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HELD IN THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA
FEBRUARY 15-20, 1939

Price: Forty Centavos.
| 1. Number of Churches | . . . . . . . . . 305 |
| 2. Number of Parsonages | . . . . 134 |
| 3. Number of Congregations | . . . 320 |
| 4. Full Members | . . . 58,576 |
| 5. Preparatory Members | 32,191 |
| 6. Total Full and Preparatory members | . . 90,767 |
| 7. Net Increase for the year | . . . . . . . . . 6,330 |
| 8. Number of Sunday Schools | . . . . . 383 |
| 9. Enrollment in the Sunday Schools | . . . 31,685 |
| 10. Enrollment in the Epworth Leagues | . . . 13,857 |
| 11. Adults baptized during the year | . . . . 1,113 |
| 12. Children baptized during the year | . . . 4,487 |
| 13. Total paid for benevolences | P 539.00 |
| 14. Total paid for Ministerial Support | P 53,024.00 |
| 15. Net gain for Ministerial Support for the year | P 8,653.00 |
| 16. Estimated value of Parsonages and Churches | P 945,846.00 |
| 17. Total paid for Church and Parsonage Improvements | P 36,348.00 |
| 18. Grand Total of money raised for all purposes | P 112,097.00 |
| 19. Per Capita giving for 1938 | . . . P 1.23 |
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III. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

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Wednesday, February 15, 1939

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Fourth Session of the Philippine North Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, P. I., at 4:30 p.m., February 15, 1939, with Bishop Edwin F. Lee, resident Bishop, presiding. After singing hymn No. 2, "Come Thou Almighty King," all united in the Lord's Prayer, and the Secretary, Jose L. Valencia, called the roll. The following responded:

FULL MEMBERS

Tomas E. Altamero
Jose S. Belmonte
Rufino A. Blanco
Domingo Cabacungan
Edward Cabbell
Adriano V. Cabotaje
Roman T. Calica
Severino Cordero
Vicente A. Doles
Monico Faralan
Eugenio Fernandez
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Cenon Gacutan
Calixto B. Garibay
Mariano L. Gines
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Felix J. Grospe
Macario M. Guerzon
Jacinto de Guzman
Felix P. Ilan
Ciriaco Inis
Fulgencio D. Jacinto
Mauro M. Javier
Aniceto U. Jerusalem

Tomas V. Lara
Melanio M. Loresco
Joseph W. Moore
Laureano C. Peralta
B. Oscar Peterson
Herbert J. Riley
Emilio Q. Rosario
Felix L. Telan
Benito Tovera
Jose L. Valencia
Alejandro Vidal

PROBATIONER

Felisberto V. Cabotaje

The names of Silvestre B. Ayson, Rex R. Moe, Isabelo I. Pacquing, Eduardo C. Pascua, Marcos Berbano, Moises C. Cacho, Samuel Faralan, Florentino Makil, and Vicente Rosete were referred to the Conference Relations Committee.

CONFERENCE SECRETARY: Felix J. Grospe was elected secretary of the Conference.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM: Upon motion of Mariano L. Gines the printed program was adopted as the official program of the Conference.

CONFERENCE BAR: The first four rows of seats in front and the chairs on the sides were made the Conference Bar.

PRESS CORRESPONDENTS: J. W. Moore was made press correspondent for the English and Ilocano papers, and Melanio M. Loresco for the Pangasinan paper.
COMMUNION SERVICE: One verse of Hymn No. 317, "More Love O Christ To Thee," was sung after which Bishop Lee, assisted by Benito Tovera, Ciriaco Inis, Alejandro Vidal, Mariano L. Gines, Roman T. Calica, Jose L. Valencia, B. O. Peterson, J. W. Moore, Herbert J. Riley, Don W. Holter, and E. E. Tuck administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. A special collection for needy retired local preachers was taken. The concluding verses of Hymn No. 317, "More Love, O Christ, To Thee and Hymn No. 272, "Just As I am," were sung during the Sacrament.

ADJOURNMENT: The session adjourned at 5:45 P. M.

Thursday, February 16, 1939

MORNING SESSION

DEVOTIONS: Bishop Lee opened the devotions in the use of Hymn No. 5, "From All that Dwell Below The Skies." Severino Cordero led in prayer. Hymn No. 19, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," was sung, the Scripture lesson John 18:33-40 was read and Bishop Lee spoke from these words of Jesus, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world that I should bear witness unto the truth."

REPORTS: The name of Herbert J. Riley was called, his character passed, and he gave his report as acting District Superintendent of Isabela District.

The name of Alejandro Vidal was called, his character passed and he gave his report as Superintendent of Pangasinan West District.

The name of Benito Tovera was called, his character passed and he gave his report as Superintendent of the Ilocos Sur District.

MADRAS CONFERENCE: Don W. Holter, delegate to the International Missionary Council held at Madras last December spoke briefly about the Conference and presented recommendations of the Philippine delegates to the Madras Conference. He also informed the Annual Conference of the plan of the Board of Ministerial Training to open a Graduate Course for those who have finished the Conference Course of Study, and a Loan Library in connection with the Union Theological Seminary.

Upon motion of Cornelio M. Ferrer, the recommendations of the Philippine delegates to the Madras Council were referred to the Board of Ministerial Training to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the Union Theological Seminary.

FRATERNAL VISITORS: Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Widdoes, fraternal visitors from the United Brethren Church were introduced to the Conference and Dr. Widdoes addressed the Conference, relating his impressions about the Madras International Missionary Council.

RECESS: 10:15-10:45.

SESSION: At 10:45 the Session re-assembled. Hymn No. 355, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," was sung.
FRATERNAL VISITORS: W. H. Fonger, Secretary of the American Bible Society and Dr. Alexander McLeish, Survey Editor of "World Dominion," London, were introduced as fraternal visitors and they extended their greetings to the Conference.

EXTRA SESSION: It was ordered that there be an extra session of the Conference Friday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET: Jose L. Valencia, secretary of the Cabinet, presented recommendations from the Cabinet, recommending that the Chair be empowered to appoint a committee of six, on Memorials to the Uniting Conference. So ordered.

The following were appointed: Jose L. Valencia, chairman; Ernest E. Tuck, Felix J. Grospe, Elodoro Benitez, Francisco Bibay, Miss Saturnina Lara, and Miss Leila V. Dingle.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR: On motion of Benito Tovera the Courtesy of the Floor was extended to the members of the Philippine Annual Conference who are present.

Lorenzo T. Tamayo, retired superintendent of the Philippine Annual Conference, was introduced and he addressed the Conference, relating important historic events in the early days of American Occupation and the founding of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY: E. E. Tuck informed the Conference that March 5th. of this year will mark the 40th. anniversary of the launching of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Philippines, and suggested that we make proper recognition of that fact in our churches. The suggestion was referred to the Cabinet for recommendations.

LOCAL PREACHER'S FUND: Jose L. Valencia moved that the Mission Treasurer be requested and authorized to separate the share of the Retired Local Preachers' Fund properly belonging to this conference from the total funds on hand for this purpose, and to invest that Fund after it has been separated, to the best advantage. So ordered.

Jose L. Valencia recommended that the amount raised this year for the retired local preachers be referred to the Cabinet to be distributed to the most deserving cases throughout the Conference and that the income from the Retired Local Preachers Fund investment and all benevolent offerings for this cause from now on be distributed in like manner. After full discussion it was voted that this whole matter be referred to a committee of five for study and recommendation back to the Conference. (See reports).

The committee appointed consisted of: B. O. Peterson, Cenon Gacutan, Severino Cordero, Monica Faralan, and Benito Tovera.

FRATERNAL DELEGATE: Arcadio de Ocera, fraternal delegate from the Philippine Annual Conference was introduced and he addressed the Conference on the subject, "Our Common Task and Its Major Problems."

ADJOURNMENT: After announcements, Dr. McLeish, pronounced the benediction. The session adjourned at 12:00 noon.
Friday, February 17, 1939

MORNING SESSION

DEVOTIONS: Hymn No. 1, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," was sung. Tomas V. Lara led in prayer, and hymn No. 375, "Jesus Thine All Victorious Love," was sung. Miss D. W. Caffray read the Scripture lesson and addressed the Conference on the subject "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit." The devotions were closed by singing hymn No. 186.

MINUTES: The minutes of Thursday's session were read and after some corrections were approved.

EDITING COMMITTEE: It was moved by Cornelio M. Ferrer that a committee to edit the minutes each day be appointed. So ordered.

UNITED SESSION: Bishop Lee requested the officers of the Lay Conference to come to the front and be introduced to the Conference. The officers elected are:

- Mrs. Bartolomea Adduru-Maggay, President
- Bienvenido Refuerzo, Secretary
- Miss Isabel Garcia, Treasurer.

ROLL OF LAY DELEGATES: The secretary of the Lay Conference called the roll of lay delegates and the churches they represented. They were cordially greeted by the Conference.

REPORTS: The name of Mariano L. Gines was called, his character passed and he gave his report as District Superintendent of Nueva Vizcaya District.

The name of Roman T. Calica was called, his character passed and he gave his report as Superintendent of Pangasinan East District.

CONFERENCE PICTURE: It was moved that the Conference have a picture taken Saturday morning at recess time. So ordered.

RECESS: 10-15-10:45 A.M.

REPORT: Session was resumed at 10:45 by the singing of hymn No. 137. The name of Jose L. Valencia was called, his character passed and he gave an account of his work as District Superintendent of Cagayan District, making special mention of the work, life and death of Brother Arago.

PEDRO A. ARAGO: Upon request of Bishop Lee, Jose L. Valencia gave a brief sketch of the life of the late Pedro A. Arago, a supply pastor, who passed away last June.

JOSHUA F. COTTINGHAM: Bishop Lee informed the Conference about the death of Dr. Joshua F. Cottingham which occurred in his home in Indiana.

Hymn No. 315, "Nearer My God To Thee," was sung and then B. O. Peterson led in prayer, upholding the Arago and Cottingham families to the throne of Divine grace.
ADDRESS: The Hon. Tomas Maddela, Governor of Nueva Vizcaya, was introduced and he gave an address on "God, Religion and Morality."

H. W. WIDDOES: After announcements were made Dr. Widdoes presented some statistics about the work of the United Brethren and the United Evangelical Church. He again referred to the International Missionary Council meeting in Madras.

ADJOURNMENT: After the singing of the Doxology, Mauro M. Javier pronounced the Benediction to close the morning session.

Friday, February 17, 1939

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bishop Lee called the session to order at 4:30 P.M. After the singing of hymn No. 1, Edward Cabbell led in prayer.

FRATERNAL VISITOR: Miss Lottie Spessard was introduced as a fraternal visitor from the United Brethren Church.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS:

QUESTION 20: Who have had their credentials restored without re-admission to the Conference? None.

QUESTION 21: Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

QUESTION 22: Who have been readmitted?
   a. After voluntary location? None.
   b. After involuntary location? None.
   c. After restoration of credentials? None.
   d. After withdrawal? None.
   e. By judicial procedure or by General Conference? None.

QUESTION 23: Who have been received on credentials and from what churches? None.

QUESTION 24: Who have been received on trial?
   a. In studies of the First Year. Francisco Bauzon.
   c. Exempt from course of Study under Seminary rule. Pablo V. Cabotaje.

QUESTION 25: Who have been continued on trial?
   a. In studies of the First Year. Teodorico Vidal.
   b. In studies of the Second Year. Marcos Berbano.

QUESTION 27: Who have been admitted into Full Membership?
   a. Elected and ordained Deacon this year. Ezequias Gacutan and Felisberto V. Cabotaje.
   b. Elected and ordained deacon previously. Felisberto V. Cabotaje.
   c. Elected to be ordained elsewhere. None.
QUESTION 30: What members have completed the Conference course of study?

a. Elected and ordained elders this year. Adriano V. Cabotaje and Jacinto de Guzman.

QUESTION 31: What others have been elected and ordained deacons?

b. Under Seminary rule. Pablo V. Cabotaje.

ADJOURNMENT: After announcements were made, one verse of hymn No. 420 was sung, Emilio Q. Rosario pronounced the benediction and the Session adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Saturday, February 18, 1939

MORNING SESSION

DEVOTIONS: The morning worship was opened in the singing of hymn No. 349. "Saviour Thy Dying Love," followed by prayer, Ernest E. Tuck leading the congregation to the throne of Divine grace. Hymn No. 325, "Break Thou The Bread of Life" was sung. The scripture lesson was taken from Matt. 7:15-23, and Dr. Tuck spoke on the subject, "A Good Tree Cannot Produce Evil Fruit."

UNITED SESSION: After the devotions the united session of the Lay and Annual Conferences was called to order by Bishop Lee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mariano L. Gines made an announcement about the musical concert to be held in the evening and Bishop Lee announced the baptismal service Sunday morning before the ordination service.

ORDER OF THE DAY: Benito Tovara moved, seconded by Domingo Cabacungan, that the order of the day after recess would be the report on memorials to the Uniting Conference. So ordered.

QUESTION 2: Is the Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirement of the Discipline? Yes. Time was spent in explaining the meaning of incorporation. Joseph W. Moore moved, seconded by Domingo Cabacungan, that an excerpt of the incorporation papers be made for distribution. So ordered.

QUESTION 17: What standing committees and boards shall be appointed by this body?

Cornelio M. Ferrer moved that the appointment of boards and committees be left in the hands of the Cabinet with power. So ordered.

QUESTION 3: What officers and persons holding moneys, funds, etc. are bonded and in what amount according to the requirements of the Discipline?

All permanent funds, Conference Benevolences, etc. are handled through the Mission Treasurer's office where all accounts are carefully and regularly audited by certified public accountants.
SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: Edward Cabbell moved, seconded by Domingo Cabacungan, that in our next Annual Conference a sacrificial offering be taken preferably during the communion service, for needy retired local preachers. So ordered.

STATISTICIAN’S REPORT: Cornelio M. Ferrer, Conference Statistician, gave his report. See reports.

PROPOSED BUDGET: Benito Tovera moved, seconded by Aniceto Jerusalem, that the proposed budget of last year be adopted as the proposed budget for this year. So ordered.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES: Eleodoro Benitez moved, seconded by Monico Faralan, that the Conference Trustees of last year serve as Conference Trustees again this year. So ordered.

REPORT: B. O. Peterson was called and he gave his report as a missionary. He gave an account of his work this year, and related also some of his early experiences as a pioneer in opening the Cagayan valley to the Gospel. He mentioned the work of Felipe Marquez, Marcelino Alvarez, Roman T. Calica, Isidoro Panlasigui, and others.

EXTENSION SCHOOL: B. O. Peterson, director of the Extension Bible School gave a report about the work of the school last year.

RECESS: After the singing of the Doxology, Fulgencio Jacinto pronounced the benediction and the Conference adjourned for Recess.

SESSION: B. O. Peterson presided after recess. Hymn No. 653, “The Morning Light is Breaking,” was sung and Roman T. Calica led in prayer.

Mariano L. Gines read a letter from Juan Nabong addressed to the Conference through him. Upon motion of Cornelio M. Ferrer, seconded by Benito Tovera, the letter was referred to the Committee on Self-Support.

UNITING CONFERENCE MEMORIALS: The Lay Conference secretary read a resolution from the lay conference memorializing the Uniting Conference for the retention of Bishop Edwin F. Lee in this area. Bienvenido Refuerzo moved, seconded by Dionisio Gelacio that this be approved. So ordered.

A similar resolution was read by Jose L. Valencia and upon his motion was adopted.

Jose L. Valencia read a memorial to the Uniting Conference which was approved expressing our gratitude and joy in the union of the three Methodist bodies into one Church and pledged our loyalty and devotion to the re-united church.

Dr. Cornelio D. Julian moved, seconded by Eleodoro Benitez, that these resolutions be referred to the Committee on Memorials for proper editing and forwarding to the Uniting Conference as the official action of this United Session. So ordered.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE: A resolution of condolence on the death of Joshua F. Cottingham was read. On motion of Domingo Cabacungan, this resolution was made the sentiment of the United Session. So ordered.
RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE: A resolution of gratitude to every one who has a part in the Conference program was read by the secretary of the lay conference, and it was referred to the Committee on resolutions to edit so as to make it the resolution of the United Session.

RESOLUTION FOR MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF LAYMEN: Bienvenido Refuerzo read a resolution, seeking for more active participation of laymen in the councils and deliberation of the church. Bienvenido Refuerzo moved, seconded by Cornelio M. Ferrer that this resolution be kept in our record to be referred to the next Annual Conference for action. So ordered.

PHILIPPINE FEDERATION OF EVANGELICAL CHURCHES: Bishop Lee informed the Conference about our participation in the Philippine Federation of Evangelical churches and that our part in the budget of the Federation for the support of the work is P125.00. It was voted that this be referred to the district superintendents for apportionment among the six districts.

ADDRESS: The Hon. Guillermo Boñgolan, Assemblyman from Nueva Vizcaya, addressed the Conference.

RESOLUTION: Joseph W. Moore read a resolution which was adopted, expressing our approval in and pledging our support for the President of the Philippine Commonwealth in his program of Social Justice.

ADJOURNMENT: Hymn No. 210 was sung after which Felix Telan pronounced the benediction. The session closed at 12:15 p.m.

Saturday, February 18, 1939

Afternoon Session

The Conference reassembled at 4:30 P. M. with Bishop Lee presiding.

QUESTION 30: What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?

a. Elected and ordained elders this year.
   Adriano V. Cabotaje
   Jacinto de Guzman
   Silverio J. R. Ignacio

b. Elected and ordained under Seminary rule.
   Felisberto V. Cabotaje

QUESTION 23: What others have been elected and ordained deacons?

a. As Local Preachers.
   Gregorio Viloria
   Domingo Jose
   Agustin Maranion

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QUESTION 25: Who have been continued on trial?
   a. In studies of the First Year.
      Teodorico Vidal

Aniceto Jerusalem moved, seconded by Macario Guerzon, that Florentino Makil be discontinued. So ordered.

Aniceto Jerusalem moved, seconded by Roman T. Calica, that Samuel Faralan be discontinued. So ordered.

Alejandro Vidal moved, seconded by Macario Guerzon, that Silvestre B. Ayson be given the supernumerary relation and that the secretary be instructed to inform him about it, and that next year the name of Silvestre Ayson will come up for location. So ordered.

ADJOURNMENT: After announcements were made, hymn No. 225 was sung, Monica Faralan pronounced the benediction and the session closed at 5:30 P. M.

Sunday, February 19, 1939

CONFERENCE WORSHIP

ORDINATION SERVICE: At 9:00 o'clock Bishop Lee conducted the ordination service assisted by B. O. Peterson, E. E. Tuck, Dr. Widdoes, W. H. Fonger, Herbert J. Riley, Joseph W. Moore, Severino Cordero, Benito Tovera, Alejandro Vidal, Mariano L. Gines, Jose L. Valencia and Ciriacio Inis. Hymn No. 408, "Lead on, O King Eternal," was sung and the Bishop led in prayer.

QUESTION 27: Who have been received into full membership?
   a. Elected and ordained deacons this year
      Ezequias Gacutan
   b. Elected and ordained deacon previously
      Felisberto V. Cabotaje


The following were ordained:

   Deacons: Gregorio Viloria, Domingo Jose, Agustin Maranion, Ezequias Gacutan, Pablo V. Cabotaje.

   Elders: Adriano V Cabotaje, Felisberto V. Cabotaje, Jacinto de Guzman, Silverio J. R. Ignacio.

MORNING WORSHIP: At 10:00 A. M. the Conference worship service began, Mariano L. Gines, pastor of the Bayombong congregation, presiding. The church building was packed full with worshippers. The scripture lesson was taken from Luke 4:14-21. Bishop Lee gave an interesting, inspiring and impressive message on the subject, "The Commonwealth of God."
Monday, February 20, 1939

MORNING SESSION

DEVOTIONS: Bishop Lee opened the devotions at 8:30 A. M. with the use of hymns No. 489, “He Leadeth Me” and No. 2, “Come Thou Almighty King.” Rev. Leonardo Dia, Moderator of the United Evangelical Church led in prayer and Bishop Lee brought the message based on I Thessalonians 1:1-8. Hymn No. 458 was sung, after which Mrs. Jose Valencia, Miss Armenia Thompson and Adriano V. Cabotaje led in prayer.

LISTS OF SUPPLY PASTORS: The six district superintendents read the list of supply pastors for their respective districts and the names were approved as read.

RETIREMENT OF MINISTERS: Jose L. Valencia moved, seconded by Tomas E. Altamero, that every member of this Annual Conference, except missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, who has reached the age of sixty years shall automatically be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations at each Annual Conference Session for definite consideration for retirement and that no member of the Conference be placed on the list of Retired Ministers before the age of sixty, except for physical disability properly certified to in writing by a physician approved by the Conference. So ordered.

QUESTION 24: Who have been received on trial?
   a. In studies of the First Year.
      Teofilo C. Aquino
      Francisco Bauzon
      Jeremias P. Garan
      Segundo Gutierrez
      Bienvenido Refuerzo
   c. Exempt from the course of study under Seminary rule.
      Pablo V. Cabotaje

QUESTION 25: Who have been continued on trial?
   a. In the studies of the First Year.
      Teodorico Vidal
   b. In studies of the Second Year.
      Marcos Berbano

Alejandro Vidal moved that Moises Cacho be discontinued, seconded by Cornelio M. Ferer. So ordered.

QUESTION 33: Who have been left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Benito Tovera moved, seconded by Ciriaco Inis that this list be referred to the Cabinet with power. So ordered.

QUESTION 39: Who have had their Conference Membership terminated?

Benito Tovera moved, seconded by Alejandro Vidal, that Isabelo I. Pacquing be allowed to withdraw. So ordered.
Benito Tovera moved, seconded by Severino Cordero, that Mar- 
cario M. Guerzon be restored to the list of Effective Elders. So 
ordered.

QUESTION 45: Cornelio M. Ferrer moved, seconded by Mauro 
Javier, that Union College of Manila be included on the list of insti-
tutions where a member of the Annual Conference may be appointed 
to teach and be in the Effective Relation with Annuity Claim. So 
ordered.

QUESTION 19: Where will be the next Annual Conference be 
held? By common consent this was referred to the Cabinet.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE: Tomas E. Altamero moved, sec-
onded by Alejandro Vidal that a committee be appointed consisting 
of ministers and laymen to make an agenda to expedite the work 
of the Central Conference to be held in 1940. So ordered.

ENABLING ACT: Cornelio M. Ferrer moved, seconded by 
Alejandro Vidal that we request an extension of the Enabling Act 
authorizing the election of a Bishop by the Central Conference for 
another quadrennium. So ordered.

UNION COLLEGE: Dr. Enrique C. Sobrepeña, president of 
the Union College of Manila spoke for the college, pleading for sup-
port.

FRATERNAL VISITORS: Leonardo Dia, Moderator of the 
United Evangelical Church was presented to the Conference and he 
expressed the greetings of his church to the Conference.

Mrs. Enrique C. Sobrepeña, Mrs. Leonardo Dia and Samuel Cat-
li were introduced as fraternal visitors.

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION OF THE PHILIPPINE 
FEDERATION OF EVANGELICAL CHURCHES: Benito Tovera 
moved, seconded by Mauro M. Javier, that we approve the amend-
ment to the Constitution of the Philippine Federation of Evangelical 
churches. So ordered.

ENGLISH JOURNAL: Bishop Lee informed the Conference 
about the proposed publication of an English journal by the Fede-
ration of Churches to take the place of The Advance.

RECESS: 10:30-11:00.

MARY BROWN TOWNSEND MEMORIAL BIBLE WOMEN’S 
TRAINING SCHOOL: Miss Esperanza Abellera, acting principal 
of the Bible Women’s Training school in Lingayen, gave a brief 
review of the work of the school of which she was the acting prin-
cipal last year. Benito Tovera read a resolution of appreciation for 
the work of the Bible Women’s Training School and asking for its 
continuance. This resolution was adopted.

MISSION SUPERINTENDENT: Ernest E. Tuck was called 
and he gave his report as Mission Superintendent.

TUGUEGARAO HOSPITAL: Miss Anna Carson was called 
and she gave her report about the work of the hospital in Tuguega-
rao, Cagayan.
STATE OF THE CHURCH: Aniceto Jerusalem reported for the Committee on State of the Church.

MISS L. V. DINGLE: Miss Leila V. Dingle was called to report, and she gave a short account of her work as a Missionary on the two districts of Pangasinan province.

J. W. MOORE: Joseph W. Moore gave his report as a Missionary and as a Professor in the Union Theological Seminary.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT: B. O. Peterson, Conference Treasurer, gave his report. See reports.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS: B. O. Peterson, chairman of the Board of Conference Stewards reported for that Board and the report was adopted. See reports.

COMMITTEE ON RETIRED LOCAL PREACHERS: B. O. Peterson reported for the special committee on Retired Local Preachers and the report was adopted. See reports.

EDITING COMMITTEE: The Committee to Edit the Minutes reported that they have examined the minutes and have found them correct.

COMMITTEE ON SELF-SUPPORT: Felix Telan gave a report of the Committee on Self-Support. See reports.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCES: Felix Telan gave a report of the Committee on Benevolences. See reports.

MISSION TREASURER: Ernest E. Tuck, Mission Treasurer gave his report. See reports.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE: Ernest E. Tuck, Chairman of the Committee on Christian literature, gave a report. See reports.

H. J. RILEY: The name of Herbert J. Riley was called and he gave his report as a Missionary.

SALE OF ALCALA CHURCH PROPERTY: Jose L. Valencia moved, seconded by Domingo Cabacungan, that we authorize the Trustees of the Conference to sell the Church property in Alcala, Cagayan. So ordered.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MINUTES: Macario Guerzon reported for the Committee on District Minutes and on motion of Macario M. Guerzon the report was referred to the Cabinet for recommendations and practical application.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING: Felisberto V. Cabotaje registrar reported for the Board. It was voted that the report and recommendations be accepted and referred to the Cabinet and the Board of Ministerial Training for necessary action.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Felisberto V. Cabotaje, secretary of the Board of Christian Education reported for the Committee and the report was accepted and referred to the Cabinet and the Board of Ministerial Training to make practical application.
PUBLICATION OF THE JOURNAL: Herbert J. Riley moved, seconded by Domingo Cabacungan that the Journal as edited and published be the official record of the Annual Conference. So ordered. The following committee was appointed to edit and publish the Journal:

Ernest E. Tuck  
Felix J. Grospe  
Jose L. Valencia  
Joseph W. Moore

FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO THE PHILIPPINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Alejandro Vidal moved, that a fraternal delegate to the Philippine Conference be appointed. So ordered.

Jose L. Valencia was appointed.

DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD: Jose S. Belmonte reported for the Domestic Mission Board, and the report was referred to the Cabinet for practical application.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: Joseph W. Moore reported for the Committee on Resolutions. See reports.

By common consent J. W. Moore is appointed a committee of one to look into the question of whether this is the 4th session of the Philippine North Conference.

PUBLICATION OF REPORTS: By common consent the Chairman of the committee on Evangelism and the secretary were authorized to get together and publish a gist of the report in the Na-imbag a Damaq and other papers.

READING OF APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Lee announced that all changes in the conference will take effect on or before April 1st, 1939 unless other arrangements are made with the District Superintendents concerned.

The Bishop then read the appointments of the six District Superintendents and they read the appointments for their respective districts. (see list of Appointments).

Bishop Lee then read the list of Special Appointments. (see Appointments).

CONFERENCE EVANGELIST: Jose L. Valencia moved, seconded by Cenon Gacutan, that a Conference Evangelist be appointed for the year. So ordered.

ADJOURNMENT: Hymn No. 489 was sung and Bishop Lee pronounced the Benediction. The Session adjourned at 1:25 P. M.
Certificate of Ordination

This is to certify
that following election by the
PHILIPPINE NORTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
On Sunday, February 19, 1939, at Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya
Assisted by several Elders

I Ordained as DEACONS:
EZEQUIAS GACUTAN
PABLO V. CABOTAJE

Subsequent to election as indicated above and
Assisted by several Elders

I Ordained as ELDERS:
ADRIANO V. CABOTAJE
FELISBERTO V. CABOTAJE
JACINTO DE GUZMAN
SILVERIO J. R. IGNACIO

Subsequent to election as indicated above and
Assisted by several Elders

I Ordained as Local Deacons:
GREGORIO VILORIA
DOMINGO JOSE
AGUSTIN MARANION

Edwin T. Lee
Resident Bishop

MANILA, Philippine Islands
February 20, 1939
IV. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

The PHILIPPINE NORTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, February 15-20, 1939.

Bishop, EDWIN F. LEE, presiding
Secretary, FELIX J. GROSPE, Aparri, Cagayan
Statistician, CORNELIO M. FERRER, Lingayen, Pangasinan
Treasurer, B. O. PETERSON, Lingayen, Pangasinan
Registrar, FELISBERTO V. CABOTAJE, Manila.

A. UNITED SESSION

1. Who are the members of the Lay Conference present and who are its officers? (See Secretary's record for names of members.)
   President: Mrs. B. Adduru-Maggay, P. O. Ilagan, Isabela.
   Secretary: Bienvenido Refuerzo, P. O. Binalonan, Pangasinan.
   Treasurer: Miss Isabel Garcia, P. O. Lingayen, Pangasinan.

2. Is the Annual Conference Incorporated according to the Requirement of the Discipline? Yes.

3. What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc. are bonded and in what amounts according to the requirement of the Discipline?
   All permanent Funds, Conference Benevolences, etc. are handled through the Mission Treasurer's office where all accounts are regularly and carefully audited by certified public accountants.

4. What are the Statistical and Financial reports for the year?
   (a) From the Statistician. See Statistical report.
   (b) From the Treasurer. See the Treasurer's report.
   (c) Other items. See reports.

5. (a) What are the items and Aggregate of General Conference Benevolences apportioned to this Conference?
   No apportionment has been made.
   (b) What amounts are fixed by this body as the minimum goals for General Conference Benevolences for the ensuing year?
   No apportionment.

6. What reports and exhibits are presented by Conference Boards and Institutions?
   See reports of Boards and Committees.

7 What is the Annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?
   See report of the Domestic Mission Societies.

8. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?
   No such Board.
9. What are the claims on the Conference Funds?
   For annuity distribution 58 years multiplied by
   Disciplinary rate of $7.00 per year ............ $406.00
   For Necessitations Distribution ................. .
   Total ............ $406.00

10. (a) What has been received on these claims?
    From the Book Concern ....................... None
    From the Chartered Fund ...................... None
    From Board of Pensions and Relief .......... None
    From Annual Conference Investments ......... $378.00
    From Pastoral Charges ....................... $28.00
    From Other Sources ........................ None
    Total ............ $406.00

    (b) How has it been applied?

11. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the Conference to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants?
    See proposed Church Budget.

12. What are the Items and aggregate of Annual Conference Benevolences approved by this body for the ensuing year?
    See actions of the Conference on various items.

13. What approved financial campaigns are to be carried on in this Conference during the ensuing year, and for what amounts?
    None

14. What is the schedule of Minimum Support?
    See Report of Committee on Salary Standard.

15. What are the approved claims for the support of District Superintendents, Bishops, and Conference Claimants for the ensuing year?
    See Report of Committee on Self-Support and Benevolences.

16. What shall be the Evangelistic and Religious Education Plan for the ensuing year?
    See reports of Committees on Evangelism and Religious Education.

17. What standing committees shall be appointed by this body?
    See list of Boards and committees printed in the Journal.

18. What other items of business shall be considered by this United Session?
    None

19. Where shall the Next Session of the Conference be held?
    Referred to Bishop and Cabinet.

B. ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

20. Who have had their Credentials restored without readmission to the Conference?
    None

21. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conferences?
    None
22. Who have been Readmitted?
   (a) After voluntary location.
       None
   (b) After involuntary location.
       None
   (c) After restoration of Credentials?
       None
   (d) After withdrawal.
       None
   (e) By judicial procedure or by General conference.
       None

23. Who have been received on credentials and from what churches?
    None

24. Who have been received on Trial?
   (a) In studies of first year.
       Teofilo C. Aquino
       Francisco F. Bauzon
       Jeremias P. Garan
       Segundo J. Gutierrez
       Benigno M. Javier
       Bienvenido O. Refuerzo
   (b) In studies of the Third year under Seminary Rule.
       None
   (c) Exempt from the course of study.
       Pablo V. Cabotaje

25. Who have been continued on trial?
   (a) In studies of first year.
       Teodorico Vidal
   (b) In studies of second year.
       Marcos Berbano
       Aquilino M. Javier.
   (c) In studies of Third year.
       None
   (d) In studies of Fourth Year.
       None

26. Who have been discontinued?
    Moises Cacho
    Samuel Faralan
    Florentino Makil
    Vicente Rosete

27 Who have been admitted into Full Membership?
   (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
       Ezequias Gacutan
   (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
       Felisberto V. Cabotaje
   (c) Elected to be ordained elsewhere.
       None
   (d) Ordained Deacon, having been elected by another Conference.
       None

28. What members are in Studies of Third Year?
   (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
       Ezequias Gacutan
   (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
       Vicente Doles
29. What Members are in studies in Fourth Year?
   Emilio Q. Rosario.
30. What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?
   (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
       Adriano V. Cabotaje
       Jacinto de Guzman
       Silverio Ignacio
   (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
       None
   (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
       Felisberto V. Cabotaje
   (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
31. What others have been elected and Ordained Deacons?
   (a) As local Preachers.
       Domingo Jose
       Agustin Marañon
       Gregorio Viloria
   (b) Under Seminary Rule.
       Pablo V Cabotaje
   (c) Under Missionary Rule.
       None
   (d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
       None
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
33. Who have been left without appointment to attend one of our Schools?
    Jeremias P. Garan, Jose S. Belmonte.
34. Was the character of each preacher examined?
    Yes, in open Conference.
35. Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?

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CAGAYAN DISTRICT
Romualdo Arao Manuel M. Pastores
Candido Blaquera Pedro Olenan
Paulino G. Brilla Mariano Ramos
Eliseo Cortes Lorenzo Tacadena
Samuel Ramos Mariano Tovera

PANGASINAN WEST DISTRICT
Rufino Tabiendo Santiago Namuca
Abdinago Carolino Ignacio Catabay
Domingo Casipit Edrulfo Gutierrez
Emeterio Cabada Marcelo Villacorta
Julio Macadenden Gregorio Vitoria
Simeon Cuarteron

PANGASINAN EAST DISTRICT
Eufrocino Celestino Ceriaco Jamandre
Dionisio Ladines Domingo de Vera
Aquilino Marron Luis Tacadena
Elias Garibay Gonzalo Castro
Braulio Lucero Flaviano Barcena

NUEVA VIZCAYA DISTRICT
Andres Tuquiero William Afalla
Agaton Ambrosio Agustin Maranion
Segundo Gutierrez Domingo Jose
Ruben Ilan Martin Ambrosio

ILOCOS SUR DISTRICT
Teofilo Aquino Jaime Vegara
Isabelo Bangasan Buenaventura Cabanting
Simplicio Raiz Eliseo Cabacungan
Manuel Encarnacion Eligio Bal-lucanag
Isaais Zarsosa Felipe Wagayen
Candido Zapata Gregorio Lara
Ciriaco C. Agayan Jose O. Barcelona
Inocencio Ayson Vidal Benitez

36. (a) What accepted supply pastors now in charge are taking,
I. The Conference course of study? See report of Board of Ministerial Training.
II. The Local Preachers’s Course of Study? See report of Board of Ministerial Training.
(b) Was the character of each accepted Supply Pastor now in charge examined?
Yes.
(c) I. Are the District Committees on Qualifications of local preachers nominated by the District Superintendent approved?
Yes.
II. What Local Preachers have completed satisfactorily the studies prescribed?
   1. For Deacon's orders. Gregorio Viloria, Domingo Jose, Agustin Maranion.
   2. For Elder's orders. None

37. Who have been transferred and to what Conferences?
   None

38. Who have died?
   Pedro A. Arago (a Local Preacher).

39. Who have their conference membership terminated?
   (a) By voluntary location.
      None
   (b) By Involuntary location.
      None
   (c) By surrender of their ministerial office and credentials.
      Eduardo Pascua
      Isabelo I. Paquing
   (d) By Judicial procedure.
      None
   (e) By withdrawal.
      1. To join the ministry of another church.
         None
      2. From the ministry.
         None
      3. From the ministry and membership of the church.
         None
      4. Under Complaints or Charges.
         None

40. What other personal notations should be made?
    None

41. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?
    Edward Cabbell (1)   Silvestre B. Ayson (1)

42. Who are the retired ministers?
    Severino Cordero
    Oscar Huddleston

43. Who have been granted leave of Absence?
    None

44. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

45. What institutions and organizations are approved by three-quarters vote of the Conference for appointment of ministers in the effective relation with Annuity Claim?
    Union Theological Seminary
    Union College of Manila

46. Where are the preachers stationed?
    See List of Appointments.
V APPOINTMENTS

Cagayan District

JOSE L. VALENCEA, Superintendent, P. O. Tuguegarao, Cagayan
HERBERT J. RILEY, District Missionary, P. O. Tuguegarao.

Ábulug ....... To Be Supplied
Alcala-Amulung (supplied by) Pedro S. Olonan (P.O. Alcala)
Allacapan ......... To Be Supplied
Annafunan-Linao (supplied by) Eliseo Cortes (P.O. Tuguegarao)
Aparri ........ Feliz GROSPE
Masical, Baggao (supplied by) Pedro S. Olonan
Ballesteros and Payagan To Be Supplied
Buguey (supplied by) Teofilo C. Aquino
Calayan ........ To Be Supplied
Enreiie ........ To Be Supplied
Gattaran East ...... Feliz L. TELAN (P.O. Gattaran)

Gattaran West ...... Feliz L. TELAN
Gonzaga (supplied by) Mariano Ramos
Igug (supplied by) Eliseo Cortes (P.O. Tuguegarao)
Lallo and Camalaniugan (supplied by) Manuel M. Pastores (P.O. Dugo, Camalaniugan)
Pamplana and Bangan (supplied by) Paulino G. Brila (P.O. Bidduang, Pamplona)
Paruddun (supplied by) MARIANO TOVERA (P.O. Bukig, Paruddun Norte, Aparri)
Callao and Lagum, Penablanca (supplied by) Romualdo Arao (P.O. Callao, Penablanca)

Dodan, Penablanca (supplied by) Samuel Ramos
Rizal (supplied by) Candido Blaquera
Sanchez Mira ...... SERGIO T. GONZAGA
Santor and Tallang (supplied by) Lorenzo Tacadena (P.O. Santor, Baggao)

Solana ........ To Be Supplied
Tuac ......... GREGORIO F. LARIDA
Tuguegarao ...... JOSE L. VALENCEA

Left without appointment to attend school

Jeremias Garan
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## Ilocos Sur District

### BENITO TOVERA, Superintendent, P.O. Vigan, Ilocos Sur

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Sta. Maria ............
Sevilla ................

Soricoan and Aranguin, (supplied by) ..............

Tamurong .............

Vigan ..........
Vigan Naguilian and Capangpa- ngan, (supplied by) ...

Felipe C. Wagayen (P.O. Palaca- pac, Candon, Ilocos Sur)
Eliseo Cabacungan (P. O. Pias, Bauguen, Ilocos Sur)
Gregorio V. Lara (P.O. Cacayan, Ilocos Sur)
Nicomedez Zarzoza
LAUREANO C. PERALTA (P.O. San Esteban, Ilocos Sur)
Isabelo D. Bangasan (P.O. San Jose, Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur)
Ezekias Gacutan
TOMAS V. LARA (P.O. Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur)
Isaias Zarzoza (P.O. Soricoan, Bau- guen, Ilocos Sur)
ANICTO U. JERUSALEM (P.O. Candon, Ilocos Sur)
BENITO TOVERA
Manuel Encarnacion (P.O. Vigan, Ilocos Sur)

WOMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

District Missionary ....

Babaywan and Amaro ....

Burgos .............
Bauguen and Calioaquio ....

Candon, Calaoaan and Tamu- rong ........

Galimuyod and Sto. Tomas

Lidlidda and San Emillo ........
Sevilla ....

Sta. Maria Narvacan ........
Dudley Hall, ............
Vigan- Kindergarten .......

Hazel Davis (P.O. Lingayen, Pangasinan)
Lucia Rigor (P.O. Sta. Cruz, Ilo- cos Sur)
Felipa Gadiano
Rebecca Sapguian (P.O. Banguen Ilocos Sur)
Remedios Ascencio (P. O. Candon, Ilocos Sur)
Filomena Bugarin (P.O. Galimu- yod, Ilocos Sur)
Pantaleona Gracia (P.O. Lidlidda, Ilocos Sur)
Luz Peralta (P.O. Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur)
Feliza Gramaje
Saturnina Lara (P.O. Vigan, Ilo- cos Sur)
Carmela D. Rebollido (P.O. Vigan, Ilocos Sur)
Isabela District

CIRIACO INIS, Superintendent, District Missionary ... ... P.O. Ilagan, Isabela
Herbert J. Riley, (P.O. Tuguegarao, Cagayan)

Angadanan (supplied by) ... ... Tomas Senense
Cabagan ... ... ... ... ... ... ... JACINTO DE GUZMAN
Callang (supplied by) ... ... Ambrocio Peniera (P.O. Gamu, Isa)

Cauayan (supplied by) ... ... Felix Valdez
Cordon (supplied by) ... ... Roman Quines
Echague ... ... ... ... ... ... ... RUFINO BLANCO
Salinongan (supplied by) ... ... Rufino Novelonio (P.O. Santiago)
Gamu (supplied by) ... ... Lorenzo Gutierrez
Ilagan ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... CIRIACO INIS

Ilagan, Asst. Pastor (supplied by) ... ... ... Flaviano Pascual
Jones ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Vicente Doles
Mabini (supplied by) ... ... Luis Tuquiero (P.O. Gamu, Isa)
Naguillian (supplied by) ... ... Lorenzo Gutierrez
Oscaris (supplied by) ... ... Simeon Andres (P.O. Santiago)
Reyna Mercedes (supplied by) ... ... Balbino Dulay
Santiago ... ... ... ... ... ... ... MONICO FARALAN
Tumauini ... ... ... ... ... ... ... JACINTO DE GUZMAN

Tumauini, Asst. Pastor (supplied by) ... ... ... Eufemio Directo
Vergonzia (supplied by) ... ... Escolastico Tariga (P.O. Jones)
Malleg Valley (supplied by) ... ... Godofredo Eustaquito (P.O. Tumauini)

WOMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

W. F. M. S. Missionary, to be supplied.
Concha Balauag, Circuit Deaconess North End, P.D. Naguillian.
Mercedes Santiago, Circuit Deaconess, South End.
Cabagan and San Pablo ... ... Andrea de la Cruz (P.O. Cabagan)
Echague and Angadanan ... ... Angustia Guzman (P.O. Echague)
Ilagan ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Elnora Andres
Ilagan Kindergarten ... ... Elnora Andres
Reyna Mercedes and Naguillian Matilde Salvador (P.O. Reyna Mercedes)
Santiago ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Mercedez Santiago
Tumauini ... ... ... ... ... Marciana Guzman

Nueva Vizcaya District

MARIANO L. GINES, Superintendent, P.O. Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya

District Missionary ... ... ... ... ... ... HERBERT J. RILEY, (P.O. Tuguegarao, Cagayan)

Aritao (supplied by) ... ... ... Andres Tuquiero
Bambang ... ... ... ... ... ... ... FELIX P. ILAN
Bayombong ... ... ... ... ... ... ... MARIANO L. GINES
Balete .......................... To be supplied
Bintawan (supplied by) ........ Agatón Ambrosio
Dupax .......................... ADRIANO CABOTAJE
Kongkong ........................ To be supplied
Lamo ............................ ADRIANO CABOTAJE
Lantap (supplied by) ........... Agustin Marañón
Medew and Cayappa ............. To be supplied
Murong, Bagabag (supplied by) Segundo Gutierrez
Pinappagan (supplied by) ..... Domingo Jose
Santo Domingo .................... FELIX P. ILAN
Santa Fe- Immugan .............. To be supplied
Solano ........................... TOMAS ALTAMERO
Tuao, Bagabag (supplied by)  Agustin Marañón

WOMEN'S APPOINTMENT

W. F. M. S. Missionary, P.O. Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya
Girls' Dormitory .................. Wilhelmina Erbst
Circuit Deaconess Aritao-Santa Florentina Mappala
Fe-Immugan ......................... Manuela Lodivico
Solano (supplied by) ............... Francisca Aquino
Bayombong ........................ Alfonsa Arcangel
Lingayen Training School ..... Consolacion Ilan
Diadi, Bagabag ............ Honorata Rebolloedo
Bambang ....................... Modesta Ambrosio
Lamo-Dupax ...................... Victoria Ramirez

Pangasinan East District

ROMAN T. CALICA, Superintendente, P.O. Dagupan, Pangasinan.
District Missionary ............... B. O. PETERSON, (P.O. Lingayen, Pangasinan)

Alcala and Sto. Tomas ............ Teodorica Vidal
Amanperez and Villanueva (supplied by) ........ Eufricio Celestino
Asongan and Bantog ............... CALIXTO GARIBAY
Binalonan (supplied by) ......... Bienvenido O. Refuerzo
Bayambang and Bautista ........ To be supplied
Dagupan .......................... ROMAN T. CALICA
Lazac (supplied by) .............. Dionisio Ladines
Mangaldan and San Fabian ......... MELANIO M. LOREZCO
Malasiqui (supplied by) ......... Domingo de Vera
Pozurrobio, Alibuen, Labayog ..... To be supplied
Rosales and Urdaneta (supplied by) .......... Aquilino Marron
Natividad ........................ EUGENIO FERNANDEZ
San Jacinto and Babassit .... To be supplied
San Manuel (supplied by) ...... Elias Garibay
San Roque (supplied by) ......... Ceriaco Jamamdre
San Nicolas ........................ FULGENCIO JACINTO
San Quintin and Umingan (supplied by) ................. Braulio Lucero
Sta. Barbara (supplied by) ...................... Flaviano Barcena
Tayug ........................................ DOMINO CABACUNGAN
Villasis and Sta. Maria, (supplied by) ............ Gonzalo Castro

WOMEN’S APPOINTMENTS

District Missionary, Lingayen. .................. LEILA V. DINGLE
Pozorrubio ................................. Maria Brazal
San Fabian ....................................... Corazon Bariantos
San Nicolas ....................................... Crescencia Anchita
Tayug ............................................ Encarnacion Castro
Urdaneta ........................................ Maxima Opina
Villasis ......................................... Eulogia Torio

Pangasinan West District

ALEJANDRO VIDAL, Superintendent, P.O. Lingayen, Pangasinan.

District Missionary ....................... B. O. PETERSON, (P.O. Lingayen, Pangasinan)

Agno and Baruan ............................ SILVERIO IGNACIO (P.O. Agno)
Alaminos (supplied by) ............... Rufino Tabiando
Anda, West (supplied by) .......... Abdinago Carolino
Anda, East (supplied by) ............ Domingo Casipit
Anda, North (supplied by) .......... Emitterio Kavada
Anda, South (supplied by) ........... Julio Macadenden
Anda, Awili, Garac, & Sablig
  West (supplied by) ............. Simeon Cuarteron (P.O. Anda)
Bani and Tugui (supplied by) .... Santiago Namoca (P.O. Bani)
Binmaley ................................. Emilio Q. Rosario
Bolinao, center (supplied by) ..... Ignacio Catabay
Bolinao, Binabalian, Guyoden
  and Pilar (supplied by) .......... Edrulfo Gutierrez (P.O. Binaba-
Bolinao, San Roque, Tupa, Ca-
  tudad, and Culayo (supplied by) ... Marcelo Villacorta (P.O. Oboy-
Bukallon and Aguilar (supplied
  by) ........................................ Benigno Javier (P.O. Bugallon)
Burgos and Mabini ................. ILDEFONSO BRAZAL (P.O. Burgos)
Calasiao and Bued .................... MAURO M. JAVIER (P.O. San
Dasol and Infanta ...................... ILDEFONSO BRAZAL
Lingayen, Student and Dialect . CORNELIO FERRER.
Mangatarem (supplied by) ........ Gregorio Veloria
San Carlos ................................. MAURO M. JAVIER
Sual and Labrador (supplied by) .... Francisco Bauzon (P.O. Sual)
Left without appointment to at-
  tend school ............................... JOSE S. BELMONTE

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WOMEN’S APPOINTMENTS

District Missionary, P.O. Lingayen, Pangasinan, Leila V. Dingle.

Townsend Memorial School:

Acting Principal ...... Esperanza Abellera
Teachers:           Martina Cariño
                  Natividad de Leon
                  Eufrocina Bibay
                  Consolacion Ilan
                  Rebecca Belarmino

Lingayen Kindergarten ...... Silvina Paco
Hugh Wilson Hall Jr. ...... Isabel Garcia

Circuit Deaconesses:

Alaminos ............. Transfiguracion Vidal
Anda West, and Bolinao .. Maria Sebrio
Bolinao, Pilar ...... Eunice Carolino
Bugallon ............. Anicia Fernandez
Calasiao ............... Asuncion Bonilla
San Carlos ............... Francisca Cruz
VI. REPORTS

(a) District Superintendents

Cagayan District

JOSE L. VALENcia, Superintendent, P.O. Tuguegarao, Cagayan.

With humility and a deep sense of my limitations, I present to you my first report and account of our work in the Cagayan District.

Allow me, first of all, to express my deep personal appreciation for the fruitful labors of the early pioneers and heroes of our Church in the great Cagayan Valley and for the untiring effort of my predecessors, to whom I am greatly indebted, and who blazed the way of the Gospel with such loyalty and devotion.

Last year, when I was appointed to the District and at the same time pastor of the Tuguegarao Church, I became immediately conscious of my double responsibility and double opportunity of serving my people and my God. I went down on my knees before Him and prayed: "Lord, not mine but thy will be done." He has always been my comfort and strength.

We are deeply grateful for the visit of Bishop and Mrs. Lee with Dr. and Mrs. Tuck shortly after the last Annual Conference in March. They came as true ambassadors of love and good-will. Their Christian lives, their love for our people and their deep interest in and devotion to the work of the Kingdom have always been our inspiration, especially in moments when we meet temptations, difficulties and sufferings under privation and persecution.

We are also grateful for the return of Brother and Mrs. Herbert J. Riley to the Cagayan Valley. It is our deep pleasure to labor with them in the District. Mrs. Riley has been, since their return, our District Domestic Mission Treasurer. Her devotion to the work has been a real comfort and encouragement to our people in their sickness and distresses. Besides being Acting Superintendent of Isabela District, Brother Riley has given much of his time to the promotion of Church-support in the District.

Children's Work: Under the supervision of Miss Armenia Thompson with the cooperation of the Deaconesses and Bible Women, 38 Daily Vacation Bible Schools were conducted with a total enrollment of 1108 children. There were 8 Junior Leagues with a total enrollment of 245 children.

Young People's Work: The work among young people has been stressed. There were seven Epworth League Societies with a total membership of 180.

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The Epworth League Institute was held in Tuguegarao from December 26th to 30th inclusive. There were more than 80 enrolled delegates in spite of floods that visited the District. The Institute was a great spiritual blessing to the young people. We are thankful for the wonderful way Miss Hazel Davis and Brother Felisberto V. Cabotaje helped to deepen their faith in God to broaden their vision for Christian service among their fellowmen.

Sunday Schools: There are 38 organized Sunday Schools with 1875 scholars. In many of the Churches, Sunday Schools need to be improved.

Work Among Women: The work among women has been very gratifying. The women have for some time been raising funds for our missionary work in Calayan. Eleven Women's Societies were active during the year. Their members met once a month for fellowship and Stewardship and Bible study.

Regional Workers' Meetings: Three Regional Workers' Meetings were held at different times in Sanchez Mira, Dugo and Tuguegarao. Besides the workers, the officers and laymen of the Churches were urged to attend. In all the three places, there were more than 200 in attendance. In these meetings, we grappled in forum methods with some of the important aspects of Church and Community life. The Church and the Kingdom of God in the Community occupied the centre of our thinking and deliberations. These forums have greatly helped our people and workers in knowing their duties, privileges and responsibilities as Christian workers and members of the Church.

Conferences: In all our Quarterly Conferences, the duties and responsibilities of every Church officer were explained. It was also made plain to our people that an Exhorter's or Local Preacher's License is issued only as a recognition by the Church that the recipient is worthy of such a License and all its implications.

Our first District Conference was held in Tuguegarao from January 25th to 29th inclusive. It was one of real fellowship and spiritual inspiration and uplift. The Reverend Severino Cordero, one of our veteran ministers, stirred our souls and thrilled our hearts with his deeply spiritual messages out of his long and rich personal experiences as a loyal and faithful servant of the Lord. Mr. Samuel Catli, Secretary of the Philippine Committee of Christian Education, also lifted our souls to the throne of everlasting grace. We are deeply grateful for their presence.

Evangelism: We did not hold special evangelistic meetings during the year. However, we stressed that the local Church itself should carry on an effective evangelism through its services of worship, the Sunday School, the Epworth and Junior Leagues, the Women's Club and the Prayer Meeting. Emphasis was placed on the importance of family worship and of corporate and individual witness in the community by the members, believing that each must be himself or herself an evangelist.

State of the Church: In the midst of trials and temptations, of manifold conflicting interests and of rampant vices that are sucking the vitality of their slaves, the Church stands as a spiritual light house continually giving its light to the slaves of ignorance, superstition, vice and sin in the hope that these may take that light
to guide them on their way. I am happy to state that, generally, there is a high moral and spiritual tone in the lives of our workers and people. Our constituencies have been working with utmost care to improve their budgets and to better their giving. The Church treasurers' books were audited twice by our District Auditor and great improvements have been noted.

There are ten Churches located in community centers and 22 in the barrios. The District is more than two thirds rural and the major part of our work is still pioneering.

Our Workers: Our Pastors, Deaconesses, Bible Women and Nurses are heroes of the faith and loyal to their calling. Their sacrifices are immeasurable. In the midst of sickness and sorrows, they carried on the work with courage. Three Deaconesses and one Bible Woman shouldered pastoral responsibilities with heroism. One of our number, Pastor Pedro Arago, went to his eternal rest last July 5th. Brother Arago was one of the most efficient, courageous and dependable pastors; and his passing is a great loss to the Church and the work of the Kingdom.

Institutions: The Methodist Girls' Dormitory under the supervision and management of Miss Armenia Thompson and Miss Olympia Taguba has a total of 24 boarders and residents. Last vacation, it was repaired and improved.

The Community Hospital and Clinic, under the management and supervision of Miss Anna Carson, has been a great blessing to our workers and to the members and friends of the Church.

We are grateful for these Institutions, because of what they are contributing to the deepening of the spiritual life of our people. They help much in breaking down prejudices, ignorance and superstition.

New Buildings and Improvements: Considerable improvements were made to the Mission House in Tuguegarao, the parsonages in Santor, Afusing, Aparri and Bidduang. New parsonages were built in Dugo and Isca. The chapels in Sanchez Mira, Balingit, Bidduang, Paruddun Norte, Lapogan, Tallang and Madderulug were repaired and improved. The New Chapel in Gattaran Centro was dedicated last November 6th by our Mission Superintendent, Dr. Tuck. The chapels in Bangan and Abulug were transferred to better locations and were renewed and enlarged. New chapels in Calayan, Aparri, Buguey, Isca and Lallo are under construction.

Needs: We have many needs, but our greatest need now is for more workers. The churches in Calayan, Buguey, Payagan, Gonzaga, Masical, Dodan, Solana, Tuao and Rizal are clamoring for pastors. Some of the circuits are too big for one pastor to work alone and they are also asking for new ones.

Summary: In summing up the accomplishments of the year, we report the following:

- New Members received .................................. 138
- Number of Sunday Schools .................................. 38
- Member of Scholars .................................. 1875
- Members of Senior Epworth League ......................... 180
- Members of Junior Epworth League ......................... 245
- Number of New Churches .................................. 3
- Number of New Parsonages .................................. 2

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Pastoral Support .................................. 2482.06
Deaconess or Bible Woman's Support .......... 970.47
District Superintendent's Support ............... 54.13
Bishop's Support .................................. 10.16
Total Ministerial Support ......................... 3516.82
Domestic Mission .................................. 74.72
Raised for Benevolences .......................... 23.58
Raised for Hospital ................................ 12.66
Raised for Other Purposes ......................... 29.52

Conclusion: In conclusion, Mrs. Valencia and I wish to express our deepest gratitude to all the members and to our co-laborers for their sympathetic understanding and cooperation, and for the sympathetic counsel of all of our friends. With you, we look forward to another year of service in the vineyard of the Lord to whom we daily go for comfort, guidance, peace and strength; and to whom we give all glory and honor.

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Ilocos Sur District

BENITO TOVERA, Superintendent, P.O. Vigan, Ilocos Sur.

During this Conference year we find our souls blessing the Lord for loading us with benefits. O, come let us sing unto the Lord a new song for He hath done marvelous things.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools were conducted by 47 teachers in 16 different places 686 children received religious instruction during two weeks. An Epworth League Convention was held during the latter part of May and during the Christmas season an institute was held. More than 100 young people attended these special gatherings specially prepared for them. Bible institutes were held in Narvacan and Bauguen during the month of October. In conjunction with these institutes Spiritual Retreats were also held. The pull of His own perfection was felt within our souls. “The tablelands of God are high enough for our vantage.” Our Sunday School Convention was held during the latter part of November. About 200 people came to learn more of His ways of rearing up the lambs and caring for the sheep. For the ensuing year the Convention set aside again P25.00 as an aid for evangelistic work.

The Domestic Mission and the Women’s Clubs in the different congregations have given their share for the support of our work. More than 300 pesos were raised to help meet urgent needs.

The parsonage at Narvacan is completed. The basement is fixed for a Children’s Department. The spacious Children’s Department at Candon was fixed and is being used as a temporary parsonage. A pump well has been dug. The parsonage at San Esteban has been enlarged and a pump well was also installed. Two new parsonages were built, one in Palacapac and another one in Babaywan. The Children’s Department is this place was rebuilt. Two new Children’s Department have been built, one in Banayoyo and the other one in Capariaan. The construction of the chapel at Galimuyog is going on. The tower of the church at Sevilla will soon be finished. The big stone church at Bauguen is nearing completion. Our chapel at Calaoaan is completed. New benches are
put therein and also in Banayoyo church. Four new very nice pulpits have been donated to the churches.

Dudley Hall under Miss Lara is continuing her motherly care over the girls who live therein during their High School years in Vigan. Together with the ministry of the Vigan Student Church the moral and spiritual uplift of the young people within their reach is being taken care of.

Some of our loyal and faithful co-workers have passed away and are with their Lord. Some of our pastors and their families and some deaconesses and Bible women suffered also very much sickness. Pastor Cenon Cacutan suffered the most. But the good Lord had compassion to us all when He saw that our “couches have been watered by our tears.” We are grateful for the kind medical attention of Dr. Julian. For our dental troubles we owe relief to Dr. Barcelona. Dr. Julian is anxious to turn his clinic to the District Conference. A Committee was appointed during the District Conference to arrange the necessary details for the ultimate transfer of this worthy enterprise to the District.

Our pastors and their families, the deaconesses and Bible women have all been faithful in their ministries. In spite of some sufferings and privations and tribulations they stood firm. Our missionaries, Miss Hazel Davis and Dr. and Mrs. Peterson have done what they could to help us in our work. Pastor Cordero, though retired is as active as when he was in the effective relationship. The secret of this fidelity is, we love His Kingdom and His Church above all.

Evangelistic campaigns were held in nearly all the pastoral charges. As a result 115 were converted and joined the Church, (a net gain of 84). 137 children were also baptized. We believe that only “the ethical and evangelistic ideals” of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ can truly transform and save a man.

Our brethren responded gladly to our stewardship campaign. They gave for pastoral support (including house rent valued at P660) P3420.00; for the deaconesses and Bible women for board and other gifts P840.00; for the District Superintendent P188.40; for the Episcopal fund P11.40, a total of P4459.80. They also gave for Domestic Mission and Women's Clubs about P800.00, for Madras P21.40, for Retired preachers P13.95, for Benevolences P14.95, for buildings and improvements P2485.00, and for other purposes P798.00, a grand total of P8093.00 or P427.36 more than last year.

We are deeply grateful for the visit of our very kind Bishop Lee, of Dr. E. E. Tuck our considerate Mission Superintendent, Mr. W. W. Reid a very active layman, representing the Board of Foreign Missions, Dr. E. C. Sobrepeña and his co-workers in the Federation of Evangelical Churches in the Philippine Islands. Their timely visits and their up-to-date messages have brought encouragement.

Abcur 300 people attended our District Conference which was held at San Esteban during the first part of January. Representative laymen addressed the Conference on vital subjects. We praise the Lord for giving us Atty. Nabong, a Christian gentleman, a generous supporter of the Church and a loyal follower of the Master. His utterances are powerful. His messages ought to be heeded by our constituency. A comprehensive, well prepared program for the ensuing year was unanimously adopted by the Conference. For the
deep devotion found in the souls of all our co-workers and brethren, for their sympathetic and understanding hearts, for their abounding and true love and for their daily prayers and supplications in our behalf, Mrs. Tovera and I are greatly strengthened. We will work to our utmost ability and thus help in the fulfillment and realization of the vision of the prophet Habakkuk 2:14, "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

In conclusion we quote the beautiful lines written by Francis R. Havergal:

"Take my will and make it Thine;
    It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
    It shall be thy royal throne."

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Isabela District

HERBERT J. RILEY, Acting Superintendent, P.O. Tuguegarao,
Cagayan.

Upon our arrival from the United States last June I was informed that I was to serve as acting Superintendent of the newly created Isabela district during the absence of the Rev. and Mrs. Ciriaco Inis who had been appointed to work and study in Manila for the year. Fortunately Brother Inis was able to visit most of the congregations during the months of April and May which gave the district a good start for the year's work.

A district meeting was held in Ilagan the middle of July which afforded us an opportunity to confer with the pastors and women workers about their work and that brought much profit and inspiration to all of us. An itinerary was arranged for me to visit the congregations of the district so that I could become better acquainted with each circuit. This was accomplished within a few weeks through the fine cooperation of pastors, women workers and church members throughout the large territory that comprises this rapidly growing district.

I am convinced after my experience in Isabela the past months that there is no part of our Methodist Area where the work of the Church is going to grow as rapidly during the next few years as in this Province. Thousands upon thousands of people from the Ilocos Provinces, Pangasinan, Tarlac and Nueva Ecija are pouring into this land of opportunity. This presents an unprecedented opportunity and responsibility to our Church for not only evangelizing the newcomers who have broken away from old traditions and surroundings but also in ministering to the spiritual and moral needs of our own Protestant members who are moving into Isabela from the central Provinces.

Despite serious sickness in some of the homes of workers, poor support and other hardships our pastors and women workers have been faithful and thoroughly consecrated to their Divine calling in Christ. Because of the devotion, vision and love that these pastors, deaconesses and Bible women have demonstrated the lives of hundreds of children and adults have been enlightened and transformed through the saving power of the Christ and His Divine Way of life.
A distressing situation and yet a most challenging one in this district is the fact that there are constantly increasing numbers of new barrios where members of the evangelical Church live and where they are asking for pastors and women workers to come and organize congregations. Unfortunately we cannot comply with many of these requests because we do not have enough workers to send or the financial means to support new work. This is indeed a challenge to our young people to offer their lives for Christian service and to our church members to give better support to the Domestic Mission.

I have always had a high regard for the leadership of our women workers but my experience this year has convinced me more than ever how valuable and indispensable these splendidly trained and consecrated women are to the Church.

Reports indicate that Isabela district leads in children's and young people's work as a result of the splendid success of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools and the Annual Epworth League Institute. The following facts give concrete evidence of some of the accomplishments made possible through the cooperation of pastors, women workers and the loyal and active members of the local congregations: 8 new chapels were built at a total cost of P822.00; P2,885.00 was contributed for pastoral support and 196 new members were added to the membership of the churches.

At our district conference held in Tumauini last month very encouraging reports were made that give great hope and promise for the future of our work in Isabela. We are greatly encouraged as we look forward to the return of Brother Inis to the district this coming year and with the closer supervision that he will be able to give we expect increasing success in the future.

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Nueva Vizcaya District

MARIANO L. GINES, Superintendent, P.O. Bayombong, N. Vizcaya

A week after the Annual Conference last year Bishop and Mrs. Edwin F. Lee in company with Dr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Tuck had a flying visit to Nueva Vizcaya district. During their short but encouraging visit the Bishop placed the corner stone of this church building wherein we are now holding the conference. The laying of the Corner Stone was a great occasion of spiritual power and enthusiasm that spread throughout the district. The letters of Dr. E. E. Tuck are sources of fatherly advices and encouragement.

The work of our church building in Bayombong has been continuous until we accomplished such as you now see. We began laying the foundation on June 20, 1937. The total expenditure of this building up to this time amounts to over P4,500. This building is the standing manifestation of the living faith of the members in Bayombong. It is the dream of missionaries like Dr. and Mrs. B. O. Peterson, Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Riley and others who supervised this section of the country. It is one of God's answers to the prayers of former pastors and women workers and members who composed the Bayombong Congregation in the early days of Methodism.
The congregation that is shouldering this burden is composed of around forty-five families and a great number of students coming from different towns of Nueva Vizcaya and Isabela. The contribution of our members, friends, and sympathisers is ₱2,100. We need some more money to finish this church building and I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to those who contributed for the Church Building fund.

Our district gatherings—On the last week of September we had a Workers Conference at Lamo, Dupax. It was our way to plan our work for the ensuing year and work our plan. Our co-workers realize more and more the need of climbing the hill of fellowship and see the district through the eyes of God.

It is highly gratifying to see the esteem and honor in which all pastors and women workers are held. We give thanks unto the Lord for those sacrificial servants of the Holy Church.

Self-support—Our members are realizing more and more the need and joy of giving. They give what they have in the form of rice, vegetables, meat, coconuts, or money in cash. Many of our pastors did not get what they expected to receive; however, the sacrifices and spiritual insight of our dependable members served as inspiration and encouragement to push the church work in preaching God’s words for the salvation of mankind. They have been willing to suffer and share with their members their sorrows and joys. Each of them wears on his brow the resplendent laurel of duty well done.

Our women workers have been servicable, sympathetic and cooperative. Miss Erbst labors with them their burden and insight for more active service.

We held revivals in various places altho they were greatly hindered by frequent rains. However, considerable interest was shown. The spirit of God was manifested and members came to the altar and prayed. Throughout the district the church work has shown commendable and marked progress. The future is bright.

The district approved the use of the little book “The Upper Room” as our family guide in our homes. An urgent appeal was registered by the district that earnest prayers be made by the church in order that our hearts be humbled and the world may be brought penitent and contrite to the cross for salvation.

Under the motherly care of Miss F. Mappala, there are over thirty residents of the Methodist Dormitory for girls. These residents are active in our church affairs. The Gray Stone Chapel with Miss W. Erbst as Bible teacher is filled with students hungry for God’s words every Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The Young People’s Christmas Institute for both Nueva Vizcaya and Isabela provinces was held in Santiago, Isabela. We had a very great attendance and splendid fellowship among the young people. The success of this Institute was due to our regional secretary, Mr. D. Pableo and the Epworth League presidents. There were stimulating discussions on self-support and other subjects.

During the year I had the privilege to give lectures to the trainees. From time to time I gave Bible talks at the Bayombong Cadre twice a week and the trainees have shown interest to the Bible classes. We had a regular attendance of 125.
Mr. Zosimo Rosal, our Sunday School teacher and Provincial Auditor, gladly audits all the church financial records and this insures correct and accurate records.

Our District Conference was held in Bambang. The reports of our loyal and faithful co-workers were interesting. Our total converts are 260, net gain 231: ministerial support P2645.00; domestic mission P99; church improvements P3672.

Our district missionaries, Miss W. Erbst, Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Riley and Miss Anna Carson, our visitor at this District Conference, inspired the people very much. Mrs. Gines and I express our appreciation for the cooperative spirit of all our co-workers in the district. Whatever we have accomplished, it is the honor and glory of God.

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Pangasinan East District

ROMAN T. CALICA, Superintendent, P.O. Dagupan, Pangasinan.

With a deep sense of humility I make this report.

After two weeks of recuperation from suffering of fatigue and exceptional strain caused by entertaining about 300 delegates and visitors to our last Annual Conference, we had a Good Will Conference in March 20-22nd at Binalonan for prayer, meditation, consultation mapping and planning. All ministers, Pastors, women workers, parsonage ladies, some prominent active lay members of our new District were invited to attend that Conference. After great deliberation and much asking of Him who gave us wisdom and understanding, the following objectives were discussed and followed after. The reorganization of the D.M.S., the Sunday School Association, the coordination of some activities, Bible, Epworth League, and Junior League Institutes, the organization of the Ladies Aid Society, the appointment of District Stewards and Evangelization.

The Clergy and the membership of the District mastered our forces in order to carry on in detail our sought objectives. The whole District under the leadership of our consecrated and self-sacrificing Pastors and coworkers has pledged its cooperation. The hearty and brainy cooperation of our beloved Dr. and Mrs. B. O. Peterson and Miss Leila V. Dingle has lifted us to a higher plane of duty and service. If there is anything good that has been accomplished, it has been done only because of the beautiful union we have had at the outset. We pulled each other, worked together, each prayed and in group we lifted up our voices and in unison we suffered gladly.

As Pastor of a growing Congregation I have had to devote three weeks in feeding the sheep and directing the completion of the Parsonage and of the Church. Four week-days were set aside in writing Pastoral letters, administration, supervision, house to house visitation, evangelization, attending Bible, Epworth and Junior League Institutes, one month teaching to the Extension School, and held two quarterly conferences of each of 30 congregations. Under the leadership of our loving and energetic Miss Dingle and with the cooperation of the women workers the D.V.B.S. was in full swing
the first two months of our Annual Conference Calendar. There were 12 schools with a enrollment of 658; 316 of these are catholic children 289 accepted Jesus as their Friend and Saviour; and offering of P14.00 and registration fee of P20.00.

We put more emphasis on the religious education and conversion of the children and the youth and the result is very gratifying. Their love and tact in handling children coupled with devotion to their task resulted in 51 Junior Leagues with an enrollment of 1542. We have considered and played for the evangelization and enlisting the youth of our church and outside the church. There are eight active working chapters of the League with an enrollment of 200. Our goal for this year is to organize a chapter in every congrega- tion. There were 74 youth who attended the Epworth League conven- tion at Taguig last December. We are grateful for the presence and the inspiring addresses of Drs. Peterson, Tuck, More, Mr. Supervising Teacher Pastor. and the Principal of the High School Mr. Manuel. Rev. Ferrer of Lingayen our dean and our host Pastor Rev. Cabacungan are to be congratulated for their masterly well planned and orderly activities of the Institute.

One feature of the Institute this year was the daily Herald edited by Rev. Lorenzo. I witnessed and heard the oration delivered by my son, whom I have prayed for and dedicated to the ministry. I was the proudest father on that night for the joy of hearing the announcement that the first address of that boy won in the oratorical contest. He was recommended to go to Seminary and to be assigned as supply Pastor.

A Bible Institute in conjunction with the Junior League Institute was held in San Nicolas during the month of October for eight days. The program was well planned and carried out by Rev. E. Fernandez and Miss Liela V. Dingle both deans of the Institute. There were 120 enrollments. A Galilean service was held on the bank of the Agno river, and at the last night of the Institute a consecration service was held when the invitation was extended 18 youth and old age came for baptism.

In the last six days of the month of January, 147 registered delegates came to Binalonan to attend to our first District Conference, Domestic Mission, and Sunday School Conventions. Here are some of the “high lights” in the Conference. The addresses given by Ministers, Missionaries, Educators, Lawyers, Doctors, Nurses, business men and women and Military man gripped the audience. The Nabor plan was edifying and well received with great enthusiasm. Of late I have received letters of commendation and the reaction caused by these men and women of God is bearing fruit.

New members received 386; 98 of which were received by Rev. Garibay of Asingan.

Support given only to the Pastors P2429.00, an increase of P709.00. Support and board for women workers P1493.00, a decrease of P20.00. The reason is obvious. Three circuits did not have women workers this year. Support for the Superintendent P71.00. Improvement and repairs for Church and Parsonages P2438.00, an increase of P962.00. Domestic Mission collections given to the District fund P283.00 an increase of P198.00.

Three parsonages were built this year, that of Asingan, San Nicolas, and San Roque.
Dagupan, Binalonan, Pozorrobio, San Manuel parsonages were repaired and improved. Dagupan, Lawak, San Quintin, Tayug, Villanueva, and Banawang churches and chapels were improved and repaired.

We fought like David, we suffered as good soldiers of the Cross, and we shall say with the great Paul "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, things are honest, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report. If there by any virtue, and if there be any praise, Think on these things."

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Pangasinan West District

ALEJANDRO VIDAL, Superintendent, P.O. Lingayen, Pangasinan

In the beginning of this report I wish to give my thanks to our Heavenly Father for his help and guidance during the District though we had many trials and some problems in the District, the Almighty God had given us patience and endurance to continue the work He intrusted to us, so we come once more to give a short account of our work in Pangasinan West District.

INSTITUTES. Not long after the Annual Conference we held the Bible Institute in the town of Burgos. All the Pastors, Local Preachers, Exhorters and women workers attended this institute. The Inter-District Evangelistic Institute was held in Lingayen in the month of June and was attended by women workers from different Districts. A Junior League Institute was held in the town of Bani, in the month of October, under the guidance of the District Missionary, Miss Leila V. Dingle. All the Deaconesses, Bible Women and other women workers attended this Institute.

CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCE. In spite of many trials and troubles in the District, the conventions of the Sunday School Association, Domestic Mission and District Conference were held in the town of Bolinao. The conference recommended two candidates to be received on trial by the Annual Conference one for Local Deacon ordination; three candidates to be trained as Bible Women five as Nurses; four as new Local Preachers and twenty-four as new Exhorters.

In the first night of the District Conference was the installation and graduation of nine Local Preachers and ten Exhorters who had finished their courses in the Bible Institute. They were given Diplomas. All the workers enjoyed the Conventions and Conference because of the fine spirit of fellowship.

CONSTRUCTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. A chapel was erected in the barrio of Pilar, Bolinao, and a parsonage was erected in the town of San Carlos. Strong materials are being used, and the total expenses of chapel and parsonage was P300.00. The churches in Agno, Alaminos, Anda, Tondol, Bolinao, Tugui, Bani, Dasol, Lingayen, Calasiao and the parsonages in Bugallon, Lingayen and Mangatarem were improved at the total expense of P1,532.

EXTENSION BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL. The Extension Bible Training School in Lingayen had a very happy and successful year, and the success is due to the industrious and full-of-patience
Missionary, Dr. B. O. Peterson and his diligent faculty members. There were twenty-five (25) supply Pastors from different Districts attended this school this year.

THE MARY BROWN TOWNSEND MEMORIAL TRAINING SCHOOL. The Mary Brown Townsend Memorial Training School had a successful year, and the credit of the success is due to the acting principal teacher, Miss Esperanza Abellera and her loyal faculty members. There were twenty-one Bible women studying, and thirteen of them graduated this year. Now, they are willing to go anywhere for service. Their towns and districts are waiting for their return.

DORMITORIES. Two years now we have two dormitories in Lingayen, One, for boys and one for girls. Boys and girls in these dormitories like very much the lovely management of Miss Isabel Garcia, so they are increasing in number every year.

KINDERGARTEN. The Kindergarten in Lingayen is also very successful this year, and the success is due to the active, industrious and lovely teacher, Miss Silvina Paco.

SELF-SUPPORT AND MEMBERSHIP. The ministerial support received during the year, was P3136. The total amount raised for all other purposes is P1890. Support is the problem in Pangasinan West District this year; two of our pastors stopped preaching and became teachers of the public school.

The children and adults baptized during the year were 318. New members received were 138.

DONATION. Three years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Modesto Ignacio, father of Pastor Silverio Ignacio, donated a fish pond, situated in the barrio of Tugui, municipality of Bani containing an area of 3,271 square meters more or less. This year, Mr. and Mrs. Modesto Ignacio donated again a piece of rice field, or a parcel of land situated in the same barrio of Tugui, Bani, containing an area of 1790 square meters, more or less. So we must give them our thanks and appreciation because of this gift and love to our work specially in the town of Bani, Pangasinan.

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(b) Standing Committees and Boards

DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

The committee recommends the following:

1. That each local congregation should have a Domestic Mission society.

2. In each church there should be at least one person selected to be responsible in interesting the people in raising money for the Domestic mission.

3. The District Missionary should cooperate with the District Superintendent and Domestic Mission Treasurer of the District.

4. That every local church should adopt systematic means of raising the funds of the Domestic Mission.

5. That a copy of these recommendations be sent to each District Superintendent or the District Mission Treasurer.

JOSE BELMONTE
Chairman
BOARD OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS

We recommend that the Annuity rate for the year 1939 be fixed at $7.00 per year of effective service.

We recommend that in adopting this rate no minister or widow receive less than they received in 1937.

Accordingly the following are recommended to receive allowances this year 1939 as follows:

1. Severino Cordero .................................. $182.00 a year.
2. Mrs. Felipe Marquez ................................. $126.00 a year.
3. Mrs. Mariano Raguindin ............................ $ 84.00 a year.

B. O. PETERSON
Chairman

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Felisberto V. Cabotaje

Two special appointments were entrusted to me this past year, namely as Secretary of Sunday School Boards and Instructor at Union Theological Seminary. Besides I have been representing our Church in the P.C.C.E. as a member of the Executive Committee, and then as a member of the staff of the Board of Ministerial Training School.

My relationship with the Seminary has afforded me the intimate association with many of our leaders and future ministers. This friendly association is proving valuable in effecting our program of Religious Education. It was also an opportunity to teach at Union College where I contacted more students than in the Seminary. Character building is implied in Christian training. On this basis, I served the Union College which emphasizes that noble aim.

Extensive trips have been made throughout our Methodist area. The major activities I attended were the following: three D.V.B.S. held at Ilocos Sur, Nueva Ecija, and Manila; five Sunday-School Conventions held at Bataan, Zamboas, East Pangasinan, Nueva Vizcaya and Manila; five district Conferences held at West Pangasinan, Nueva Vizcaya, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, and Manila; the leadership Institutes held at Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, and Manila; two Epworth League Institutes held in Cagayan and Nueva-Vizcaya-Isabela; and extensive Evangelistic service in Ilocos Sur District; and a three-Week-Ends Epworth League Institute in Manila district during the middle of the year.

We should be happy to note the steady increase of our Sunday School work for the last three years. Our Journals record the following accomplishment in the two Annual Conferences:

In 1936, we had 29,856 Sunday School members.
In 1937, we had 31,393 Sunday School members.
In 1938, we had 31,685 Sunday School members.

Equally inspiring is the continued increase in Epworth League membership. In 1936 we had 4,747 members.
1937 we had 4,987 members.
1938 we had 5,056 members.
This advance in the work has not been accomplished without the active cooperation of many co-workers. I am taking this opportunity therefore in expressing my deepest gratitude to our good workers. I reiterate my appreciation to the Young People's Societies of the districts of Muncie Indiana, Central Pennsylvania, and Baltimore Maryland, for their enthusiastic cooperation in terms of financial, moral and spiritual support.

Recommendations:

The Recommendations as printed in full in the Conference Journal for 1938, page 59, (with slight modifications) are repeated as a basis for a working program.

COMMITTEE ON SELF-SUPPORT AND BENEVOLENCES

Your committee recommends the following:

1. To develop the spiritual life of the people.
2. It should be the Pastor's responsibility to lead in the financial program of the Church.
3. To develop sources of income for self-support.
   a. Sunday School collections.
   b. Church service offerings.
   c. Personal pledges in cash and in kind.
   d. Church gardens and parsonage poultry. Permanent fruit trees should be planted near parsonages.
   e. Tithes and offerings.
4. That the system of every Sunday giving for self-support be made a standard part of the Sunday morning program following the church service by:
   a. Church Treasurer and Financial Secretary listing in a substantial record book the giving for the financial program of the church.
   b. The members and friends of the Church are requested to bring their pledges to the Church each Sunday.
   c. That in the life of the homes of the members be instructed to set aside at each meal some portion of rice toward self-support.
5. That the pastor encourage the self-support program by:
   a. Regular visitation in the homes of the members and friends.
   b. Honest reporting of every gift in cash and in kind received.
6. That every Methodist Christian, in reference to the letter of attorney Juan Nabong to the lay conference, be a regular supporter of the church. We also insist that every local church shall have 100% supporters.
7. That a budget system presented by the cabinet will be applied in all local churches. (See Journal 1938, page 75,76).

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Recommendations:

1. That all courses and schools for Ministers be related to and under the supervision of the Board of Ministerial Training.
2. That there should be one Ministerial Training School for the
two Annual Conferences to be held in Manila on May 16-30,
1939.

3. That Jose Valencia, Felisberto V. Cabotaje, Joseph W. Moore
be constituted as a committee to meet with a similar commit-
tee of the Philippine Annual Conference to arrange the School
of Ministerial Training and to make assignments of courses
to instructors.

4. That there should be held in every district a Dialect school for
Accepted Supply Pastors. The responsibility rests upon the
District Superintendent who shall cooperate with the Board
in the supervision of the school. The District School should
report to the Board.

5. That B. O. Peterson, Felisberto V. Cabotaje, Ramon T. Calica
be appointed a committee of three to meet with a similar com-
mittee for exhorters and local preachers and also the courses
of study in the Extension Bible Training School.

6. That the responsibility for completing the work rests upon the
students, and that the School shall be a review period.

7. That examinations for admission on trial to the Annual Con-
fERENCE conducted under the Bible Extension Institute be ac-
cepted as fulfilling the requirements of the Board of Minis-
terial Training, and that said examinations be submitted to
and graded by the duly appointed examiners of the Board of
Ministerial Training in any case where they are given by any
person not an examiner of the Board of Ministerial Training.

8. That one of the requirements for admission on Trial shall be
High School graduation until 1940, when this requirement
shall be raised to two years of study of College grade. An
exception may be made for any unusually qualified man who
has graduated from the Extension Bible Training School and
is recommended to the Board of Ministerial Training by the
Director of the School.

9. That all required work of any student in the Conference Course
of Study must be completed the day before the opening of
the Annual Conference.

10. That a graduate course of study be provided for men who have
completed the Conference Course of Study. In realizing this
project, a Loan Library under the supervision of Don W.
Holter might be created, and that this Loan Library might
be the stepping stone toward that Graduate Course of Study.

11. That there should be created a Loan Library Club in connection
with Union Theological Seminary. Each member of the club
should make a deposit of six pesos to cover mailing expenses.

12. That the Board of Ministerial Training request the Administra-
tion and the Board of Trustees of Union Theological Semina-
ry to open a Summer School for ministers.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. The spirit of giving be taught to the children at every oppor-
tunity.
2. The children be daily guided and encouraged to read their Bibles and in order to do this parents should provide their children with Bibles.

3. Sunday observance should be strictly observed. The day should be kept Holy.

4. Good literature should be placed in every home of members and the children should be discouraged from reading questionable papers and magazines.

5. The children should be guided in the selection of playmates and friends. Avoid by all means from falling into bad company.

6. Hearty welcome and great appreciation be shown to members who come regularly and promptly to church services.

7. Clean conversations and only clean jokes be engaged within the homes of the members.

8. The children should be converted. The great need of choosing Jesus as their personal friend should be made heart-felt.

9. “Cleanliness is next to godliness” should be the motto of every homekeeper. The preachers’ wives should be the examples in cleanliness, in speech, in the house, surroundings and their personal appearance.

10. Privacy and ownership should be respected and observed in all homes of our members. Too much familiarity destroys the law of conventionalty and the beauty of home life.

11. Beautification of worship and church buildings be not overlooked more and more.

12. Church libraries should be encouraged.

13. More houses of worship should be the goal of every congregation.

14. Your committee also wishes to speak to the Commonwealth government through the church that vices in all forms should be discouraged by government employees especially the members of our law-making bodies- the national assembly, the municipal and city councils, and our school teachers.

15. Knowing that the recommendations of the same committee last Annual Conference held in Dagupan, Pangasinan, copy of which is found on page 63 in the journal are still binding for this year and even in the years to come, we again reiterate their recommendation and acceptance and action to this conference.

Respectfully submitted,

SERGIO T. GONZAGA

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MINUTES

Your committee on District Conference Minutes received the following Journals: Ilocos Sur, Pangasinan East, Pangasinan West, Nueva Vizcaya, Isabela, and Cagayan and because they have conformed to the necessary requirements they are therefore accepted.

The following have been adopted for your consideration and approval:

1. That our Journals for the ensuing year should have the following order: (1) Officers of the District conference, (2) Boards

2. That each of the following should be provided with a copy of the District Journals: The District Superintendent, the Resident Bishop, the Chairman of the Committee on District Minutes, the District Conference Secretary, and the District as a file.

3. That every District Conference Journal should be properly typewritten and covered with thick Manila Paper.

4. That the minutes of each District should be handed in at the opening of the conference session.

5. For historical record and for future reference of our church each district should have a file of all the minutes since the beginning of Protestantism in the Philippines.

ANICETO U. JERUSALEM  
—for the committee.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Committee recommends the following:

1. Personal preparation is necessary for evangelism or revival meetings, that is, to get right with God; to get right with men we must want evangelism or revival.

2. Advertisement is important in the success of a revival. Make the people know about the meetings and invite them to come. Use every possible way to bring the meetings to the attention of the people.

3. Since quarrelling, hatred, bitterness and vices among church members is sure to bring defeat in an evangelistic meeting, members should put these abominations away among themselves and strive for harmony and unity, and purity, yielding obedience to God submission to His will.

4. That the fitting subjects should be sin, repentance, righteousness, duty, service, the love of God, the Saviourhood of Christ, and the greatness of the Christian life.

5. That the revival sermon should be brief, say, twenty-five or thirty minutes long. It should be strong, clear, direct and deal with fundamental things. In these days it is not so much instruction that people need; the important thing is to create in them a strong motive to make them act on what they already know.

6. That the revival or evangelistic service should come down with the driving power of earnest powerful and expectant prayer; so a large meeting should be held for several weeks in the church before the revival begins.

7. That all the active members who had been in the church meetings before the revival should make a prayer list of those they want to see saved and pray for them daily by name. This would mean that all the prayers offered would be prayers with a definite object.

TOMAS V. LARA  
Chairman
COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCES

Whereas the work of the Church is concerned with the whole of human needs,

Whereas a number of efficient agencies have been organized by the Church to supply those needs,

Whereas those agencies depend for their support on the benevolent spirit of the people,

Whereas the Christian Gospel urges us to do as much for others as we do for ourselves,

It is urgently recommended that the pastors give commensurate attention to the benevolent enterprises such as the funds for Retired Preachers, Retired Local Preachers, Episcopal Fund, Board of Foreign Missions, Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches, American Bible Society, Hospitals, Board of Sunday Schools, and others, through:

1st, those means already employed such as designated days, special programs and collections, and solicited personal gifts,

2nd, more intensified attention to instructing the children and youth through Junior and Epworth League, and in Sunday School classes,

3rd, education of the benevolent spirit of the congregations through attention to the local needs of the localities where the churches are situated, such as help of a practical nature to those in economic need, visiting the sick, helping those who need help with medical attention, operations for serious defects and with helpful and encouraging advice, not forgetting the spiritual needs of the people.

Moreover it is recommended that a list of the benevolent agencies be posted in a prominent place in each church with the date on which a special collection will be taken for them.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Your joint committee on Christian literature has begun a constructive work in the production and distribution of Christian literature, made possible by the income from the Christian literature fund. Financial help has been extended to the production of S.S. literature in Pangasinan, and in Pampanga. We have also cooperated in the publication of the united Tagalog paper, Ang Evangeliko. We have published a pamphlet written by Attorney Juan Nabong, The Problem of Church Finance, in both English and Tagalog and are ready to publish it in Ilocano as soon as a good translation is made. We have printed, beginning on December 1st a monthly daily devotional booklet KASAMA NI JESUS, in Tagalog. This booklet is finding increased favor where pastors and workers seriously undertake its distribution. Special mention should be made of the tireless and careful attention Benjamin Guansing has given to the preparation and production of KASAMA NI JESUS.

We need small tracts on vital Christian themes that can be widely distributed throughout our church. Pastors who can write and who know the needs of our people should be encouraged to produce such material for publication. Your committee is anxious to use the printed page to the best advantage in building up the religious life of our people.

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THE METHODIST BOOK ROOM

Ernest E. Tuck

The Methodist Book Room has had a successful year. The gross sales amounted to a little more than 7000 pesos and the net profit for the year was 323 pesos.

We have sold a good deal of the old stock that was transferred from the Methodist Publishing House two years ago and we now try to keep a small but up-to-date stock of the best religious books and church supplies which cannot be secured elsewhere in the Philippine Islands.

We have handled an increasing volume of Sunday School materials during the past year which have come to us from the United States. We have distributed this to churches and Sunday Schools all over our territory and we are glad to cooperate with all churches which will write to us and tell us their needs and provide the postage or find some other way to get it from the Book Room. With larger cooperation we can distribute even more than we have done in the past.

We appreciate the cooperation of pastors and laymen everywhere. The Methodist Book Room is here to serve you and the churches of these Islands to the limits of its resources but it must maintain itself out of the small profits of its business. We shall appreciate your speaking of our work and our business among your friends and acquaintances.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We come to the close of this, the fourth session of the Philippine North Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which also is the thirty-second annual session since our organization as the Philippine Islands Annual Conference, and the fortieth anniversary of the founding of our work as a Mission in the Philippine Islands, our hearts overflowing with grateful joy, holy pride and zealous hope. Our joy is in the wonderful growth which, under God’s blessing and guidance, our Church has attained to in these forty years of grace. Our pride is in the lively strength of this Church, the godliness of its members, the nobility and sacrificial devotion of its ministers, the lovely graces of its women workers, and the great power for good of its influence in the Nation. Our hope is fixed upon the sure teachings of our Lord that the good tree must bear good fruit, and we shall press forward in that hope to lay hold upon every spiritual gift, to claim every promise, and to enter into every golden opportunity to the end that this opening conference year may mark the beginning of a new epoch worthy of every honorable expectation based upon the achievements of the past forty years.

In recognition of the fortieth anniversary of the opening of distinctive Methodist work in the Philippines by Bishop James M. Thoburn, we call upon all our ministers to unite in effective services to be held in their respective churches commemorating the passing of forty years since that historic occasion when Bishop Thoburn first preached in Manila. Let the story be told throughout our Con-
ference, and in the presence of all who can be gathered together. Let prominent people, not members of our churches, be invited as guests of honor to learn of how our Church has come to be the force for righteousness and progress which it has become. Let no pains be spared in careful preparation for the most impressive and convincing presentation of the message.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK

CLEARLY SHOWN in the reports, along with a wholesome increase in our church membership, is a definite gain in the amount of support raised for our pastors, and for the work of the Church. There has been unusual activity in building and repairing our churches, chapels, parsonages and children's departments. In many places, preparations are in hand for building, rebuilding and repairing, which will be accomplished during the early months of the year. We have a total of twelve new chapels, three new churches, ten new parsonages and five new children's departments,—30 new buildings in all. Certainly this is a new record of building achievement.

It is with a great and unusual thrill that we have seen the notable triumph of our brethren in Bayombong. With unerring intuition, creative imagination and admirable willingness to profit by good counsel and the experience of others, they have accomplished results beyond what had been expected, or believed possible. They have taken the hallowed symbol of our faith, of which the Apostle Paul says, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God" and set it gleaming at the center where it fixes and concentrates the worshipper's meditations upon the central theme of the Christian message, and, in the spirit of reverence and consecration, unifies all the acts of worship, whether of preaching, reading the Word, prayer or song.

We are profoundly stirred by the realization that in this session nine of our brethren have been ordained. Assuredly herein is beheld a marvel of growth, in that only three years following the reorganization of the Philippine Islands Conference into two conferences, it is possible for us to hold an ordination service in which five Deacons and four Elders are added; a service in no wise inferior in impressiveness or numbers than those held when we were but one conference throughout the field.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES

THE REVEREND and Mrs. Herbert J. Riley have been gladly welcomed back to their Cagayan Valley home in our midst, following their year of furlough in the United States. Their abounding friendship and whole-hearted cooperation are an unending source of encouragement and good cheer.

After a prolonged term, Miss Anna Carson, R.N., is soon to depart for a nine-month furlough in the United States. We wish for her a beneficial rest and the best of opportunities to tell friends in America of the progress and needs of our work. The assurance of her plan for returning within the year makes easier to bear the thought of her being absent from us.
THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

TO ALL THOSE who participated in making the program of this conference a means of inspiration and uplift we express our high appreciation. First, to Bishop and Mrs. Edwin F. Lee, for whose ten years of devoted service and leadership we are ever grateful. We again register our sincere affection and loyalty to them, and assure them of our prayers and great interest which will follow them as they go to be in the Uniting Conference of our Church with the Methodist Church South and the Methodist Protestant Church.

We are glad for the presence and active participation of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Tuck, our Mission Superintendent and his wife, who during only two years have entered into so vital a relationship with us that it seems as though they had always belonged here. We welcome them and greet them.

Words fail to convey our sense of high gratitude to the Reverend and Mrs. Mariano L. Gines, whose untiring efforts and excellent preparations have made possible so large a share of the fine success of this conference. Their genius for enlisting the aid of others marks them as among the ablest of our fellow-workers. Especially do we note the success of the musical program presented under their direction. With them, we recognize the helpfulness of the Reverend and Mrs. Herbert J. Riley and Miss Wilhelmina Erbst, the able leadership of Attorney and Mrs. Eleodoro Benitez, and the large body of Bayombong members who have so excellently provided the hospitality for the host of visitors and delegates who have poured in upon them. We also remember the part of our Solano brethren who shared in these responsibilities, especially in their receiving the delegates of the Lay Conference.

WE MOVE ON

SURELY, with so full a realization of temporal and spiritual blessings, we are now greatly strengthened and inspired for the work of the year ahead. In victorious faith we shall move on, ever acknowledging and glorifying our Heavenly Father, and entrusting our ways into His keeping.

Joseph W. Moore

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c Special Committees

RETIRED LOCAL PREACHERS’ FUND

Whereas many of our local preachers as Supply Pastors are doing as conscientious and effective work as is being done by members of Conference.

Whereas the Fund for Retired Preachers is not available for retired Local Preachers.

Whereas the Retired Local Preachers’ Fund is still too small to produce an interest income of substantial amount,

Whereas such income should be made as large as possible in other to provide for the urgent needs of retired Local Preachers,
It is recommended that, besides the means being used at present for the building up of the permanent fund for Retired Local Preachers, the following added means be employed toward enlarging more rapidly this permanent fund:

1st. Solicitation of large gifts from individuals such as donations, legacies and gifts of productive properties.

2nd. Special gifts and donations from individuals and organizations.

It is further recommended that the Permanent Fund be immediately invested in productive projects and that such income will be made available for distribution at the time of the meeting of each Annual Conference, provided that the Mission Treasurer may make such investment in conjunction with other Mission funds subject to investment, in case the Permanent Fund in itself alone is not large enough to invest.

Furthermore it is recommended that a special collection be taken at the time of the meeting of each Annual Conference, preferably at the communion service, which collection will be immediately available for distribution to needy retired local preachers or for emergency needs of local preachers in active service.

DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR LOCAL PREACHERS

Your Committee recommends the following for disposition of the Special Conference Collection for Local Preachers:

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B. O. PETERSON

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MEMORIALS TO THE UNITING CONFERENCE, AT KANSAS CITY, MO.

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WHEREAS, Bishop Edwin F. Lee has administered the work of the church in the Philippines for the past eleven years with sympathetic understanding of our needs and genuine and constant concern for all the interests of our Church:

WHEREAS, he has given special attention to the betterment of the economic, social, moral and spiritual life of our church in these Islands; and,
WHEREAS, from this long contact and study, he understands the problems in the Philippines that affect the life of our Church and Community; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Philippine North Annual Conference and the Philippine North Lay Conference in United Session at Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippine Islands, February 18th 1939, urgently requests and petitions the Uniting Conference of the three Methodist Churches which will convene in Kansas City, Mo. in April 1939 to make definite arrangements for Bishop Lee to continue his efficient administration in the Philippines until such time as the Central Conference of the Philippine Islands shall, in accordance with the Enabling Act of the 1936 General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, decide to elect a bishop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that the Central Conference of the Philippine Islands shall decide not to elect a bishop within this quadrennium in accordance with the Enabling Act of 1936 because it will need to deal with such difficult problems of organization and finance that it needs the careful guidance and sympathetic counsel of Bishop Lee, it is our urgent desire and request to have the said Enabling Act extended for another quadrennium beyond 1940.

II

WHEREAS, the Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet in a Uniting Conference in April, 1939, in Kansas City, Missouri, and,

WHEREAS, we in the Philippine Islands greatly rejoice in the union of these three branches of the Methodist Church, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Philippine North Annual Conference and the Philippine North Lay Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in united session at Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippine Islands, February 18, 1939, express our profound gratitude and deep satisfaction over the consummation of the said union of the three branches of Methodism, and that we offer sincere and solemn prayers to Almighty God for wisdom and guidance in the work of the Uniting Conference as it faces difficult and complex tasks, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pledge our faith in, and genuine loyalty to, the re-united Methodist Church.
(BENEVOLENCES)

(d) ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

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B. O. PETERSON  

Conference Treasurer
(e) Miscellaneous Reports

MISSION SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ERNEST E. TUCK

This is my second annual report as Mission Superintendent. My duties as Mission Treasurer, Manager of the Methodist Book Room and Publishing Agent have taken much time and energy but these are represented in separate reports.

During the past year I have travelled extensively throughout the territory of both Annual Conferences, visiting every district, counselling with district superintendents, missionaries, pastors and workers. I have been in many district and sub-district meetings as well as a number of inter-denominational meetings. I have preached almost every Sunday and made scores of addresses. I attended five of the ten district conferences although these five were held simultaneously, thus necessitating fast and extensive travel.

I have given much attention to property matters as this is, of necessity, one of our major interests. In legal matters we are again deeply indebted to Attorney Juan Nabong, whose devotion and loyalty to the Church is evidenced by his contribution of unceasing and sacrificial services in a score of ways. Mr. Nabong has handled practically all of our legal business and has advised pastors and missionaries on legal matters. We owe him a real debt of gratitude.

Last year I called attention to two important items in our church program calling for special attention, namely church finances and the care of church property. I am glad to say that under the leadership of some of the district superintendents, pastors and laymen, the matter of church finance is receiving careful study. The support of our pastors is still inadequate and churches must increase this support if we are to continue to call and hold strong men in the pastorate. May I again urge upon district superintendents and pastors the necessity for more intelligent planning in this matter. The plain fact is that many of our members, who are able to give, are not giving anything like the amount for the support of the church that they should give. We must create a sound educational program in Christian stewardship if we are going to have a strong, self-supporting and self-propagating church. It has been demonstrated, that if we can get the active cooperation of enthusiastic laymen this matter can be greatly improved.

I am convinced also, that we need to give more careful study to the development of the religious life of our people. They are surrounded by the superficial practice and understanding of religion and many of our members are not well-grounded in the Christian faith. There is a lack even among Christian workers of that inner experience of God which alone can build the Kingdom of God on earth. We simply must develop a strong, intelligent, spiritual foundation if our church is to grow and to serve the people. Too many of our pastors do not recognize this need and so they make little effort to lead constructively in a program that will develop the spiritual life of the members. Many of our churches judged by their statistics, have sufficient membership to move the whole community and yet too often the church in that community lacks any vital influence.

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Our expanding acquaintance with members and Christian workers during the past year has enriched our lives. We have been made glad by the devotion, the courage, the enthusiasm of individual pastors and district superintendents. These men and women are the real hope of the church.


MISSION TREASURER’S REPORT

ERNEST E. TUCK

The Field Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions is commonly known as “The Mission Treasurer” and is responsible for handling all the funds for the Current Work budget, Invested Funds, and all funds received from the Board of Foreign Missions. There is a vast amount of detailed book-keeping in connection with these accounts and we have given careful attention to these matters during the year. All accounts for 1938 have been audited by Certified Public Accounts and their official reports are now in our hands.

The Current work budget for both Annual Conferences is handled as one unified budget and last year amounted to P16,264.17. The principal items of expense were:

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Total                                                | 16264.17

This budget does not include the amounts raised locally for Ministerial Support, Benevolences, Domestic Missions, Buildings, Repairs etc. which appear in the regular Statistical Reports from the various charges and districts.

We have given close attention to the care of the Retired Ministers Fund, the Christian Literature Fund, the Dormitory Trust Fund, the Local Preachers Retirement Fund the Clemens Trust Fund which total more than 170,000 pesos. The safe investment of all of these funds to produce the largest income consistent with safety has taken a good deal of time and work.

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Another special item which was handled through the Mission Treasurer's office was the fund to send a delegate to the International Missionary Council in Madras. Every district, in both Annual Conferences, cooperated in securing a total of Pesos 249.00 for this purpose.

Besides these items a sum of more than P9000.00 was set aside for church and parsonage buildings throughout the two conferences from the sale of un-needed Mission property. This sum has greatly strengthened the work of the church in several important centers.

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MISSIONARY REPORT

B. O. Peterson

During the past year the work of previous years has been followed up in those lines which count for most fruitful and secure progress. In all our efforts we have tried to keep the main objective always before us, the building of character for the kingdom of God and intelligent service therein.

During the last weeks in the month of May the Ministerial Training School took our attention, and for a month in August and September the same kind of effort was given to the Extension Bible Training School. We deeply sense the need of a trained and consecrated leadership in Church. Without such leadership, vision and monumental effort for the building up of the Church of God will wither and die. God entrusts the preaching of the Gospel and the converting of the world to the sacred ministry of preaching. If sinners are not converted and the church constantly renewed by God's grace, it is clear that something is lacking in that ministry. Too great an effort cannot be exerted toward the training of both lay and itinerant preachers. In these days of specialized training in all forms of knowledge it behooves the agencies of the Church to give intensified attention to the preparation of those who are to preach the Word. Where the church becomes languid and fruitless it is easy to trace to the cause. Where the benevolences and support of the work in the congregations run down and starve, it is easy to trace the cause to the kind of ministry we have in the church. In all the efforts put forth in the education of our preachers, this truth must be burned down deep in the heart and life that the preacher must be a man of God living blamelessly in the sight of all, and constantly loyal to the trust placed upon him.

Through the year we have tried to visit the different districts and their pastors and congregations as far as we were able. We have not only preached in the church services and taught in institutes but we have taken time to listen to the kind of preaching that our preachers preach. Nor has the service rendered been one-sided. Often I have been richly blessed by the message of some preacher even in the outlying circuits.

In the Bible Institutes at San Esteban, San Nicolas and Calumpit, in the midyear conferences in Asingan and Guimba, in the Epworth League Institute in Tayug and the Retreat at San Jose, in all the district conferences I have attended I have greatly enjoyed

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my fellowship with the brethren at the same time that I took such part as fitted into the needs of those meetings. A week of evangelistic services was held in Santa Maria, Ilocos Sur, in Tayug and in San Jose, Nueva Ecija.

The life of the individual congregation is the heart of the church. I have greatly enjoyed visiting most of the congregations in the two Pangasinan districts, a number of them in Ilocos Sur and a few in Tarlac.

The District Superintendents have heavy burdens and difficult problems. To secure a sufficient support for the pastors and to keep a live evangelistic program constantly on the move, is not easy. We have sought to share those burdens and to solve those problems through personal touch, through correspondence and in other ways.

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EXTENSION BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

B. O. PETerson, Director

The past year of the Extension Bible Training School has been the best since the course was organized fourteen years ago. More and more students who have finished high school are enrolling in the Extension course. Much more written work has been done by the students during the past year than in any previous year. At the last session of class work from August 18th to September 16th twenty-five students enrolled and twenty-five took the examinations at the close. Of these students 1 had finished 3rd grade in the Public Schools, 5 the 6th grade, 7 were Intermediate Graduates, 2—1st year High School, 4—2nd year, 1—3rd year and 5 were High School Graduates.

High School graduates who attended class work in Extension averaged 25 years of age and about two years on appointments as pastors. All the others grades averaged 30 years of age and about four years on pastoral charges. During the 22 days of continuous class work, except for Saturdays and Sundays the enrolment of 25 students averaged 97% in attendance.

Students attending class sessions paid one half of their travel expenses and all their expenses for board. The Extension management provided a house with kitchen and other furnishings, fuel, light and water besides providing a cook-caretaker, one half of traveling expenses to and from the school and free books.

There are now 42 students taking the Extension course, 16 of these are in Pangasinan, 3 in Tarlac-Nueva Ecija, 1 in Pampanga, 10 in Ilocos Sur, 3 in Nueva Vizcaya, 5 in Isabela, 3 in Cagayan and 1 in Zambales.

As to distribution in the four year course, 16 are in the 1st year, 11 in the second, 6 in the third, and 8 in the 4th. One student, Segundo Gutierrez, graduates from Extension at this time having finished all class and written work completely and satisfactorily.

The instructors in Extension the past year have been Marcos Berbano, R. T. Calica, Miss Razel Davis, Cornelio Ferrer, Felix Grospe, Juan Cruz, Alejandro Vidal, Miss Januaria Casipit, Miss Pa.
trocinio Ocampo and B. O. Peterson. This year Benjamin Guansing will take the place of Marcos Berbano and Herbert J. Riley is added to the faculty.

Originally planned for Supply Pastor only, Extension has allowed a certain few who have not been pastors appointed on circuits, to enroll in the course, on recommendation of the district superintendents concerned. This venture has proven highly satisfactory in finding new preachers and giving them some preparation before stationing them on appointments as supply pastors.

The extension system as used by the Extension Bible Training School has successfully advanced out of the demonstration stage. Its aim always is not only to give foundational knowledge in source materials for preaching and pastoral work but also to lead each individual student into a clearer experience of God.

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REPORT OF CAGAYAN VALLEY MISSIONARY

HERBERT J. RILEY

On June 23rd. last Mrs. Riley, our three children and I arrived in the Philippines from our furlough in the United States. It was a great joy to return for another period of service among our people and churches here. It was an additional privilege to accept our appointment as resident missionaries in the Cagayan Valley.

During our year of furlough it was my good fortune to spend two months in graduate study at Northwest University and then to devote the balance of the year to visiting and speaking among the churches of America. I had the very profitable experience of visiting and speaking among our church people in ten different States and in the District of Columbia where I told the remarkable story of the progress of our Filipino people in education and government with special emphasis on the growth and success of our church work. I spoke before Annual Conferences, District Conferences the Annual Meeting of our Board of Foreign Missions, one University, two colleges, many High Schools, several business men's organizations and a large number of local congregations throughout the country.

With the administrative responsibilities that have been intrusted to me this year I have not been able to do the work of a district missionary and to visit the congregations of my three districts as I would like to have done. This coming year I expect to spend more time with the local congregations and to specialize on helping to raise church support. I regret especially that I have been able to spend so little time in Nueva Vizcaya but with the fine leadership of the Rev. Mariano Gines, Miss Wilhelmina Erbst and others the work has gone forward splendidly without much help from me. We congratulate Brother Gines and the members of the Bayombong congregation for their real achievement in building the new church.

Mrs. Riley and I were able to attend and help in all district meetings held in the three Cagayan districts during the year and counted it a real privilege.

There is nothing that has given us greater satisfaction and encouragement upon returning to Cagayan than to see the great service that our hospital is rendering to the people. I am convinced that there is no church project that is serving a greater need and making
a finer spiritual contribution than our Tuguegarao hospital. We feel grateful to Miss Anna Carson, Dr. Gregorio Reyes and our good nurses for what they are doing for the people and particularly our church workers.

Despite the vast distances to travel and the large expense involved a total of three hundred and six Cagayan young people attended our two Epworth League Institutes held last December. Faithful attendance at classes and inspirational services, earnestness of purpose and spiritual responsiveness characterized these Epworth Leaguers. As Regional Secretary of Young People’s Work in Isabel and Nueva Vizcaya, Mr. Donato B. Pabio contributed much to the success of Epworth League work in these two districts and had much to do with the unusual success of our Institute in Santiago. There is no part of our Methodist field where Epworth League work is having greater success than in the Cagayan Valley. We wish to express our appreciation for the presence and leadership of Miss Hazel Davis and Rev. Felisberto Cabotaje who came to help us in our two Institutes this year.

During the three district conferences held last month there was a richness of fellowship among the workers and a consecration on the part of all that made these church gatherings significant in relation to the past and the future. That combined with the splendid reports of the year’s work made everybody feel that God is blessing our efforts as a Church and that we have a great responsibility and opportunity for serving the spiritual and moral welfare of the constantly increasing population in the Cagayan Valley.

With the return of Brother Ciriac Inis to Isabel this year and with the other two Superintendents Brothers Gines and Valencia all giving their full time to the administrative work of the districts, Mrs. Riley and I hope to render larger and more helpful service as cooperating district missionaries.

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MISSIONARY REPORT

JOSEPH W MOORE

ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER CONFERENCE

The return of Brother H. J. Riley from furlough made it no longer necessary to assign the missionary work in Cagayan Valley to me. The part-time district missionary plan was not set aside, however, as our Bishop appointed me to work in the Pampanga and Bataan-Zambales Districts, in addition to my continued teaching responsibility in Union Theological Seminary.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The main concern of this report is with ministerial training in the Union Theological Seminary of the Philippines. There, in close fellowship with instructors, both missionaries and Filipino ministers, and with students from our Church and the other cooperating denominations, as well as from several unaffiliated bodies, the study of the Bible, of Church History, Preaching, Church Music, Practical and Theoretical Theology and other important subjects is steadily going forward.

In this work Mrs. Moore has had a vital share, teaching Hymnology, Church Music and Worship, conducting the Seminary Choir, and giving direct individual instruction in response to many calls
for such help. My own teaching has been in the following subjects: "The Bible as Literature", "History of the Hebrew Commonwealth", "The Religions of Mankind" and "The Poetic Literature of the Old Testament". A total of twenty Methodists ministerial students have been enrolled in the Seminary this year, eight of whom are scholarship students, or pensionados. Of these, three are candidates for graduation with the title of Associate in Theology, and several will receive degrees in the Union College.

METHODOIST SEMINARY DORMITORY

Associated with the work of general ministerial training is the Methodist Seminary Dormitory located adjacent to the Seminary campus, where our Methodist pensionados and self-supporting ministerial students may reside while in attendance at the Seminary. The oversight of this dormitory is in charge of a committee, composed of myself as director, with Dr. Ernest E. Tuck, Vicente S. Cordero, Dr. Don W. Holter and Cirilo B. Perez as members.

We have entertained the District Superintendents when in their cabinet sessions, and a number of other brethren from time to time. We provided hospitality for the Summer School of Ministerial Training last May, and it is planned to continue this service this year. We were also able to receive fifteen delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church in attendance at their Annual Convocation recently. It was an interesting and valuable opportunity for fellowship with a splendid group of ministers of a sister communion, and a kind of service we are gratified to render.

A limited number of ministers' sons have been accepted, when room was available, as an aid to them and their parents in the advancement of their education. We have agreed to limit the admission of Ministers' sons to those actually enrolled in the Seminary or the Union College. In this connection, we urge upon all Methodist people that they send their sons and daughters to Union College of Manila for their collegiate education. This is the only college of the Evangelical Christian Churches. It is the best place for our evangelical youth, and we should support and promote our own institution.

MUSICAL MINISTRY

A phase of missionary work which engages our thought, prayer and earnest endeavor is Evangelism through the Ministry of Music. In 1930, Bishop Lee, appreciating the value of music in the work of the Church, established a special appointment for Mrs. Moore, designating it in these words: "Evangelism through the Ministry of Music". This appointment has been continued from year to year until the present. Mrs. Moore presents no report on behalf of her work as instructor in Hymnology, Church Music and Choral Singing in the Seminary, as Director of Music in the Central Student Church, and as counsellor and guide to those who come to her for help in planning for better music in their churches. She is unable to be present at this session of the Annual Conference, but her great enthusiasm for the work, and desire to share in it are restrained only by the circumstances of her motherhood and home-making. On her behalf I extend her affectionate greetings to all of you. I assure you that I have considered it a high privilege to work and plan with her, and to aid her in all ways practicable to render the special service to which she has been called.
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Names in Capitals indicate Elders.
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# Probationers

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*(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 North Annual Con-
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| 7. Directions and Helps for the Exam-
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II. Course of Study for First Year

1. The Abingdon Bible Commentary
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cles). | Moore |
2. The Teachings of Jesus—Brans-
comb. | Valencia |
3. The Work of Preaching—Hoyt. | Guansing |
4. Psychology of Religious Experience
   —Strickland. | Reyes |
5. Directions and Helps for the First
   Year. |       |

Collateral Reading and Study

1. Biblical Readings and Studies (Di-
   rections and Helps). | N. de Pano | Ferrer |
2. Are you an Evangelist?—Hughes, Galvez | Gines |
3. Jesus of History—Glover. | Cordero | F. Cabotaje |
4. The Technique of Public Worship—
   Odgers and Schutz. | Galvez | Calica |
5. The Story of Methodism—Luccock
   and Hutchinson. | L. Cruz | Valencia |
6. Special Homiletical Work (Direc-
   tions and Helps). | E. Cruz | Ferrer |
III. Course of Study for Second Year

1. The Abingdon Bible Commentary (Selected Articles: General and Old Testament).
2. The Church in History—Nagler.
3. Teaching Religion Today—Betts. (Teaching for Christian Living—Vieth.) (The Pastor and Religious Education—Munro.)
4. The Preacher and His Pastoral Work—Peterson.
5. Directions and Helps for the Second Year.

Collateral Reading and Study

1. Biblical Readings and Studies (Directions and Helps). E. Cruz Ferrer
2. The Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Kudson. L. Cruz P. Cabotaje
3. Psychology and Life—Weatherhead. Tuck F. Cabotaje
4. Christian Enterprise Among Rural People—Butterfield. L. Cruz Peterson
5. John Wesley: Sermons and Selections. Manuel Riley
6. Creative Men—McDowell. Tuck Riley
7. Special Homiletical Work (Directions and Helps). Reyes Calica

IV Course of Study for the Third Year

1. Paul and His Epistles—Hayes. F. Cabotaje
2. Introduction to Philosophy—Brightman.
3. Religious of Mankind—Soper. Tuck
4. The Church and Society—Johnson. Cordero
5. Directions and Helps for the Third Year.

Collateral Reading and Study

1. Biblical Readings and Studies (Directions and Helps). L. Cruz Grospe
3. The Art of Preaching—Brown. Cordero Peterson
5. Social Problems—Macraig. Cordero Grospe
6. The Choice Before Us—Jones. Tuck Ferrer
7. Special Homiletical Work (See Homiletical Directions in Directions and Helps). Guansing Gines
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—McKibbon.  
   Cordero  
   Holter  
4. Christ’s Alternative to Communism—Jones.  
   Reyes  
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5. Phillips Brooks (Briefer edition)  
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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.
Civic Science in Home and Community—Hunter, Whitman, Herold.
Stewardship for All of Life—Lovejoy.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL

Discipline—Articles of Faith.
John Wesley—Winchester.
Methodism in American History—Sweet.
A Bible Biography—
A Written Sermon
Directions and Helps for the Examination for reception on Trial.

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(d)

Secretary's Certificate

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FELIX J. GROSPE
Secretary

February 20, 1939
Bayombong, N. Vizcaya
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