted by one of the members of the Boards of Ministerial Training of the two Conferences. If conducted by other than these, questions and answers shall be submitted to the duly appointed examiner for his approval and recommendation to the Board.

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State of the Church

E. M. Manuel, Chairman

Your Committee on the State of the Church met twice to consider various matters of importance, and in accordance with our observations together with the aid of some resolutions referred to us, after due deliberation, we recommend the following for adoption by the Conference:

1. That we, as a Christian church, composed of ministers and laymen, continue to preach by words and in our example, against all forms of vices, such as gambling, drinking of intoxicating liquor, social evils and social injustices, the rampant and open violation against keeping of the Sabbath Day holy, the white-slave traffic, and the double-standard of morality. We also recommend that we, ministers and laymen—both, will only have a single standard of righteousness. This means,—what is wrong to the ministers must as well be wrong to the laymen of our church.

2. That we are in accord with a National Defense program which will ultimately become a Police Force of our Country to maintain peace and order; but not with a Standing Army that has for its aim to engage in warfare.

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3. That we are absolutely opposed to compulsory religious instruction in the public schools, which may be obtained by legislation as a bill to this effect is now presented in the Legislature, for we believe: (1) that compulsory religious instruction is opposed to our Constitution in our Commonwealth; (2) that religion that is forced both in its conveyance and in its acceptance indicates not only lack of attraction now, but it ceases to be attractive, dynamic, and hence, powerless to make men “new creatures in Christ”; (3) that it is the responsibility of the church and the Christian homes to see to it that through their programs and activities and life, they will impart to the youth of the country the teachings and the precepts of Jesus Christ; (4) that the present law and regulation in our public schools regarding the teaching of religion, where all denominations are regarded on an equal basis, and where the children are not forced, but are given freedom to choose what class in religion they would attend, is satisfactory to us; (5) that, as a church, we are already doing our part in giving our children and young people, through our teaching and preaching, the necessary religious instructions that they ought to know; (6) that we have suspected at the outset, that the aim of the bill now presented in the Legislature regarding compulsory religious instruction in the public schools, is ultimately the giving of more preference to the Roman Catholic Church, even only for the simple reason that this church is in the greatest majority in the Islands; and when this is done, then we predict troubles and confusions to arise, in which school authorities will be seriously involved; (7) that, again, eventually when this is done, there will be the danger of the re-union of Church and State, which, aside from the bitter experience of the past in the Philippines, is not in accord with the democratic form of government; and (8) that in the present curriculum of the public schools, the so-called “Character Education” is included, and we interpret this “Character Education” to mean nothing less than religious instruction.

4. That this Committee reiterates its recommendations approved in the last year’s Annual Conference, particularly those concerning: (1) the strict attention to church records on the part of the pastors, with the cooperation of the district superintendents and the Mission treasurer; and that the church record books should be reviewed from time to time, and the District Conferences are asked to look over all these records during their annual sessions; (2) the support of the district superintendents from the districts, based on the single budget system recommended by the Cabinet; and (3) the quarterly and annual reports of pastors and church officials prepared by the district superintendents and the Mission treasurer.

5. That we recommend that we urge our workers and church members to support the Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches by trying to raise and give at least P800.00 per annum.

6. That we also recommend to this Conference that, with the cooperation of our laymen, we launch this coming year an intensive campaign, called “Go to Church” campaign, which has for its aim in view to get all of our church members within our reach to attend church services regularly.

7. Lastly, we are glad to report that our church people are more conscious of their responsibilities in supporting our religious workers, and in improving and building more beautiful and dignified church edifices. We also notice a real renewal of a strong and healthy moral and religious life in our church.
THE METHODIST BOOK ROOM

ERNEST E. TUCK

The Methodist Book Room, as the successor to the Methodist Publishing House, has had a successful year. Immediately after Conference a year ago a complete inventory and re-appraisal of the stock was made. We decided to sell at greatly reduced prices much of the old stock on hand and reduce the number and kind of books carried. This has been going on during the year and we have disposed of a lot of stock that we shall not need to replace. We propose to keep a limited supply of the best religious books, church supplies, sacred music, etc. We shall also be glad to order any special books required by our patrons.

During the year we have distributed free a vast amount of Sunday School supplies in English which we secured from friends in America. This is a real service to our Sunday Schools and we are glad to make this material available as long as it lasts.

We closed the year with a net profit of $1012.00. It should be kept in mind, however, that the Book Room pays no rent and that a lot of the materials sold will not be replaced. This accounts for some of the year's profit.

We appreciate the cooperation of pastors and people in this satisfactory record of service for the first year of the Methodist Book Room.

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COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Your committee on evangelism repeats the recommendations made last year and printed in the 1937 Journal as follows:

I

THE RENEWAL OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

We recommend that special emphasis be given to the reawakening and deepening of the spiritual life of our Christian Workers and Church members. To realize these objectives we urge our church people to do the following:

1. To have devotional and regular reading of the Bible every day, and other devotional materials, in their individual devotions.

2. To revive family worship in the homes where this has been neglected and observed in those homes where such family altar has not been organized.

3. To hold prayer meetings in the homes of the members and friends conducted by the pastors, deaconesses, local preachers, and other interested members with a view to revive the religious life of the people.

4. To hold a series of revival meetings stressing the deepening and strengthening of the moral and spiritual life of our people, and preparing them for an aggressive evangelistic campaign in the places which are open for the gospel.
5. To form classes on the best methods of evangelism using a pamphlet like "The Good-News-Well-Told" and materials of similar nature.

6. To hold spiritual retreats for meditation, prayer and discussion of subjects that are vitally related to evangelism.

7. To encourage workers and members to read good religious books on good subjects written by good Christian authors.

II

THE EFFECTIVE EVANGELISTIC METHODS

We recommend that the following methods be adopted in witnessing for Christ to people who are members especially in the many barrios and towns where we don't have work.

a. Personal Witnessing. The whole membership should be trained in personal evangelism. This was the method Jesus often used. Call two by two. Befriend people. Never argue. Share your rich spiritual experience. Use appeals that win. Get your prospects to decide.

b. Group Witnessing. Gospel teams or similar bands composed of pastors and layman should be formed and they should go to unoccupied cities, barrios, and towns. Good singers should be included in the groups.

c. Evangelistic Teaching. The Bible study classes, the inquirers and converts classes, church school, vacation Bible schools, kindergarden work, and the various institutes should emphasize evangelism. To relate students to Christ and help them gain the highest life should be the main aim in religious education activities of the churches.

d. Evangelistic Literature. Christian teachings can be best spread through printed matter. The Bible is the most evangelistic book of books especially the New Testament. Let us utilize the New Testaments distributed by the Million Testament League. Religious books and tracts should be widely distributed. Church papers should be widely circulated and religious journalism be utilized in the evangelistic campaign.

e. Institutional Evangelism. All our church institutions such as the Training school for Nurses, deaconesses and Bible training schools, hospitals, clinics, dormitories, should emphasize the religious and evangelistic aspects of their work. They should be centers of evangelistic activities and influence in the communities where they are located.

f. Demonstrational Evangelism. Happy fellowship, unity and harmony, contagious faith, radiant, religion of church members; their kindliness, friendliness, and helpfulness to the people of the community, and the high quality of their lives and services; these ultimately win many people to Christ. The life of a Christian must be a demonstration of the power of the Christian faith. Our religious life in the home should be an effective evangelism among the people of the neighborhood.
ALL CLASSES SHOULD BE REACHED IN ALL PLACES

We recommend that we strive to reach all classes of people in our evangelistic crusade. The children, young people, and older people, people in the rural communities, women, intellectuals, and upper classes should be reached. We should not neglect any of those groups. In winning various groups the following suggestions are given by the N. C. C. commission on evangelism.

1. Children can be helped to gain the highest life through the Junior Church, church school, and Daily Vacation Bible School and the Junior League.

2. Young people can be won through the Sunday school, the young people's meetings, Epworth League institutes, discussion groups, religious lecture, Epworth League socials, good literature and mass meetings.

3. Old people can be led to Christ through personal work and through evangelistic meetings.

4. People in Barrios and Shops. We suggest "rest time" evangelism for harvesters and laborers in factories and shops. Noon hour meetings can be held in those places. Farmers should be helped to improve their crops, their sanitary conditions, recreational and educational facilities of their children and young people, and their general community life.

5. Intellectuals and Upper Classes. These groups can be reached through reception or parties where they are invited to attend in big homes of Protestant people. At those social gatherings games and good music can be presented to entertain the visitors and at the end some special guest—prominent Christian people—should be asked in advance to give their personal testimonies or stories of conversion and experiences with Christ. Personal visits and letters, books and religious periodicals are also good ways of reaching them.

6. Women. We should like to quote here the suggestions of the women's sub-committee on evangelism of the N. C. C.:—
   (a) The success of the work of evangelism rest largely on the women. It is hoped that every woman of the church will consider her great duty and privilege to enter enthusiastically into this campaign of bringing people to Christ.
   (b) Let each woman pray alone daily each morning for the spiritual deepening of herself, her family and her friends.
   (c) Every mother will be responsible for the creation of family prayer every day.
   (d) Each woman will make it a point to talk to a woman or girl about her relationship to Christ every day.
   (e) A small group of four or five women of the neighborhood, shall meet for a period of ten to fifteen minutes as often as they can, each week to pray especially for:
      (1) The success of the Campaign on evangelism.
      (2) The persons whom they are trying to win for Christ.
      (3) The children of their families that they may have a real personal experience of the saving faith.
      (f) Each woman will try to bring at least one to each mid-week prayer meeting service in the church.
      (g) Each member will encourage every one to come to the prayer service with definite request for prayer.
IV
SURVEY THE FIELD

We recommend that each pastor in our conferences make a survey to discover areas of need in both occupied and unoccupied territory. There are many barrios and towns where we have neither a Sunday school nor preaching point. In some places a study shows 95% of those communities are unoccupied. After the survey spiritual conquest should be launched as soon as possible with all the preparation necessary.

V
EMPHASIS ON MORAL CRUSADE

We recommend that the moral crusade be emphasized in the church and community as an aspect of our evangelistic campaign and program. Evil forces inside and outside the churches must be confronted with the adequate Gospel of Christ.

VI

We recommend the following plans in conserving the results of our evangelistic crusade:

1. Train new members in church membership.
2. Enrichment of regular services of the church.
3. Relate them to church organization and educate them for service and in Christian Stewardship.
4. Retreats for church members and for church workers.

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COMMITTEE ON WORK AND INTEREST OF LOCAL PREACHERS

Last year we rendered a report in which we invited your attention to the apparent laxity in granting and renewing the license of local preachers. That there may be a fuller control and recognition of these brethren, we make the following recommendations:

1. That a complete list of all our present active local preachers be filed with the Secretary of the Annual Conference who in turn will furnish our committee one copy of the same.

2. That the local preachers' license should contain on one side of it, duties of the local preachers as prescribed by the Methodist Discipline, and also a form for their report. This license should be returned with the report blank filled up, during the District Conference and renewal of the same will depend upon the report given.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

God's gracious leading working through the consecrated men and women of our Third Philippine Annual Conference has carried to a very distinct success the aims and purposes of this august body. Cooperation towards establishing strong foundations for a church
that will endure was clearly manifest throughout the six days' sessions of this three year old body. We came as men and women to recount the results of one year's toil. We are going forth as prophets of the living God patiently waiting, in the midst of hard work, for all the glorious days of Christian life here on earth.

It should be remembered that our noble leaders, Bishop Edwin F. Lee and Mrs. Edna D. Lee, have this year completed the tenth year of their effective and fruitful service as heads of the Methodist movement in the island of Luzon. We thank God Almighty for retaining in Philippine service a finished gentleman, a very worthy prince of our church, and a big-hearted leader and man of God in the person of Bishop Edwin F. Lee. Throughout the Conference Bishop Lee's devotional talks, sermons, and utterances have been highly significant with plenty of spiritual pointers. We also acknowledge the benevolent presence of Mrs. Lee, whose constant daily attendance reminds us of consecrated women of God. We, therefore, express our thanks to God Almighty for allowing us this worthy privilege of having Bishop and Mrs. Lee, who for the last ten years have been President, and inspirer to the President respectively, of our Church.

Our four District Superintendents for the last year have acquitted themselves as real seasoned men of God. Their guiding hands, fatherly advice, their patience, their vision, have successfully carried on the tasks we had last year. With District Superintendents of Rev. Arcadio de Ocera's resourcefulness, Rev. Eusebio Manuel's vigor and geniality, Rev. Lorenzo T. Tamayo's staying power, and Rev. Esteban T. Cruz's deliberativeness and power to stand forced strains, we can very well foretell the stability of the Church of God that will forever endure.

We sincerely appreciate the bravery of District Superintendent Rev. Esteban T. Cruz who personally asked that he be returned to the regular pastorate. His action is encouraging to us preachers for we can have him again in our ranks. To Rev. Lorenzo T. Tamayo do we extend our congratulations for his thirty-one years of continuous services as pastor and later on as District Superintendent of our Church.

Our stay in Mexico, Pampanga, has been a pleasant one because of the constant thoughtfulness of our hosts. We know that the Pampanga-South Tarlac District has been working for months; the Mexico congregation has made this lovely church available and been ready always to aid us; and our pastor host, Rev. Isaac M. Manganti, has ever been watchful for our welfare. We would like to make special mention of District Superintendent Eusebio Manuel who together with his beautiful wife spent plenty of time and energy in preparing their District for this important yearly gathering.

Don Mariano Cunanan, personal friend of Dr. Jose Rizal during the latter's European sojourn and principal founder and supporter of the Mexico Methodist Episcopal Church, is hereby specially commended for his kind hospitality in opening his home for the use of the Conference officers. Don Mariano's address delivered at the Annual Conference session is certainly very enlightening, constructively fiery, and equally convincing.

To Don Mariano and the Misses Cunanan we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for their thoughtfulness in tendering a reception with refreshments in honor of the Ministerial and Lay conferences.
Municipal Mayor Mr. Rufino Canda has helped incalculably in making our stay a very comfortable one. His extension of official hospitality to the Conference is unusual in an official of his standing. We do thank him and his town for this privilege.

The field of Christian Literature has been magnificently opened to us by the wise counsels in the form of a lecture by Bishop Lee. His interest for our mental development inspired him to give us important suggestions on current religious and secular books which will certainly enlarge our mental horizon and vivify our spiritual outlook. Bishop Lee also made possible for each Conference member to receive the weekly New York Christian Advocate. This kind interest of Bishop Lee redounding to our intellectual improvement is surely a very wise step towards a more enlightened ministry, and for this we thank him.

The inspiring and instructive addresses of our special guests and speakers have helped us a great deal. Honorable Sotero Baluyot, Provincial Governor, Pampanga province; Rev. Ernest E. Tuck; Atty. Juan Nabong; Captain Matias Cuadra, Chaplain corps, P.A.; Rev. Francisco S. Galvez; Rev. Simon D. Reyes; Rev. Arcadio de Ocer; Dr. and Mrs. Walter B. Foley; Rev. Lorenzo T. Tamayo; Rev. Cirilo Kasiguran; Rev. Juan Macaspac; Rev. Catalino T. Santos; instructed us mightily on their vital experiences.

We also extend our appreciation for the presence of Philippine North Conference's fraternal delegates Dr. B. O. Peterson and Dr. J. W. Moore. We feel that these two men have been real good connecting links between the North Conference and the Philippine Annual Conference thereby safeguarding our homogeneity as a Church and saving us from the peril of unduly forgetting each other's existence.

For the ensuing year we have this five-fold resolution: 1. To grow spiritually; 2. to have high thoughts; 3. to maintain good will; 4. to have large interests for God's cause; and 5. to continue having close fellowship with God Almighty from whom all blessings flow.

We are resolved to talk less but work and accomplish more for God's cause.

Benjamin Guansing, Chairman

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(c) Special Committees

Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation for Rev. Lorenzo T. Tamayo

Whereas, we are aware of the retirement of District Superintendent, Rev. Lorenzo T. Tamayo,

Whereas, his thirty-one years of continuous service have been responsible for the expansion of God's cause in the provinces of Tarlac, Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, and Tayabas,

Whereas, his constant labors have brought to the ministry no less than fifteen preachers now actively working in our church,

Whereas, his incumbency as District Superintendent has been characterized with tact, wisdom, and harmony,
WHEREAS, he has endeared himself to all the workers in particular and to the church constituency in general,

WHEREAS, Rev. and Mrs. Lorenzo T. Tamayo have been faithful and consecrated workers and friends of God,

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved that we express our sincere and heartiest thanks to the REV. AND MRS. LORENZO T. TAMAYO, in recognition of their splendid services and their fine Christian spirit,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Rev. and Mrs. Lorenzo T. Tamayo, to the Presiding Bishop of the Philippine Annual Conference and to the Secretary of the Philippine Annual Conference.

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RESOLUTION REGARDING MISS MARGUERITE M. DECKER

WHEREAS, Miss Marguerite M. Decker began her faithful and fruitful missionary service in the Philippines in 1905 and now she is retiring from active work;

WHEREAS, she spent thirty-three of her best years rendering most splendid sacrificial and sympathetic service among the hundreds of people of our conference especially among Women and children and most especially among the great number of graduates of the Harris Memorial Training School with whom she had come in contact thus transforming and blessing many lives;

WHEREAS, Miss Decker served as principal and teacher of the Harris Memorial Training School from where four hundred young women have gone out to serve among the people in the communities where Methodist churches are located;

WHEREAS, the beautiful and godly life and inspiring example of Miss Decker has been preaching effectively among our people, and is embodied in the lives of many people and especially the institution which has grown under her direction into a place of prominence in the life of the evangelical churches in the Islands.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we as members of the Philippine Annual Conference do hereby express our sincerest and profound appreciation to Miss Decker for all that she has meant and done for the progress of the Kingdom in the Islands and we wish her long life, happiness and contentment in the remaining years of her life.
(d) ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

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Respectfully submitted

G. O. FERNANDO

(Conference Treasurer)
(e) MISCELLANEOUS

REPORT OF MISSION SUPERINTENDENT

E. RNEST E. TUCK

One year ago Bishop Lee appointed me Mission Superintendent to work in cooperation with the District Superintendents, pastors and missionaries of both Conferences. It was a new appointment and I have tried to take advantage of the opportunities presented by such an appointment. I have travelled over the territory of both Annual Conferences and visited all the districts several times as well as many of the local churches. I have been in worker's meetings, district conferences, institutes and conventions of our own and other churches all over our territory. At the request of Bishop Lee I represented our Church at the General Assembly of the United Evangelical Church last April.

During the year I have had to give a good deal of attention to property matters. This has taken much time and money. In legal matters I have depended largely on the advice of our good friend and loyal layman, Attorney Juan Nabong. The Church owes much to Mr. Nabong for his hearty cooperation, his practical help and his professional services. I wish to express here my personal appreciation as well as that of the Annual Conferences for the valuable service Mr. Nabong has rendered during the year, for his un-failing courtesy and sympathetic understanding of our problems.

Some suggestions grow out of the experiences of this year's work that I would pass on to the members of this Conference. First, I think we must give practical and intelligent study to our church finances. Too many of our churches have no definite financial plan, no budget and no system whatever for securing support. Consequently our pastors receive little regular support. They take what comes and too often very little is received. I have discovered an almost universal reluctance on the part of pastors to take any leadership in securing financial support for the church's program. They have felt that this matter concerned them personally and therefore they were embarrassed to speak of finances to the members of their congregation. The time has come in the life of our church here for pastors to launch out courageously, tactfully and wisely in building a sound program of Christian stewardship which shall include a financial plan for the church. Pastors and district superintendents must take the lead in such a program without any apologies. If the program of the church is worthy it ought to be supported and the church will never grow strong until the membership assumes this obligation. Another suggestion relates to church property. I have been surprised and even shocked at the lack of any sense of pride or responsibility in the care of our church properties on the part of many pastors and congregations. Many times pastors do not even see these things that need attention and the congregation feels no responsibility. There should be a responsible committee or person in each church whose chief responsibility will be the care of church property and the pastor should constantly feel free to make suggestions and give practical help in this matter. Our people will follow wise leadership and a well-kept church is a sign to the whole community that there is real life in that church.
I have greatly appreciated the privilege of serving with all of you during this first year together. I look forward into the year ahead with confidence and courage. I am sure that greater things lie ahead for our church if we are true to what we know of God’s will for us.

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REPORT OF MISSION TREASURER

ERNEST E. TUCK

The Field Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions serves as Mission Treasurer of both the Philippine North and the Philippine Annual Conferences. He also serves as manager of the Methodist Book Room. The general expense for office help and similar items is thus shared by three units and kept to a minimum.

One year ago a single Work Budget for both Annual Conferences was made and payments have been made during the year on the basis of that budget. The income for this budget comes from two main sources, (1) from the Board of Foreign Missions in New York and (2) from income received locally in the Philippine Islands. The income from New York amounts to approximately P6,500.00 per year or all our work in both annual conferences, for our cooperative undertakings, for the Union Theological Seminary, for the expense of holding two Annual Conferences, for printing the Conference Journals, moving preachers, legal expenses, office expenses, and all other items in the budget. This amount from New York includes both the regular appropriation and funds received from designated gifts. The balance needed for our work must be secured from sources within the Philippine Islands. This local income is received from rents of mission property and from the sale of property not now needed in our work. Last year more than P6000.00 from the sale of property was used in the budget for recurring work.

In addition to the money from the sale of property which was used for the recurring budget P8,252.00 was used in building a new dormitory for seminary students and more than P7,000.00 was used in helping to build churches and parsonages throughout the two conferences.

Aside from the funds in the budget handled by the Mission Treasurer, more than P49,000.00 was reported one year ago as having been received direct for Ministerial Support. A similar amount will doubtless be reported this year.

Attention should also be called to certain Permanent Funds handled by the Mission Treasurer, the income from which is to be used for specific purposes within the Annual Conferences:

(1) RETIRED MINISTER’S FUND.

This fund now amounts to P54,463.00, since one half the net proceeds of the sale of the Methodist Publishing House property was added to the fund during the past year.

(2) CHRISTIAN LITERATURE FUND.

This fund amounts to P35,833.00, and was set up from one half the net proceeds of the sale of the Methodist Publishing House property. The income only from this fund is to be used for the production of Christian literature.

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(3) Dormitory Trust Fund.

This is a fund of P30,000.00 set aside from the income from the sale of the tract of land in San Juan originally intended for a college site. The income from this fund is distributed to the members of both Conferences to assist in the education of their children.

(4) Local Preacher’s Retirement Fund.

This fund is only P738.92 but it is growing slowly. It ought to be greatly increased to provide some assistance to the number of local preachers who retire after many years of faithful service.

(5) Clemens Trust Fund.

This is a fund of P50,000.00 established by the late Chaplain Joseph Clemens for the education of worthy students for the Christian ministry. It is largely from the income of this fund that our seminary students are supported.

It should be borne in mind that all of the above funds are held in trust for both Annual Conferences together. The time will soon come when some of these funds will have to be divided equitably between the two Conferences especially those funds having to do with Retired Ministers and Local Preachers retirement.

The wise and careful investment of these funds so as to produce the largest income consistent with safety has taken a good deal of time and study. Practically all the funds are now invested and producing a reasonably good income for the designated purposes.

All of these accounts are audited each year by certified Public Accountants.

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Proposed Church Budget

The cabinet presented the following church budget:

5%—Benevolences, including Mary Johnston Hospital, Federation of Evangelical Churches, etc.
10%—Deaconesses and Bible Women (Including room and board).
5%—Retired Ministers (Added to endowment funds) Conference members and Supply Pastors.
5%—District Superintendent (Travel and support)
1%—Episcopal Fund.
3%—Upkeep of Church and Parsonage.
4%—Church janitor, lights, etc.
2%—Sunday School supplies.
65%—Support of Pastor.

100%

Sources of Income

1. Pledges.
2. Tithes and offerings.
3. Sunday and mid-week collections.
4. Sunday School collections.
5. Special gifts and donations.
6. Special Day offerings.
RESOLUTION AGAINST THE COMPULSORY TEACHING OF RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, a measure has been introduced in the National Assembly seeking to legalize the teaching of religion in the public schools, and a group of members of the National Assembly who have formerly petitioned the Honorable Secretary of Public Instruction are continuing their efforts to urge the teaching of religion in public schools during hours comprised within the regular period for such schools, notwithstanding the recent disapproval by the said official of the original petition presented to that effect;

WHEREAS, the proponents of the measure and leading signers of the petition are prominently identified with the Roman Catholic Church and organizations under the Roman Catholic Religion, thereby making obvious their unmistakable intention of having the Roman Catholic Religion taught in our public schools;

WHEREAS, the Roman Catholic Church is the most powerfully organized religious sect in the Philippines and has enormous financial resources which give it distinct advantages over other religious sects in the country for providing teachers and materials for the teaching of religion in the public schools, so that approval of the bill or of the petition in question would in effect be an act favoring the Roman Catholic Church to the prejudice of other established religious sects in the Philippines, contrary to the spirit of our Constitution which provides that no discrimination or preference shall be allowed by the Government in respect to the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship (Article III, Section 7);

WHEREAS, approval of either the bill or petition in question would be tantamount to appropriating public property for the use and benefit of a sectarian institution in open violation of Article VI, Section 12, sub-section 3 of our Constitution.

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned effects, the bill and petition in question would place the Government in a position of taking active part in religious work properly incumbent upon religious institutions thereby violating the principles of separation of Church and State which is recognized and followed in this country and in all democratic governments of the world;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That we members of the PHILIPPINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE and the LAY CONFERENCE, Methodist Episcopal Church, Assembled at Mexico, Pampanga, in a United Session, express, as we do hereby express, our vigorous opposition to both the proposed law and petition above mentioned as attempts to constitute the Government, through our public schools, an active agent for the propagation of the Roman Catholic Religion and, therefore, subversive of the Constitution;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the National Assembly; to all the members of the National Assembly; to the Honorable Secretary of Public Instruction; to His Excellency, The President of the Philippine Commonwealth; and to the American High Commissioner.

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Names in capitals indicate ordained Elders.
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X. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) PLAN OF CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS

The Conference Course of Study
(For Traveling Preachers and Accepted Supply Pastors)

The Course of Study as set forth in the Discipline of 1936, paragraph 545, shall be effective in the Philippine Conference and the Philippine North Conference, with certain exceptions.

EXAMINER

I. Examination for Reception on Trial

1. Doctrines and Discipline—1936
   Reyes   Moore
   Holter  Peterson

2. Life of John Wesley—McConnell.
   Holter   Riley
   Guansing Cabotaje

   Guansing Jerusalem
   Reyes    Moore


5. A Bible Biography.

6. A written sermon.

7. Directions and Helps for the Examination for Admission on Trial.

II. Course of Study for First Year

1. The Abingdon Bible Commentary
   (Selected New Testament Articles).
   Moore

2. The Teachings of Jesus—Branscomb.
   Valencia
   Guansing

3. The Work of Preaching—Hoyt.


5. Directions and Helps for the First Year.

Collateral Reading and Study

1. Biblical Readings and Studies (Directions and Helps).
   Galvez   Ferrer
   Galvez   Jerusalem
   Cordero  Cabotaje

2. Are You an Evangelist?—Hughes.


4. The Technique of Public Worship—Odgers and Schuizt.

5. The Study of Methodism—Lucock and Hutchinson.

6. Special Homiletical Work (Directions and Helps).
   Cruz    Valencia
   Cruz    Ferrer

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III. Course of Study for Second Year

1. The Abingdon Bible Commentary
   (Selected Articles General and
   Old Testament).
2. The Church in History—Nagler
   (Teaching for Christian Living—
   Vieth.)
   (The Pastor and Religious Educa-
   tion—Munro.)
4. The Preacher and His Pastoral
   Work—Peterson.
5. Directions and Helps for the Sec-
   ond Year.

Collateral Reading and Study

1. Biblical Readings and Studies (Di-
   rections and Helps).
2. The Beacon Lights of Prophecy—
   Knudson.
3. Psychology and Life—Weatherhead.
4. Christian Enterprise Among Rural
   People—Bulterfield.
5. John Wesley: Sermons and Selec-
   tions—McConnell.
7. Special Homiletical Work (Direc-
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EXAMINER

South          North

Guansing       Holter           Cabotaje

Valencia

EXAMINER

South          North

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Cruz           Berbano         Cabotaje

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Tuck           Jerusalem

Reyes          Calica

IV. Course of Study for the Third Year

1. Paul and His Epistles—Hayes.
2. Introduction to Philosophy—Bright-
   man.
3. Religions of Mankind—Soper.
4. The Church and Society—Johnson.
5. Directions and Helps for the Third
   Year.

Collateral Reading and Study

1. Biblical Readings and Studies (Di-
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2. Martin Luther: The Man and His
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4. Christianity Tested—Buck.
7. Special Homiletical Work (See Ho-
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   and Helps).
V. Course of Study for the Fourth Year

1. A Faith for Today—Rall.  
The Doctrine of God—Knudson.  
(God and Ourselves—Lewis.)
2. Social Salvation—Bennett.
4. Directions and Helps for the Fourth Year.

Collateral Reading and Study

1. Biblical Readings and Studies (Directions and Helps).
2. Improving Religious Education Through Supervision—McKibben.
3. The Preacher as Man of Letters—Roberts.
4. Christ’s Alternative to Communism—Jones.
7. Special Homiletical Work (Homiletical Directions and Helps).

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(b) Extension Bible Training School Course

First Year

When We Join the Church—Ryan.
Life of Christ—Stalker.
General History—Myers.
Personal Soul Winning—Evans.
The Preacher and His Pastoral Work—Peterson.
The Art of Writing English—Brown and Barnes.

Second Year

Essentials of Methodism—McConnell.
Life of Paul—Stalker.
Great Characters of the Old Testament—Rodgers.
The Making of the Sermon—Pattison.
Life in the Making—Barclay et al.
Christ at the Round Table—Jones.

Third Year

Jesus Ideals of Living—Fisk.
The Art of Preaching—Brown.
How We Got Our Bible—Patterson Smythe.
How to Run a Little Sunday School—Fergusson.
The Prophets in the Light of Today—John Godfrey Hill.
To be Read: Early Days of Christianity—Grant.
Luther the Leader—Nuelson.
Fourth Year
Teaching Religion—A. J. W. Myers.
Science in Every Day Life—Lovejoy.
Stewardship for All of Life—Lovejoy.

For Admission on Trial:
Discipline—Articles of Faith.
Philippine History—Fernandez.
John Wesley—Winchester.
History of Methodism—Sweet.
A Bible Biography—
A Written Sermon—

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(c) DIALECT TRAINING OF WORKERS IN BIBLE INSTITUTES

EXHORTER'S COURSE

First Year:
2. Sunday School Organization and Administration.
3. Catechism.
5. Family Worship.

Second Year:
2. Sunday School: Child Study.
5. Finances of the Local Church.

Third Year:
3. When We Join the Church—Ryan.
5. The Preacher and His Work.

Fourth Year:
2. Sunday School: Primary Methods.
3. The Junior League.
4. The Books of the Bible.
5. Boy Scouts.

LOCAL PREACHER'S COURSE

First Year:
1. First and Second Corinthians.
2. Sunday School: Junior Methods.
3. John Wesley.
4. Tongues of Fire.
5. The Conferences of the Church,—Quarterly District, Annual, Central, General.
Second Year:—
1. Epistles of Peter and John.
2. Sunday School: Teaching Adolescents.
3. History of Methodism.
5. Pilgrim’s Progress.

Third Year:—
1. Hebrews.
2. Sunday School: Senior and Young People’s work.
3. Life of Paul.
4. History of the Christian Church. I.
5. Personal Evangelism.

Fourth Year:—
1. Romans.
2. The Making of the Bible:—Vernon.
4. History of the Church. II.
5. Comparative Religions.—Soper.

Subjects for Lectures in Bible Institutes.
1. Sanitation and Hygiene.
2. Lectures on Prayer.
3. Health and Exercise.
4. Lectures on Service.
5. Lectures for Men.
6. Lectures for Women.
7. Religion and Politics.
9. The Church and Outside Societies and Clubs.
10. The Home and the Nation.
11. Church Records and Organization.
12. Training in the Devotional Life.
15. Andres Dunn. Primitive Christianity.

(d)

Secretary’s Certificate

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JOSE GAMBOA
Secretary

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**Contributions of the Church**

- **In Peso**
- **Per Capita (In Peso)**
- **Total Pledge, Indoor share**
- **Total Value of Property:**
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**Note:** The document appears to be a table with data related to various aspects of a church community, including membership, preaching, church property, and contributions. Each row likely represents a different district or area, and there are columns for different categories such as members, local preaching, union church nationals, and so on. The table includes numeric data and totals.
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