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The figures in the first column indicate the year the preachers were received on trial; those in the last, the number of years in the present appointment.

ELDERS.

1886	Brewster, W. N.	Missionary,	Hing-hua	District	2
1878	Ceng Cong Ming	Hu-iong,	Ing-Chung	"	3
1878	Ciong Daik Liong	Hok-Chiang	Hok-Chiang	"	1
1877	Daing Gieng Ing	Presiding Elder,	Iong bing	"	2
1879	Dang Seng Ling	Ciong-hu-buang,	"	"	1
1875	Ding Cing Guong	Central School,	Hing-hua	"	3
1877	Ding Ga Sing	Göng-giang,	Hok-Chiang	"	2
1877	Ding Siu Küng	Chong-tau,	Kucheng	"	2
1877	Ding Soi Ling	Lieng-cü-li	Hing-hua	"	5
1879	Ding Ung Tiu	Kucheng City,	Kucheng	"	2
1877	Diong Ming Dung	Dong-huang,	"	"	1
1878	Diong Sëuk Buo	Iong-bing City	Iong-bing	"	2
1879	Hü Caik Hang	Ming-chiang,	Läk-du Foochow	"	5
1860	Hü Bö Mi	Hok-ing dong	"	"	4
1860	Hü Iong Mi	Superannuate	"	"	2
1865	Hü Sing Mi	Cing-sing-dong	"	"	1
1877	Huong Daik Chiong	Ngü-kä,	Hok-chiang	"	2
1878	Huong Pau Seng	Presiding Elder	"	"	2
1864	Iek Ing Guang	Tieng-ang-dong	Foochow	"	2
1877	Iong Daik Cheu	Sieng-iu,	Hing-hua	"	4
1883	Lacy Wm. H.	Prof. A. C. College	Foochow	"	5
1877	Lau Guang Hüng	Ming Chiang Sek-ek-du	"	"	1
1878	Li Ding Cui	Presiding Elder,	Hing-hua	"	4
1877	Ling Cing Cieng	Nang-nik,	"	"	1
1887	Ling Ming Sang	Sing-dong,	Hok-chiang	"	1
1877	Ling Ming Ciong	Hing-hua City,	Hing-hua	"	4
1883	Ling Säëng Lai	Chiah-cui,	Ing-chung	"	3
1878	Ling Seng Eü	Hang-gëng,	Hing hua	"	1
1879	Ling Seu Ing	Liang-nang	Kucheng	"	3
1875	Ngoi Gi Lang	Presiding Elder,	Ingchung	"	5
1873	Pang Ding Hie,	Sa-gaing,	Iong-bing	"	1
1870	Plumb, N. J.	In U. S. A.	"	"	2
1877	Sia Heng Tö	Presiding Elder,	Hai-tang	"	2

1873	Sia Lieng Li	.....Ing-chung city,	Ing-chung District	1
1866	Sia Sek Ong	.....Biblical Institute,	Foochow	4
1877	Sie Huo Mi	.....Superannuate,	Hok-chiang	1
1878	Sie Sing Cang	.....Ngiu Seü,	Hai-tang	2
1859	Sites, Nathan	.....Presiding Elder,	Foochow	2
1882	Smyth, G.B.	.....Pres. A. C. College, ...	„	8
1881	Song Guong Huo	.....Hu-nguong,	Long-bing	1
1878	Ũ Sieu E	.....Ha-ü	Hok-chiang	3
1880	Wilcox, M.C.	.....Presiding Elder,	Kucheng	5
1880	Worley, J. H.	.....In U. S. A.....	„	8

DEACONS.

1884	Ding Iok Nguong	.....Duai-giang	Ku-cheng	1
1887	Li Ngä Hung	.....Gie-dieng,	Hing-hua	1
1883	Uong Ding Hok	.....Biblical Institute	Foochow	1
1875	Uong Guok Hing	.....Dai-cheng,	Ing-chung	4

PROBATIONERS.

1888	Ceng Ung Uong	.....Dai-ho,	Hai-tang	2
1891	Cung Daik Ming	.....Sek-baik-du	Ku-cheng	2
1888	Ding Hieng Ngieu	...Ngu-cheng	Hok-chiang	2
1886	Ding Nik Sing	.....Gieng-sang	Hing-hua	3
1888	Ding Dai Liong	.....Dio-a,	Kucheng	2
1888	Ding Deng Dieu	.....Gui-hung	Foochow	1
1891	Hu Ing Li	.....Tong-tau.....	Ingchung	1
1891	Gok Gi	.....North China Mission,	„	2
1889	Li Gi Chiong,	.....Ming Chiang, Lek-du	Foochow	2
1891	Ling Ching Mi	.....Girls Boarding School	„	1
1891	Ling Heng Fung	....Iu-kä, Sek-sé-du, ...	Long-bing	1
1891	Ling Hung Chö	.....Chiong-ong,	Hing-hua	1
1889	Ling Mi Ing	.....Sang-le,	Hai-tang	3
1891	Ling Ui Sieng	.....Ieng-seng,	Kucheng	1
1888	S. eng Hok Lieng	...Guang-äü,	Hing-hua	1
1888	Saeng Ngük Chung	...Buo-hi.....	„	2
1888	Siek Sek Diong	.....Kia-sioh	„	2
1889	Tiang Ngük Cäu	.....Loi-hung,.....	Kucheng	3
1891	Tiang Siong Hui	.....Seng-leng,	„	1
1888	Uong De Gi	.....Ming-chiang, Ne-du	Foochow	2
1891	Ũ Seük Hu	.....„ Lek-du ...	„	1
1891	Ũ Siu LingSang-le	Hai-tang	1
1891	Ung Sing ChuangHa-ieu.....	Hok-chiang	1

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

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President.

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MEMORANDA.

Fraternal Delegates.

TO THE AMOY MISSION:—W. N. Brewster, Ling Ming Ciong.

TO THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY MISSION:—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong.

TO THE AMERICAN BOARD MISSION:—N. Sites, Iek Ing Guang.

Fraternal Correspondents.

TO THE CENTRAL CHINA MISSION:—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong.

TO THE NORTH CHINA MISSION:—W. H. Lacy, Hü Sing Mi.

TO THE WEST CHINA MISSION:—M. C. Wilcox, Ting Ung Tiu.

TO THE COREA MISSION:—Sia Sek Ong.

TO THE JAPAN CONFERENCE:—Hü Bö Mi.

TO S. L. BALDWIN, D.D., Sia Sek Ong.

Superannuated Preacher's Aid Society Trustees.

FOR THREE YEARS:—Sia Sek Ong, Hü Sing Mi, Iek Ing Guang.

FOR TWO YEARS:—Hü Bö Mi, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.

FOR ONE YEAR:—G. B. Smyth, W. H. Lacy, Hü Caik Hang.

Annual Sermons.

CONFERENCE SERMON:—Ciong Daik Liong; Alternate, Uong De Gi,

MISSIONARY SERMON:—Hü Caik Hang; Alternate, Ding Ga Sing.

Committees.

TO PUBLISH CONFERENCE MINUTES:—W. H. Lacy, Uong De Gi, Uong Ding Hok.

TO PREPARE CONFERENCE PROGRAM:—The Missionaries, Sia Sek Ong and Iek Ing Guang.

On Examination.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL:—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Hü Caik Hang

FOR FIRST YEAR:—W. N. Brewster, Hü Sing Mi, Ü Sieu'E.

FOR SECOND YEAR.—W. H. Lacy, Dang Seng Ling, Sia Heng Tü.

FOR THIRD YEAR:—N. Sites, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.

FOR FOURTH YEAR:—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Ding Ung Tiu.

FOR LOCAL ORDERS:—N. Sites, Li Diong Cui, Iek Ing Guang.

OF GIRLS' SCHOOL TEACHERS:—Hü Bö Mi, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang.

OF FOOCHOW SCHOOLS:—N. Sites, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang, Hü Sing Mi.

Candidates for Examination.

FIRST YEAR:—Ling Ching Mi, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Tiang Siong Hui, Ü Sëük Hu, Ü Siu Ling, Ung Sing Chuang, Hu Ing Li (9).

SECOND YEAR:—Cüng Daik Ming, Ding Daing Dieu, Gok Gi, (3).

THIRD YEAR.—Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Li Gi Chiong, Tiang Ngük Cëü, Saëng Ngük Chung, (5).

FOURTH YEAR:—Ding Nik Sing, Uong De Gi, Saëng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong, Siek Sek Diong (6.)

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FIRST DAY.

Wednesday, November 18th, 1891.

The fifteenth session of the Foochow Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened at 9:00 o'clock November 18th, 1891, in the Tieng Ang Dong, (Church of the Heavenly Rest) Foochow, China.

Hü Iong Mi, assisted by the Presiding Elders, Administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The roll was called by the Chinese Secretary of the last Conference.

In the absence of a Bishop, N. Sites, D.D., was by ballot, elected President.

He then called upon Hü Bö Mi to offer prayer. Several passages of Scripture were read and the hymn "And are we get alive?" was sung.

M. C. Wilcox was by ballot elected English Secretary and Uong De Gi was chosen Chinese Secretary and Dang Seng Ling, Assistant.

On motion of Hü Iong Mi the sixth seat from the pulpit was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

It was decided to hold a daily prayer meeting from 8.30 to 9.00 and the regular sessions of the Conference from 9.00 to 12.00 o'clock A.M.

G. B. Smyth was elected Conference treasurer.

Rev. S. L. Gracey, D.D., of the New England Conference, now U. S. Consul at this port, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The Standing Committees were chosen as follows:—

I.—*On the State of the Church*:—The Missionaries and the Presiding Elders.

II.—*On Education*:—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Ling Ming Ciong, Ū Sieu E, Ciong Daik Liang.

III.—*On Sabbath Schools*:—W. N. Brewster, Dang Seng Ling, Tiang Ngük Cëu, Ung Guok Hing, Ling Mi Ing.

IV.—*On Religious Literature*:—W. H. Lacy, Săeng Hok Lieng, Ding Ung Tiu, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Uong Ding Hok.

V.—*On Temperance*:—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Li Diong Cui, Huang Pau Seng, Sia Heng Tö.

VI.—*On Sabbath Observance*:—N. Sites, Ling Sing Eū, Lau Guang Hūng, Siek Sek Diong, Li Guong Siu.

VII.—*On Self Support*:—Iek Ing Guang, Pang Ding Hie, Nguoi Gi Lang, Ling Sēū Ing, Hū Sing Mi.

VIII.—*On Conference Relations*:—M. C. Wilcox, W. H. Lacy, G. B. Smyth, W. N. Brewster, Ding Ga Sing, Hū Bō Mi, Iek Ing Guang,

IX.—*Conference Stewards*:—Hū Sing Mi, Ding Ung Tiu, Huong Daik Chiong, Ling Cing Ciong, Ceng Cong Ming, Ceng Ung Uong, Diong Sēuk Buo.

The Twentieth Question was called, the character of Huong Pau Seng was passed and he reported the Hok Chiang District (see Reports).

The time was extended and 10.30 a.m. Saturday was fixed as the hour for receiving fraternal delegates.

The Doxology was sung and Dr. Gracey pronounced the Benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, November 19th, 1891.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, N. Sites, Presiding.

Ling Ming Ciong conducted the devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Sia Sek Ong, Hū Sing Mi and Iek Ing Guang were re-elected Trustees of the Preacher's Aid Society.

The Twentieth Question was resumed. The characters of the following named effective elders were passed and they reported their Missionary collections:—Ding Ga Sing, Ling Ming Sang, Ū Sieu E, Huong Daik Chiong, Sie Huo Mi

On motion Sie Huo Mi was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Nguoi Gi Lang's character was passed and he represented the Ing Chung District. The characters of the following Elders were also passed and they reported their missionary collections: Ling Saēng Lai, Ceng Cong Ming, Song Guong Uong, Ling Sing Eu.

Daing Gieng Ing, Presiding Elder of the Iong-bing District being detained at home, his character was passed and his report was read by the Chinese Secretary. The characters of the following effective elders were also passed and their missionary collections reported: Pang Ding Hie, Diong Sēuk Buo, Dang Seng Ling.

W. H. Lacy presented the report of the Preachers Aid Society. It was adopted and ordered printed (see Reports).

The character of Sia Heng Tö was passed and he represented the state of the Hai tang District (See Reports.)

The character of Sie Sing Cang was passed and he reported his missionary collection.

On motion W. H. Lacy, Uong De Gi and Uong Ding Hok were appointed to publish the Minutes of the Conference.

The character of Li Diong Cui was passed and he reported the condition of the Hing-hua District (See Reports). The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they reported their missionary collections: W. N. Brewster, Ling Cing Ciong, Ling Ming Ciong, Ding Soi Ling, Sia Lieng Li, Iong Daik Cheu.

The President called W. N. Brewster to the chair.

The character of N. Sites was passed. He represented the Foochow District and then resumed the chair. The characters of the following effective elders were passed:—G. B. Smyth, W. H. Lacy, Sia Sek Ong, J. H. Worley (in U. S. A.), N. J. Plumb (in U. S. A.), Ciong Daik Liong, Hü Bō Mi, Iek Ing Guang, Hü Sing Mi, Hü Caik Hang, Ding Ming Dung.

The death of Ding Neng Ciek was announced. On motion Iek Ing Guang and Sia Sek Ong were appointed to prepare a memoir.

The character of M. C. Wilcox was passed and he reported the state of the Kucheng District (see Reports). The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they reported their missionary collections: Ding Siu Kung, Lau Guang Hung, Ding Ung Tiu, Ling Sēu Ing.

The Eighteenth Question was taken up and the characters of Uong Ding Hok and Li Ngä Hung supernumerary preachers were passed.

The Nineteenth Question was called and the character of Hü Iong Mi, a superannuated preacher, was passed.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time. The Doxology was sung and Hü Iong Mi pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, November 20th, 1891.

The Conference met at the regular hour, N. Sites in the chair.

Devotional exercises were led by Ling Sing Eü.

The Third Question: "*Who remain on trial?*" was taken up. The following named brethren reported their missionary collections and were, on

motion, referred to the Committee on Conference Relations: Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing.

On motion of W. N. Brewster fraternal delegates to the Woman's Conference, now in session, were appointed as follows:—Ding Ung Tiu, Ling Ming Ciong and Hū Bö Mi.

The Third Question was resumed. Ding Hieng Ngieu reported his missionary collection and was continued on trial. Ū Siu Eu and Ding Sing Seng were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

At the close of a brief discussion it was voted that after an examination before the Conference of their characters and work, all preachers on trial be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. The following named brethren were accordingly called, one by one, before the Conference, questioned especially as to their use of wine and tobacco, directed to appear before this Committee and reported their missionary collections:—Ding Daing Dieu, Ding Nik Sing, Saëng Hok Liang, Saëng Ngük Chung, Siek Sek Diong, Hu Ing Li, Uong De Gi, Li Gi Chiong, Cüng Daik Ming, Ding Dai Liang, Li Guong Siu, Tiang Ngük Cëü. and Gok Gi, of North China..

On motion the Committee on the State of the Church was appointed to consider the work of Deaconesses in the Fuhkien Province and to report on the same.

The Thirteenth Question was called. The following named brethren were passed and they were continued in the second class of Deacons: Uong Guok Hing, Ding Iok Nguong, Uong Ding Hok, Li Ngä Hung.

On motion of W. N. Brewster it was ordered that the vote for a delegate and a reserve delegate to General Conference, also on the question of admitting women to General Conference, be taken to-morrow morning immediately after the reading of the Minutes.

Dr. S. L. Gracey addressed the Conference.

The Second Question was asked:—"Who are received on trial?" The following named brethren having passed satisfactory examinations, having been recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations, and having promised to abstain entirely from the use of tobacco and wine were received on trial:—Ling Ching Mi, Tiang Siong Hui, Ling Hung Chö, Ū Siu Ling.

The time was extended to complete the business on hand.

Conference adjourned with the Doxology and the Benediction, which was pronounced by M. C. Wilcox.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, November 21st, 1891.

Conference assembled at the usual hour with N. Sites presiding.

The Prayer Meeting was conducted by Ding Ga Sing.

After the minutes of the previous session were read and approved the time for the election, fixed yesterday, was deferred a few minutes.

The Second Question was again taken up. Ü Sñäk Hu, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Heng Tung and Ung Sing Chung were received on trial.

The Third Question was resumed. Ceng Ung Uong was continued on trial and remains in the Third Class.

The President called W. N. Brewster to the chair.

Then followed the election for a Delegate and a Reserve Delegate to General Conference, G. B. Smyth and W. H. Lacy acting as tellers.

The number of votes cast on the first ballot for Delegate was 29; necessary to a choice 15. N. J. Plumb received 10; M. C. Wilcox 10; scattering 9.

On the second ballot 30 votes were cast; necessary to a choice 16. N. J. Plumb received 14; scattering 16.

Third ballot: Number of votes cast 31; necessary to a choice 16. N. J. Plumb received 21 and was declared elected.

A ballot was then taken for a Reserve Delegate. Number of votes cast 29; necessary to a choice 15. J. H. Worley received 21 and was declared elected.

At W. N. Brewster's request M. C. Wilcox presided.

The question of changing the Restrictive Rule in order to admit women as delegates to General Conference was taken up. During the discussion of this subject the President of the Conference returned and took the chair. The vote on changing the Restrictive Rule resulted as follows: For the change 22; against 10.

The Third Question was again called. The Chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations reported with reference to four preachers on trial and the Conference took action as follows: Ling Mi Ing and Cüng Daik Ming were continued on trial and advanced in their studies. Ü Siu Eu and Ding Sing Seng were discontinued and permitted to take work under the Presiding Elder.

The time for the reception of fraternal delegates having arrived, Rev. C. Hartwell and Rev. Ling Bang Ho were introduced and conveyed the greetings of the American Board Mission.

Miss Lydia A. Trimble and Mrs. Ahok were present as the delegates of the Foochow Methodist Woman's Conference. Mrs. Ahok spoke briefly and earnestly of her desire to devote herself entirely to evangelistic work among her Chinese sisters.

Rev. Mr. Ding and Rev. Mr. Nguoi were also introduced and delivered the fraternal message of the C. M. S. Mission.

Letters of greeting from the Union Church of Amoy, from J. H. Worley and from N. J. Plumb (both in the U. S.) were read.

Rev. Dr. Gracey favored the Conference with an earnest fraternal address.

The time was extended.

It was moved and carried that a session of the Conference be held at 1:30 this afternoon.

On motion the Conference adjourned. The Doxology was sung and N. Sites pronounced the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Saturday, November 21st, 1891.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, N. Sites in the chair.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Third Question was then taken up. The Committee on Conference Relations reported favorably concerning the following named brethren, who promised wholly to abstain from the use of wine and tobacco. They were continued on trial and advanced in their studies. Ding Dai Liong, Ding Nik Sing, Saëng Hok Lieng, Saëng Ngük Chung, Siek Sek Diong, Tiang Ngük Ceti, Li Gi Chiong, Uong De Gi and Gok Gi, of North China. Ding Daing Dieu not having been examined, remains in the Second Year.

Li Ngä Hung and Uong Ding Hok, supernumerary preachers were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

From the preachers and members on the Iong-bing District was presented a petition earnestly requesting the Missionary Society to establish a Foreign Mission Station at Iong-bing City, as has been done with such good results at Kucheng and Hing-hua. M. C. Wilcox moved that this petition be received and printed. W. N. Brewster moved as an amendment, that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a statement of the needs of our entire work and an appeal for more workers; this communication to be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Conference and sent to

our Church papers for publication. The motion as amended was unanimously adopted and Sia Sek Ong, Hū Bö Mi and W. N. Brewster were appointed as the Committee.

On motion the Committee on the State of Church was authorized to nominate the miscellaneous Committees.

The Conference adjourned. The Doxology was sung and Sia Sek Ong pronounced the Benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday, November 23rd, 1891.

Conference convened at the regular hour, N. Sites presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Diong Sëük Buo.

The minutes of the Saturday afternoon session were read and approved.

The First Question was called : “ *Who are received by Transfer and from what Conference ?* ” Answer, None.

Then followed a discussion concerning the legality of the election to General Conference of the lay delegate, who was chosen by a minority of the lay delegates from the only district represented in the electoral Conference. The Chair ruled that a delegate thus chosen was not legally elected.

Thereupon W. N. Brewster moved and M. C. Wilcox seconded the following which was adopted.

Resolved.—That we request of the Presiding Elders, that, in future, the election of delegates to the lay electoral Conference be invariably held.

The Eighteenth Question was taken up. “ *Who are the supernumerary preachers ?* ” Li Ngä Hung and Uong Ding Hok were made effective.

The Nineteenth Question: “ *Who are the superannuated preachers ?* ” was called and Hū Iong Mi was continued in this relation.

Sie Huo Mi was granted the superannuated relation at his own request, and was on motion referred to the Conference Stewards.

The Tenth Question was taken up : “ *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons ?* ” Answer, None.

The Report on the Boys' High School was read by Sia Sek Ong. It was adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

N. Sites presented the report on the Theological School. It was read by the Chinese Secretary, adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

It was ordered that a session of the Conference be held at 7.30 this evening.

Miss Julia A. Bonafield was introduced and made a few remarks concerning the Girls' Boarding School, the report of which was then read by Hū Bō Mi. Received and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

Hū Bō Mi also read the report of the Foochow Woman's School. Received and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

The report of the Committee on Education was read by Ü Sieu E. Adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

Iek Ing Guang reported for the Committee on Self Support. The report was adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

On motion of W. H. Lacy it was ordered that all reports must be translated before presentation to the Conference.

The time was, on motion, extended.

Miss Sites was introduced and presented the following communication.

"At the last Annual Conference there was a vote taken to reprint our old "Methodist Hymnal." Before doing so it is necessary to revise it and it is desirable to add a number of newly translated hymns, not yet seen in any of our collections. I shall be glad to do what I can to accomplish this work and ask that a Committee of three competent natives be appointed by Conference to assist; and also that said Committee, be empowered to call on others to aid when necessary.

Respectfully,

RUTH MARIE SITES.

Foochow, November, 23rd 1891.

On motion Sia Sek Ong and Uong Ding Hok were appointed on the Committee asked for by the foregoing communication, and authorized to select a third member.

The Conference adjourned to meet at 7.30 this evening. The Doxology was sung and W. H. Lacy pronounced the Benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

Monday, November 23rd, 1891.

The Conference assembled pursuant to adjournment, N. Sites in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Hū Caik Hang.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Sia Sek Ong read the memoir relating to the late Rev. Ding Neng Ciek. Several brethren offered tributes of respect to the character of the deceased, and by a rising vote the memoir was adopted and ordered printed.

M. C. Wilcox in behalf of the Committee on the State of the Church presented the report on Deaconesses which was adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports).

G. B. Smyth stated that the memoir on the late T. Ahok, Esq., was for lack of time, omitted from the Chinese Minutes of the Conference held last spring and it was ordered to be printed in the Chinese Minutes of this Conference.

Hū Bō Mi presented the report of the Temperance Committee, which after some remarks was adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports)

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented and on motion of W. H. Lacy the Conference refused to receive it until translated.

Iong Ding Hok read the report of the Committee on Religious Literature. M. C. Wilcox urged that special effort be made to circulate the "Life of Wesley" recently prepared by Mrs. Sites. G. B. Smyth made some remarks concerning the "Fuhkien Christian Advocate." W. N. Brewster spoke of a plan for increasing the circulation of the Advocate among non-Christian literary men. W. H. Lacy urged the preachers to exert themselves to secure a larger circulation of our books and papers.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 10.00 A.M. to-morrow.

The Doxology was sung and Hū Iong Mī pronounced the Benediction.

SIXTH DAY.

Tuesday, November 24th, 1891.

Conference met as per adjournment, N. Sites presiding.

Uong Daik Chiong conducted the devotional exercises.

The Minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

On motion the English Minutes as approved from day to day were made the official record of the Conference.

The unfinished business of the previous session—the report on Religions Literature—was taken up. W. H. Lacy moved to amend the report by striking out the recommendation to change the name of the “Fuhkien Christian Advocate.” The report as amended was adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports).

The report on the Mission Press was presented, received and ordered printed. (See Reports).

The reports of the Committees on Sabbath Observance and Sabbath Schools were adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

W. H. Lacy reported \$50.00 from the proceeds of the Mission Press as a donation to the Preachers' Aid Society. The money was received with thanks. On motion the Conference also voted its thanks to W. H. Lacy for his valuable services as Superintendent of the Press.

Other reports relating to our publishing interests were presented, adopted and ordered printed.

The report on the W. F. M. S. Hospital was read by the Chinese Secretary, received and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

G. B. Smyth presented his report on the Foochow University. It was adopted and ordered printed (See Reports).

The Third Question was again taken up and the name of Li Guong Siu called. The Committee on Conference Relations reported on his case and by a count vote of 21 to 12 he was discontinued.

It was moved and carried that the Conference adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

The Doxology was sung, the Benediction being pronounced by Dr. Gracey.

EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, November 24th, 1891.

The Conference met according to adjournment with N. Sites in the chair.

Ding Siu Kung conducted the Prayer meeting.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The reports on the Work of Bible Women, on Girls' Day Schools and that of the Conference Stewards were read, adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

Sia Sek Ong spoke of the possibility of a Missionary Bishop being elected for China and Japan, and the Conference took unanimous action against such election.

On motion of Sia Sek Ong, the Conference unanimously asked that one of our regular Bishops should reside in China.

Sia Sek Ong moved that the General Conference be respectfully requested to render a definite decision as to whether a man having two wives should be received into the Methodist Episcopal Church. The motion was adopted and the Secretary was instructed to write to our delegate concerning this and the two preceding actions.

Sia Sek Ong turned over to the Preachers' Aid Society \$50. which had been sent him as a present by Dr. M. C. White, formerly of this Mission, now a professor in Yale College. After several remarks the money was on motion received and the hearty thanks of the Conference tendered to Sia Sek Ong.

On motion of Sia Sek Ong, the President was requested to send to Dr. White the greetings and thanks of the Conference.

The "Statement and Appeal" for workers, prepared by Sia Sek Ong, Hū Bō Mi and W. N. Brewster was presented to the Conference by N. Sites and adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

On motion a letter of thanks, by a rising vote, was ordered to be written to the Missionary Society and the Church at large, on account of the joyful news received by cablegram to-day—namely, that all our principal estimates for 1892, have been granted.

The Thirty-third Question was taken up. It was moved and carried that the next Conference be held in Tieng Ang Dong, Foochow.

The miscellaneous nominations of the Committee on the State of the Church were confirmed by the Conference. (See Memoranda.)

Iek Ing Guang addressed the Conference, asking aid to enlarge Tieng Ang Dong. The Conference unanimously voted to raise \$1,000 for this purpose here, and to ask for \$3,000 from abroad.

Huong Pau Seng moved, that in view of the scarcity of missionaries in this field, in view of the fluent use of the Foochow dialect by Rev. F. Ohlinger, now of Corea, and in view of his special adaptation to the work of a teacher, that the Conference request his re-appointment to this Mission and to our Theological School; also, that a copy of this action, signed by the President and the Secretary be sent to him.

This motion was adopted by a rising vote.

The Conference voted its thanks to the President and the Secretaries, to the Committee on Entertainment, and to the ladies for their great zeal in missionary work.

M. C. Wilcox moved and W. H. Lacy seconded the following which was adopted by a rising vote of the entire audience:—

Whereas,—The United States Government has appointed as Consul to the port of Foochow, the Rev. S. L. Gracey, D.D., of the New England Conference, therefore,

Resolved,—That we as a Conference hereby express our hearty satisfaction and gratitude at this appointment.

Resolved,—That we tender to Consul Gracey our thanks for his interest in Christian Missions and for his unwearied efforts to render official aid and protection in our work.

Resolved,—That a copy of this action, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Conference, be forwarded to the Secretary of State, at Washington.

On motion the Committee on Publishing the Minutes were authorized to abbreviate reports ordered to be printed.

The Minutes of the present session were read and approved.

After a brief address by the President the Appointments were read.

The Conference joined in singing a hymn, then adjourned *sine die*; N. Sites pronouncing the Benediction.

NATHAN SITES, *President*.

M. C. WILCOX, *Secretary*.



REPORTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

NATHAN SITES, PRESIDING ELDER.

This, our oldest District, from which for over thirty years annual reports have been presented, still holds its preminence, in that here centers our highest grade schools, from which emanates intellectual development and spiritual life and culture, reaching to the farthest outports in the Conference.

These schools being severally reported to the Conference I will not here give in detail their increasingly encouraging religious growth.

At Lèk Du (village in sixth township of Ming-chiang county) the new chapel, with parsonage and school-rooms are nearly completed, and by the friendly aid of a local literary gentleman, who is one of the chief advisers of the magistrate, we have secured the official seal to our deeds, and all local opposition has been amicably settled.

Though Lèk Du is twenty miles from the county seat, this is to be our central station for Ming Chiang county, as it is located in the most literary, wealthy and influential part, and from here we expect to push our lines of work, to all other parts of the county.

The exceptionally friendly manner in which we and our work have been received here, gives us hope for the speedy evangelization of Ming Chiang. Seed sowing began twenty seven years ago, when I had the privilege of making the first missionary visit through all this region,—my tongue then scarcely loosed to the use of this language, and my helpers Sia Sek Ong and Li Yn Mi, were babes in presenting Christ as a Saviour to the people.

Though the ingathering of converts has been few in number, they are in the main of exceptionally worthy character.

With the dedication of this new church, we propose increased activity in evangelistic efforts; canvassing the whole county with itinerant bands, giving to the teeming thousands the preached Gospel, "God's voice speaking to Man."

Last May, Miss Dr. Carleton, assisted by Miss Hū King Eng gave three weeks of very effective service, at three of our principal Ming Chiang stations.

Hundreds of women and children came seeking medical treatment, and as many more, men and women, came with them to see and hear.

I was at the same time holding my quarterly meetings at the same places; continuing our meetings daily, we improved the opportunity to give to the multitudes the Bread of Life. A new interest was awakened; and at our recent visit in October, eight persons were baptized as the fruits of our May visit. A notable letter, sent up to the Annual Conference, addressed to the Bishop, has come into my hands; asking that the Lëk Du preacher be returned for the fifth year. The letter is signed by a long list of Christians and is notable from the fact that it is also signed by eleven who are not Christians,—gentry, students and graduates of first and second degrees,—the very people who are usually most eager to drive out Christianity. The writer of the letter is evidently not a Christian. He says, "The doctrine of the Saviour is indeed grand and excellent; though we have not all accepted it, we must praise and acknowledge its truth. This is because the preachers sent to Ming Chiang are rightly chosen men. When this Lëk Du preacher first came among us, we did not know to honor him; but his kindness and helpfulness to the poor and to the suffering of all classes, entertaining no thought of personal gain, now commands the respect of all; and the literati, merchants, farmers, all grades, honor and reverence him, as they do Heaven and the Sovereign!"

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HAI TANG DISTRICT

SIA HENG Tö, PRESIDING ELDER.

N. SITES, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

I was appointed by Bishop Goodsell to the Hai-Tang District. While he was reading the Conference appointments I was greatly surprised at his reading my name to be the presiding-elder of this district, and I feared that I was unable to take so great a responsibility. But I thank God that he has wonderfully helped me during these eight or nine months and to him I give the glory for the grace and blessings he has bestowed.

At Dai-ho circuit a young boy was received into our Church. When I was reading the ritual I saw his eyes were full of tears and I asked him for the reason. He answered, "I have committed innumerable sins and no one has ever told me so." It seems to us that the Gospel is just like a mirror which can give us the image of our faces. Is it not a wonderful thing that this young boy could see his sins by reading the Gospel? I have found out that most of the people in this district are ignorant of their sins and there are not more than two or three members out of ten, whose whole families are Christians. All the preachers feel that it is very hard to teach these people.

During the year, our members and the members of the Roman Catholic Church have alternately prosecuted one another three times.

But it is fortunate that we have had a very good magistrate who tried every case immediately and settled it as soon as he possibly could, so that the parties could not hurt each other more and more. All these things show that they are ignorant of what their religion teaches.

On the 20th of the 9th month we had our District Conference. There were twenty persons present. We had a very nice talk about the interests of our work. Every one seemed very earnest. I hope that we may be bright lights shining throughout this district.

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HING HUA DISTRICT

LI DIONG CUI, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. N. BREWSTER, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

It is about eight months since the last Conference met and now there comes another Conference.

At every quarterly meeting I have found that the condition of our Church in this district has been better and better. Of all the circuits on the district Sieng-iu is the most prosperous. The increased number of the members and probationers in the whole district is about six or seven hundred. But I am sorry to say that some of them do not clearly understand about Christ. I trust that my helpers and faithful members are doing their best to make them understand fully about Christ so that they may not go back to the wrong way again.

Buo-dieng circuit is also in a very prosperous condition. The preachers there go out to preach six days a week, and most of the hearers have been glad to accept their preaching. If there were more chapels established in this circuit and more preachers appointed to it, the people would be willing to provide all the furniture needed by the preachers; and this would encourage all old members to do better work for our church.

The number of people in this district is not less than two or three millions, yet there are only ten preachers. This is indeed the field referred to in the Bible: "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few."

Although there are some cold hearted and some warm hearted members in the twelve circuits, yet they have done their best towards subscriptions. Consequently the money raised this year is much more than last year. There were two chapels built this year in Sieng-iu by the members themselves, and the members of other places wish to build their own chapels. This brings great comfort to my heart.

The number of adults baptized this year is ninety four more than last year and the number of children baptized nine more than last year.

All these things show God's great blessing. Great credit belongs to Rev. and Mrs. Brewster and my fellow workers.

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HOK CHIANG DISTRICT

HUONG PAU SENG, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. H. LACY, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

It is nine months since I was appointed to this district. I have gone around all the appointments of this district three times and have carefully looked at the condition of our church. There are eleven circuits in this district and forty eight appointments. Most of the appointments are outside of the South Gate of Hok Chiang City. Besides there is Ka-tau in the northern, Hai-kau in the south-eastern and Ngü-kü, Hong-ciah, and Diong-giang in the north western part of the district.

The rest of the circuits are about five or ten li apart. They are all in one part of the district and are like a constellation of stars. They contain thousands of members. Although there is so great a number of Christians living among the heathens in these places yet our enemy, Satan, has been the ruler over them for so long a time, we can hardly even civilize them; for fighting, robbing and seizing people have been and are still, frequently done by them. Hence most of these villages have no intercourse with one another. This prevents the Christian villagers from visiting among those who live in different villages. But during this year, with the exception of one or two places there has been a pretty peaceful condition. This is a great comfort to us. I thank God for the grace he has given us.

The general condition of each circuit is as follows :

The opportunity for preaching at Hok Chiang City has not been very good. The subscriptions for this year are somewhat less than last year because of the five members, who not having come to church for several years, have been dismissed. Hai-kau circuit is in a better condition. The members of this circuit wish to build a church on the business street and have subscribed over \$200, which however, is not enough to build it. It is fortunate that the members of Hai-Tang district have subscribed for us more than \$50, yet we still need more money to build it. So if our Mission will

help us a little we can easily accomplish the work. Ngu-cheng is a self-supporting circuit this year. There are two preachers on the Sing-dong circuit. As one of them has been sick, not as much progress has been made by the other preacher who has been quite faithful in his work. In Ha-ti circuit there have been pretty good opportunities but no improvement in subscriptions has been made. Hai-ieu circuit is in a very poor condition for there has been a certain kind of disease raging throughout this circuit. Most of the members have been sick and also the preacher. The preachers of Siek-gëng circuit have been very careful about their work this year. When they found any member who was not paying attention to the rules of our church, and contrary to their advice did very wrong things, they immediately consulted over the matter with the rest of their helpers and then dismissed him. I hope that the Gospel will very soon brighten up this place. In Dëng-aing circuit the number of members has not been increased and their subscriptions are just the same as last year. Gong-ing circuit has had a great increase of members and the money subscribed this year is about one third more than last year. Ngü-kü and Hong-ciah circuits have been very badly persecuted since last July. The matter is not settled yet. Preachers and members have fled from those places. I do not know when they can return. I hope that all of us, dear brethren, will earnestly pray for them.

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ING CHUNG DISTRICT.

NGOI GI LANG, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. N. BREWSTER, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

A great responsibility rests upon the man in charge of a district, as its presiding elder; for to a great extent the life or death of the church in that district depends upon him. One who has not some ability, a good character and the grace of God to help him could not bear the responsibility of such important work.

Ing-Chung and Daik-dieng are the places farthest away from the capital of this province. Although the light of the Gospel is shining upon them, yet the people have so long and so earnestly followed bad customs that they can hardly be lightened even by this light.

I am ashamed that I am far short of what this district, of which I have been in charge for four years, demands. I thank my fellow workers who have exerted their united strength to help me in the work of spreading abroad the seeds of the Gospel.

The general condition of each circuit is as follows :—

Ing-chung circuit is in a more prosperous condition than heretofore. At Leng-cui-ding both the number of members and of probationers has increased during the year. Altogether there are more than twenty persons; six or seven out of ten are women and girls. There is one woman preacher who works mostly for the W. F. M. S.

At Daik-hua circuit no progress has been made that we can see. The chapel and parsonage have been bought with the help of a grant-in-aid (\$150.) from the Missionary Society.

On Ciah-cui circuit the members have a great desire to have another chapel so that the people may easily hear about the Christian doctrine.

At Tai-cheng the matter of chapel building has not been settled yet, because of the various hinderances. Therefore there has been no regular place for Sunday services during the year. We feel very sorry about this.

Tö-nguong circuit is in a pretty good condition. A chapel has been built with the grant-in-aid (\$150) from the Missionary Society and a subscription of over \$100 made by the members themselves.

Tong-tau circuit has had an increase of members. Our church there has been greatly loved by the outside people. Although there is not much prosperity to report of the church, at this time, yet I believe our church will very soon grow larger in this place.

Hu-iong circuit members and probationers have grown somewhat in their knowledge of the Truth; although one or two of them still believe in the bad customs.

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IONG BING DISTRICT

DAING GIENG ING, PRESIDING ELDER.

M. C. WILCOX, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

This district has always, since its organization, been managed by persons of much ability and of good character. But the people there have been so badly bound by the old bad customs that they can hardly understand the Christian doctrines. When I was appointed to this district I was afraid that I could not bear such a responsibility. To appoint me to this district was like getting water from a deep well with a bucket fastened to a short rope. But I thank God for his help in my preaching which has been

gladly accepted by most of the people in this district. The members of Iong-bing circuit are faithful and earnest. Three from this circuit have died this year, and it seems as if one of my arms had been taken from me. Although the members of Sek-se-du circuit are poor in money, yet they are rich in the things that pertain to their Christian life. The new members and probationers have also grown in knowledge and grace.

Iu-ka circuit is like a withered tree, which has been restored to life.

Lék-du circuit is like the wise virgins, who prepared the oil in their lamps to go out to meet the bridegroom. There are only a very few members in this circuit, who are not very zealous.

Ngo-sek-du circuit is in a pretty good condition. Had we a good pastor there, good fruit would be brought forth. The chapel there is too small and we wish very much to enlarge it so as to accomodate the crowds who wish to hear, or else to build another chapel. The number of members and also of probationers has increased. During this year three large and influential families, who formerly forbade the people to become Christians, have themselves become Christians, and we are very thankful for this.

The members of the Iong-de circuit strive to be earnest Christians. There are two new members who come from Ka-kau, which is five miles from Iong-de, to attend the Sunday service.

The Members of the Se-sek-lék-du circuit persevere in their earnest Christian life.

Se-sek-ngo-du is a large village which contains several thousand families. There are several members who are very earnest, preaching all around the village and many people hear them gladly.

The statistical tables show the general condition of the district.

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KUCHENG DISTRICT.

M. C. WILCOX, PRESIDING ELDER.

Though this Conference year consists of less than nine months, yet thanks to infinite grace, the results of our labors have greatly exceeded those of any previous year. This cheering news is due to a more perfect consecration on the part of the workers. About twenty members have died since last Conference; still we are able to report an increase of 44. This shows that over sixty persons have been received into full membership since last

March. There has also been a net increase of 225 probationers and over 200 adherents. The number of converts reported is 96; missionary collection \$47.80; contributed for church building and repairing \$208.65; collected for self support \$113.30. All these items show an increase over last year. The advance in self-support is only \$18.35, whereas the 387 members and 309 probationers ought to contribute \$300 or \$400 for self-support. Our present senior missionary, not long ago, spoke of Kucheng district as the Galilee of the Fuhkien Methodist Episcopal Church. This is doubtless the case and it is exceedingly important that self-support should advance so rapidly that many of these unemployed preachers may be sent to labor in places where the joyful sound of the Gospel is seldom or never heard.

On November 4th, the regular district Conference and that of the women, met at Kucheng and had a most interesting and profitable session. In what follows I have sometimes quoted from the preachers' reports as given at the district Conference.

The work in Kucheng City has advanced and an excellent harmonious spirit is manifested. It seems as if this church were on the eve of a revival. The pastor speaks of the rocky soil in which he is called to sow the precious seed. The membership have advanced in spirituality and in contributions. The Sunday School is well organized and serves as a good example for the entire district.

The work 'on Ku-de and Duai-giang circuit has prospered. Many of the surrounding villages are coming into the light. The pastor rejoices in the increased faithfulness and earnestness of the members. At Duai-giang the members secured a site for a chapel which was begun several months ago, but the work was stopped by enemies. The district magistrate, however, brought them to their senses and in a short time the building will be completed.

The Liang-nang and Deng-iong circuit is blessed with a large number of local preachers and exhorters who are earnest in proclaiming the Gospel in neighbouring villages. The pastor attributes much of the prosperity of the year to the labors of these brethren.

A fairly good year has been experienced on the Seng-iong and Dio-siong circuit, though the spiritual condition at Seng-iong is far from satisfactory. However at Dio-siong and other villages a good work is being done and much fruit is expected in the near future.

Seng-leng and Gang-kä circuit. The former of these villages has experienced little prosperity, but at Gang-kä good results have crowned the preaching of the word.

Sek-baik-du circuit has had a good year and the membership have increased in faith and power. An interesting work is being done in several of the neighboring villages.

The membership on the Dong-huang and Cie-ding circuit have advanced in spirituality. The greatest prosperity has been at Cie-ding. Some interest is also being shown in several other villages.

Dio-a and Hung-ieng circuit has done very well. The members have increased in earnestness. The Hung-ieng class asks for a chapel and a preacher.

Loi-hung and Ieng-seng circuit has enjoyed much greater prosperity than last year. This is due in part to the improved health of the pastor, who has a large territory over which to travel. This circuit is very large and ought to be divided into two or three had we the means to support the additional men.

For two months or more, most of the circuits of the Kucheng district have been favored with visits from Miss Lydia A. Trimble, whose labors in behalf of the Christian and heathen women and the pupils of the girls' schools have been greatly blessed. The recent district conference unanimously requested the annual Conference to appoint one of the W. F. M. S. young ladies to live at Kucheng, to engage in evangelistic work, and to superintend the various interests of that society in the district. The district Conference also asked that a boarding school for boys and one for girls be established in Kucheng, that the Women's School in that city might be enabled to receive a larger number of students, and that the annual Conference might meet early in December. All these requests I most heartily second.

Kucheng, November 12th, 1891.

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THE FOOCHOW UNIVERSITY

REV. G. B. SMYTH, PRESIDENT.

It becomes my duty again to present a report of the Foochow University to this Conference. I shall not offer any detailed statement of the Theological and High School Departments, as their Principal, Dr. Sites will himself report on them. I will say, however, that they greatly need larger and better accommodations. The present building is perhaps large enough for one of the schools, but it is not large enough for both. If we had a suitable building for the Boys' Department the attendance would be much larger, and the work of superintendence much more easy. Indeed, with a suitably

equipped Boys' School there would be scarcely any limit to its growth. The course too could be made much higher and far more satisfactory. A great deal might be done in teaching western science or at least the elements of it in the Chinese language. Many valuable scientific books have been translated into Chinese and the brighter boys in the Boys' School should be made acquainted with them. The boys would then be thoroughly prepared to enter the Theological School or the Anglo-Chinese College, or become teachers in our district schools. Even if they did neither they would have received a good education which would be of great interest to them in whatever they chose to do. All this would need better accommodations, more money, and well prepared scientific teachers. The Anglo Chinese College will undertake to supply the teachers; let us ask for the money and get the accommodations.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

There is not much to say concerning the condition and work of the College since I presented my report to the last Conference, eight months ago. Just before that session a class graduated, but since then nothing of especial interest has happened. The number of students is not as high as it was last year. Just before the opening of school at the beginning of this year, some of our students entered the Government School at Mamui, and some who intended coming here went to the American Board School, being attracted thither by the much lower charges. However, we had seventy-four students during last term. This term we have only sixty-six. The number is always lower the second term than the first. Some who enter at the beginning of the year find they cannot learn English easily and so leave, and others go away for other reasons. Yet though our numbers are not very large we have several very excellent students, and it is a great pleasure to teach them. We have an unusually large number of students from Amoy and Formosa, some of whom left the Government School at Tamsui to come here, as their parents thought our rules and methods were preferable.

The conduct of the scholars has, with very few exceptions, been very good. Many of them are earnest Christians, and some take an active part in assisting the pastor of Tieng Ang Dong.

Up to a couple of weeks before this Conference session the health of the boys was very good, but then unhappily, three of them were taken seriously ill. One of them has recovered, one has died since you came together here, and the third is still very weak. The boy who died was an earnest Christian and half an hour before his death bore glad testimony to the power of the Christian faith to comfort and sustain in the presence of the dread enemy, Death. The boy who is still so ill is his brother. Their

father Rev. Ding Long Kó, you all know, is the oldest pastor now connected with the American Board Mission. I ask your prayers for him that he may be sustained in this severe trial.

There are four foreign teachers, and two Chinese teachers teaching English and three Chinese teachers teaching Chinese. There is also a most excellent Chinese monitor who has done a great deal in looking after the conduct of the boys. I am greatly indebted to him, for his assistance has been invaluable to the school. The two assistant teachers are graduates of the College, Ding Maing Ing and Sia Tieng I. These two young men have done excellent work, and proved themselves most efficient teachers. I wish to thank Rev. Iek Ing Guang for his assistance; three times a week, he taught a large class in Acts. Of the five graduates of last year, one is a teacher in the college; one, Ling Gie Huong, is in the American Consulate at Amoy, one is an assistant at the Methodist Episcopal Mission Press and another is a student in the Theological School.

I am sorry to say that many boys leave us before graduating, and more sorry that of those who have completed the course we have been able to retain so few. Some of them are very good English scholars and might do splendid work for the Church by translating books into Chinese. But such men have better opportunities outside and we cannot blame them for accepting them.

I trust the Conference will give its hearty support to this College. Those of us who are appointed to work in it will do our best, but we shall be able to work better if we have our brethren with us. There are disappointments as well as successes and you must not let them discourage you. There are not many doors open as yet to receive young men with a good English education but the number of open doors will increase and fruitage abundant will appear in the future. This was one of the first schools in the country where a good English education was offered the youth of China and it has had numerous imitators. The number of English schools, which have been opened during the last ten years, is a sign of the times and proves that the demand for a knowledge of the languages and sciences of the West is growing. We must keep on with our work and in time Christian young men, of our own as well of other churches, will be occupying positions of influence and power in the Empire. Let us have your sympathy and your prayers. Pray for the success of the College; pray for the blessing of God upon its work; pray that whatever is done may be guided by him, and that it may result in the enlarging and strengthening of the Christian Church.

Before closing I must bear testimony to the earnestness and faithfulness with which I have been supported by my colleagues in doing this work. Without them I could have done nothing. All of them, especially the ladies, have worked in spite of great obstacles. For the ladies it has been hard work indeed. With little children to care for it is not always easy to be ready to meet one's classes day after day at stated hours. Such work is

too exacting for them but they have done it for the sake of the students. The Mission has asked the Missionary Society to send out a man and so afford them some measure of relief. I sincerely hope that our request will be granted.

But I must not weary you. There is much more to say but there is not time. Pray for us. God has been with us in the past; may He be with us still.

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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

NATHAN SITES, DEAN.

Four native teachers,—two giving full time, and two part time,—have done efficient work.

We have thirty-four students enrolled; eleven of these are a preparatory, "on trial" class. Of the other twenty-three, one is self-supporting, and three are supported by local friends. This year, six complete their course, and take appointments, as preachers on trial in the Annual Conference. With the excellent grade of scholarship of this class, their knowledge of Christian doctrines, and the earnest spirit of work in which they go out, we expect them to be successful in the building up and strengthening of believers, and in the salvation of many souls.

It is gratifying to report, that one of the five graduates from the Anglo-Chinese College last year, has now been one year in our Theological School preparing for the ministry. This is as it should be. Educated talent rules here. China governs one-fourth of the human race. Her rulers are selected from the tens of thousands of graduates from her literary and military competitive examinations.

If the church wins China, it will be done through an educated ministry, full of faith and the "Holy Ghost."

In America, Methodism began with the "common people." So also in China. But as in America, our church is now looking to an educated ministry, for successful workers, so must it be in China. And as may be seen by our Conference list, Fohkien is more and more looking to this school for her ministers.

One year ago, our Annual Conference besought the home church to send us a foreign missionary who might give his entire time to this Theological School. Again we repeat the request for a young man, specially fitted by theological training, and complete consecration to a life of service for God and China, to step into this place, and grasp the reins which may direct forces of incalculable measure.

The figures given below, will prove more than any words of mine, the importance of this school, and the sacred and high honor of being associated with it.

Full members of Conference—native,

Ordained Elders34

„ Deacons..... 4

Total..... 38

Of these, twenty-three, or three-fifths are graduates of this school. Looking farther, at the tendency in the “coming man,” we find that of the twenty-two preachers on trial, nineteen are also graduates of our School of Theology.

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BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

The past year shows increased interest in this school, with greater promise of usefulness; for which we thank God and more diligently work for its improvement.

During the year, more than eighty students have applied for admission; but because of our limited room, we were obliged to turn away nearly half, and employed only two teachers. The pupils are from eight to eighteen years of age. Fifteen are sons of preachers, and are aided each to the amount of fifty cents a month. Eighteen more are sons of Christian parents who provide for all their expenses, as do also the parents of the few who come from non-Christian homes.

Native and Christian books are both taught, and attendance upon Sunday service is required.

The boys take great delight in the half hour drill which Miss Ruth Sites gives them twice a week, in singing hymns and Christian melodies.

The request of our Committee on Education last year, for similar High Schools, one at Kucheng and one at Hing hua has been granted, and this may somewhat lessen our number of applicants at Foochow, which in any case must be more than our present room can accommodate.

The Church holds in high appreciation the services of Rev. Sia Sek Ong, D.D. as monitor and instructor in both schools.

NATHAN SITES.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

When the Committee on education met, we all felt that the eleven rules and suggestions offered by the Committee on Education at the last Conference were excellent. Though some of them have been adopted, we regret to say that it has not yet been found possible to adopt them all. We offer them now again and hope that they will all be adopted and followed soon, and we desire to offer a few more as below:—

I.—Every report from the Day schools should have the seal-mark of the presiding elder of the district and the pastor of the circuit. Without such seal-marks no money should be paid to a school by the missionary in charge.

II.—If a student in the Theological School earnestly desires to remain after he has completed the full course in order to continue his studies, we recommend that the authorities of the school, if they are satisfied in the case, allow him to do so.

III.—The year before last many of the children of the neighbors attended the Boys' High School. The accommodations however, are poor and small and it is hard therefore, for the teachers to use the best methods in teaching. We earnestly ask the mission to plan for this school so that the light of the Gospel may be diffused more widely.

IV.—We recommend that the methods of study in the Girls' Boarding School be the same as those in the Boys' Schools. When the girls study Chinese books they should study aloud that they may be the better able to remember.

V.—We recommend that in the Girls' Boarding School no version of the Bible be used which uses the character *sing* for God in place of *Siong-Dä*.

VI.—High Schools have been opened at Ku-cheng and Hing-hua, as recommended by the Committee on Education last year. We hope that this year a Boys' High School will also be opened at Hok-chiang. Thus the light of the Gospel will be diffused more widely.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. SMYTH,
Chairman.

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Secretary.

FOOCHOW MISSION PRESS.

WM. H. LACY, SUPERINTENDENT.

The last session of the conference having been held in March, there have been but eight months since the work of the Press was reported by my predecessor. That we have been able to do as much work during these few months is due to the large business which grew up under the efficient management of Rev. N. J. Plumb, who for so many years superintended these interests.

It was not an easy task for one wholly unacquainted with the business, and having no experience as a practical printer to take up the duties of Superintendent of the Press with its allied interests. That I have failed to accomplish very much I would have done is true; but it is not because I have not exerted myself. Three considerable needs have been felt: lack of experience, lack of time, and lack of money. I trust that as time passes all of these needs will gradually diminish.

Careful consideration has been given to the requests made by the last Conference, and so far as possible they have been observed.

(1) The Life of Wesley, prepared by Mrs. S. M. Sites, has been published. It is a very attractive illustrated book and is now on sale for 75 cash (7½ cents).

(2) The quarterly lesson notes and lesson leaves have been published earlier in the quarter and circulated as rapidly as possible.

(3) Two new Book Depositories have been established; one at Hinghua, the other at Kucheng. We have sent large quantities of books to these out-stations, and our preachers and members will be supplied with books and tracts from these places at the same price as at Foochow.

(4) The request to put on sale various books published at Shanghai and Canton has not been granted for two reasons: viz., a lack of funds for tract work, and dissatisfaction with the management of the old depositories, necessitating changes present and prospective which shall make these agencies of the Press more efficient.

(5) To the request for the reissue of the old hymn book I must say now as I said then—impossible until the present edition of the new hymnal is exhausted. Early in the year I offered special inducement to the preachers to circulate this new book at a reduced price and over a thousand have been sold. There are now less than five hundred on hand, but it would not be just to the Tract Society to print another edition until this one is disposed of. Neither will it be wise to print the old book without revision. Miss Sites is now translating some of our best hymns and when the time comes for a new edition we shall have some valuable additions.

I had hoped to be able to report the completion of the colloquial Bible. To meet the pressing demand a few hundred copies of the Old Testament were issued separately. These are now in your hands. The printers are now at work on Revelations, and the first complete Bible in the Foochow dialect will very soon be in circulation. This work is the joint product of the American, and the British and Foreign, Bible Societies.

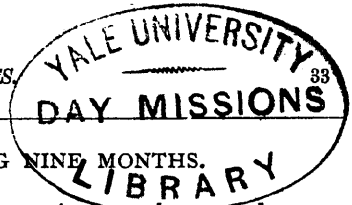
In view of the fact that the Mission Press is no longer a child, but has grown strong and independent, I believe the time has come when it should begin to walk in the steps of its mother, the great Methodist Book Concern of America, and declare dividends for the support of the claimants of the Foochow Conference. I therefore propose to make a modest beginning this year by giving to the Conference Superannuate Fund \$50 from the profits of the Press since last conference. This is but a small sum compared with what we receive from America, but I hope as the years go by it will increase to a large amount. Whether this is possible will depend very largely upon the zeal of the brethren of the Conference in the work of circulating the books, tracts and papers here published.

THE FOHKIEN ADVOCATE.

The circulation of this paper is not what it ought to be, but I am pleased to report an increase of nearly forty *per cent* during the year. Rev. G. B. Smyth has given much more time to the editorial work than has been possible in previous years, and this fact is evident in the improvement of the paper. I am planning to print it on white paper and give it a colored cover. This will largely increase the cost of publishing. If this is desired by the Conference I urge you to more zealous efforts to increase its circulation, as the expense of publication is not more than half met by its present subscriptions. A great disadvantage is felt in the difficulty of securing a prompt delivery to subscribers throughout the country, because of no regular postal facilities. I shall gladly receive suggestions on this point from the Conference, and will engage special messengers if the circulation can be increased sufficient to warrant the added expense.

THE CHILD'S PAPER.

This little monthly has been prepared alternately by Mrs. Hubbard of the A. B. C. F. M. and Miss Johnson of our own Mission. It is highly appreciated by the women and children who can understand its easy colloquial. Its illustrations are prized but they are far too few and crude. More money is needed for its improvement, and I earnestly hope the newly organized North Fohkien Tract Society will take up this work, and make this paper not only a messenger of "Glad Tidings" but an attractive paper prized by all, both young and old.



PRINTING DONE DURING NINE MONTHS.

The work of the Press during the past nine months may be summarized as follows:—

	<i>Volumes.</i>	<i>Pages.</i>
Scriptures	95,200	7,307,000
Books: Tracts, etc.....	61,670	2,487,300
Sheets: Tracts, etc.		238,815
	<hr/> 156,870	<hr/> 10,033,115

BOOK DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS.

M. E. Tract Society's	<i>Books.</i>	<i>Sheets.</i>
In stock Jan, 1st 1891	83,042	4,560
Printed Jan. 1st,—Nov. 15, 1891...	24,550	49,600
	<hr/> 57,592	<hr/> 54,160
Disbursed Jan. 1st—Nov. 15, 1891	27,178	47,700
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In stock Nov. 15th, 1891	30,414	6,460
 American Bible Society's	<i>Books.</i>	<i>M. E. Press' Books.</i>
In stock Jan. 1st, 1891	34,822	4,275
Printed Jan. 1st—Nov. 15th.....	1,300	9,550
	<hr/> 36,122	<hr/> 13,825
Disbursed Jan. 1st—Nov. 15th.....	9,789	10,317
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In stock Nov, 15th, 1891	26,338	3,508

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Committee on Religious Literature take pleasure in presenting the following report.

We would thank Mrs. Sites for having prepared and the Press for publishing the "Life of Wesley," in the colloquial. We understand that the classical translation is now ready for the Press and would request its immediate publication.

We congratulate the Conference on the appearance of the complete colloquial Bible and trust it may be widely circulated.

Of the 1500 Hymn books on hand last Conference less than 500 now remain. Miss Sites is translating some new hymns and ere long we shall look for a hymn book better than anything we have had heretofore.

The Fokkien Advocate has greatly improved under the efficient editorship of Rev. G. B. Smyth. We ask that the preachers send in contributions for its literary or news columns at least once a quarter. We would request the Presiding Elders to appoint some able preachers on each district to receive, correct and forward to the editor contributions for the Advocate. Such sub-editor on each district should receive a complimentary copy.

A desire has been expressed for a change in the Chinese name of the paper and we request the Conference to consider the same.

Many have praised the Child's Paper and we again urge the preachers to exert themselves in extending the circulation of this and the Advocate.

All our preachers and people ought to read general literature and become informed as to the events of the world. We therefore request the preachers to solicit subscriptions and establish small libraries, where our people may secure our most valuable books.

We emphasize the value of the quarterly lesson notes and request that they be regularly supplied as an imperative necessity to our teachers.

We are informed that the agent of the Methodist Tract Society, in consultation with the missionaries has fixed the selling price of all its publications at one half the cost. Preachers should be pleased to buy at the same price as the members now that the price is so low.

We congratulate the Conference that a Union Tract Society has been formed by the Methodist Episcopal, the American Board and the English Church missions at Foochow. An effort will be made to furnish Christian books at greatly reduced prices and in much larger quantities.

W. H. LACY,
Chairman.

UONG DING HOK,
Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee think that the nine rules adopted at the Conference of 1888 are very good, and they are copied here that we may be able to follow them.

1.—Every preacher should exert himself to follow the rules carefully.

2.—Every Sunday School Superintendent should appoint a certain time in which to teach the teachers of the Sunday School that they may be able to teach their scholars.

3.—The Sunday School Lessons should be printed in sufficient numbers to be distributed to every circuit. In addition Notes on the Lessons should be published in the *Ming Seng Hwei Bū* to aid the Superintendents in explaining the Lessons.

4.—The Superintendent should put down the names of the scholars and classes so that at every quarterly meeting he could present them before the Presiding Elder to be examined.

5.—Every quarter the Presiding Elder should try to persuade the members to subscribe some money for the use of the Sunday School, so that at the end of the last quarter he may be able to buy some nice things to present to the children of the school.

6.—The different maps of the Bible, such as the map of Judea, the map of Egypt, the map of the journeys of the Apostles, should be distributed to every Sunday School.

7.—The new and the old rules should be printed and sent to every circuit.

8.—The Old and the New Testaments should be sold at a lower price so that every Sunday School might be able to buy either the classical or the colloquial for the scholars to read.

9.—The Preachers should persuade their Sunday School scholars, whether male or female, old or young, to learn the Romanized so that all the members might be able to read the Bible.

The last four rules have not yet been observed.

The present Committee desire to add these additional suggestions :

1.—The preacher in every circuit, and the teachers of the Sunday Schools should have a Sunday School whether the number of scholars is great or small—even when there is only one.

2.—The Superintendent should arrange the scholars in classes according to age and sex, and the teachers should teach the Bible or some other book or books.

3.—The Superintendent should hold a quarterly examination in what the scholars have read.

The Committee request the Superintendent of the Press to print this report for distribution throughout all our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. BREWSTER,
Chairman.

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SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

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Your Committee perceive in the several annual reports of this Conference that excellent resolutions have been passed from year to year on this important subject; but we fear too little attention has been paid to putting them in practice. We therefore recommend.

1.—That the publishing Committee select the several important sections from the reports of the past three years and publish them in sheet form to be distributed throughout the Conference that all may know and observe these recommendations.

2.—That preachers in charge of circuits shall diligently inquire of all candidates for admission into the Conference whether they will carefully keep the Sabbath, and if they will not they must not be received.

3.—That the preachers on every circuit according to circumstances arrange to hold a service every Sabbath afternoon either for the study of the Sunday School lesson, for preaching, or for neighbourhood evangelistic meetings.

LAU KUANG HUNG,
Chairman.

N. SITES,
Secretary.



STATE OF THE CHURCH.

DEACONESSSES.

The Committee recommend :—

1. That the provisions of the chapter on Deaconesses in the Discipline, (edition of 1888) be translated and printed in the Chinese minutes.
2. That the Conference Board of Deaconesses for this year consist of the following members :

Miss Hartford,
Miss Trimble,
Mrs. Wilcox,
Mrs. Brewster,

* G. B. Smyth,
W. H. Lacy,
Hü Bö Mi,
Li Diong Cui,

Ding Ung Tieu.

N. SITES,
Chairman.

W. N. BREWSTER,
Secretary.

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TEMPERANCE.

The presiding elders themselves ought to refrain from wine and tobacco first, and then advise other preachers to refrain from them.

When conference time draws near the presiding elders ought to prepare reports telling whether every preacher has refrained from wine and tobacco during the year.

The preachers of every circuit ought to preach a sermon on Temperance at each quarterly meeting.

The presiding elders ought to make every preacher obey what was decided last Conference concerning this matter.

M. C. WILCOX,
Chairman.

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CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

During the past year five persons have been receiving aid from the superannuate fund and we recommend that the same amounts be paid during the coming year, as follows: per month—Mrs. Dang Ging Dong, \$2.00; Rev. Hü Iong Mi, \$6.00; Li Hok Ming, \$2.00; Mrs. Ling Ging Ding \$2.00; Mrs. Daing Guang Ing, \$3.00.

We further recommend that during this year the Conference pay Rev. Sie Huo Mi and Mrs. Ding Neng Ciek each \$3.00 per month.

HU CAI HANG,
Secretary.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

As the treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society is a servant of this Conference, and as his books are kept in English, the accounts are accessible to but very few members of the Conference. I infer therefore that the general interest of you all in the condition of the treasury is sufficient reason for my presenting to you a report containing a statement of accounts more in detail than has been presented in previous years.

I have transferred from my books two statements: viz. one of the Cash account, and one of the Loan accounts, giving in addition the summary of Assets and Liabilities. That these may be clear to all I have had them printed and circulated through the Conference.

I congratulate the Conference that our saintly superannuated brother, and the widows and orphans of our brothers who are now at rest, are being properly cared for. The handsome surplus of \$2496.15 at the disposal of the Society is a guarantee that the families of all who do faithful work shall be well cared for when their days of effective service are passed.

The gratitude of the Conference is due to the Church in America, which by its liberal support of the Methodist Episcopal Book Concern, enables it to make such liberal grants from its profits to our Conference Superannuated Fund. I believe the day is not far distant when the embryonic "Book Concern" at Foochow—the M. E. Mission Press—will be able to make an annual grant from its profits towards this same deserving cause.

In closing my report as Treasurer I take great pleasure in thanking the Secretary of the Society, Rev. Hū Sing Mi, for his valuable assistance in placing the loans and collecting the interest on the same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. LACY,
Treasurer Board of Trustees.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

WM. H. LACY, TREASURER.

Cash Account.

Dr.			
1891-	Mexicans.		
To Balance due Treasurer at last Conference.....	\$ 33	46	
„ Insurance claim paid to Daing Die Sai.....	\$13.34		
„ „ „ „ Ding Heng Mi.....	10.80		
„ „ „ „ Sia Séu Ong.....	7.88		
„ „ „ „ Lau Diong Ling.....	9.72		
„ „ „ „ Uong Sie Se.....	12.00		
	53	74	
„ Loan No. 9.....	\$400		
„ „ „ 10.....	500		
„ „ „ 11.....	300		
„ „ „ 12.....	350		
„ „ „ 13.....	300		
	1850	00	
„ Claims on Conference Fund for 9 months, April-Dec.			
„ „ „ Mrs. Daing Guang Ing...\$27.00			
„ „ „ „ Ling Cing Ding.....	18.00		
„ „ „ „ Dang Ging Dong ...	18.00		
„ „ „ „ Li Hok Ming.....	18.00		
„ „ „ „ Rev. Hū long Mi.....	54 00		
	135	00	
„ Balance in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	385	65	
	2457	85	
Cr.			
By Book Concern Dividend for 1890, \$391 gold @ 80 ...	488	75	
„ „ „ „ 1891, \$384 „ ..	480	00	
„ Dividend from chartered funds, \$30 gold @ 80.....	37	50	
„ Loan No. 6 and interest.....	1092	60	
„ „ „ 4 „ ..	859	00	
	2457	85	

Audited and found correct.

GEO. B. SMYTH.

WM. H. LACY,
Treasurer.

Loan Account.

Dr.

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1889.	To Loan No. 1.....	985	00	1890	Loan No. 1 and int.....	1034	25
	" " 2.....	200	00		" " 2 "	224	00
1890				Aug. ...,	" " 3	950	00
Jan. 18,	" " 3.....	959	00	1891			
18,	" " 4.....	310	00	Oct. ...,	" interest	50	00
Mar. 15,	" " 5.....	350	00		" No. 4	310	00
Aug. 15,	" " 6.....	1000	00	Feb. 5,	" interest	49	00
1891				Mar. 16,	" No. 5 and int.....	365	55
Feb. 3,	" " 7.....	50	00	June 4,	" " 6 partial & int	459	00
6,	" " 8.....	200	00	Nov. 18,	" balance & interest	633	60
Mar. 16,	" " 9.....	400	00		By Loans outstanding	2100	00
Apr. 2,	" " 10.....	500	00				
11,	" " 11.....	300	00				
June 6,	" " 12.....	350	00				
Aug. 19,	" " 13.....	300	00				
Nov. 18,	" Interest on loans						
	during 3 years	280	40				
		6175	40			6175	40

Summary.

Liabilities.				Assets.			
Nov. 18,	Insurance Society			Nov. 18,	Outstanding loans	2100	00
	claims.....	159	50		Cash on hand	385	65
	Excess of Assets				Native Cemetery Stock	170	00
	over Liabilities.....	2496	15				
		2655	65			2655	65



GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

The Spring term of the Boarding School opened just before Conference; so we have now, the work of a term and a half to report.

For each of these terms, the enrollment is 68. That for the year is 80.

Of these 68 were boarding pupils and 17 were day pupils.

With very few exceptions, the boarding pupils belong to Christian families, as do four of the day pupils also.

Of the whole enrollment, 31 are church members and ten probationers. Two day pupils belonged to a Catholic family, but they came during the spring term only.

The spiritual interest in the school has been good. Though there was no special revival interest, there has been strong, active Christian growth in many hearts. This was manifest in the every day work and conduct of the students.

A siege of small-pox compelled us to close school, without examinations, June 6th. Five girls were ill but all recovered.

No class was sent out in June; the highest class had still two year's work to do.

The Fall Term opened with preparations for examinations, which were very successful. This term's work began September 21st.

We have had the same teachers, during the two terms, and we are very grateful for the help they have been to us. Mr. Ling has been very faithful in helping both teachers and scholars.

Mrs. Patience Ling, our efficient matron, has continued her good work in caring for the girls.

The scholars have been much interested in their music, and have made good progress under Miss Sites' instruction. Three more girls began studying instrumental music this term, making seven in all. Our own classes have worked earnestly and done well.

We can truly say the school has made good progress, mental and spiritual, and for this we thank God.

There is another thing of which we wish to speak. Christ said to one of the seven churches, "I have somewhat against thee." We do not think it is misquoting Scripture to use these words of our honored Conference brethren. Not because you have criticised our school; we are glad that some of you have. We had rather have you criticise than say nothing. Indifference would hurt us most.

We will all agree, doubtless, that our school *should* train its own

teachers. That girls who have finished the course of study should be *competent* to begin teaching in the school; and they are.

That while they gain experience in teaching, they should continue their own studies, and that the time *should* come when we do not need a gentleman teacher in the school, because we can supply our own demand from girls the school has trained.

Then, brethren of the Conference, fathers, brothers, young preachers, why not help us to make this true? Let us tell you, that to do this, three things are necessary: First, we must have girls who have the ability. Second, we must have teachers competent in mind and heart to train our pupils, for such a position. Third, we must be given *time* to do it.

Chinese girls have this ability; it is possible to find the teachers.

We cannot *keep* the girls long enough for this.

When we receive your daughters, sisters, betrothed wives, many of you are willing to promise that they can study three or five years. Others, reluctantly, a few, gladly, promise for the full course of eight years.

When we seek for a gentleman teacher, we do not accept one who has studied only five years, nor even eight years. Nor would you recommend such a teacher.

If a girl stays in the school eight years, it is considered very strange if we invite her to study longer. If one of the girls begins teaching in the school, how long is she allowed to remain? How much experience does she gain?

During the last three years, at least two of our girls have been said by Chinese teachers, to be able to become competent head teachers in our school. We have had five girls teaching, at different times, during these years. Where are they now? Three are already married, and the fourth will be soon. Most of the girls who finish the course of study are married very soon after leaving the school.

After that, their husbands claim them; they are taken for other work or household duties claim their attention.

For several years, we ladies have earnestly tried to have the little girls finish, faithfully, the course in the Day Schools, then come to the Boarding School for eight years; giving them a twelve year's course of study. So far, we have practically failed.

We shall continue to fail, unless *you* help us. Unless you believe this important, recommend it in your districts and stations, and teach Christian parents, by words and *example*, the importance of such an education as *cannot* be obtained in three or five years.

You cannot be so anxious to have your girls obtain such an education, as we are to give it to them, or we should *keep your* girls.

Let us have the bright girls, first in the Day Schools for four years,

then in our Boarding School for a full course of study, and we thoroughly believe we can send out scholars of whom you will be proud. We will spare no pains to do this well.

Let their wedding wait until they are twenty-four or five years old, and we can show you trained and experienced teachers.

You do not choose boys who have studied only a few years for your head teachers; do not expect us to do so with our girls.

But so long as we train such good preachers' wives, and you insist on taking them for that, before they have finished the course, you must agree to help us obtain a good gentleman teacher to teach your preachers' wives.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE I. JEWELL.

JULIA BONAFIELD.

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DAY SCHOOLS.

During these nine months there have been in all, fifty schools in session, for a longer or shorter period. At the present time we have but forty-four. Three were closed because they lacked the required number of pupils; two because of their inefficiency, and one on account of persecutions.

There is a small increase in attendance on last year; the number enrolled this year being 1045; 412 from Christian and 633 from heathen homes.

Hok Chiang reports the largest number of pupils, as also the largest number of *Christian* pupils, the entire number being 322. Ku Cheng stands next with 275, and Hing Hua third with 200.

There is a glad song of thanksgiving in our hearts as we read the record of those brought into the fold this year through these schools. Ku Cheng reports 70 pupils as either having already joined the church, been baptized, or entered on probation. Hing Hua reports 20. Hok Chiang and Foochow failed to furnish us these items, a fact we greatly regret.

Siek Geng and A Ü lead Hok Chiang District in the largest enrollment; Dio A and Ku De in Ku Cheng, each reporting over 40. Dio A school is in our judgment one of the best, if not the best school in the Conference. The teacher, Li Keng Die understands her business thoroughly. The majority of our teachers are doing efficient work.

The schools are not all they should be however, by any means; there is room for improvement along many lines. In three respects the lack is most apparent: first, failure to obey the rules as regards course of study; second, lack of discipline; and third, in some cases, inefficient teachers. We have raised the standard for teachers, and with more careful supervision the coming year, as our working force we trust shall be increased, we expect much better things.

The Hok Chiang schools have so increased their number of pupils that we found the amount appropriated was not enough to run us through the fourth quarter. The Hok Chiang teacher came bravely and gladly to our help by giving us \$22. A large amount when we remember they get but \$2 or at the most \$3 a month.

Praising God for the ingathering this year, and for the hundreds who, in connection with this work, have heard the Gospel for the first time, and for the precious seed sown in the hearts of these girls from the study of our Christian books, which *shall* bring forth fruit—we look forward hopefully into the coming year, confidently expecting greater things.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FISHER BREWSTER.

LYDIA A. TRIMBLE.

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MEDICAL WORK.

As we look back over the year we see that it has been one of continuous breaks. Like the Tientsin Hospital, we too have suffered by losing the experienced worker; but unlike them, instead of having two new physicians, we have but one. Dr. Carleton was called home to care for her mother, July 1st.

The Hospital Dispensary was closed during August and the City Dispensaries during August, September and October on account of rumor of riots, which never came, we will add for the benefit of our American friends. The number of patients seen in clinics is less than last year.

During the month of May, Dr. Carleton spent three weeks in Ming Chiang dealing out medicines to the thousands that came to be cured by the foreign physician, while Dr. Sites and a Deaconess presented the true religion to the sick, darkened souls. She saw in the three short weeks, 2089

persons and gave 2341 prescriptions. It yet lacks six weeks of the closing of our year but we find our statistics are as follows:—

No. of patients seen by visits	...	...	1088
„ „ „ in dispensaries	...	...	5127
„ prescriptions given	...	...	6975

Then again, in March we could pay but little attention to the dispensary patients on account of the influenza, which attacked, not only ourselves but our students, servants, and the three schools of which we have charge and these with the outside calls, took all of our time, night as well as day.

Although in dispensaries we heal many ills and relieve much suffering, we do not feel that there is where our best work for Christ is done. We feel that the real work for him is at the bed-side and in the daily teaching given by Miss Johnson and the Deaconess, who not only tell them of Jesus and his love, but teach them to read and help them to commit Bible verses and hymns to memory. The patients are especially delighted to have verses written in the Chinese character on the back of picture cards; and, by the way, any one who has a supply can aid us by sending them to Miss Johnson. This year we have been cheered on our way by the direct results of our labors, so great has been the change in the faces of some as they received the light in their hearts. Some leave us with no word or sign that they have heeded what they have heard, but word comes to us, sometimes in months or years after, that they have gone home and told of what they have heard and the whole family have become converted.

Our hospital in the city, which the Chinese did so much for, was completed and furnished the first of the year, but must remain closed as we cannot open it with only one physician here. But Dr. Carleton encouraged us by writing that she expects to return ere another year closes. We notice in some reports of Medical Work in China, a goodly number of operations in dispensaries, but here we have nothing greater than extracting teeth, lancing boils, dressing wounds and ulcers.

Neither do we have many operations in the hospital: but find the Chinese averse to being cut, though we do have an occasional case of abscess, cataract, entropium, fatty and cystic tumors, vesico vaginal fistula and many ulcers to dress.

ELLEN M. LYON, M.D.

ELLA JOHNSON, *Trained Nurse.*

DEACONESSES.

The entire number of Biblewomen employed during this Conference year has been twenty-two. Of these, five were from our Woman's School, working through vacation, going back to study on the opening of school. Still four others were employed only the latter part of the year.

The reports received are not complete as regards statistics, in fact Ku Cheng and Hok Chiang workers were specially careless in this respect. We give below what is an incomplete summary of the work done. Visits made 2367. The Gospel preached 2367 times. 239 prayermeetings held. Total number of hearers 25840.

Hing Hua and Ing Chung have seven workers, and employed three extra helpers during vacation, and they report the larger half of the above statistics.

Hok Chiang and Ku Cheng each have had four Biblewomen, part employed all the year, while others have been working only the past four or five months.

Many have been brought into the church as a direct result of the work of these women, but they have been already reported by the pastors.

We feel *the* important work of our Biblewomen is to teach the Christian women. Almost all of these are so untaught, so ignorant, so little of the Gospel light has shone as yet. There is a vast field of work here, outside of that of preaching to the heathen.

Some of our workers themselves need to be trained before they can do the most efficient work in soul-saving. But this line of work is as yet comparatively new, and though inefficient in some respects, is supplying a felt need in our church.

This report does not include the work done by our Foochow Woman's School. Six women go out four days in a week, and many have been saved through their efforts. Nor do we include the work done by the Biblewomen in connection with our Hospital, as both are reported in connection with their departments of work.

We rejoice that these Chinese sisters of ours are so abundantly blessed in their work for God.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FISHER BREWSTER.

LYDIA A. TRIMBLE.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

The Foochow Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Foochow, China, November 18th to 24th, 1891. Nathan Sites, President, M. C. Wilcox, Secretary.

QUEST. 1.—*Who are Received by Transfer and from what Conference?* None.

QUEST. 2.—*Who are Admitted on Trial?* Ling Ching Mi, Tiang Siong Hui, Ling Hung Chö, Û Siu Ling, Û Söük Hu, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Heng Tung, Ung Sing Chuang.

QUEST. 3.—*Who Remain on Trial?* Ding Dai Liong, Ding Nik Sing, Saëng Hok Lieng, Saëng Ngük Chung, Siek Sek Diong, Tiang Ngük Cöu Ding Diang Dieu, Li Gi Chiong, Uong De Gi, Cüng Daik Ming, Hu Ing Li, Ling Mi Ing, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Geng Ung Uong and Gok Gi of North China Mission.

QUEST. 4.—*Who are Discontinued?* Ding Sing Seng, Li Guong Siu, Û Siu Ieu.

QUEST. 5.—*Who are Admitted into Full Connection?* None.

QUEST. 6.—*Who are Re-admitted?* None.

QUEST. 7.—*Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?* None.

QUEST. 8.—*What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?* None.

QUEST. 9.—*What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?* None.

QUEST. 10.—*What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?* None.

QUEST. 11.—*What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?* None.

QUEST. 12.—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?* None.

QUEST. 13.—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?* Ding Iok Nguong, Uong Ding Hok, Li Ngä Hung, Uong Guok Hing.

QUEST. 14.—*What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?* None.

QUEST. 15.—*What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?* None.

QUEST. 16.—*What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?* None.

- QUEST. 17.—*What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?* None.
- QUEST. 18.—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* None.
- QUEST. 19.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?* Hū Iong Mi and Sie Huo Mi.
- QUEST. 20.—*Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?* This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.
- QUEST. 21.—*Have any Died?* Ding Neng Giek.
- QUEST. 22.—*Have any been Transferred and to what Conference?* None.
- QUEST. 23.—*Have any Withdrawn?* None.
- QUEST. 24.—*Have any been Located at their own request?* None.
- QUEST. 25.—*Have any been Located?* None.
- QUEST. 26.—*Have any been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?* None.
- QUEST. 27.—*Have any been Expelled?* None.
- QUEST. 28.—*Who are selected to be Triers of Appeals?* None.
- QUEST. 29.—*What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?* (See Statistical Report.)
- QUEST. 30.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?* \$252.
- QUEST. 31.—*What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?* (See Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society Treasurer's Report).
- QUEST. 32.—*Where are the Preachers Stationed?* (See Appointments.)
- QUEST. 33.—*Where shall the next Conference be held?* Tieng Ang Dong, Foochow.
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FOOCHOW CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

N. SITES, PRESIDING ELDER.

Foochow : Cing-Sing-dong—Hü Sing Mi.†

Hok-ing-dong—Hü Bö Mi.†

Tieng-ang-dong—Iek Ing Guang.†

Gui-hung—Ding Deng Diu.*

Ming-chiang : Lëk-du—Hü Caik Hang, Li Gi Chiong, Ũ Sëük Hu.

Ne-du—Uong De Gi.

Sek-ngo-du—Lau Guang Hüng.†

Nathan Sites,† Dean of School of Theology.

G. B. Smyth,† President of Anglo-Chinese College, Editor of Foh-kien Christian Advocate. Member of Tieng-ang-dong quar. conf.

W. H. Lacy,† Superintendent of Mission Press, Professor in Anglo-Chinese College. Member of Cing-sing-dong quar. conf.

Sia Sek Ong,† Professor in School of Theology, Associate Editor of Foh-kien Christian Advocate. Member of Tieng-ang-dong quar. conf.

N. J. Plumb,† J. H. Worley,† Absent in United States of America.

Mrs. G. B. Smyth, Mrs. W. H. Lacy, Instructors in Anglo-Chinese College.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

SIA HENG Tö, PRESIDING ELDER.

N. SITES, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Dai-ho—Ceng Ung Uong.

Ngiu-Sëü—Sie Seng Cang,† and one to be supplied.

Sang-le—Ling Mi Ing, U Siu Ling.

Tang-tau—Sia Heng Tö,† and one to be supplied.

HING-HUA DISTRICT.

LI DIONG-CUI, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. N. BREWSTER, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Bing-hai—Uong Ngük Ciong.*
 Bäck-gō-leu—Li Siu Hieng.*
 Buo-hi—Säeng Ngük Chung.
 Chiong-ong—Ling Hung Chō.
 Gie-dieng-li—Li Ngä Hung.
 Gieng-sang—Ding Nik Sing, and two to be supplied.
 Guang-au—Säeng Hok Lieng.
 Hang-gēng—Ling Sing Eū.†
 Hing-hua City—Ling Ming Ciong,† and one to be supplied.
 Kia-sioh—Siek Sek Diong.
 Lieng-cü—Ding Soi Ling.†
 Nang-nik—Ling Cing Cieng.†
 Sieng-iu—Iong Daik Cheu.†
 Ung-Sü—Ngu Soi Cēu.*
 Ding Cing Guong,† Teacher of Hing-hua Central School.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. H. LACY, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Deng-aing—Siek Chiong 'Tieng.*
 Gēng-giang—Ding Ga Sing.†
 Gong-ing—Ling Chiong Ling.*
 Hai-iu—Ung Seng Chuang.
 Hai-kau—Ung Guong Goi.*
 Ha-ü—Ü Sieu E.†
 Hok-chiang City—Ciong Daik Liong,† and one to be supplied.
 Ngu-cheng—Ding Hieng Ngieu.
 Ngü kä—Huong Daik Chiong.†
 Sang-sang—Ngu Muk Ong.*
 Siek-gēng—Hō Dieu Iu.*
 Sing-dong—Ling Ming Sang.† and one to be supplied.

ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.

NGOI GI LANG, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. N. BREWSTER, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Chiah-cui—Ling Sǎeng Lai.†
 Daik-hua—Chai Hi Seng.*
 Hu-iong—Ceng Cong Ming.†
 Ing-chung City—Sia Lieng Li,† Ding Kie Hui.*
 Dai-cheng—Uong Guok Hing.
 Iong-tau—Hu Ing Li, Gū Ung Chai.*
 Tō Nguong—Ngu Guok Guo.*

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

DAING GIENG ING, PRESIDING ELDER.

M. C. WILCOX, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Ciong-hu-buang—Dang Seng Ling,† Ling Heng Tung.
 Hu-nguong—Song Guong Huo,†
 Iong-bing City—Diong Sēuk Buo.†
 Iong-de—To be supplied.
 Iu-kā—To be supplied.
 Sa-gaing—Pang Ding Hie.†
 Sing-gio—Hu Ing Ing.*
 Song-chiong—Daing Gieng Ing.†
 Ing-ang—To be supplied.

KUCHENG DISTRICT.

M. C. WILCOX, PRESIDING ELDER.

Chong-tau—Ding Siu Kūng.†
 Dio-a—Ding Daik Liong, and one to be supplied.
 Dong-huang—Diong Ming Dung.†
 Duai Giang—Ding Iok Nguong.
 Ku-de—Gong Sing Cǎe.*
 Ku-cheng City—Ding Ung Tiu.†
 Liang-nang—Ling Sēu Ing† and one to be supplied.
 Loi-hung—Tiang Ngūk Cēu, Ling Ui Sieng.
 Sek-baik-du—Cūng Daik Ming.
 Seng-iong—Ling Sēu Chung,* and one to be supplied.
 Seng-lēng—Tiang Siong Hui.
 Medical Work—J. J. Gregory, M.D.

W. F. M. S. WORK.

Foochow Girls' Boarding School—Miss C. I. Jewell, Miss Julia Bonafield.
Woman's Hospital: Medical Work—Miss E. M. Lyon, M.D., Miss M. E.
Carleton, M.D., in U.S.A. Evangelistic Work—Miss Ella Johnson.

Foochow Woman's Training School, Day School and Evangelistic Work in
Hok-chiang, and Hai-tang Districts—Miss Lydia A. Trimble.

Music in the Schools, and Day School and Evangelistic Work in the
Foochow District—Miss Ruth Marie Sites.

Ku-cheng Woman's Training School, Day School and Evangelistic Work in
the Ku-cheng and Long-bing Districts—Miss Mabel C. Hartford.

Hing-hua City Work—Mrs. E. F. Brewster.

Day School and Evangelistic Work in the Hing-hua and Ing-chung Districts
(outside of Hing Hua City)—Miss Julia Bonafield.

Orphanage—Mrs. W. H. Lacy.



STATISTICAL TABLES.

WM. H. LACY, STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

The Tabulated Statistics do not include the following items:—

Foreign Missionaries,	6
Assistant Foreign Missionaries,	6
Foreign Missionaries of the W. F. M. S....	7

BOARDING SCHOOLS.

Anglo-Chinese College, Foreign teachers *	4
" " Native teachers	4
" " Students,	97
Theological School, Foreign teachers, *	1
" " Native teachers,	4
" " Students,.....	84
Boys High School (Normal Dept.), Scholars,	43
" " Native teachers,.....	2
W. F. M. S. Girls School, Native teachers,	4
" " " Scholars,	70
" " Six Womans Schools: scholars,	127
" " Hospital Students,	9

PROPERTY.

Anglo-Chinese College, Dormitory and Apparatus	\$22,000
Eleven Residences at Foochow, Hing-hua and Kucheng, including those of the W. F. M. S.,.....	33,700
Two Natives parsonages, †	1,700
W. F. M. S. Girls School,	10,000
" Womans School,	3,000
" Two Hospitals,.....	7,000
Theological School and Foochow Mission Press Building,	5,000
Mission Press Type, Presses, etc.	9,000

* Included under "Foreign and Assistant Missionaries."

† Other native parsonages are generally built in connection with the "Chapels," and their valuation is there included.

STATISTICAL TABLES,

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.
Foochow District.											
Tieng-ang Dong	3	5	17	184	80	38	200	250	35	37	16
Siu-liang Dong	1	...	...	8	5	...	30	10	...	...	...
Cing-sing Dong	2	...	2	42	22	19	60	60	7	5	2
Hok-ing Dong.....	1	1	3	26	8	13	23	30	...	...	...
Gai-hung	1	...	...	45	10	25	45	30	...	...	...
Hung-mui .....	...	3	...	15	3	23	40	...	...	...	...
Ne-Du	1	1	1	10	9	2	12	40	...	6	...
Sek-ngo Du	1	1	...	25	6	12	30	40	...	1	1
Lek-Du.....	3	2	2	32	7	25	20	50	...	2	2
Total	13	13	25	387	150	157	460	510	42	51	21
Hok Chiang District.											
Geng-giang	1	2	3	122	115	101	200	200	16	1	8
Gie-heng	1	2	...	54	53	12	100	120	30	3	2
Ngu-cheng	1	7	...	116	117	106	274	210	34	11	15
Sing-dong.....	1	4	2	115	114	59	120	200	25	7	5
Ha-ti	1	3	3	68	70	50	180	180	30	2	1
Ha-ieu	1	4	1	90	54	46	240	310	60	2	3
Deng-ang	1	1	1	40	30	37	51	51	6	4	6
Ngü-ka	2	1	1	27	20	24	80	70	20	3	2
Siek-geng .....	...	3	3	92	62	75	30	150	6	7	4
Gong-ing	1	2	...	58	73	39	85	100	12	3	1
Hok-Chiang City	3	1	1	42	26	23	30	80	12	...	2
Totals	13	30	15	824	734	572	1390	1671	251	43	49
Ing. Chung District.											
Ing-chung.....	2	1	1	28	10	14	45	45	1	1	3
Daik-hua .....	...	3	...	23	6	9	35	42	1	...	...
Chiak-cui.....	1	...	...	12	3	8	20	20	...	...	...
Dai-cheng.....	1	1	...	28	9	7	30	35	...	...	...
To-nguong .....	...	2	...	14	8	6	25	25	2	2	...
Tong-tau	1	2	...	28	7	4	30	35	5	5	3
Hu-iong	2	...	1	45	9	32	70	80	2	2	6
Totals	7	9	2	178	52	80	255	282	11	10	12

FOOCHOW CONFERENCE.

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No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Boys Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of Chapels.	Estimated Value of Chapels and Parsonages.	No. of Halls and other Rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for Benevolent purposes.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
1 280	1 15	1 16	1 16	1 16	1 16	1	\$ 2,800	...	\$116.66	\$ 22.60	\$140.00	.....	\$ 10.55
1 60	1 16	2 35	1 1	1 1	1 1	1	100	...	1.50	.....	.....	.....	1.00
1 16	...	2 40	1 1	1 1	1 1	1	2,600	...	15.70	.....	15.20	.....	9.20
...	1 16	...	2 40	1 1	1 1	1	1,900	...	7.00	.....	6.00	.....	2.00
...	...	...	...	...	...	2	400	1	1.65	.....	5.00	.....	1.00
1 30	1 10	1 20	1 1	1 1	1 1	1	30	...	0.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
1 20	1 14	...	...	...	...	...	400	...	1.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....
2 25	1 16	2 37	1 1	1 1	1 1	1	.....	2	1.50	.....	2.00	.....	.....
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1,000	1	2.00	.....	7.00	51.00	.....
7 431	6 87	8 148	9	9	9	9	\$ 9,230	4	\$147.51	\$ 22.60	\$178.20	51.00	\$ 23.75
6 120	1 16	2 44	7	7	7	7	\$1,180	...	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.10	\$42.00	.....	\$25.00
3 40	1 12	...	2	2	2	2	400	2	5.00	1.85	40.00	\$234.00	52.00
7 95	...	...	1	1	1	1	400	...	6.00	1.50	74.00	.....	40.00
6 86	1 15	1 18	4	4	4	4	880	1	6.00	1.00	56.20	160.00	40.00
2 65	1 16	3 95	2	2	2	2	1,200	...	6.00	2.45	46.00	110.00	15.00
5 72	1 15	1 34	5	5	5	5	2,360	...	4.00	12.43	55.00	139.00	22.00
3 34	...	...	2	2	2	2	200	...	1.50	1.00	19.00	9.00	21.00
3 50	1 17	1 12	2	2	2	2	160	1	2.00	...	16.00	.....	8.00
6 74	1 15	2 63	3	3	3	3	900	2	5.00	1.17	44.00	130.00	43.00
3 44	1 15	...	1	1	1	1	1,000	...	4.00	1.00	33.50	.....	20.00
2 40	1 12	1 14	1	1	1	1	1,800	...	5.00	2.10	25.00	.....	8.00
46 720	9 133	11 280	30	30	30	30	\$10,480	6	\$51.50	\$27.60	\$450.70	\$782.00	\$294.00
1 16	...	1 10	...	...	...	...	.....	2	\$3.50	\$2.75	\$ 14.50	\$ 19.00	\$ 5.00
1 24	...	...	1	1	1	1	\$440	...	2.30	3.10	12.90	18.10	1.50
1 16	1 12	...	1	1	1	1	.....	...	2.00	2.50	11.50	12.10	5.00
1 6	...	...	1	1	1	1	420	...	2.00	0.50	2.60	6.50	20.00
1 12	1 11	...	1	1	1	1	300	...	4.35	...	13.40	113.00	10.00
2 16	2 20	...	...	...	...	...	.....	2	3.00	0.50	9.00	11.00	5.00
1 40	1 20	...	1	1	1	1	22	...	3.00	1.15	22.50	28.60	7.00
8 130	5 63	1 10	5	5	5	5	\$1,182	4	\$20.15	\$10.50	\$ 86.40	\$208.30	\$53.50

<i>NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.</i>	<i>Native Ordained Preachers.</i>	<i>Native Unordained Preachers.</i>	<i>Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.</i>	<i>Members.</i>	<i>Probationers.</i>	<i>No. of Baptized Children.</i>	<i>Adherents.</i>	<i>Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.</i>	<i>Conversions during the year.</i>	<i>Adults Baptized.</i>	<i>Children Baptized.</i>	<i>No. of Sabbath Schools.</i>
Hing Hua District.												
Hing-hua City.....	3	2	4	69	150	28	200	250	40	40	12	1
Hang-geng	1	...	...	54	58	19	40	80	18	10	1	2
Lieng-cü	1	...	...	45	70	14	100	100	10	11	1	1
Sieng-ieu	1	...	2	39	100	29	200	140	10	11	4	2
Ung-sü	1	...	...	49	270	32	170	200	42	42	26	1
Bing-hai	1	...	3	60	35	42	50	120	10	9	5	2
Nang-nik	1	...	1	34	10	22	6	40	15	4	...	2
Gie-dieng	1	...	3	57	30	15	60	120	20	3	3	3
Güng-sang .....	...	3	3	58	150	32	220	250	50	32	4	3
Kia-sioh	1	1	3	77	44	58	20	120	20	6	5	6
Guang-au	1	...	2	97	10	42	10	140	10	11	8	1
Buo-hi .....	...	1	...	24	7	15	12	30	...	...	...	2
Totals	12	7	21	663	934	348	1088	1590	245	179	69	26
Iong Bing District.												
Iong-Bing City	1	...	1	14	2	7	12	10	3	1	...	1
Chiong-hu-buang.....	1	...	2	56	2	25	30	60	5	2	...	1
Sek-se-du .....	...	1	...	9	12	4	8	15	2	1	1	1
Iu-ka City	1	...	1	22	1	9	16	18	4	2	...	2
Ngo-sek-du	1	...	1	19	8	8	50	32	5	3	2	1
Iong-de	1	...	...	9	3	3	10	12	4	2	...	1
Se-sek-läk-du .....	...	1	...	8	4	3	16	9	2	...	1	2
Hu-nguong .....	...	1	1	19	32	8	50	40	6	9	4	1
Sa-gaing	1	...	1	6	4	4	5	9	1	...	...	1
Song-chiong	1	1	2	17	9	7	20	30	4	2	...	2
Totals	7	4	9	179	77	78	217	235	36	22	8	13
Hai Tang District.												
Tang-tau	1	6	1	47	51	35	90	120	8	6	3	3
Sang-le .....	...	2	1	57	57	15	100	90	6	6	6	2
Ngük-sü	2	1	1	51	160	11	160	200	27	27	...	1
Dai-ho .....	...	5	1	50	20	24	50	75	9	18	4	4
Totals	3	14	4	205	288	85	400	485	50	57	13	10

<i>No. of Sabbath Scholars.</i>	<i>No. of Boys Day Schools.</i>	<i>No. of Scholars in same.</i>	<i>No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools.</i>	<i>No. of Scholars in same.</i>	<i>No. of Chapels.</i>	<i>Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages.</i>	<i>No. of Halls and other Rented places of Worship.</i>	<i>Collected for the Missionary Society.</i>	<i>Collected for Benevolent purposes.</i>	<i>Collected for Self-Support.</i>	<i>Collected for Church Building and Repairing.</i>	<i>Contributed for other Local Purposes.</i>
200	2	20	2	28	5	\$4,400	1	\$13.00	\$18.00	38.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 0.40
49	1	20	...	...	3	500	1	2.00	0.33	30.00	100.00	0.20
100	...	...	...	...	2	1,000	...	2.00	3.00	47.00	.....	3.40
60	1	12	1	15	2	2,000	...	5.50	5.00	52.00	240.00	32.50
42	1	11	...	...	2	200	...	2.00	14.00	36.00	320.00	33.50
60	1	18	3	40	3	250	...	3.00	7.20	25.00	.....	0.30
12	...	...	1	13	1	200	...	2.00	0.90	24.00	20.00	.....
40	...	...	2	25	3	200	1	3.00	2.00	30.70	10.00	10.10
300	...	...	1	21	2	280	1	3.00	15.50	93.20	61.00	37.20
80	2	20	3	57	4	300	...	10.00	0.50	46.00	.....	3.30
60	2	41	2	36	1	200	...	0.35	3.30	56.00	.....	15.50
18	1	13	...	...	1	130	...	1.00	...	13.60	4.00	.....
1021	11	155	15	235	29	\$9,660	4	46.85	69.73	491.50	\$ 767.00	136.40
17	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	\$2.00	\$0.20	\$ 2.00	.....	.....
30	...	...	1	12	1	\$700	...	4.00	0.75	10.00	.....	.....
10	...	...	...	...	1	250	...	2.50	3.30	5.20	\$10.00	.....
15	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	2.00	...	4.00	.....	.....
17	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	2.50	1.55	6.75	50.00	.....
8	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	1.50	0.50	1.80	.....	.....
4	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	1.00	0.40	1.85	.....	.....
32	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	2.00	0.90	5.20	154.00	.....
8	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	1.50	0.85	.....	.....	.....
15	...	...	...	...	1	200	1	4.00	3.05	5.20	.....	.....
156	...	...	1	12	3	\$1,150	8	\$-3.00	\$11.50	\$42.00	214.00	.....
46	1	20	1	11	2	\$900.00	1	\$ 5.00	\$1.80	\$38.00	\$30.00	\$ 8.00
50	1	11	1	14	1	200.00	1	4.00	2.00	33.00	160.00	7.00
160	1	12	1	13	1	900.00	...	5.00	2.20	67.00	40.00	5.00
65	1	3.00	1.64	20.50	6.00	2.40
321	3	43	3	38	4	\$2,000.00	3	\$17.00	\$7.64	\$158.50	\$236.00	\$22.40

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Ku-cheng District.											
Ku-cheng City	2	0	2	18	14	14	15	60	5	4	4
Loi-hung and Iong-tau	2	2	1	43	29	33	16	100	6	...	3
Ku-de and Duai-giang	1	5	2	75	63	36	80	180	25	25	12
Liang-nang and Deng-iong.....	2	5	...	70	51	28	150	180	11	15	1
Seng-iong and Dio-siong.....	1	1	...	29	45	8	25	50	5	5	3
Dong-huang and Cie-ding	1	1	2	32	7	20	40	85	6	2	3
Chong-tau and A-de	1	...	1	21	10	5	11	36	2	5	2
Tio-a and Hung-ieng	1	3	2	55	28	20	115	120	17	5	2
Sek-baik-du .....	...	1	1	22	32	8	10	55	9	2	2
Seng-leng and Gang-kä .....	...	1	1	22	30	3	10	60	10	8	1
Total for District.....	11	19	12	387	309	175	472	926	96	71	33
Summary by Districts.											
Foochow District	13	13	25	387	150	157	460	510	42	51	21
Hai-tang do.	3	14	4	205	288	85	400	485	50	57	13
Hing-hua do.	12	7	21	663	934	348	1088	1590	245	179	69
Hok-chiang do.	13	30	15	824	734	572	1390	1671	251	43	49
Ing-chung do.	7	9	2	178	52	80	255	282	11	10	12
Iong-bing do.	7	4	1	179	77	78	217	235	36	22	8
Ku-cheng do.	11	19	12	387	309	175	472	926	96	71	33
Total for Fall Conference 1891=8 months.....	66	96	80	2823	2544	1495	4282	5699	731	433	205
Total for Spring Conference 1891=15 months.....	67	86	69	2706	1774	1366	3373	4947	763	364	185
Increase for eight months.....	...	10	11	117	770	129	909	752	...	69	20
Decrease for eight months.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	...

No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Boys Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages.	No. of Halls and other Rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for Benevolent purposes.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
1	60	...	...	2	32	1	\$2,300	...	\$13.30	\$ 1.95	\$ 8.90	\$ 8.00	\$ 2.00
5	80	...	...	1	17	1	350	1	4.00	1.00	16.60	.....	0.80
2	98	1	21	3	80	2	500	...	6.00	3.00	18.50	180.00	.....
4	153	1	15	...	...	3	333	...	8.00	3.20	25.00	3.15	.....
2	50	...	...	...	...	...	.....	2	3.00	1.30	9.30	.....	.....
2	50	2	34	1	12	1	200	...	3.00	0.85	7.50	1.00	.....
1	30	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	2.00	1.20	4.50	.....	0.40
1	105	2	32	1	45	1	210	...	4.00	1.10	12.00	1.50	0.50
1	50	1	12	1	30	1	150	...	2.00	1.50	7.50	15.00	10.00
2	60	...	...	1	13	...	.....	1	2.50	1.30	4.50	.....	1.00
21	736	7	114	10	229	10	\$4,043	5	\$47.80	\$16.40	\$114.30	\$208.65	\$ 14.70
7	431	6	87	8	148	9	\$9,230	4	\$147.51	\$ 22.60	\$178.20	51.00	23.75
10	321	3	43	3	38	4	2,000	3	17.00	7.64	158.50	236.00	22.40
26	1021	11	155	15	235	29	9,660	4	46.85	69.73	491.50	767.00	136.40
46	720	9	133	11	280	30	10,480	6	51.50	27.60	450.70	782.00	294.00
8	130	5	63	1	10	5	1,182	4	20.15	10.50	86.40	208.30	53.50
13	156	...	...	1	12	3	1,150	8	23.00	11.50	42.00	214.00	...
21	736	7	114	10	229	10	4,043	5	47.80	16.40	114.30	208.65	14.70
131	3515	41	595	49	952	90	\$37,745	34	\$353.81	\$165.97	1521.60	2466.95	544.75
117	3077	46	728	51	903	82	32,272	33	336.10	151.50	1364.32	1872.50	636.20
14	438	49	8	5,473	1	17.71	14.47	157.28	594.45	...
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