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Singapore.
If one were to ascend in an airplane to a great height above the city of Singapore, and if we were able to see far enough, he would see spread out on the ocean beneath him the largest and most beautiful group of islands in the world.

The principal products of Malaysia are, rubber, tin, gutta percha, hides, rattans, pepper, tapioca, copra.

SINGAPORE, the Lion City, Cross roads of the East! Every time you open a tin can or have a blow-out you make business for Singapore, for it boasts of the biggest tin smelters in the world and three-fourths of the United State's rubber comes from Malaysia.

Singapore is sometimes called New York of the East. Through its harbour passes 6,000,000 tons more of shipping than enters and leaves New York.

Of Singapore's half million population 400,000 are Chinese, 54,000 Malays, 33,000 Indians (mostly Tamils), and 13,000 Europeans and Eurasians.

It's not China, or India, it's MALAYSIA.
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This group represents Methodism in Malaya as it has been developed in the past forty-two years, from the days when Bishop Oldham began work in Singapore. Bishop and Mrs. Lowe are seated in the center. At the Bishop’s right sits the senior W. F. M. S. Missionary, Miss Blackmore who came to this field from Australia forty-two years ago.
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† Asiatic preachers are marked M in their mother tongue, and x in other languages in which they can preach.
Officers of the Conference

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Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, December Fourteenth, 1927.

The 36th session of the Malaya Annual Conference opened in Wesley Church, Singapore at 8:30 a.m. December, the fourteenth 1927, Bishop Lowe presiding.

Devotions: Bishop Lowe led the devotions speaking on "Flowers in God's Garden." Communion was administered to all present.

Roll Call: The former secretary called the roll of the Conference and the following responded:

W E. Horley Kong Ian Sitong Tai Poh Ting
Y. J. Jesudasen F. H. Sullivan Ng Khoan Jiu
Edward Isaac V Samuel V. Devasahayam
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Fred David S. M. Thevathasan J. S. Arthur
Channan Singh M. N. Charles Goh Hood Keng
Timothy Huong Wong Yun Fan Yau Yee San
H. B. Amstutz D. P. Coole

Secretary: Lester Proebstel was elected secretary and J. A. Supramaniam assistant secretary.

Introduction: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Sullivan and Miss Clare Norton were welcomed back to the field. The following new recruits were introduced: Mrs. Raymond Roche from Pennsylvania, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cordle of Missouri, L. B. Jenkins of Michigan, Ruth Sherwood of South Dakota, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Summers of Nebraska, Lora Buel of Texas, Genevieve Stowe of Washington, Hazel Deppler of Iowa, Lorinne McLaughlin from Illinois, Mechteld Dirksen from New York, Paul St. H. Hang from China.

Greetings: Greetings to the Conference were read from Abel Eklund.

Telegram: The secretary was instructed to send a telegram of greeting to J. M. Hoover.

Lay Missionaries: In accordance with paragraph 423 of the Discipline, the lay missionaries of the Conference were admitted to the bar.
Chinese Interpreter: Moi Poh Peng was appointed as Chinese interpreter.

Conference Bar: The first five front seats and the seats in the two naves of the church were constituted the bar of the Conference.

Program: The printed program was adopted as the program of the Conference.

Assistant Statisticians: L. A. Chacey and R. Doraisamy were elected as assistant statisticians.

Assistant Treasurer: S. A. Phillips was elected as assistant treasurer.

Conference Reporters: L. B. Jenkins and Lim Hong Ban were appointed as reporters to the local papers.

Question 15: The names of Edwin F. Lee, Superintendent of Singapore District, T. W Bowmar, Superintendent of Malacca District, W. E. Horley, Superintendent of Ipoh District, were called; their characters were passed and each read his report.

Recess: A recess of ten minutes was ordered.

Question 15: The names of P. L. Peach, Superintendent of Penang District, and R. A. Blasdell, Superintendent of Kuala Lumpur District, were called; their characters were passed and each read his report.

Committee on Editing Reports: H. B. Amstutz and S. M. Thevathasan were appointed to edit the reports as they are made and to deliver them daily to the M. P. H.

Transfer: G. V. Summers, probationer in the Nebraska Conference, was transferred to the Malaya Conference.

Committee on Christian Literature: Timothy Huong, Moi Poh Peng were added to the standing committee on Christian literature.

Cablegram: A cablegram was read from G. F. Pykett sending greetings to the Conference.

Transfer: Irvin S. Motz was transferred from the Wisconsin Conference to the Malaya Conference.

Order of the Day: The election of the ministerial delegate to General Conference was ordered to be held immediately after recess on December 15.

Devotions: The session closed with the benediction pronounced by J. J. Kovilpillai.

Thursday, December Fifteenth, 1927.

Devotions: Bishop Lowe led the devotions, speaking on "The Aristocracy of Service."

Minutes: The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Introductions: Katherine Boeye of Iowa and Mildred Merten of Iowa were introduced.
M.P.H. Frank Sands, Manager of the M.P.H. read the report on the M.P.H. for the year 1927. The report was accepted. (See the Report).

Question 5 (a) was called and Linden B. Jenkins was admitted on trial and advanced to the studies of the first year.

Question 6 (b) was called and James S. Arthur, Joseph V Ayaduray, Lloyd A. Chacey, Meedperdharm N. Charles, Goh Hood Keng, Wong Yun Fan, and Yau Yee San were continued on trial in the studies of the second year.

Question 6 (c). Timothy Huong was continued on trial in the studies of the third year.

Question 8 (a) was called and Fred David, S. M. Rajamoney, Raymond Roche and S. M. Thevathasan were admitted into full membership and advanced to the studies of the third year, and recommended for Deacon's orders.

Question 10 was called. J. J. Kovilpillai was advanced to the studies of the fourth year, conditioned in one subject.

S. A. Phillips was continued in the studies of the fourth year.

C. D. Patterson and Andrew McNab were advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Question 7 was called and Lai Kam Hong was discontinued at his own request.

Question 11 (a) was called. Ang Giok Sui was graduated from the course of study and was recommended for Elder's orders.

Letter: A letter was read from L. Gordon Cranna, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Singapore greeting the Conference and putting at the service of the members of the conference the premises of the Y.M.C.A.

Transfer: Willard Schurr was transferred from the Southern California Conference to the Malaya Conference.

Question 9 (a) was called and Fred David, S. Rajamoney, Raymond D. Roche, and Samuel M. Thevathasan were admitted into Full Membership and advanced to the studies of the third year.

Reception into Full Membership: S. M. Thevathasan, S. M. Rajamoney, Fred David, and R. D. Roche were received into full membership.

Conference Claimants: The M. T. announced that $170.00 (G) or $399.52 (S) has been received from the Book Concern for the Conference Claimants' Fund. Also $200.00 (G) or $352.42 (S) was received from the Board of Pensions and Relief for the Fund.

Transfer: Chang Cheng Liang was transferred from the Foo Chow Conference to the Malaya Conference.

Committee on Resolutions: F. H. Sullivan, D. P. Coole, J. A. Supramaniam, Ang Giok Sui, T. E. Bunce and Goh Hood Keng were appointed on the Committee on Resolutions.
Question 15 was called and the character of each of the following was passed. Each read his report. Kong Ian Siong, Tai Poh Ting, Y. J. Jesudassen, H. Sullivan.

Election of General Conference Delegate: Edwin F. Lee was elected as the delegate to General Conference from the Malaya Annual Conference. J. M. Hoover was elected as Reserve.

Election of Ministerial Delegate to the Jerusalem Conference: W. E. Horley was elected.

Question 15 was resumed and the character of the following was passed and each made his report. Ng Khoan Jiu, Edward Isaac, V. Samuels, S. S. Pakianathan.

Introduction: L. Gordon Cranna, General Secretary of the Singapore Y.M.C.A. was introduced.

Memorial Service: A memorial service was held for Mrs. Mariamal Pakianathan wife of Rev. S. S. Pakianathan, and Mrs. Rose M. Eveland widow of the late Bishop W. P. Eveland.

Introductions: Rev. W. Murray and Miss Dryborough of the Presbyterian Mission of Singapore were introduced. Rev. W. Murray addressed the Conference.

Question 15: The names of Lim Hong Ban, Lester Proebstel, M. R. Doraisamy, Li Koh Ding, Moi Poh Peng, J. J. Kovilpillai were called.

The character of each was passed and each read his report.

The names of R. D. Swift, M. Dodsworth, Ng Huat Bi, Abel Eklund, B. F. West, W. G. Shellabear, G. F. Pykett, were called and their character passed.

The names of Li Hok Hiang, L. A. Samuel, Yap It Tong, Ang Gok Sui, S. M. Rajamoney, R. D. Roche, A. Mc Nab, C. D. Paterson, were called, the character of each was passed and each gave his report.

The names of L. A. Chacey, Fred David, S. M. Thevathaasan, J. S. Arthur, Charan Singh, M. N. Charles, D. P. Coole, H. B. Amstutz-Goh Hood Keng, Timothy Hueng, Wong Yun Fan, Yau Yee San were called, the character of each was passed and each gave his report.

Devotions: The session closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. W. Murray.

Friday, December Sixteen, 1927.

Devotions: Conference opened at 8:30 a.m. and the Bishop addressed the Conference on the subject “Living in Christ’s Life.”

Minutes: The minutes were read corrected and approved.

Introductions: Rev. W H. Williams of the British and Foreign Bible Society was introduced. Mrs. L. Keonitz, daughter of Rev. H. L. E. Luering, was introduced. Tay Tin Eun of the Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow, was introduced.
Question 8: Willard Schurr was admitted into full membership in the Conference.

Question 6: Tan Ghi San was continued in the studies of the first year.

Question 7: Tsing Tsai Ling was discontinued.

Question 11 (a): Li Hok Hiang was recommended for Elder's orders.

Question 13 (b): Irvin S. Motz and Willard Schurr were recommended for Deacons' and Elders' orders under missionary rule. (Paragraph 179, section 4).

Question 25: Ng Huat Bi, Kong Yau Siong were given the supernumerary relation for one year.


Evangelistic Work Singapore: Miss Blackmore reported on her personal activities.

Mission Institutions: Continued: Shellbear Hall, Malacca, reported on by Miss M. Dirkson. Jean Hamilton Theological School, Singapore, reported on by H. B. Amstutz.

Introductions: Miss Gertrude Owen, Miss Mackay and Miss Hutchinson of the Y.W.C.A. Singapore, were introduced.

Malaysia Message: Mrs. Lee, Editor of the Malaysia Message, gave her report.

Introductions: The Rev. Robert T. Boville, International Director and Founder of the World Association of Daily Vacation Bible Schools, New York, was introduced and gave a short speech on his work.

Recess: A recess of ten minutes was ordered and the Conference adjourned until 11:30 a.m. Conference reassembled at 11:30.

Committee on School Text Books: The report of the Committee on Text books was read by T. W. Bowmar. (See the report). This committee was continued.

Committee on Public Morals: The report of Committee on Public Morals was read by Goh Hood Keng, and the chairman of this committee was delegated to make formal representation to the Government on the recommendations of the committee. (See the Report).

Committee on Education: In place of G. F. Pykett, L. Proebstel was substituted.

Committee on Home Missionary Society: The Report of the committee on Home Missionary Society was read by S. M. Thevathasan and adopted. (See the Report).
Resolutions: Mr. Pakianathan proposed a resolution on the Local Preachers Provident fund and it was referred to the Finance Committee for action. Regarding Asiatic Preachers Transit fund it was moved that a committee of five be appointed to give this careful consideration and that this committee be required to report not later than Friday a.m. at the next session of the Annual Conference. It was also decided that there be placed in the hands of each member of Conference a mimeographed or printed copy of the recommendations.

Committee on District Conference Minutes: C. D. Patterson reported that the District Conference minutes were in order.

Devotions: Conference was adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by Li Koh Ding.

Saturday, December Seventeenth, 1927.

Devotions: Bishop Lowe led the devotions speaking on "When a Man Meets God."

Minutes: The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Committee of Conference Stewards: P. L. Peach reported for the Conference Stewards and the report was adopted. (See the report.)

Order of the Day: It was ordered that the Finance Committee members be elected after recess.

Statistics: Andrew McNab presented the statistician's report and it was received. (See the report.)

Treasurer's Report: S. S. Pakianathan presented the treasurer's report and it was received. (See the report.)

Question 13 (b). Question 13 (b) was called and Andrew McNab was recommended for elder's orders, under missionary rule.

Question 5 (a). Channan Singh was continued on trial in the studies of the first year.

Tan Han Kiat: The secretary was instructed to inform Tan Han Kiat that if he does not appear at the next session of Conference he will be brought to trial.

Introduction: The Right Reverend Lord Bishop Basil Colby Roberts of Singapore and Mrs. Roberts were introduced to the Conference. Bishop Roberts addressed the Conference.

Committee on Policy: The appointment of a committee on policy was referred to the cabinet.

Election: S. S. Pakianathan, J. A. Supramaniam, and Moi Poh Peng were elected members of the Finance Committee on the first ballot.

Memorials to General Conference: The committee on memorials to General Conference reported and their report was adopted. (See the report).

Introduction: Doctor Chen Su Lan, lay electoral delegate to General Conference from the Malaya Conference was introduced to the Conference.
Committee on Christian Literature: Committee on Christian Literature read its report and it was adopted.

Committee on the State of the Church: Committee on the state-of the church read its report and it was adopted.

Official Record: The printed minutes were made the official record of the Conference.

Election: Andrew McNab, F. H. Sullivan and Lester Proebstel were elected to the Finance Committee on the second ballot.

Statistician for 1928: D. P. Coole was elected.

Committee on Vernacular Liturgy: The matter of drawing up a liturgy in the vernaculars was referred to the committee on Christian literature.

Results of the Vernacular Examination:
Douglas P. Coole, passed the third year Foochow.
Mrs. Coole passed the first year Foochow.
Miss Mechted Dirkson passed the first year Malay.
Miss Rhetta Foote passed the second year Malay.
Miss Norma B. Craven passed the second year Hokien.
Raymond Roche passed the first year Hokien.

Committee on Education: W. E. Horley read the report of the committee on education and the report was received. (See the report).

Sanitarium Committee: W. E. Horley, read the report of the sanitarium committee. The cabinet was authorized to appoint two committees on sanitariums, one for the Nest and the other for Bukit Frazer.

Committee on Policy: The appointment of a committee on policy was referred to the cabinet.

Committee to Edit the Minutes: H. B. Amstutz and S. M. Thevathasan were appointed to assist the secretary in editing the minutes.

The Christian, London: A. McNab was appointed correspondent to the Christian.

Question 36: Question 36 was referred to the cabinet with power to act.

Willard Schurr: Bishop Lowe was authorized to admit into full membership Willard Schurr.

Treasurer for 1928: S. M. Thevathasan was elected treasurer for 1928.

Committee on Resolutions: F. H. Sullivan reported for the committee on resolutions and it was received. (See the report).

Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society: The following committee was appointed: E. F. Lee, P. L. Peach, Moi Poh Peng, M. Doraisamy, J. A. Supramaniam, Lim Hong Ban, S. M. Thevathasan, R. A. Blasdel.

Question 1 (a) was called. The answer is "Yes."

Question 1 (b) was called. The answer is "None."
Question 2 was called. Irvin S. Motz, Wisconsin.
Willard Schurr, Southern California.
Chang Cheng Liang, Foochow.

Question 3 was called. The answer is "None."

Question 4 was called. The answer is "None."

Question 5 (b) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 6 (d) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 8 (b) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 8 (c) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 8 (d) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 9 (a) was called and Fred David, S. Rajamoney, Raymond D. Roche, and Samuel M. Thevathasan were admitted into Full Membership and advanced to the studies of the third year.

Question 9 (b) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 11 (b) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 11 (c) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 11 (d) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 11 (e) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 11 (i) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 12 (a) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 12 (b) was called and Irvin S. Wotz and Willard Schurr were elected to be ordained Deacons under Missionary Rule.

Question 12 (c) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 12 (d) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 13 (a) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 14 was called. The answer is "None."

Question 16 was called. The answer is "None."

Question 17 was called. The answer is "None."

Question 18 was called. The answer is "None."

Question 19 was called and James S. Nagle was located.

Question 20 (a) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 20 (b) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 20 (c) was called. The answer is "None."

Question 21 was called. The answer is "None."

Question 22 was called. The answer is "None."

Question 23 was called. The answer is "None."

Question 24 was called. The answer is "None."

Question 26. B. F. West.

Question 27 was called. Tai Poh Ting was continued on leave.

Question 29 was called. The answer is "None."
Question 30 was called. The answer is "None."
Question 31. See the Statistician's Report.
Question 32. See the Conference Treasurer's Report.
Question 33 (a). $360:00.
   (b). $1266:00.
Question 34. $1080:00.
Question 35 (a). $170:00 (Gold) from the Book Concern.
   $200:00 (Gold) from the Board of Pensions
   and Relief.
Question 37 was called. The answer is "None."
Question 38 was called. The answer is "None."
Question 39. See List of Appointments.
Question 40. The place for holding the next Conference was
referred to the mid-year Finance Committee.

TITUS LOWE,                        LESTER PROEBSTEL,
President.                           Secretary.
Disciplinary Questions

1a.—Is this Annual Conference Incorporated according to the Requirement of the Discipline?

Yes. According to the law of the land in which we live. The Secy. of the Board of Building and Location of the Methodist Episcopal Church is incorporated by Ordinance No. 194 in Vol. V, Revised Statutes of the Straits Settlements, and also by Enactment No. 13 of 1914 in the Federated Malay States.

b.—What officers and persons holding moneys, funds, etc. are bonded, and in what amounts, according to the requirements of the Discipline?

None.

2.—Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

Gerald V. Summers, Nebraska, Irvin S. Motz, Wisconsin, Wiilard S. Schurr, California, Chang Cheng Liang, Foochow.

3.—Who have been readmitted?

None.

4.—Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

None.

5.—Who have been received on trial?

(a) In Studies of the First Year.

Linden B. Jenkins; Gerald V. Summers.

6.—Who have been continued on trial?

(a) In Studies of the First Year.

Tan Ghi San, Channan Singh.

(b) In Studies of the Second Year.

Arthur, James; Ayaduray, Joseph V.; Chaceey, Lloyd, A.; Charles, Meedperdhasan; Goh Hood Keng, Wong You Fan, Yau Yee San.

(c) In Studies of the Third Year.

Huong, Timothy.

(d) In Studies of the Fourth Year.

None.

7.—Who have been Discontinued?

Lai Kam Hong, Tsing Tsai Ling.
8.—Who have been admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
   David Fred; Motz, Irvin S; Rajamoney, Selvanayagam; Roche, Raymond D; Schurr, Willard; Thevathasan, Samuel M.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
   None.

9.—What Members are in Studies of the Third Year?

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
   David, Fred; Rajamoney, Selvanayagan; Roche, Raymond D; Thevathasan, Samuel M.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
   None.

10.—What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?

Patterson, Charles D; Phillips, Samuel A; Kovalpillai J. J; McNab, Andrew.

11.—What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
   Ang Giok Sui; Li Hock Hiang.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
   None.

(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under Seminary Rule. (¶179, §3).
   None.

(d) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
   None.

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

(f) Ordained elsewhere under our Election.
   None.

12.—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?

(a) As Local Preachers. (¶176, §1).
   None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule. (¶176, §4).
   Motz, Irvin S; Schurr, Willard.

(c) Under the Seminary Rule. (¶176, §2).
   None.

(d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
   None.

13.—What others have been elected and ordained Elders?

(a) As Local Deacons. (¶179, §1).
   None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule. (¶179, §4).
   McNab, Andrew; Motz, Irvin S; Schurr, Willard.

(c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
   None.
14.—Who have been left without appointment to attend one of our Schools?
None.

15.—Was the character of each preacher examined?
Yes, in open Conference.

16.—Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?
None.

17.—Who have died?
None.

18.—Who have been located at their own request?
None.

19.—Who have been located?
Nagle, James.

20.—Who have withdrawn?
None.

21.—Who have been deprived of the Ministerial office?
None.

22.—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?
None.

23.—Who have been expelled?
None.

24.—What other personal notation should be made?
None.

25.—Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?
Ng Huat Bi; Kong Yau Siong.

26.—Who are the Retired Ministers?
B. F. West.

27.—Who have been granted leave of absence?
Tai Poh Ting.

28.—Who are the Triers of Appeals?
R. A. Blandell; Kong Yau Siong; Y. J. Jesudasan; P. L. Peach; S. S. Pakianathan.

29.—What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?
None.

30.—What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?
None.
31.—What is the Statistical Report?
   See the Statistician's Report.

32.—What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?
   See the Conference Treasurer's Report.

33.—(a) What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by
       the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
       $360.00 (Gold $205.00).

   (b) What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by
       the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
       $1,266.00 (Gold $721.00).

34.—What are the claims on the Conference Funds?
   For Annuity distribution $1,080.00 (Gold $615.00).

35.—(a) What has been received on these claims, and how has it been
       applied?
       From the Chartered Fund, $170.00 Gold.
       From Board of Pensions and Relief, $200.00 Gold.

   (b) How has it been applied?

36.—What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within
      the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claim-
      ants? (P. 337.)
      $1,500 ($855 Gold).

37.—What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the
      Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?
      None.

38.—Is there any Conference Sustentations Fund Society, and what is its
      Report?
      None.

39.—Where are the Preachers stationed?
   See List of Appointments.

40.—Where shall the next Conference be held?
   Referred to the Mid-year Finance Committee.
Appointments

SINGAPORE DISTRICT.

F. H. Sullivan, District Evangelist.

Anglo-Chinese School and Branches .. Andrew McNab, Principal, C. D. Patterson, Vice Principal, S. M. Thevathasan, J. A. Supramaniam, Clare Norton, Ora Jean Gjerde, Lorinne McLaughlin, L. B. Jenkins.

Fairfield Girls’ School .. Mabel Marsh, Principal, Mirtha Shively, Sylvia Barnes, Lora Buel.

Foochow Church .. Chang Cheng Liang.
Women’s Work .. Lorinne McLaughlin, Mrs. Wong Seng Ai, Bible Woman.

Hinghwa Church .. Tai Siek Jin, Bible Woman.
Women’s Work .. Supplied by Hang Seng Hoh.

Gelegang Chinese Church .. To be supplied.
Women’s Work .. Miss Marsh, Ang Swee Eng, Parish visitor.

Gelegang Methodist Girls’ School .. Muriel Knutsford, Headmistress.
Hakka-Cantonese (Kwongtung) Church .. To be supplied.
Women’s Work .. Miss Norton, Mrs. Wong Ah Yong Bible woman.

Methodist Seminary for Young women .. Mabel Marsh, Principal, Katherine Boeye.

Nind Home .. Mary Olson, Prin., Rhetta Foote, Vice-Principal.

Methodist Girls’ School .. Mary Olson, Prin., Ruth Johnston.
Strait Chinese Church .. Goh Hood Keng.
Women’s Work .. Mrs. A. McNab, Rhetta Foote.

Tamil Church and Circuit .. J. A. Supramaniam, M. N. Charles, Assistant.

Student Community .. S. M. Thevathasan.
Havelock Road .. Supplied by Samadian.
City Social Work .. Daniel E. Sundram.
Women’s Work .. Mrs. M. N. Charles, Ruth Johnston.
Telok Ayer Chinese Church .. Timothy Huang, C. D. Patterson, Resident Missionary.

Women’s Work .. Miss Boeye, Tan Ai Mui, Bible woman.
Oldham Hall Boarding School .. F. H. Sullivan, Principal.
District Evangelistic Work .. S. M. Thevathasan, Channan Singh.
Wesley Church .. Edwin F. Lee, Hobart B. Amstutz, Associate.

Women’s Work .. Mrs. H. B. Amstutz, Sylvia Barnes, Ora Jean Gjerde.

Johore Bharu, Tamil and English .. M. N. Charles.
Johore Bharu, Chinese work .. Joseph Khoa.
On Leave .. Miss Eva Nelson.
KUALA LUMPUR DISTRICT.

R. A. Blasdell, District Superintendent, (P. O., Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S.).

Bentong .......................................................... Tan Ghi San.
Bukit Rotan ...................................................... S. M. Rajamoney.
Kajang .............................................................. Wong Yun Fan.
Klang, Resident Missionary .........................................
Anglo Chinese School .............................................. Irvin S. Motz.
Methodist Girls’ School ........................................... Hazel M. Deppler, Headmistress.
Chinese Circuit ................................................... Ang Giok Sui
Women’s Work .................................................... Mrs. Ang Giok Sui, Mrs. Motz.
Tamil Circuit ..................................................... Supplied by S. W. V. Arumugam.
Women’s Work ..................................................... Miss Hazel M. Deppler.
Kuala Lumpur, English Church ......................................
Women’s Work ..................................................... R. A. Blasdell.
Hakka, Hokkien .................................................... Mrs. Blasdell, Petula C. DuMez, Ruth Sherwood.
Women’s Work ..................................................... Yau Yeo San.
Hinghua Circuit ................................................... Mrs. Yau Yeo San, Thirza E. Bunce.
Women’s Work ..................................................... Supplied by Sung Shang Wen.
Holt Hall .......................................................... Mrs. Sung Shang Wen, Mary Whitfield.
Methodist Boys’ School ........................................... Florence Kleinhen.
Tamil Church and Circuit ......................................... Thirza E. Bunce, Prin., Mary Whitfield.
Women’s Work ..................................................... S. S. Pakianathan.
Port Swettenham, Anglo Chinese School ...........................
Supplied by Victor Jesudasan.
Sentul, Church and Circuit ........................................ L. A. Samuel.
Women’s Work ..................................................... Mrs. Samuel, Mrs. Blasdell.
On Leave .......................................................... Abel Eklund, Mrs. Eklund, Ng Huat Bee.

IPOH DISTRICT.


Ipoh, English Church ............................................... L. Proebstel.
Chinese Church .................................................. Supplied by Fam Cho Phin.
Chinese Women’s Work ........................................... Minnie L. Rank.
English Work ..................................................... Mrs. Cordle.
Tamil Church and Circuit ......................................... W. V Nitichingham, James Arthur.
Women’s Work ..................................................... Mrs. Dr. Lee, Marion Royce.
Sungei Sipit Tamil ................................................ Supplied by Asirvatham.
Boarding School .................................................. Supplied by H. E. Bunn.
Manager Branch Schools .......................................... L. Proebstel.
Bible Woman ...................................................... Pek Imm Chi.
Kampar, Chinese Church ......................................... Supplied by Kam Yu Tenen.
Anglo-Chinese School ............................................. Supplied by Cheong Tsim Kong.
Women’s Work ..................................................... Mrs. Cheong.
Pusing, Chinese and Vernacular School .......................... Supplied by Patrick Chen.
Tronoh, Chinese and Vernacular School .......................... To be supplied.
Sitiawan, Resident Missionary .................................... D. P. Coole.
Foochow Church Kampong Koh ................................. Li Hock Hiang.
Sitiawan, Women's Work .......... Mrs. Coole, Mrs. Li Hock Hiang, Mrs. Tiang Sa Muoi.
Chinese Girls' School .......... Mrs. Coole.
Ayer Tawar Church .......... Li Ko Ding, B. W. Mrs. Ceng.
Sungei Wangi Circuit .......... Supplied by Peter Fang.
Sitiawan Tamil .......... Supplied by A. Devadason.
Sitiawan 3rd Road .......... Supplied by Cung Chung Geng.
Taiping, Chinese Church .......... Moi Poh Peng, Ruth M. Harvey.
Women's Work .......... Mrs. Moi Poh Peng.
Taiping Tamil .......... Fred David.
Women's Work .......... Mrs. Davil.
Lady Treacher Girls' School .......... Ruth Harvey, Prin., Miss Merton.
Crandon Home .......... Miss Pugh.
Bible Woman .......... Tey Chi.
Tanjung Rambutan, Chinese .......... Supplied by Chung Min.
Teluk Anson, Telugu Circuit .......... Supplied by Kotiah David.
Tamil Church and Circuit .......... Edward Isaac.
Tamil Women's Work .......... Mrs. Isaac.
Teluk Anson Chinese .......... Supplied by Lo Wui Kwong.
Women's Work .......... To be supplied.

MALACCA DISTRICT.

R. A. Blasdell, Acting District Superintendent, (P. O., Kuala Lumpur, F.M.S.).

District Interpreter .......... Chua Iok Han.
Asahan, Chinese .......... Supplied by Lim Keong Eng.
Bekoh, Chinese .......... Supplied by Lim Keong Eng.
Bambar, Chinese .......... Supplied by Lim Keong Eng.
Jementah, Chinese .......... Supplied by Tan Yew Huat.
Kuala Pilah, Chinese .......... Supplied by Ng Lee Sheng.
Malacca, Resident Missionary .......... R. D. Roche.
Anglo-Chinese School .......... R. D. Roche, Principal.
Chinese Circuit .......... Ng Khoan Jiu.
Women's Work .......... Mrs. Ng Khoan Jiu, Della Olsen.
Malay Hostel .......... Mrs. R. D. Roche.
Straits Chinese Church .......... R. D. Roche, Pastor, Chong Ah Poon, supply.
Suydam Girls' School .......... Miss Della Olsen, Principal, Genevieve Stowe.
Shellacuear Hall .......... Miss M. Dirkson.
Tamil Church and Circuit .......... J. J. Kovalpillai.
Women's Work .......... Miss Stowe.
Bible Women .......... Mary, Leng Gu Chee.
Mantin, Chinese .......... Supplied by Lau Keng Kong.
Merliman, Chinese .......... Supplied by Chua Iok Han.
Paloh, Chinese .......... Supplied by Tan Yew Huat.
Pasir Panjang Circuit, Chinese .......... Yap It Tong.
Segamat, Chinese .......... Supplied by Tan Yew Huat.
Seremban, Resident Missionary
Anglo Chinese School
Chinese Church
Women’s Work
English Church
Women’s Work
Tamil Church and Circuit
Women’s Work
Chinese Bible Woman
Sepang, Chinese
Serom, Chinese
Sungel Rambel Circuit, Chinese
Tampin, Chinese Church
Chinese School
District Evangelistic Work
On Leave

.. G. V. Summers.
.. G. V. Summers, Principal, Grace Birlingmair, Vice Principal.
.. Supplied by Lau Keng Kong.
.. Mrs. Lau Keng Kong, Mrs. Summers.
.. G. V. Summers.
.. Miss Birlingmair.
.. S. A. Phillips, J. V. Ayaduray.
.. Mrs. Phillips, Miss Birlingmair.
.. Tay Siek Bee.
.. Supplied by Lee Huong Chiang.
.. Supplied by Ng Hong Teck.
.. Supplied by Lim Keng Liong.
.. Supplied by Wong Eng Leong.
.. Supplied by Wong Eng Leong.
.. Miss Dirksen.
.. M. Dodsworth, Mrs. Dodsworth, Kong Tau Siong, T. W. Bowmar, Mrs. Bowmar.

PENANG DISTRICT.

G. F. Pykett, District Superintendent, (P. O., Penang, S. S.).

Ayer Itam, Chinese
Women’s Work
Bukit Mertajam, Anglo Chinese Girls’ School
Women’s Work
Kulim, Chinese
North Province, Chinese Circuit
North Province, Tamil Circuit
Women’s Work
Nibong Tehal, Tamil Circuit
Women’s Work
Anglo-Chinese School
Parit Buntar, Tamil Circuit
Women’s Work
Anglo-Chinese School
Penang, Alexandra Home
Anglo-Chinese School
District Branch Schools
Anglo-Chinese Girls’ School
Cantonese Chinese Church
Women’s Work
Dato Kramat Tamil Church
Women’s Work
Dato Kramat Anglo-Chinese School
Fitzgerald Memorial Church
Women’s Work
Hokken Chinese Church
Women’s Work

.. Supplied by Teh Inn Oon.
.. Mrs. P. L. Peach, Mrs. Teh Inn Oon.
.. Miss E. E. Walker, Headmistress.
.. Miss E. E. Walker, Parish Visitor, Anglo Chinese School, Bee Giok.
.. Supplied by Chan Fui Khim.
.. Pastor, Lim Hong Ban.
.. V. Devasahayam, Pastor, J. F. John.
.. Mrs. V. Devasahayam.
.. Y. J. Jesudasen, Pastor.
.. Mrs. Y. J. Jesudasen.
.. Y. J. Jesudasen, Headmaster.
.. Supplied by J. A. P. Oswald, Pastor, Mr. Davenport, Catechist.
.. Mrs. J. A. P. Oswald.
.. Supplied by J. A. P. Oswald, Headmaster.
.. Miss Norma Craven, Mrs. Lim Leng Lee.
.. P. L. Peach, Prin., R. B. Zumstein, W. A. Schurr, J. Pearce.
.. G. F. Pykett, Manager.
.. Miss Lila Corbett, Prin., Miss Amy Jewell.
.. To be supplied.
.. Mrs. G. F. Pykett, Mrs. R. B. Zumstein, Mrs. Kwan.
.. V. Samuel, Pastor.
.. Mrs. G. F. Pykett, Mrs. Samuel, Mrs. R. B. Zumstein.
.. V. Samuel, Headmaster.
.. W. A. Schurr, Pastor.
.. Mrs. W. A. Schurr, Mrs. P. L. Peach, Miss Amy Jewell.
.. Supplied by Teh Inn Oon.
.. Miss Norma Craven, Mrs. Teh Inn Oon, Ang Swee Inn, Khun Khaun Chi, Swan Chi.
APPOINTMENTS

Winchell Home .... Miss E. M. Sadler.
On Leave .... Miss Martin, Miss Brooks, Miss Rea, Miss Ureh.

SIBU (SARAWAK) DISTRICT.

J. M. Hoover, District Superintendent, (P. O., Sibu, Sarawak, Borneo).

Hinghua .... Hau Diang.
Sing Chu An .... Sia Ieu De.
Tiang Siang Dio .... Dang Ek Dang.
Bukit Lima .... Ling Siew Buo.
Sibu .... Nong Di Gi
Engkilo .... Kong Song Dong.
Siong Pho .... Hau Diang.
Asan Geng .... Nong Siong Hui.
A Nang Chong .... Hau Diang.
Ensural .... Lau Hung Ang.
Ha Pho .... Su Siew Ing.
Sing Nang Chong .... Doh Hung Cew.
Bukit Lan .... Hu Hing Chai.
Tanjong Kumiyit .... Hau Diang.
Labu .... Ling Ching Sing.
Gui Nga Geng .... Nong Sing Hie.
Binatang .... Pang Sing Ong.
Tulai and Kropok .... Hau Diang.
Serekei .... Nong Sie Hung.
Tuna Pho .... Ieu Siew King.
Lobok Geng .... Nong Ieu Chok.
Baram .... Nong Bo Sung.
Iew Heng Diang Do .... Luk Song Seung.
Ne Se Akak .... Sing Ung Sung.
Geng Dung .... Sing Ung Nol.
Sibu, Hokien .... Chong Cha Ching.
Girls' School and Women's Work .... Mrs. Hoover.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Editor "Malaysia Message" .... Mrs. Edna Dorman Lee.
Jean Hamilton Theological School .... Hobart B. Amstutz, Principal.
Secretary of Education .... G. F. Pykett.
Mission Treasurer .... Edwin F. Lee.
Conference Epworth League Secretary .... C. D. Patterson.
To preach the Conference Sermon .... Hobart B. Amstutz.
Wesleyan Chaplaincy .... Edwin F. Lee.
Professor in Kennedy School of Missions .... W. G. Shellabear.
On Leave .... Miss Brooks, Abel Eklund, Mrs. Eklund, Miss Kenyon, Miss Martin, M. Dodsworth, Mrs. Dodsworth, W. E. Horley, Mrs. Horley, T. W. Bowmar, Mrs. Bowmar, Dean Swift, Mrs. Swift.
Reports of District Superintendents

Kuala Lumpur District.

God has dealt generously with us during the past year. The opportunities for service which He has provided have been far more numerous than we have grasped. Health has been given to our workers, both missionary and Asiatic, to a degree that, notwithstanding temporary ailments and strain of work, we have been able to cope with the heavier tasks allotted to us. Several of our congregations have felt the loss of very helpful lay-workers who have finished their course with joy and have committed their earthly tasks to others, but the ranks of our preachers and missionaries show the same number as at the beginning of the year. For blessings untold and for the successes in the work of the Kingdom which have been realized, we give thanks. Our failures and shortcomings we humbly acknowledge and pray for greater strength and clearer vision to accomplish more for the Kingdom in future days.

Klang Tamil Circuit. Through another year this circuit has been most conspicuous in its achievements. The work in the Kuala Selangor section has been under the immediate care of Brother Rajamoney who has faithfully carried on the work in Bukit Rotan and the neighbouring estates to a considerable distance. Brother Timothy is now stationed at Baenting where a shophouse has been secured for a Church and school, and a progressive circuit-work among the coolies of the adjoining estates has been started. Brother Arumugam continues as pastor of the Klang Tamil Congregation and with his loyal local helpers visits the estates around Klang and gives careful supervision to the entire work of the circuit. His age and the limitations of funds make it increasingly difficult for him to carry on his work as he used to, but in spite of these handicaps, his zeal does not flag.

The Work on the Chinese Circuit, Klang, has been well cared-for by Brother Ang Giok Swee. Many difficulties, chiefly financial, have attended his work this year, but he has succeeded in improving his work in Klang and has ministered to small congregations at Port Swettenham and at Sungei Binjei where a small chapel is now in process of construction.

The Anglo-Chinese Boys’ School and the new Methodist Girls’ School at Klang have had a successful year. Mrs. Motz brought her husband newly to Klang and to Malaya at the beginning of the year and together they have worked through the problems of the school and the station with considerable efficiency. Miss Bunce has taken on the management of the new Methodist Girls’ School, Klang, in addition to her work in Kuala Lumpur, and with her corps of faithful teachers has brought the school very creditably through its first year. Mr. Motz has conducted a successful service for English Speaking people of Klang.
**Bentong.** The pastor, Mr. Tan Ghi San, worked hard during the first half of the year to build up the work in Bentong and carry it on into the neighbouring towns of Raub and Mentakab. In July his health partly broke down, and he was compelled to limit his work to Bentong, where he has spent much time in collecting funds for the new Church which it is hoped will be built next year.

**Kajang.** The work in this station has gone on along the usual lines. The pastor, Wan Yan Fan, has improved both the Church and the vernacular school. There is one teacher in the school besides the pastor.

**Sentul.** Sentul has experienced many reverses but in spite of them all has gone steadily forward. The Pastor, L. A. Samuel, has not only taken care of the congregation at Sentul but has also established a regular work among the coolies of the estates between Kuala Lumpur and Kuala Kubu. Mrs. Blasdell has assisted in the work among the women of this congregation.

**Kuala Lumpur.**

*The Tamil Church* was visited in January by the annual flood and the water was over six feet in the church. The furniture was well washed but left dirty and has had to receive a new coat of polish. The pastor, J. A. Supramaniam, has become accustomed to this event and makes the best of it as he does also of the unsatisfactory position in which he has worked for years as a teacher in the Methodist Boys' School and pastor of the Church. He has done remarkably efficient work in both capacities but the Church needs his entire time. Miss Kleinhein has been of great assistance in the young people's work of this church and in other Church activities.

*The Hakka-Cantonese-Hokkien Congregation* has had another good year with Brother Yau Yee San as pastor. A very good congregation has been maintained regularly throughout the year, and the pastor has been to several of the outstations to preach and sell the Scriptures. Miss Bunce has carried on her usually successful work with the young men.

*The Hinghwa Congregation* have not had altogether smooth sailing through the year, but the pastor, Sung Shang Wen, has persevered with the people and has worked faithfully to lead them into a richer Christian experience. The Bible Woman who came in September has been of great assistance. Miss Whitfield has done good work with the girls of the congregation, and she and Mrs. Blasdell have done considerable work with the women.

The English Congregation has conducted its work this year on much the same lines as in previous years. Miss Du Mez has done good work with the young people, and Mrs. Blasdell has worked with the women of the congregation. Miss Whitefield has also helped in the Epworth League work.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones spoke in the Boys' and Girls' Schools and the Town Hall for seven days with gratifying results. Dr. Kingham spent two days surveying the District and speaking to many congregations.
The Schools of Kuala Lumpur have had a good year. The enrolment in each has been considerably in excess of that of last year. The Methodist Girls’ School under the principalship of Miss Bunce has progressed spiritually as well as mentally. More than half of the girls of this school are Christian and are receiving instruction regularly in Christian teaching. Many of them are in Preparatory membership classes. The intellectual standard of the school is high and has been well maintained throughout the year. Miss Whitfield and Miss Kleinhehn have assisted in this school.

Holt Hall has more boarders than ever before and the spirit prevailing throughout the school is excellent. Miss Kleinhehn has charge of the school and has arranged a very satisfactory system of religious instruction and practice in the boarding school.

The Methodist Boys’ School has seen the completion of its fine new building this year. This building has been erected entirely by local subscriptions and Government Grant and is free of debt. It should serve our school work very well in future years. The old building has been badly crowded this year because boys were admitted at the beginning of the year in the expectancy of entering the new building in April. Tardiness on the part of the contractor, however, has compelled us to complete the year’s work in this badly crowded condition. The staff is a great credit to this school and has worked loyally in very trying conditions. Miss Du Mez has done good work through the year in supervising and in taking care of the religious activities of the school. Mr. Phillips came in September when Mr. Ho Seng Ong went on leave to England to complete his work for his B.A. Miss Sherwood joined the staff about three weeks before the close of school and has spent a great deal of time since then in making the acquaintance of dengue fever. Mr. and Mrs. Hinch and Kathleen have just returned from England and have taken over the duties of the school again.

A word may well be said about the matter of Colportage on the District. A larger number of Scriptures were sold this year than last by the preachers and lay workers. About 3,700 portions were sold and 12,000 tracts distributed. Still, this is not nearly as large a number as could easily be disseminated if a small proportion of the membership of the churches would enter whole-heartedly into this very necessary work.

Three great needs stand out before me as I review the work of the year. (1) The failure of the Church to provide an adequate way so that the young people from our schools can enter naturally and easily into the Church life and possess a definitely Christian religious experience. Our schools require the maximum energy of a large number of our missionaries and Asiatic Christian workers. Unless we can solve the problem of how to create an intimate relationship between our pupils and the Church we may find that the schools of which we are now so proud may become the cause of our undoing. I believe that the Church, and not the schools, must take the initiative in effecting this relationship and that it behoves us as a Conference to give the most serious attention to this matter.
I have noticed (2) the prevalence of the materialistic spirit not only outside, but to an alarming degree also, inside our Churches. It not only affects the giving of material wealth to the needs of the Church, but it deadens the spiritual sensibilities. Church members become entirely engrossed in the claims of business and forget their religious duties. The Sabbath is desecrated and numberless evils are condoned, and the Church seems to have no strong word to speak in opposing this situation which threatens her very existence. Surely we need to bestir ourselves in this day. If we grow proud because of our material possessions and achievements, a little thought upon our spiritual weaknesses quickly humbles us.

Finally, (3), with the growth of the materialistic spirit, we are losing our missionary zeal. Our churches are living unto themselves. There seems to be so little responsibility on the part of the congregations of whatever language to take up and press forward the interests of the Kingdom. If the corporate existence of the congregation is maintained little is thought of other obligations. Our collections for Benevolences struggle along painfully, and there is little joy in giving. The numbers baptized and started in the Christian life should bring to us the sense of the deepest humiliation. Our congregations have not yet accepted the responsibility of evangelization. The Church must somehow bring her members face to face with the need of utmost loyalty to her one Lord and Master and bring again into the experience of her members the fervent spirit without which she will lead at best only a paralyzed existence.

With the deepest appreciation of the loyalty and sympathy of my fellow-workers and of their faithfulness to the tasks assigned to them, I submit this report.

MALACCA DISTRICT.

General. When Rev. M. Dodsworth left this district early in the year he bequeathed to his successors an organization which was capable of splendid service for the Kingdom of God, but three factors developed early in the year which hindered the progress somewhat. First, the departure of Brother Dodsworth left a vacancy which no one on the District has been able to fill adequately; secondly, reduction in labour forces and in the general volume of business in the smaller towns resulted in the removal of numbers of church members to places outside of the district; thirdly, anti-Christian propaganda from China was responsible for the departure of some members from our churches.

Evangelistic Work. The need of special men for this type of work was recognised early in the year, but except for the two days spent on the District by Dr. Stanley Jones, and occasional sermons by visiting Chinese elders from China, the need has not been met. During the hour spent in speaking in Seremban Dr. Jones led 67 or more people to a new realisation of the claims of Jesus upon their lives, and the two days spent in Malacca were the means of leading larger numbers to the foot of the Cross.
Buildings. Just before the departure of Brother Dodsworth, Lady Guillemard opened the new buildings designed for the Suydam Girls' School, Malacca, and the boarding school (Shellabear Hall). These buildings stand as a monument to the consecrated efforts of the workers stationed in Malacca in 1925 and 1926. Our sincere thanks are also due to the W.F.M.S. workers at home, to the generous donors in Malacca, and to the Government of the Straits Settlements for the financial aid given in connection with this project.

The additions and extensions to the Anglo-Chinese School, Seremban, are practically completed. They provide two rest rooms for teachers and four new class rooms. We are grateful to the Government of Negri Sembilan for a building grant of $12,500, and our sincere thanks are due to the public for their generous donations to the building fund.

The new church at Serom was about half built before we realised that it was under way, the local pastor having shown remarkable initiative in engineering this project. The church was dedicated by Bishop Lowe, with whose kind assistance funds were procured to complete the building.

The new church at Tangkah was practically completed when Brother Dodsworth went on leave, and was dedicated in May by Bishop Lowe. Here also, with the timely help of the Bishop, and a noble response on the part of the local stewards, the remainder of the cost of erection was paid.

The church which was planned in 1926, at Kuala Pilah, was built this year, Bishop Lowe officiating at the dedication. This church is also free of debt.

A very adaptable church was erected by the Linggi Plantations, near Pengkalan Kempas, for the use of their Christian coolies, and we are very thankful to the management for this contribution to mission work.

At Bukit Asahan a church was built for the use of our congregation, the estate bearing the entire expense. Bishop Lowe dedicated this church on the 12th of November, the manager and several of his European assistants being present.

A church is in the course of construction on the Dunlop Plantations at Sagill. Here we are also indebted to the estate manager for kindly and practical assistance.

A fund has been started for the erection of a Tamil parsonage at Seremban; it is hoped to start building operations early in 1928.

The local congregation at Paloh will be ready to start building a church as soon as the Government of Johore surveys the site which has been promised by it.

Chinese Churches. All of the organised Methodist Churches on the Malacca District, except four, are Chinese Churches, and this work is of vital importance. As intimated in our opening remarks, some of these churches have had great difficulties to face in 1927, but in spite of these the work at most centres has shown encouraging features. But there is
dire need (in this district) for a well qualified evangelist who speaks Hokkien. Three circuits (Seremban, Sepang, and Segamat) have been self-supporting throughout the year.

Tamil Work. This section of the work has developed more than any other phase during 1927. Very extensive travelling has been done by the Tamil pastors, and important work has been undertaken in various parts of Negri Sembilan, Malacca, and Johore.

The work among Tamil labourers on estates should be strengthened by additional workers in 1928. The Rev. J. J. Kinham visited a few of the places where work was being carried on, and his presence was of immense value. We wish that he might be permitted to spend several months on this district, as the Tamil work is rapidly growing in importance.

English Churches. These churches have served a useful purpose in Malacca and in Seremban, and have made liberal contributions to outstation work. They have increasing opportunities for reaching our growing English-speaking population, and they merit more attention than can be given them by part-time pastors who are serving full time at other tasks.

Women's Work. The ladies of the W.F.M.S., and the Bible Women have co-operated with the Board missionaries, and home and outstation churches have been visited; this work has been very helpful, and several outstation churches are pleading for more assistance in training their women.

Educational Work. The Anglo-Chinese School, Malacca, has been better housed than ever before, having entered, in January, the building formerly occupied by the Suydam Girls' School. There has also been an improvement in equipment and in staff.

The Suydam Girls' School entered its new building early in the year; we believe this to be one of the most practicable and best equipped buildings in Malaya.

The Anglo-Chinese School, Seremban, has been fortunate in having a loyal staff, and with the completion of the third section of the building should be able to render splendid service to the community and to the Kingdom of God.

The Chinese vernacular schools at Sepang, Tampin, Durian Tunggal, and at Asahan have had a very satisfactory year. The school at Asahan has raised a substantial fund for its further development.

All of our schools have presented splendid opportunities for our workers to get in contact with the youth of the different centres, and to assist them in choosing ideals that will lead to the development of all that is best in character and service, but there is an exceedingly great need for the services of a worker of exceptional ability and of entire consecration to the task of pointing out to our youth their relation to the "Christ of the Malayan Road."
Malay Hostel. This has been conducted in the same general way as during the previous year. It is requested that a committee be appointed to investigate this institution, with a view to defining its aims, and to determine whether the present methods are achieving the purpose which it is expected to serve.

Workers. Several of the workers on this district were new to their tasks, and several of the older ones were called upon to assume additional responsibilities, yet there has been a splendid spirit of co-operation and of loyalty among all classes of workers whether from the East or from the West. Perhaps the largest audience which gathered on any of our premises in the Malacca District in 1927, was at Mantin, where all the standing room on the church lot in front of the church was taken up by hundreds of Chinese who came to enjoy an open air lantern lecture given by our Tamil elder under the auspices of the Chinese Church, and at which a Presbyterian elder acted as interpreter.

Conclusion. The achievements for 1927 are not nearly so great as we wish they might have been, but we are glad that we have felt the presence of Our Lord and Master among us, and we pause before Him to re-consecrate our lives to the task which He would have us perform in the year that awaits us.

J. W Bowmar,
District Superintendent.

SINGAPORE DISTRICT.

I. Material Gains:

As an introduction I do not know of a better project to stress than that of the new GEYLANG CHURCH, PARSONAGE, and GIRLS' SCHOOL BUILDING, the first two of which are in process of erection and the last of which was recently completed, at the fine new site on the corner of Sims Avenue and Al Junied Road, Geilang, about 100 yards from the old location. The new site has a width of 80 ft. on Sims Avenue and a length of 500 ft. on Al Junied Road, a new broad thoroughfare which is being pushed through to connect up Geilang Road with Serangoon Road, thus tapping a rapidly developing part of the new Singapore which is springing up almost overnight. The school building provides four regular-sized classrooms and, in addition, the Principal's office and another room to be used as a library and teachers' room. This was completed and was occupied on November 1st. For the time being the church services are held in this school building, three rooms of which can be thrown together by means of folding partitions. This building is connected by a covered way to the church which is 30 ft. wide by 72 ft. long which when completed will be one of the most attractive churches in all of Singapore. Beyond the school there is being built a fine five room parsonage which will be a most comfortable place for a pastor's residence. It is not too much to say that this is providing one of the finest opportunities for church extension in all of Singapore. The girls' school now has an enrolment of 135 and a capacity of 160 and will probably later be conducted as two sessions. A site has been reserved for the erection of two additional classrooms when need arises, and funds can be secured.
The METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL on Short Street now numbers 600 pupils. This school has done its best to imitate the proverbial beehive and every now and then swarms into a new plant. In October a fine new six classroom building was completed on Mount Sophia adjoining Nind Home. This together with the additional classrooms available on the ground floor of Nind Home will make it possible adequately to house for the time being this group of girls. This new building is the initial unit of a development scheme of the fine W.F.M.S. site on Mount Sophia, and speaks well for the fine organizing ability of Miss Mary Olson, the Principal.

The STRAITS CHINESE congregation has finally been able to secure an admirable church site at the corner of Cuff Road and Kampung Kapor Road, in what is practically the geographical centre of the city of Singapore. This location is only 100 yards off Serangoon Road and about a quarter of a mile from the junction of Serangoon and Bukit Timah Roads, so that it is within easy reach of two main lines of public transportation. With the building fund which this congregation has developed through the years, together with $20,000 realized from the sale of the old Middle Road Chapel, and the proposed help from friends of the late Bishop Bickley, the Straits Chinese group is within comparatively easy reach of the successful completion of a fine new church plant including a parsonage on this location in the very heart of the city of Singapore. Plans are under way, and it is proposed to go forward with this building in 1928.

Another development which has long been on the horizon and which now is taking definite form is that of the new CAIRN HILL SCHOOL BUILDING which is to be a branch of the Anglo-Chinese School. This will provide regular equipment for 480 boys and, as is usually the case with such a building, will quite likely in the near future be housing two sessions of the school thereby serving nearly 1000 pupils. Rev. A. McNab, the Principal, has given untiring efforts in the development of this project in addition to other heavy responsibilities such as caring for the work of the Secretary of the Board of Building and Location since July 1st, a burden from which he ought to be relieved at the earliest possible moment.

II. CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

The Tamil Church. It is gratifying to sit in with the various Church Boards and to note how general is the effort to render constructive Christian service. One cannot listen to the reports of Brother Pakianathan and the members of the Tamil Church Official Board without being inspired. This church has made a net increase in membership in the last four years of 60. This pastor and his associates conduct five regular preaching services each week, and two others once a fortnight. Their new church home on Short Street is also housing the Poochow and Hinghwa congregations so that one may attend a religious service of some description in the Tamil Church building at almost any hour on the Sabbath Day and on most days of the week. In addition to the work in the chapel of the Alexandra Brick-Works and at Seletar (the
new Naval Base) a definite work has been opened this year at Havelock Road where regular services are being held and a night school conducted. Some of the workers from this Church are serving Indian coolie labourers. Then, to balance the emphasis, Brother Thevathasan conducts a regular Bible Class for the medical students in the Medical School Hostel. M. N. Charles and Daniel Sundram have both worked as effective local preachers in this group.

The Straits Chinese Church has been moving forward apparently with a steady strengthening of emphasis. Their current finances are in excellent condition. There have been 40 baptisms and 50 increases in church membership with 48 probationers on the roll. Rev. Goh Hood Keng has been rendering faithful service since his return to Singapore a year and a half ago.

The Hinghwa Church carried on for more than a year without a pastor under the able leadership of Brother H. B. Ling and others. They were very much rejoiced when in September Brother Hang Sing Hoh arrived fresh from school at Nanking to assume the pastorate of this church. He and his wife have been cordially received by this group.

The Kwangtung Church has not had a very happy year. Brother Lai Kam Hong who was appointed last Conference time resigned at the end of April and has since been teaching school in Kampar. Brother Ho Cheuk Lau, a student of the Jean Hamilton Training School, has been acting pastor. Definite plans have been approved for the reorganization of this Official Board, and it is earnestly hoped that such a programme can be put into operation in 1928 that will enable this Cantonese-Hakka group to measure up in a fair degree to the large responsibilities which are resting upon them in this city.

Johore Bahru. In August I found that Brother Pakianathan had been running away from the confines of Singapore Island and had jumped the Straits of Johore and established ecclesiastical contacts in Johore Bahru. A group of people, who are already members of the Tamil Church, Singapore, were ready to be organized as the first Methodist Episcopal Church of Johore Bahru. Services have been held regularly each Sunday in the neat hall which has been rented and equipped with chairs, organ, etc.

In connection with this, some three months ago an entire group of Hakka Chinese Methodists moved from Seremban to Senai about 15 miles north of Johore Bahru. Brother Joseph Khoo got in touch with these folks and has been holding services for them regularly, averaging nearly 50 for Sunday School and 60 attendants at the preaching services. It appears that we ought to provide continuous ministrations for these earnest people.

The Geylang Church has been without a regular pastor during the entire year. Rev. Dean Swift gave special attention to this church until his leave on furlough at the end of June. Miss Walker has rendered most valuable service as Superintendent of the Geylang Sunday School and, in co-operation with Miss Ang Swee Eng, a graduate of the Eveland Training School, has been able to keep in touch with the women and girls
of this church community. We are deeply grateful to the members of this Official Board who are a most loyal group of men, and also to Brothers Lim Poh Chin, Lim Un Tien, C. D. Patterson, Choo Beng Lim, Chew Hock Hin, Timothy Huong, Khoo Chong Bee, Joshua Baruch and Daniel Sundram for supplying the pulpit regularly throughout the year. A pastor must be secured for this church for 1928.

*The Foochow Church* has since last April been holding services in the Tamil Church building, and has been maintaining its activities at its usual level. This Quarterly Conference unanimously requested the return of their pastor Rev. Chang Cheng Liang.

*The Telok Ayer Church* is both an opportunity and a problem. We have an equipment for this building that is unusual. It should have a full time staff of two or three individuals to give it adequate attention and to enable the putting on of such activities that the thousands of Chinese within easy reach of this building may be touched. The Child Welfare Society has continued throughout the year to operate one of its centres on the ground floor of this building. We are therefore making available a room for one of the most valuable humanitarian services in Singapore. It would appear that this plant needs the combined activities of Asiatic and Missionary workers. The pastor, Brother Timothy Huong, has come through a rather trying year with much to his credit. He has been ably assisted by Miss Ang Bee Giek, who at last Conference time was appointed Parish Visitor to this church. She and the Bible woman have done effective pastoral visitation. Miss Eva I. Nelson has for years rendered unusually valuable service at this point. Her going on leave this month will make a difficult vacancy to fill. C. D. Patterson as the Resident Missionary has given generously of what little spare time he has over his heavy duties at the Anglo-Chinese School and the demands upon his time in carrying on the Conference Course of Study. As stated before if we are adequately to meet the challenge in this part of Singapore there must be an adequate personnel set aside to meet these demands.

*Wesley Church* continues to be a cosmopolitan centre. Perhaps more than any other congregation this church serves a passing throng. In America it would be called a down-town church. A year ago when there was an election of officers for the Epworth League the pastor noted that 34 young people were voting and that they represented ten racial and national groups. The Communion Service always illustrates the universality of the Christian Faith. It is believed that Wesley Church is filling a real need for a free church in Singapore. The assignment of Rev. Hobart B. Amstutz as one of the ministers of this congregation last year has proven to have been a very wise plan. He has rendered service of a high order. The Ministry of Music is being finely demonstrated by the work of Miss Sylvia Barnes as Organist and Senior Choir Director. The Sunday morning congregation comfortably fills the church. Sunday evening almost an entirely different group of people are present. These congregations have also held a steady attendance. The Sunday School has been steadily growing for the last two years and now averages
200. The new Wesley Church Hall has made possible a much enlarged programme for various activities and without question will make possible in the years to come a much greater contribution to the life in Singapore.

III. PERSONNEL CHANGES:

Miss Blackmore’s many Malaya friends will learn reluctantly of her plans for going on leave in January to Australia. She is supposed to be a retired missionary but her activities, especially for the leper people, commend her for her continued interest in good things. At the end of June Rev. and Mrs. Dean Swift left on furlough, and in early August we thankfully welcomed back to the field Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan where they have again taken up their important task in connection with the Oldham Hall Boarding School. In February we welcomed to our Singapore staff Miss Lorraine McLaughlin, and in August the return from leave of Miss Clare Norton, both of whom have been cordially received at the Anglo-Chinese School. Later in October the shortage of workers in Kuala Lumpur made necessary the transfer of W. S. Phillips to the Methodist Boys’ School at that point. As an indication that an ill wind blows no one some good, last June Miss Katherine Boege concluded that it was better in Nanking than it would be in Singapore. She has been able to fit into the task in Singapore in an admirable way.

IV. GENERAL:

Proposed Methodist Seminary for Young Women. One of the most significant plans that it is believed has ever been made in Singapore is the establishment of a Methodist Seminary for Young Women on Mount Sophia. Miss Mabel Marsh has been directed by the Bishop to make plans for this project which in the reach of the years will doubtless prove to be of very wide significance to the womanhood of Malaya. Such response indicates in a very fine way an appreciation of Miss Marsh’s previous work in this field.

The projection of the Christian ideal in Singapore is not easy. People are scattered over a wide area and proper transportation has lagged far behind the development of the city. Singapore is one of the most expensive places in the world in which to get about. A journey that can be made in the London Underground or the New York Subway costing only a few cents, in Singapore requires frequently from 50 cents to $1 Straits. The only apparent solution is the pushing of our churches out into the outlying sections of the city but we have still the great problem of language. For instance, all of our Hinghwa people must come to one place, and so with practically every other group. This is a problem which cannot be met at once but which must be continually before us as we plan to introduce our Lord and Master to the half million people who are already within our gates. The one campaign of the year which attracted much attention throughout the city, was the meetings conducted by Dr. E. Stanley Jones in late September. A very definite contribution to Christian ideals was made at the time of this visit. We are reaching some 4,000 pupils in our Day Schools and a total of 1082 in our Sunday Schools. Our workers in general are distributing Christian literature in a fair way, but this programme ought
to be stressed speedily and multiplied many fold. Some work is being done in street meetings. Again we are short of personnel. We must in our general contacts in a great city like Singapore continually break down prejudice by means of personal contacts and the distribution of Christian literature, then connect up people with our Sunday Schools, and finally our churches, so that they may come into a vital relationship with the Christian Faith. To do this there must be the most cordial and the most intelligent co-operation of all of our agencies.

District Conference. On November 28th and 29th a brief session of the District Conference was held with an adjourned session on December 7th which cleared up unfinished business. One note that might be stressed concerning this District Conference was the fine expression of interest and of activities on the part of our Asiatic brethren. After all it is upon the indigenous Asiatic groups that the responsibility must eventually rest. The task before us presents a marvellous challenge. May we not earnestly look for a response on the part of earnest qualified young men and women which shall be a marvel to those who behold their zeal? The Westerner is not in the Orient primarily for the projection of the Christian ideal. Sad to say too often is his interest solely commercial. Let us hear less of criticism on the part of the Asiatic that he will not accept Christianity because he does not like our western church. Some of us are looking earnestly for the day when the Asiatic Christ with a World Vision and a universal ideal will capture the imagination and also the loyalty of thousands of young people in these parts until society may be transformed and the present selfish confusion and chaotic order may become the Kingdom of God.

In Memoriam. It is with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that we record only one break in our regular ranks due to death. It appears that the Tamil Church, Singapore, has gone through an unusually heavy grind upon its personnel. Several of their best workers and some of their beautiful children have been laid away to their final rest. As a Conference, however, we bear district loss due to the death of Mrs. S. S. Pakianathan which occurred in September. The many expressions of sympathy and the profusion of floral tributes all indicated that this good woman had not only filled well her place in her own home but had endeared herself to hundreds of others outside. When one falls someone else must pick up the torch and carry it forward high aloft if we are to lead those who depend upon us to show them the way.

Faithfully submitted,

EDWIN F. LEE,
District Superintendent.
PENANG DISTRICT.

This has been a year of intensive labour. It has been hard especially since August when Mr. Pykett went on leave, but I do not know a year of all our service in which I have seen more clearly the guiding Hand of God. It has seemed so completely God's work and we His co-workers. Prayers have been answered. Results not expected have come to pass. Efforts to propagate the Christ spirit in all the service have been gloriously crowned with success. The work has expanded. I am convinced that even greater expansion will follow a certain complete abandon to God's will in all things. In this spirit, we began the year and in this spirit we close, believing more fully than ever that the next year will be greater still. I have never been so greatly impressed, as I was with the Spirit that seems to permeate all the reports made at our District Conference in mid-November. That Spirit is the conquering Spirit of the Master.

OUR STAFF.

Miss Craven came in February to take Miss Martin's place as Evangelistic worker among women. Mr. D. R. Rosenberry came to the Staff from the Anglo-Chinese School Klang. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Zumstein and little Marjory were new additions. Mr. Zumstein took his place on the Staff of the Anglo-Chinese School, and Mrs. Zumstein in work of the English and Tamil churches. Rev. and Mrs. Pykett went on leave in August. Rev. Ng Kuan Jui came to the Bukit Mertajam Circuit. Mr. and Mrs. Teh Inn Oon from Anglo-Chinese College, Focchow, took up work as Assistant-Pastor of Penang Chinese Church in May. I wish to state here my great appreciation of the loyal support that every worker in the District has given. However well we may organize, nothing can succeed unless individual workers carry fully their share. This has been done in the District and I am very happy to see a rapidly growing willingness to take responsibility. In almost every case the service has been efficient.

Evangelistic Work.

Penang Hokkien Chinese.

In the report to the District Conference, the Pastor Mr. Khoo Cheng Hoe says, "This year has been somewhat discouraging but I can see the clouds of despair breaking up, and with 1928, we shall see the dawn of hope and cheer." This is the spirit that wins. This Church has been practically self-supporting in this year, closing with a balance in hand. The acquiring of a site for a new church on Madras Lane is the great step for future advancement. The site with a fairly good house cost $18,500. This Church now with a place that is their own fully paid for and with a will to be self-supporting, is sure to move forward rapidly. The noble service of the women under Miss Craven's Leadership and the patient and consistent labour of Messrs. Khoo Cheng Hoe, Ang Cheng Kang and Teh Inn Oon have held this Church steady through this year. The Tin Church will be vacated in the near future after serving so many
years. All activities, including a proposed Kindergarten, of the Church will go to the new home very soon except the Sunday service and Sunday school which will still carry on in the Anglo-Chinese School.

The Doreas Society has had a successful year. This Society helped greatly with their funds in acquiring the new site.

The Cantonese section of this Church has not grown very much. It needs leadership. The field is there but the reaper is yet to be found.

Ayer Itam has had a hard year. Mrs. Peach and the Bible woman have held on, and this coming year with more help from the Hokkien Church, we hope to see growth.

**Penang Tamil.**

This Church closes a successful year. Its finances are distinctly better, and from its general funds $200 has been turned into the new Building Fund, which now totals nearly $1800. Bro. Samuel has moved into the task with consecration and with wisdom, and his strong corps of local preachers have stood by him. This Church is self-supporting now and I believe it will always be. The great need is a new site. That will come and we believe quickly. One local preacher said at District Conference "new life and better vision have come into our hearts after the visits of Dr. Stanley Jones and Rev. J. J. Kingham." Another says, "This year has been one of blessing. Co-operation has been the main feature." These things indicate the note of victory. Any church can do great things when filled with this spirit. Mrs. Pykett's going away in August left a great gap, but Miss Urech and Mrs. Zumstein have filled in most efficiently. The Ladies Aid still continues its excellent work.

**Penang English—Fitzgerald Memorial Church.**

This Church continues to serve as a church of all nations. We have carried the duties as Pastor through the year, but the Church needs more attention than we could give. The attendance has been good. It has had a very successful financial year. The Church is entirely free of debt now due to the kindness of Mr. Fitzgerald who sent us the last amount necessary. The work of the Union Epworth League has been carried on in this Church. This League has had a fairly good year, but it has not grown nor reached the numbers of young people that are in this field. Miss Jewell has ably assisted the Pastor in the Membership classes. This Church has a great future with leadership that will preach the Gospel and visit the people. It is a choice appointment in this Conference.

**Province North—Tamil and Chinese.**

The great Fields of Kedah and North Province are opening rapidly. The placing of Bro. Devasahayam on the Tamil Circuit, free from school work, has proved successful. This year has been the year of breaking ground. He has nobly done this at the cost of nearly his life at times—what by motor-cars and malaria. May God spare him to cultivate diligently in this coming year. The points of contact at Alor Star,
Sungei Petani, Kuala Kétäl, Anak Kulim Dublin Estate, with a strong local preacher or exhorter or layman to lead at each are the centers around which the ever expanding circles of Christian influence will grow. The Union Church scheme at Sungei Petani is awaiting the opinion of the new Anglican Bishop. Promise of support has been received from Presbyterians and Lutherans. We believe we shall succeed in bringing these Christian bodies together in Christ's service. The Methodist funds now stand at approximately $1,500. The new Church in Bukit Mertajam will be completed now within a month. The funds for complete payment are in sight.

Bro. Ng Khuan Jui came to the Chinese work of this section in July. He has been over the field. His report is not very optimistic, but I am convinced that with more effort in Bedong area among Chinese, we shall see progress. Kulim is nearer having a new church than ever. They have $750 in hand. The people are much interested and they want to move on. They want to know what the Mission will do. I trust we can give them a good answer.

I expect to make two quarterly Conferences in this section in 1928; one for Chinese and one for Tamil. I am inclined to feel that Sungei Petani should be the residence of the Chinese elder and Bukit Mertajam the residence of the Tamil elder.

Province South—Tamil.

The Penang District toward the South is now definitely extended to and including Bagan Serai in North Perak. Parit Buntar is the center of this work and all of it is Tamil. The Elder in charge, Bro. Jesudason lives at Nibong Tebal. Bro. Oswald at Parit Buntar and Jesudason in Nibong Tebal are both in school work and thus cannot possibly reach the numbers that are around them. Yet their stations are self-supporting and with the excellent service of a Catechist, the Gospel is being preached with power in School and church and estate. The splendid growth of Sunday School work at Parit Buntar needs special mention, out of 200 Chinese and Indian boys, a Sunday School of over 100 is being conducted well graded and doing efficient work. The Junior Epworth League at Nibong Tebal is very promising.

Educational Work.

The Schools of the District have all had successful years. I see much more to be done to increase esprit de corps—religious instruction and to institute improvements in the course of study given whereby we shall see boys and girls go out with freedom of thought and self-control and with a general education that will make them immediately useful to their communities. To do these things requires time and personal attention.
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PENANG ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL.

The Anglo-Chinese School, Penang, and the branch schools gave Rev. Pykett a hearty send off on his furlough in August. The main school won the coveted Glugor Shield in Athletics. The 1926 Results in Examinations were far above the average, and both students and Staff did him honour after his long service. The main school is now divided into three units: Primary, Middle and Higher. We need permanent homes for the first two sections. A very fine spacious rented home for the Middle School was found at 193, Hutton Lane and was occupied in July. The School Magazine is a great credit to the English Department of the Higher School. The Sunday School is rapidly growing since Mr. Zumstein was able to put time into this part of the work. The Scouts and Cadets have been a great credit to the School. This School has a very good Staff of capable teachers, but its Christian proportion is low.

PARIT BUNTAR ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL.

The Parit Buntar School has had a successful year. The Primary Department went into a rented house in May, thus relieving congestion in the main building. A new site will most likely be granted by Government for this School in the very near future and then the School will quickly find its place among the class of 480 size. Our plans are being made that there shall be special attention given to Handicraft and Agriculture in this new School. Bro. Oswald and his Staff have done well this year. The first Parents' Day was a great success. This school has the good will of the community which is a great asset.

NIBONG TEBAL ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL.

Nibong Tebal School is about complete its extension costing $2000. Bro. Jesudason is to be congratulated on the way in which he succeeded so quickly in this much needed enterprise. Arrangement is being made whereby Christian students from this School shall go to our own schools, thus conserving our efforts through Sunday School and daily Bible instructions.

BUKIT MERTAJAM ANGLO-CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Bukit Mertajam Girls' School has had a good year for its first. We were most fortunate after several changes to get Miss Marshall, a fully qualified Australian teacher, to take charge and the School in every way has shown growth. We are trusting that in 1928 a lady missionary may be stationed there. This School has a great future if we can give it full support in these early years. We would hope that the story of the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School, Ipoh, shall be repeated in Bukit Mertajam. This is the only Grant-in-Aid Girls' School in Province-Wellesley.

DATO-KRAMAT ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL.

The Dato-Kramat Anglo-Chinese School has had a very strong Staff this year and against odds and difficulties of noise and heat, a good year is closing. This School only goes through 3rd. standard and therefore can only expect to do work which shows up much later in the life of the
student. The pupils who finish here enter 4th Standard at the Middle School, Hutton Lane. Rev. Samuel with his training hardly has full scope for his educational ability, in this school.

In addition to these English Schools, we have had general supervision and responsibility for four vernacular schools—one each at Bedong, Kulim, Ayer Itam in Chinese, and one in Tamil at Parit Bunter. These are distinctly Christian schools in management and teaching and the attendance at Sunday Services of the pupils is a good indication of their possible usefulness.

ANGLO-CHINESE GIRLS’ SCHOOL.

The Anglo-Chinese Girls’ School has had 537 on roll. The improvements of the Tiffin Shed, teachers’ room and lavatories are most gratifying and useful. The building has been completely colour-washed and painted. The entire premises without and within are in good condition. In July the First Sports Day was held successfully. Miss Jewell’s untiring efforts with the teachers made this a banner day. The Cambridge results of the School were not what we would like to see. This was probably due to changes in Staff in 1926. The Sunday School has been conducted throughout the year, but it is hard to get non-Christian girls to Sunday Services of any kind. Miss Rea has held faithfully to a very difficult task for these two years, and she has justly earned her furlough.

WINCHELL HOME.

Miss Urech writes concerning Winchell Home: “The past year has been richly blessed with answers to prayers. Lives have been made better by prayer and the Spirit in the Home has been good. Young girls who have been persecuted at their non-Christian homes have found friendship and peace with our family. Illness and trials with matrons have made the year hard. Miss Jewell has given great assistance. Free services of local surgeons and doctors have been greatly appreciated. We thank God for His mercies.”

Miss Urech is another of our Staff who deserves a good rest, after a most faithful and trying service in this Boarding School.

ALEXANDRA HOME.

Alexandra Home continues to fulfil a great Mission for women in need. The leadership and direction given by Mrs. Lim Leng Lee keeps this Home of lasting service to this city. The Bible women’s Conference was entertained there very successfully. The neighbours around seemed very curious and one old lady, on seeing all these folks going in and out, said, “There must be something greater in your religion than in mine, because everyone looks happy, and I am unhappy.” Miss Urech has faithfully cared for the needs and interests of this institution.

GENERAL.

There is hardly any need so great at this time in all our City work, as a trained music teacher in the Staff of the Women Foreign Society. No one except those who labour here can realize how desperate is this
need. No school or institution has produced any one over all these years who is available in this most important part of Christian Service. This is an appeal supported by every worker in Penang city.

Dr. Stanley Jones' visit to Penang was a great blessing:—His addresses were powerful. His four visits to our boys' and girls' schools resulted in sixty decisions in the boy's and one hundred and twenty in the girls' school. Special Bible classes and Sunday School classes have been formed. The harvest field of our schools is truly plenteous and we propose to enter this field with the Master.

The Poppy Day Collections in all schools of the District from 3110 pupils and 110 teachers was $750 with Anglo-Chinese Girls' Schools leading in per capita giving.

The signs in this District are distinctly pointing to rapid growth in all phases of the work we have so far undertaken. The statistics will show that this growth has been in numbers in the vital matters of Baptisms and church membership, not as much as we would like but the Gospel has proven a power from God to save. The growth that seems to us most significant is that the workers are understanding better individual responsibility and are willing to assume that responsibility with eagerness.

This Conference can never again with clear conscience ask less than three to shoulder the major tasks in Penang District. Once more we wish to express deep gratitude to every worker who so willingly has accepted a share of the service. The task is now divided to elder, Local Preacher, Headmistress, Headmaster, Principal, Manager, and Teacher. May it always be carried with the same spirit of co-operation as we have seen this year.

Finally unto Him the great Master, Builder and Friend—Jesus—I bow my knee in praise and thankfulness and in His voice I hear, in His face I see, in His hands I feel that which is my continual strength.

P. L. Peach.

District Superintendent.

IPOH DISTRICT REPORT.

This year has been a short one of only ten months. Dr. Stanley Jones' meetings were a great blessing to many and a spiritual uplift to us all. His addresses in the schools were greatly appreciated by the students and many decisions were made for Christ. The public addresses were crowded night by night and non-Christians heard him with pleasure and I am sure that many were helped.

1. **The Ipoh Circuit** Ipoh Tamil Church has had a good year in every way. Its membership has increased. Financially it has had the best year in its history receiving $4,754. Mr. J. J. Kovilpillay left in March and Mr. Nitchingham and Mr. Arthur have been joint pastors and they have done excellent work. The visit of Mr. Kingham from Madras was much appreciated and I think that if the Tamil work in this Conference
had a Tamil-speaking Supt. there would be great advances. I hope that the outcome of Mr. Kingham's visit to our Tamil Churches in Malaya will result in such a man being appointed. At Sungei Siput we have had ¾ of an acre of land for several years reserved for a church building and I hope that this Conference can assist financially in building a neat structure in this populous town and district. Services are held in seven centres and 9 estates are visited regularly. The Ipoh Tamil Settlement Church is better attended. Faithful work has been done by the 2 catechists—G. Kovilpillai and D. Aservatham. There were 14 adult baptisms and an increase of 43 full members.

2. *The Ipoh Chinese.* Mr. Fam Cho Phin was transferred here at last Conference to fill the place of Mr. Lai Kam Hong. He has done good work and the church has been self-supporting during the year. There were 8 adult baptisms. He has worked faithfully in open-air work in Ipoh and district. During the year he has had the misfortune of losing his wife, who died in China. We extend to him our sympathy. The "True Jesus Church" as it is falsely called have made in roads into the congregation and have taken away several members. May our Church be so filled with the Spirit that our people will have no desire to leave us.

Mrs. Horley left for England in May and she has been greatly missed by the Chinese Community as well as by the English Church. Her Christian influence was very much felt in the homes, in the Churches and in the Schools. Being a trained nurse she was much sought after by the poor and the sick.

3. *Ipoh English.* The work in this congregation is developing mainly amongst our English speaking graduates and present pupils of our day schools. The Presbyterian Church having sent a permanent pastor for the purpose of establishing a Scotch Church. Several English, and Scotch families, who used to worship with us, have now left us, and attend there. This has decreased the weekly attendance at the services. Rev. L. Proebstel has as usual assisted in these services. Several young people, the product of our Day and Sunday Schools were baptised and received into full membership. Two excellent probationers' classes have been maintained. Two excellent Sunday Schools one in the Boys' and the other in Girls' Schools have been held during the year.

4. *Ipoh Anglo-Chinese School.* The School under Mr. Proebstel has had an excellent year. The moral and spiritual tone of the school is high and the educational work done has been excellent. Its standard is higher than it has been for several years. The Continuation school has now an attendance of 250 boys. Inter-school sports were organised by the school and were very successful.

Mr. Proebstel reports as follows:

This year the Ipoh A. C. S. has been able to obtain the best staff that I have ever known it to have. It has been strengthened by three fully-qualified and experienced European lady-teachers who have taken the place of untrained, inexperienced local teachers. The local staff has improved. One passed the final Normal Exam. and two, the 2nd Year.
The big problem this year was not to get staff but to keep them out of the hospital. Several have had long periods of illness in the hospital and others have been ill from time to time.

The Boy Scouts won the Sultan’s Shield, competed for by all troops in Perak. The Scouts of the school also contributed the major part of the entertainment to raise funds for the Penang B.S. Camp expenses of those attending from the Ipoh Scouts. In addition to our own School Sports the school inaugurated an Inter-School Sports for the schools of Southern Perak. This was a very successful undertaking, and should continue to be a big event in Perak Schools for many years. The boys of the Junior A Class gave a very creditable performance of “The Tempest” which was highly praised by the Chief I. of S. who was present.

The biggest event of the year was the coming of Dr. Stanley Jones. 44 new candidates for the Kingdom were recruited from his meetings. Of the probationers who were admitted last year Twenty one have become members of the church. Two probationer classes have been held regularly throughout the year, most of the members being boys in the Boarding Department of the A. C. S. The Sunday School and the J. League have done their share in maintaining a training ground for the boys from Non-Christian families.

Much improvement has been made in the Library and Reading Room in the way of new equipment, new books, and new magazines. The School Magazine has issued two numbers.

The Continuation School has continued to grow until now it is one-third as big as A. C. S. with 250 boys and 8 teachers. The 1000 boys in these two schools are a constant challenge to preach and live the gospel.

Mr. L. A. Chacey has done good work in the Epworth League, and with the Boy Scouts.

5. Ipoh Boarding School. During the year it has been full and if we had larger accommodation we could have taken in more boys. Mr. Bunn has given his services free to this institution. There is a fine Christian spirit in most of the students. One young man in the face of great persecution was publicly baptised and has since been a power for good in the school. I have tried to erect a new dormitory during the year.

Mr. Bunn says:—

“This year has been another successful year in the above Institution. We have had our full complement of Boarders viz. 40. The spirit is one of the best all boys show respect and obedience to superiors and the few rules it is found necessary to have for the good of all. That the pupils appreciate the life here, is shown by the fact that they call it “The A.C.S. Boarding HOME.” Among themselves there is a spirit of brotherhood and a fine “esprit de corps.” They are foremost in all the activities of the Day School, such as the Scouts, the Band, Gymnastics, etc. That the boarding school is popular is evidenced by the fact that there are applications for admission from all parts of the peninsula such as K. Lumpur,
Seremban, Malacca, Pahang and even Singapore. The only drawback is the want of accommodation. Many improvements are in contemplation for next year for instance, the building of a temporary dormitory, the commencement of a library, special arrangement of the commissariat. Scholastically the boys in many cases lead the way in their classes. Spiritually they form the main body at all spiritual exercise such as the Public Services of the Church, the Epworth League. Many during the year have become members of the Church. Then by the kind aid of the Revs. Horley and Proebstel, the Messrs. Chacey and Arthur their usual evening meetings and night prayers are rendered interesting and useful. On the whole we feel there is much to thank God for in the work carried on in this infant Boarding School which promises to grow into a lusty man."

6. *Ipoth Anglo-Chinese Girls' School.* This school entered its splendid new quarters this month and H. E. the High Commissioner is to open the building officially on December 20th, when we hope many members of this Conference will come. We bought the land for $6000-an acre, and I was told the other day by a prominent citizen that it is now worth $10,000-an acre.

Our expenditure has been over $175,000-, and we hope to open the building free of debt. My only regret is that we have insufficient funds to erect a dwelling house for the W.F.M.S. ladies and so for the present they have to live temporarily in the school building. This is very inconvenient as the structure was not designed for a dwelling house. I think personally that a house should be built at once. If a house were rented it would mean an expenditure of $100- a month for rent. A friend would lend us the money and we could pay the interest and a bit of the principal every year, as if we were paying rent. When the fine new road is constructed in front of the school there will be some land which we could sell off and thus pay off the debt.

Miss Kenyon has left a warm place in the hearts of the girls and the general community. Miss Rank however, has ably carried on the work. The work of the School has been good throughout the year. Miss Royce's work has been greatly appreciated. She has held a probationary class.

7. *Kampar Chinese.* This congregation is self-supporting, and its local preachers also carry on the Telok Anson Chinese services. Mr. Kam Yu Tsuen, the pastor, has preached also in Tapah and Gopeng. The E. L. is not as strong as it might be and it has made little progress during the year. The S. School is strong and vigorous. Mr. Cheong has held a probationer's class during the year. Mrs. Cheong's work amongst the women has been appreciated.

8. *The Anglo-Chinese School, Kampar,* under the headmastership of Mr. T. K. Cheong has had a good year.

There is need for an extension to the existing fine plant we already possess. Three classes are being taught in the Mission bungalow, as there is no room in the main building. Plans have been drawn for an extension
to the existing building and it is hoped to raise sufficient funds to pay for it. All the various branches of the school have been successfully carried on.

9. The Pusing and Tronoh Chinese Churches and Vernacular Schools attached to them have made fair progress.

10. Telok Anson Tamil Circuit. Bro. Ed. Isaac was transferred from Taiping to this circuit last Conference. The circuit raised for all purposes in the 10 months the sum of $1,559- but the Circuit has an old debt of $243- brought forward from 1926.

The proposed new church building in Telok Anson has not yet been built.

There are three catechists—one Tamil and two Telegus working on the circuit. There were 38 adult baptisms and 35 estates were visited. Mr. Kingham spent a profitable 3 days in this Circuit and it gave him a fine opportunity to see the need of Tamil and Telegu work on the large estates in this country.

Dr. Stanley Jones held two meetings in Teluk Anson and H. H. The Rajah Muda took the chair at the first meeting. Both the Sunday School and the E. L. have done good work.

11. The Anglo Chinese School, Telok Anson, is full and good work has been done by Mr. Doraisamy and Staff. The Cambridge results were especially gratifying. The Tamil hostel has been full during the year and several of the boys have made their decision for Christ and belong to the probationer's Class held in the Sunday School.

12. Tanjong Rambutan Chinese. There have been 14 adult baptisms during the year. Several members have, however, left to seek work in other places. The pastor has worked hard has also held services in Tambun, Sungei Siput, Chemor and far away Bruas, where some of his members live in timber cutting "kongsis." These lumber men subscribed $50- to purchase new furniture for the church.

13. Taiping Tamil Church. Mr. Fred David has had charge since last March. He has also taught in the Cambridge classes of the Treacher Girls' School for most of the year. Progress has been difficult and the one bright spot on this circuit has been the work at Windsor Estate amongst the coolies. Taiping Tamil Church is a knotty problem.

14. Taiping Chinese Church. Since the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Moi Poh Peng there has been some progress on this charge. 8 Adults were baptised a few Sundays ago, and the services are now better attended than they have been for some years. The Church raises $50- a month locally toward the pastor's support which is as much as this congregation is able to do. Miss Harvey has assisted in the work. The work of the Bible women Sey Chee helps this congregation and the attendance of women is very good, at the church services. She teaches the women to read in Romanised Chinese.
15. Lady Treacher Girls' Schools. The attendance is still growing and before long we shall have to arise and build in order to accommodate the girls. Miss Harvey has had a hard year's work because she has been alone in the work for nearly 6 months owing to Miss Harb's absence on sick leave.

There is a good tone in the school and the results are gratifying both from a spiritual and intellectual standpoint. A Sunday School has been started amongst the older girls by Miss Harvey.

16. Crudandon Home is full and needs larger and more airy dormitories. Miss Harb has been in charge of this work, but owing to ill health has been away for several months. She is now much better I am glad to say. This Home fills a decided need.

17. Sitiawan Circuit. Mr. and Mrs. Coole have been very busy studying Chinese. Bro. Coole now speaks fluently in ordinary conversation and he also preaches in the Foochow dialect. Mrs. Coole has made remarkable progress and bids fair to eclipse her husband in the language. The new church at Kampong Koh is finished and ready for dedication. It is a fine structure and will, I trust, be the birth-place of many precious souls and the training ground of many Christian workers, as well as the school of prayer to God's people. The Rev. Tai Poh Ting who has been spending his furlough in Sitiawan has worked splendidly in superintending the erection of the new building. Owing to the decrease in the price of rubber it has been rather difficult to collect all the promises. A sad service was held in the new building a few weeks ago when the funeral service of Dr. Wong Fau Seng, a former pastor, was held. Over 1000 people attended and testified to his high Christian Character. He had given S$3000 to the building. It is 25 years ago since Dr. Luering brought the first 300 immigrants from China to the wilds of Sitiawan. It was then dense jungle, and tigers, bears and wild elephants roamed about to the terror of the people from the crowded towns and villages of China. Not a European was in the whole district, not a road, not a town. There were half a dozen neglected rubber trees in old Sitiawan village—planted there from seedlings sent out from Kew Gardens, London, being part of the product of the smuggled Para rubber seeds from Brazil. Millions of trees around are now their descendants. May the good seed of the Gospel bear productive fruit until Malaya's millions shall know the Christ! "One soweth another reapeth." We hope to celebrate this 25th Anniversary on January 28th and 29th next. A series of evangelistic revival services were held in the churches of the circuit and all the pastors and workers would concentrate at a given church for a week's mission. Hundreds of houses were visited; open air meetings were held and the Gospel was faithfully preached. The Christians were helped to more earnest consecration and non-Christians were brought to Christ. The new Kampong Koh Church will be dedicated on January 29th 1928. Lee Hock Hieng has done good service in this Church and is generally liked by his congregation and the outside people. The church however ought to be better attended that it is and I hope that when the building is opened, an evening service will be held. This could easily be done when the electric light is installed in the building. The Church at Ayer Tawar under Cung Chung Geng has done good work.
This church needs a pastor who speaks both the Hokhien and Foochow dialects as the Congregation is composed of both elements. The present pastor has been handicapped this year, knowing only one dialect. I think all our young Chinese pastors in this Conference should seek to add another dialect to their own mother dialect. It ought to be easy for them to do this. There is a debt on the parsonage of $500- as well as $1,600- on the Church. Some of the members advocate that this coming year unpaid local preachers do the work and that money saved be spent on reducing their debts. The Government wish to start a Malay School for Chinese immigrants in Sitiawan, so that these people need not be shut off from stating their own cases to the District Officers. At present they are at the mercy of interpreters (like Mr. Coole). Thousands of new people are coming down from China. One Chinese pastor on a visit said the other day: "This country is the Promised Land but China is hell at the present time." The new congregation at 3rd Road raised nearly $2,000 to purchase a house. The entire community subscribed. They have bought a shop-house where the pastor lives and also where services are held. An Epworth League reading room has been opened there also. They have an average attendance of 40. At the special services there was an average attendance of 100 people. We should acquire—a piece of land here and build a church. The Government is making a trunk road to this place and the road will no longer be a series of mud pits and sloughs of despond.

The Sungei Wangi Congregation remains about the same. It really serves 14 Christian Families, who are Hokkiens. They have a day vernacular school of 30 and I think a teacher-preacher would serve this community best, if the present teacher would undertake this charge. It has a membership of 52 and 17 Enquiries. The average Attendance at Sunday School is 62. Shi You Show has been the pastor.

Services are being held in Lumut Kampong Bharu and Simpang Ampat and this has become one charge under Bro. Shi You Show.

Mr. On Wah Lai has a fund of $727- in hand as a nest egg to build churches in Kampong Bharu and Lumut in the near future.

The Bible Women in the Sitiawan circuit have done good and useful work.

The Anglo-Chinese School at Sitiawan has now nearly 250 scholars under Mr. D. C. Gong—excellent results have been obtained and the school is now in a better position than it has ever been.

I have asked Government to assist us with $40,000 grant so that a new building can be erected.

Mr. and Mrs. Coole have helped in the religious work of the school and Bro. Coole has started a good Scout troop. It has a Sunday School or 80 pupils.

May God bless this District and all its workers! May we all be baptised with the Holy Spirit for service and success!

W. E. Horley,
District Superintendent.
Reports of Standing Boards and Committees

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC MORALS.

We are glad that the Sanitary Board of Ipoh has refused the use of the blank walls of shophouses for the purpose of advertising cigarettes.

We understand that there are no laws in the Federated Malay States governing the visiting of the houses of prostitution by minors. Your committee recommends that this Conference send a memorial to the Government of the F.M.S. to make investigation and legislate in the matter.

We deplore the toddy-drinking habit that prevails among many of our Tamil Christian labourers on the estates. We would request the pastors in charge of our estate work to give systematic instruction in temperance so that this evil may be removed as speedily as possible.

We are grateful to the W.C.T.U. for issuing temperance leaflets from time to time pointing out the evils of strong drink for free distribution among our young people.

In view of the impure literature that is being disseminated at cinemas, which are frequented by large numbers of our boys and girls, your committee recommends that the Principals of our schools arrange for lectures on social purity and sex relationships to be given during the year.

Goh Hood Keng, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

Attention to the distribution of Christian literature has been given through the year along the usual lines with perhaps a slight strengthening of our programme. There has been distributed a fair quantity of Chinese tracts which have been carefully selected from the list published by the General Literature Committee in Shanghai. It is, however, urged that further attention be given to this and that plans be carried forward for such activities along with general lectures.

This Committee has given consideration to the suggestion that has come from several sources for the development of a Chinese section to the Malaysia Message. It has been proposed that this be 8 pages. The Manager of the Methodist Publishing House has secured an estimate from a Chinese press in Singapore indicating that 500 copies of 8 pages can be produced at a cost of $40 per month. It is, therefore, suggested that the Annual Conference formally request the Publishing Committee to proceed with the development of an eight page section of the Malaysia Message and that the Chinese pastors be requested in correspondence to place before the Publishing Committee nominations for an Editor who
shall regularly become a member of the staff of the Malaysia Message and therefore keep the entire paper under such direction as is advisable for an official religious journal.

EDWIN F. LEE, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCH.

Your Committee respectfully draws your attention to the following:

1. Sabbath Observance: It is regrettable that so little attention is given to this matter. Even in our churches there are members who seem to think it a light matter to carry on business on Sundays as on week days. Your Committee would strongly urge that all possible steps be taken to see that greater emphasis is laid on this matter in all churches and that the matter is brought to the attention of congregations at least once a quarter.

2. Consecrated Giving: Your Committee notes that there is a distinct tendency for members of our churches to become lax in this matter and would urge that all pastors, local preachers, and others keep clearly before their congregations the Christian privilege and duty of tithing. In this connection it is urged that the General Rules of the Church be read and explained frequently and carefully as required by the Discipline of the M. E. Church.

3. Ritual for Responsive Services in Vernacular: Your Committee recommends the appointment of a Committee to take up carefully the matter of providing Ritual for Responsive Readings in the Vernacular for use in vernacular services.

4. Conservation of Results: It is particularly urged that Churches make special effort to co-operate with the Schools in the matter of following up the products of our schools. There is the tendency to regard this as solely the work of the schools, but your Committee respectfully submits that the churches of our Conference have a responsibility in this matter.

5. Temperance: Your Committee commend the work of the W.C.T.U. in our schools but would urge that our churches take greater cognisance of the opportunity for intensive work of this nature in Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues and in the regular Church Services. It is urged that this Conference designate a Temperance Sunday to be observed during the year on which special emphasis should be laid on the question of Temperance.

6. Dr. E. Stanley Jones' Campaign in Malaya: The results of the campaign of Dr. E. Stanley Jones have been particularly gratifying, but this Committee would urge the pastors of the various churches and principals of the schools throughout the Area to guard against the danger of neglecting to follow up the work done.

JAMES A. SUPRAMANIAM.
GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMORIALS.

I. The Malaya Annual Conference respectfully requests that the present Singapore Area be kept intact and that the Episcopal Residence be continued in the city of Singapore, Straits Settlements.

II. The Malaya Annual Conference expresses its cordial endorsement of the administration of Bishop Titus Lowe during the quadrennium which is now drawing to a close. His background of missionary experience added to later administrative duties in our New York Office made it possible for him immediately to enter upon a practical and efficient administration of the responsibilities of this Area. Bishop Lowe has been untiring in the energies which he has expended in fulfilling his responsibilities for this field. His months in America during 1923 were of large service to Malaya especially in the personal selection of additional missionary staff. During the entire time of his residence here he has shown no favouritism between the small station and the large one. His stressing of church extension and evangelism have added much to the success along these lines. This Conference therefore requests his re-assignment to the Singapore Area.

III. The Malaya Annual Conference respectfully suggests the dissolution of the present World Service Commission with its attendant combination of the benevolent activities of our church. The experience of the past few years and the changing situation throughout the world have been such as to make it appear, that this plan is no longer practicable. It is therefore suggested that the entire benevolent work attempted by our church outside the limits of the United States of America be assigned to the Board of Foreign Missions. It is further suggested that the Board of Foreign Missions be given the privilege of presenting its programme to the church at large and of making its own appeal for support.

IV. The Malaya Annual Conference places itself on record as being in favour of the election of Bishops for racial or national groups where such administration is clearly feasible and desirable. In view of the necessity for such an election to be made by a group that understands the local conditions, it appears that such election should be made by the Central Conference for the field concerned.

V. The Malaya Annual Conference records its judgment as being in favour of action by the General Conference looking toward the development of a regional church. The extreme difficulty of keeping our present wide organization together with the degree of democracy which is the very genius of Methodism seems impracticable. It is believed that a federation of world wide Methodist interests can provide the unity desired, and that matters of domestic polity can better receive attention by regional groups. It is further believed that this will make possible a wholesome national expression and at the same time develop the Christian ideal of universal brotherhood. We suggest that steps be taken in 1928, looking toward the early development of such a programme as that outlined above.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE MINUTES.

The minutes of all District Conferences have been examined and are found in order.

C. D. PATTERSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

I. During the year the Education Department has ruled that the annual conference transfer expenses of missionary teachers must be met by the mission and not be charged to the block grants of the schools.

II. Also the Education Department has ruled that in the event of a teacher's failure to return after leave that the Mission must refund all the leave pay.

Principals must therefore take a bond from teachers going on leave guaranting this leave salary.

III. The Committee would welcome a visit from the Principal of the J.H.T.S. in the large boys schools and recommend that he be invited to address the senior students in order to obtain candidates for the J.H.T.S.

IV. We are heartily in sympathy with the W.F.M.S. Seminary project.

V. We urge that the committee on Religious Education be instructed to make a definite report on the curriculum and text books for religious education in our schools.

WM. E. HORLEY,
Secretary of Education.

SANITARIUM COMMITTEE.

The "Nest" has been fully occupied during the year. We are glad that the new sanitarium at Bukit Fraser will soon be finished as it will relieve the congestion which we have had for several weeks during the year at the "Nest."

W. E. HORLEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

1. We extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Rev. S. S. Pakianathan and his children and to the relatives of the late Mrs. W. P. Eveland in the great loss they have sustained by the passing away of their loved ones. May the God of all comfort be with them and sustain them by his grace.

2. We wish to put in record our appreciation of the devoted and self-sacrificing service that Miss Blackmore has rendered to the girls and women of Singapore for forty long years. We pray that God's goodness and richest blessings may rest upon her in the days of refreshment and rest in the homeland.
3. The enthronement during the Conference week of Basil Colby Roberts as Bishop of the Singapore Diocese is looked upon with much satisfaction by our Mission. His past relation with us has been very brotherly and happy. We trust that he may be graciously spared for many years of fruitful service in our midst.

4. We extend to our Bishop without formalities our feeling of appreciation for the vigorous and far-seeing supervision which we have been given during the past quadrennium. The Lowes took over this Malayan Wonderland split by tongues of seas and seas of tongues, at a time when help from home both in interest and money was rapidly declining. In spite of this grave handicap we have just passed through the most progressive period of advance in our forty years history. Twenty churches have been built in our area, many new preachers quarters have been provided; and well over a half million dollars spent on new boys and girls school buildings. The new girls seminary project we believe will be a real achievement in our annals. The evangelistic note has been dominant in all of his utterances and program. We pray that the very unsatisfactory health condition which both the Bishop and Mrs. Lowe have laboured under, since coming to this trying climate, may no longer prevail in the cooler climate of the Temperate Zone.

F. H. Sullivan, Chairman.

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THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPORT.

1. The Executive Committee is to be elected as per articles F and L of the report passed last year. The District Conferences are to elect six members and the Conference another six.

2. Finances: a 5% levy on the budget of each church is to be made for this purpose, furthermore, individual gifts of $25 per annum are to be secured.

The amount of money required depends upon the programme of work we have in mind. Shall we begin work at once in two centres or one? Is it to be altogether a new field or to be associated with some old station of the Mission field? In these matters we seek the advice and direction of the Bishop and the Cabinet.

We desire that the working committee be at once elected so that they may be able to present a report to the Bishop before the close of the Conference session.

S. M. Thevatham, Chairman.

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COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS.

The heads of all our schools were addressed during the year, and they were asked to offer suggestions for the revision of the list of approved text books. A few have replied, and their suggestions are greatly appreciated.

A supplement to the former list of text books will be issued in the near future, and if there are further suggestions which heads of schools wish to make the committee will be glad to receive same early.
Most of our schools appear to have followed faithfully the recommendations of the committee, but we regret that two schools have not yet adopted the list in full. It is requested that steps be taken to insure the full co-operation of all schools.

T. W. Bowmar, Chairman.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

It is recommended that monthly allowances be paid in 1928 at the same rates as in 1927:

Mrs. Deng Peng Deng $30
Mrs. Abraham 30
Mrs. Toomey 40

P. L. Peach, Chairman.

Miscellaneous

REPORT ON ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL, SINGAPORE.

Throughout the whole of 1927 this School has been taxed to its limit as far as accommodation was concerned, and yet with all the serious drawbacks under which we have been working we have very much to our credit in the quality of work done. Every teacher—lay and missionary—now teaching in the School has worked with a will and the spirit of loyalty and co-operation which has been manifested throughout the year.

The work in religious instruction has been carried on through the regular chapel services and the daily religious instruction classes. Owing to incidents over which we had no control a spirit of unrest was abroad throughout the city prior to and during the Easter season. Happily no outward manifestation of this unrest was exhibited in School and we were able to hold our usual special services during Easter week and we believe much good seed was sown which will certainly bring forth much fruit.

During the visit of Dr. E. Stanley Jones in Singapore impressive services were held in this School and on the last day of his visit one hundred and ninety-nine boys signed decision slips signifying their desire to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and to surrender their lives to Him for definite Christian service. All these boys belonged to Cambridge Standards VII and VI and have been linked up with S. S. and other religious institutions in the city. Every boy in our Cambridge classes has been spoken to personally regarding his relationship with Jesus Christ and we feel that none of the boys who are passing through our School do so without having had brought very definitely before them the claims of Jesus Christ upon their lives.
Missionary Staff. The missionary staff was the same in 1927 as in 1926 with the following exceptions. Mr. and Mrs. Amstutz each taught half time from February to July of this year. Miss McLaughlin joined us in February. Miss Norton rejoined the staff in September and took over control of the Primary and Lower Elementary Departments. Since the beginning of November we have had the help of Miss Buel in place of Mr. Phillips who was transferred to Kuala Lumpur.

Buildings. It is a pleasure to report that building operations have at last begun on our new $100,000 school at Cairnhill Road. We hope to be able to occupy this building by July 1928. The building will accommodate the Higher Department of the Anglo-Chinese School and the curriculum will offer facilities for work in Elementary Physics, Electricity and Magnetism.

Two of our 1926 students proceeded to Britain for further study and they are doing well there.

As in former years the School has carried off the lion’s share of the local (Tan Jiak Kim) Scholarships. For this we offer no apology.

Magazine. The new A.C.S. magazine has just been published ready for issue in the beginning of the new year.

A. McNAB, Principal.

ANGLO-CHINESE CONTINUATION SCHOOL, SINGAPORE.

This School has continued to meet each afternoon in our Coleman Street buildings and has filled a much felt want in the city. It is splendidly organised and Mr. Woodford deserves great credit for the very efficient work he has put into this school. The school now has a very good standing in the eyes of the community inasmuch as in 1927 we enrolled nine pupils in our Cambridge Department from the Continuation School and presented an equal number this year for the London Chamber of Commerce Examination. I find that graduates from this School are now able to obtain quite good appointments in the city. Religious instruction and chapel services are carried on daily and altogether we feel that we are making considerable impression upon the lives of the seven hundred and fifty boys who, although not eligible for enrolment in a grant-in-aid school, are able to make intelligent decision for Christ and to appreciate the opportunity which is offered them through the existence of this private school.

A. McNAB, Manager.

SERANGOON ENGLISH SCHOOL (PRIVATE), SINGAPORE.

This School has been in a flourishing condition during 1927 and it has been necessary to open an Afternoon Department in order to cope with the numbers seeking enrolment. Mr. Thio Chan Bee has been Headmaster but with his other duties was able to give only part time to this work. He has been especially successful in his religious contacts with the boys and we feel that our work in that School during the year has not been in vain.
When our new school at Cairnhill is open we shall transfer the present Serangoon English School to our buildings in Coleman Street and merge it with the Continuation School there.

The Sunday School at Serangoon Road has been carried on during the year and although not in a very flourishing condition has been a source of encouragement to those who have been working there and a real opening for Christian service to teachers in that School.

A. McNab, Manager.

REPORT ON PAYA LEBAR BRANCH SCHOOL, SINGAPORE.

This School has been carried on during the year with the same staff as in 1926. Miss Smith has continued to prove herself a very capable school mistress and has discharged her duties admirably.

In connection with this School a small Sunday School has been carried on but the numbers attending show a decrease from the numbers in 1926. This no doubt can be accounted for by the additional transport facilities now offered in the city, whereby pupils can move into the centre more easily.

It is expected that Government will open their new school at Paya Lebar in the middle of next year. What our policy will be after this has taken place is still an open question and one for which guidance will have to be sought in prayer.

A. McNab, Manager.

JEAN HAMILTON TRAINING SCHOOL.

The school has been very small this past year, beginning with five students and closing the year with only four. Difficulty in placing the students in positions where they can earn their way has been the chief and immediate cause for the smallness of the school.

At present we are very inadequately housed in some rooms in the rear of Oldham Hall. Plans have been made to better the present situation, but at best it ought not to have to continue in these quarters for more than the coming year. The school has a right to look forward to the time when it will have its own hostel and school building. The Mission is pledged to do this and it must carry out its moral obligations.

Plans have been made to issue a small descriptive bulletin describing the aims and purposes of the school and what courses and type of work it offers to the student. It is hoped that all the members of the Mission and Annual Conference will use these to further the cause of the school. The advent of the new college for girls on Mt. Sophia under the leadership of Miss Marsh will have a good effect on our school and we expect that an interchange of teachers will be possible and highly worthwhile.

The school library has a good selection of the best books in the field of theology and the school wishes to invite the members of the Annual Conference to use them.
The Pastor's Annual Institute which was held under the auspices of the school was a great success this year. Thirty one men attended the classes and their response warrants making it an annual event in the Mission.

HOBART B. AMSTUTZ, Principal.

REPORT OF ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL, MALACCA.

I feel that the work of the Anglo-Chinese School, Malacca has been on the whole very successful during the year 1927 due in no little degree to the hearty co-operation and friendly interest of both teachers and students. In the first place we are very thankful to those who have made it possible for us to be housed in our ample new quarters formerly occupied by the Suydam Girls' School, palatial in comparison with the old shop-houses which housed us for several years previous.

I would like to make special mention of Mr. Chan Ah Him who has so faithfully borne the burdens of Sunday School Superintendent, and of Mr. Loh Hung Loon and Mr. Young Fu Kong who, as assistant Scout Masters, have worked so hard to make the Second troop one of the most efficient in Malacca; also Messrs Royle and King, enthusiastic British friends of the School, who have volunteered their services as Scout Masters. The whole Scout Troop with the exception of a few of the Malay boys has been on Church Parade twice the like of which was never heard of before in Malacca.

Religious Education classes have been carried on by all the teachers in every Standard and Chapel services have been held once a week in the Church for all boys above Primary. A week of special evangelistic services for the upper Standards was held in Chapel by the Principal. As a result of this and subsequent services by Dr. Stanley Jones about fifty boys accepted Christ and 10 have been received into Preparatory Membership in the Straits Church.

The Contract for painting and redecorating the building has just been let at a cost of $675, work to be completed during the Christmas Holidays.

Some special features during the year have been a Concert by the Literary Association, a Declamation Contest under the auspices of the Committee on Social Service of the Malaya Women's Conference, a Stereopticon Lecture, and a Picnic and Christmas Tree for the Sunday School.

The average enrolment for the year was 285 with a percentage attendance of 93.

RAYMOND D. ROCHE, Principal.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The major part of the Epworth League programme for the year has been the District Conventions which were held in each of the three districts of the Malaya Conference. The first of these was the Central
District Convention which was held at Malacca during the April vacation. This set a pace for the other districts who held conventions during the bank holidays in June.

In addition to these the secretary assisted in a five days mid-year Institute at Palembang during the August vacation period. The greater part of this programme was in the vernacular (Malay).

As the result of an appeal introduced at the Central District Convention the Leagues of Malaya sent a cheque for two hundred ninety-two dollars to the Netherlands Conference as a gift for the Tjiseroea Hospital Ambulance Fund.

Two new Leagues have been organized this year. One of these is at Sentul and the other at Sitiawan.

Plans are now being made for the Epworth League Institute at Kuala Lumpur in April.

C. D. Patterson,
Conference Epworth League Secretary.

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**Methodist Publishing House, Singapore, Report for 1927.**

It is not easy to write a report of the year's work at this early date, particularly as the present period is the most strenuous of the whole year, but we are glad to be able to state that the M.P.H. continues to thrive and that business during the past year has been good.

We have again been able to dispose of a good deal of Religious Literature at cost price to members of the Methodist Mission, and we have reason to believe that this concession has been appreciated.

We have reprinted for the British and Foreign Bible Society the whole of the New Testament in Jawi: and Isa Almasch in romanised Java Malay continues to be published in quarterly parts. Various tracts, etc. have also been printed and circulated.

At the last Annual Meeting the following donations were voted:

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IPOH DISTRICT.—Pusing Church Land Debt 500.00
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    Sungei Siput Debt 500.00

PENANG DISTRICT.—Penang Tamil Church Project 1000.00
    Union Church at Sungei Patani 500.00

N. I. CONFERENCE.—Mangga Besar Church Debt 700.00
    Buitenzorg Pasar Church Debt 665.70
    Kramat Church Debt 700.00
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Some of these donations were made subject to certain conditions and the amounts have all been paid to the Mission Treasurer.

FRANK C. SANDS, General Manager.
Plan of Conference Examinations

Rules of the Examining Board.

1. The Registrar shall have general charge of the work, with power to provide for all exigencies, and to decide all matters relating to certificates of credit in the interim of the Conference. He shall make all reports of examinations to the Conference.

2. Examinations shall take place on the two week days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference.

3. Examinations shall be in writing as far as practicable.

4. The minimum passing mark in any subject shall be 70 per cent.

5. Throughout the entire course the student shall present written statements as to whether he has or has not given each book "To be Read" a complete and careful reading.

6. All prepared written work must be presented on or before the day of examination.

7. All sermons, essays, and exercises shall be marked "Satisfactory" or "Not satisfactory."

8. Mid-year examinations may be taken in any work on the course.

9. Applicants for Admission on Trial should communicate with the Chairman of the Examining Board, Rev. R. A. Blasdell, Kuala Lumpur as early as possible in the Conference year.

10. Certificates from the Jean Hamilton Theological School will be accepted as provided by the Discipline ¶624.

11. Local Preachers who are supplies and who are giving their full time to pastoral work under the District Superintendents, shall be required to take the Local Preachers' Course of Study year by year, under the Annual Conference Board of Examiners, this rule to apply to all men under forty years of age and likewise to all Local Preachers who shall be newly employed beginning with the autumn of 1920. Discipline ¶625, ¶7.

12. The following Examiners will prepare questions on the books prescribed for Travelling Preachers. Candidates desiring examination on books not herein provided for should communicate with the Registrar of the Board of Examiners, Rev. Hobart B. Amstutz.

Notice to Candidates.—The Malaya Publishing House Limited will supply from stock in Singapore, but does not guarantee to have on hand at any time, all the books on the Course of Study, as there is practically no sale for some except to ministers pursuing the course, and their needs are too uncertain to be readily foreseen. You will therefore prevent disappointment by ordering, as far ahead as possible, the books you require, and these will be supplied by the Malaya Publishing House Limited in Singapore at the net price to preachers as allowed by the New York Book Concern, plus the postage. They will be glad to give information in response to inquiries at any time.

The Board of Examiners will not accept as a valid excuse the statement of any candidate that the books he wanted were not in stock at the Malaya Publishing House Limited.
Board of Examiners in English for Conference Year 1928.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

1. Discipline, Parts 1—4. ... ... ... G. F. Pykett.
2. Life of Wesley—Winchester. ... ... ... E. F. Lee.
3. Christian Perfection—Wesley. ... ... ... D. P. Coole.
4. Bible Biography. ... ... ... ... H. B. Amstutz.
5. Malaysia Preacher's Manual. ... ... ... G. F. Pykett.
6. English History. ... ... ... ... G. F. Pykett.
7. Selections from John Wesley. ... ... ... R. A. Blasdell.
8. Written sermon. ... ... ... ... E. F. Lee.

FIRST YEAR.

1. New Testament History—Rall. ... ... ... H. B. Amstutz.
2. Evangelism—Hannan. ... ... ... ... P. L. Peach.
3. The Work of Preaching—Hoyt. ... ... ... R. A. Blasdell.
4. Art of Writing English—Brown and Barnes. ... ... ... G. F. Pykett.
5. Human Behavior—Colvin and Begley. ... ... ... P. L. Peach.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Dictionary of Bible—Hastings. ... ... ... E. F. Lee.
2. History of the Christian Church—Walker. ... ... ... E. F. Lee.
3. Graded Sunday School, etc. ... ... ... ... D. P. Coole.
4. Pupil and Teacher—Weigle. ... ... ... ... H. B. Amstutz.
5. The Pastoral Office—Bebee. ... ... ... ... R. A. Blasdell.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Knudson. ... ... ... P. L. Peach.
2. Foundations of Christian Belief—Strickland. ... ... ... R. A. Blasdell.
3. Religions of Mankind—Soper. ... ... ... ... H. B. Amstutz.
4. Church and Industrial Reconstruction. ... ... ... E. F. Lee.
5. Neely's Parliamentary Practice. ... ... ... ... G. F. Pykett.
6. Robert's Rules of Order. ... ... ... ... D. P. Coole.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. System of Christian Doctrine—Sheldon. ... ... ... R. A. Blasdell.
2. Freedom and Christian Conduct—Haas. ... ... ... P. L. Peach.
3. Paul and His Epistles—Hayes. ... ... ... ... H. B. Amstutz.
4. The Book of Isaiah—(Vol. 1 and 2) Smith. ... ... ... R. A. Blasdell.
5. Character of Paul—Jefferson. ... ... ... ... D. P. Coole.
6. Outline of Christian Theology—Clarke. ... ... ... E. F. Lee.

Vernacular Examinations for Missionaries.

Malay ... ... ... ... G. F. Pykett, R. A. Blasdell, F. H. Sullivan.
Tamil ... ... ... ... J. A. Supramaniam and S. S. Pakismathan.
Hokien Chinese ... ... ... ... G. F. Pykett, Ng Khuan Jiu, Moi Poh Peng.
Foochow Chinese ... ... ... ... Li Ko Ding.
Cantonese Chinese ... ... ... ... L. Proebstel.
COURSES OF STUDY

I. ENGLISH.

A. The Complete Disciplinary Course prescribed by the General Conference Commission in 1924.

(1). Course of Study for Travelling Preachers.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

1. *Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1924, with special reference to the Articles of Religion. (For a good commentary on these, see Wheeler, Twenty-five Articles of Religion of the Methodist Episcopal Church.)
3. Life of Wesley—Winchester.
4. (a) Plain Account of Christian Perfection—Wesley. (b) *Selections from the Writings of John Wesley (new edition)—Welch.
5. A Bible Biography. The candidate shall be prepared to write a paper of not less than one thousand words upon one of the following subjects, using only the materials found in the Bible: The Life of Moses, The Life of David, The Life of Jesus as recorded by Mark, The Life of Paul as given in Acts. The subject to be written upon will be assigned at the time of the examination.
7. Directions and Helps for the Examination for Admission on Trial.
   All papers submitted by the candidate shall be examined with reference to the use of English, and the character of this work shall be taken into account in determining the grade in each subject. This rule shall apply throughout the course.

FIRST YEAR.

1. New Testament History—Ball.
2. Evangelism—Hannan.
3. The Work of Preaching—Hoyt.
6. Directions and Helps for the First Year.

2. The Pastor-Preacher—Quayle.
5. *Francis Asbury—Tipple.
7. Special Homiletical Work in Directions and Helps.

SECOND YEAR.

2. History of the Christian Church—Walker. (Omitting pages 1-41.)
3. *(a) The Pupil and the Teacher—Weigle.
   (b) The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice—Meyer.
5. Directions and Helps for the Second Year.

Collateral Reading and Study: 1. The Christian View of the Old Testament—Eiselem
2. Organization and Administration of Religious Education—Stout.
3. *(a) The Church in the City—Leete, or
   *(b) The Rural Church Serving the Community—Earp.
5. Life of Luther—McGiffert.
7. Special Homiletical Work in Directions and Helps.
THIRD YEAR.
1. Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Knudson.
4. Religions of Mankind—Soper.
5. *Neely's Parliamentary Practice.
6. Directions and Helps for the Third Year.

Collateral Reading and Study: 1. Studies in Christianity—Bowne.
2. *Jesus Christ and the Social Question—Peabody.
3. History of Methodism (Vol. II)—Stevens.
5. The Art of Preaching—Brown.
8. Special Homiletical Work in Directions and Helps.

FOURTH YEAR.
1. *Paul and His Epistles—Hayes.
2. System of Christian Doctrine—Sheldon (omitting Part 1 and Appendix.)
5. Directions and Helps for the Fourth Year.

Collateral Reading and Study: 1. *James W. Bashford—Grose.
2. Outline of Christian Theology—Clarke.
7. Special Homiletical Work in Directions and Helps.

(2). Course of Study for Local Preachers.

FIRST YEAR.
1. Discipline of 1924.
2. John Wesley, the Methodist.
3. The Pastoral Office—Beebe.

To Be Read: 1. Selections from the Writings of the Rev. John Wesley (new edition)—Welch.

SECOND YEAR.
1. Life of Christ—Stalker.
2. Human Behavior—Colvin and Bagley.
3. The Work of Preaching—Hoyt.

To Be Read: 1. History of American Methodism—Stevens.
2. Understanding the Scriptures—McConnell.
3 Religious Education in the Home—Folsom.

THIRD YEAR.
1. Paul and His Epistles—Hayes.
3. The Church and Industrial Reconstruction—Federal Council of the Churches.

To Be Read: 1. Evangelism—Hannan.
3. The Rural Church Serving the Community—Earp.
FOURTH YEAR.
1. The Religions of Mankind—Soper.
2. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience—Buck.
3. The Prophets in the Light of To-day—Hill.

To Be Read: 1. The Bible—Dods.
2. The Art of Preaching—Brown.
3. The Pastor-Preacher—Quayle.

(3). Studies for Deacon's Orders.
Local Preachers who are candidates for Deacon's Orders must bring to the Annual Conference satisfactory evidence that they have passed in the Four Years Course of Study for Local Preachers, and must also pass a satisfactory examination at the Annual Conference on the following books:
1. Outline of Christian Theology—Clarke.
2. The Bible and Life—Hughes.
3. Good Ministers of Jesus Christ—McDowell.
4. John and His Writings—Hayes.

Local Deacons who are candidates for Elder's Orders must pass a satisfactory examination at the Annual Conference on the following books:
2. Francis Asbury—Tipple.

(5). Studies for Class or Unit Leaders.
This course is also earnestly recommended to Exhorters and to other lay workers.
3. The Bible—Dods.
5. John Wesley, the Methodist.
7. The Drill Master of Methodism—Goodell.
8. Individual Work for Individuals—Trumbull.
10. Organization and Administration of the Sunday School—North and Cun-
11. Twice Born Men—Begbie.

B. English Studies Required of Travelling Preachers (Missionaries) who take Vernacular Course concurrently.
The privileges of this course, as regards abridgment, are not to be extended to any who do not at the same time pass the examination in a year of vernacular,† and no candidate who is conditioned on more than two English or two vernacular subjects, nor in more than three subjects altogether, shall be advanced to the studies of the next year. Candidates for Admission on Trial or into Full Membership are expected to first pass up all conditions.

This Course of Study is the same as (A) The Complete Disciplinary Course for Travelling Preachers, but with the omission of all books in that Course that are marked with an asterisk (*); and with the addition of the following books:

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.
Discipline of 1924, Parts 1 to 4, and careful reading of Part 7. This is to be substituted for Item 1 of the Complete Course.

† i. e., any year of vernacular—not necessarily the first year vernacular with the first year of English, second with second, and so on. For example, a candidate for admission on trial may take together with his English studies for admission, the first, second, third, or fourth year of any vernacular course.
FIRST YEAR.
Malaysia Preachers' Manual (For Collateral Reading and Study).

C. Course of Study for Asiatic Preachers who take an English Course.

(1). Course of Study for Asiatic Travelling Preachers.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.
1. Malaysia Preachers' Manual—Cherry.
2. English History.
3. Life of Wesley—Winchester.
4. Plain Account of Christian Perfection—Wesley.
5. A Bible Biography. The candidate shall be prepared to write a paper of not less than one thousand words upon one of the following subjects, using only the materials found in the Bible: The Life of Moses, The Life of David, The Life of Jesus as recorded by Mark, The Life of Paul as given in Acts. The subject to be written upon will be assigned at the time of the examination.
6. Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1924, Parts 1 to 4.
7. A Written Sermon.
8. Directions and Helps for Admission on Trial.

FIRST YEAR.
2. The Work of Preaching—Hoyt.
3. The Art of Writing English—Brown and Barnes.
5. Evangelism—Hannan.
6. Directions and Helps for the First Year.
Collateral Reading and Study:—1. The Pastor-Preacher—Quayle.
2. Discipline 1924, Part 5 to the end.

SECOND YEAR.
2. History of the Christian Church—Walker. (Omitting pages 1-41.)
4. The Pupil and the Teacher—Weigle.
5. The Pastoral Office—Beebe.
6. Directions and Helps for the Second Year.
2. Organization and Administration of Religious Education—Stout.
4. Life of Luther—McGiffert.

THIRD YEAR.
1. Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Knudson.
3. The Religions of Mankind—Soper.
4. Roberts' Rules of Order.
5. Directions and Helps for the Third Year.
Collateral Reading and Study:—1. Studies in Christianity—Bowne.
3. History of Methodism (Vol. II)—Stevens.
5. Jesus Christ and the Social Question—Peabody.
FOURTH YEAR.

2. Freedom and Christian Conduct—Haas.
4. Outline of Christian Theology—Clarke.
5. Directions and Helps for the Fourth Year.

Collateral Reading and Study:—1. James W. Bashford—Grose.
3. Good Ministers of Jesus Christ—McDowell.

(2). Course of Study for Asiatic Local Preachers.

FIRST YEAR.

To be read.—The Making of the Bible, Vernon. John Wesley, the Methodist.
Tongue of Fire, Arthur.

SECOND YEAR.

Discipline, 1925, Parts 1 to 5. Organization and Administration of Religious
Education, Stout.
To be read.—History of Methodism, Stevens. Pastoral Office, Beebe. Understanding the Scriptures, McConnell.

THIRD YEAR.

Character of Paul, Jefferson. History of the Christian Church, Moncrief.
To be read. Evangelism, Hanna. Jesus in the Experience of Men, Glover.

FOURTH YEAR.

Religious of Mankind, Soper. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience, Buck.
To be read. Prophets in the Light of To-day, Hill. The Bible, Its Nature and

Studies for Deacon’s Orders.

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Annual Conference satisfactory evidence that they have passed in the Four
Years Course of Study for Local Preachers and must also pass a satisfactory
examination at the Annual Conference on the following books:

1. Outline of Theology—Clarke.
2. Good Ministers of Jesus Christ—McDowell.
3. John and His Writings—Hayes.

Studies for Elder’s Orders.

Asiatic Local Deacons who are candidates for Elder’s Orders must pass a satis-
factory examination at the Annual Conference on the following books:

1. Paul and His Epistles—Hayes.
II. MALAY.

Course of Malay Study for Missionaries.

FIRST YEAR.

To be read.—Mohammedan Objections to Christianity. Malaysia Preacher's Manual.

SECOND YEAR.

To be read.—Rodwell's Koran. The Three Religions of China, Soothill.

THIRD YEAR.

To be read.—The Progress and Arrest of Islam in Sumatra, or, The Malay Peninsula, Wright and Reid.

FOURTH YEAR.

To be read.—Islam, Zwemer. The Moslem Doctrine of God, Zwemer.
### Courses of Study

#### III. CHINESE.

**Board of Examiners in Chinese for 1928.**

**Admission on Trial.**

2. Intro. to N. T.—Reichelt .... Lī K'o Dīng.
3. Discipline—I and II .... Ng Khoan Jiu.
4. Written sermon .... Moi Poh Peng.
5. National Phonetic or Romanized .... Lim Hong Ban.
6. Books to be half questioned .... Lī K'o Dīng.

**First Year.**

2. Intro. to N. T. John’s writings.—Reichelt .... Lī K'o Dīng.
3. Discipline—III to VII .... Ng Khoan Jiu.
4. Preparation and delivery of sermons .... Lim Hong Ban.
5. Written sermon .... Lī K'o Dīng.
6. Books to be half questioned .... Ng Khoan Jiu.

**Second Year.**

3. Pupil and teacher—Weigle .... Lim Hong Ban.
4. Written sermon .... Ng Khoan Jiu.
5. Books to be half questioned .... Moi Poh Peng.

**Third Year.**

2. Intro. N. T.—Reichelt .... Ng Khoan Jiu.
3. Church History—Sheffield Part I .... Moi Poh Peng.
4. Written sermon .... Lī K'o Dīng.
5. Books to be half questioned .... Lim Hong Ban.

**Fourth Year.**

2. Intro. N. T.—Reichelt .... Ng Khoan Jiu.
3. Church History—Sheffield Part II .... Moi Poh Peng.
4. Written sermon .... Lī K'o Dīng.
5. Books to be half questioned .... Lim Hong Ban.

All books to be read will be reported on to the examiners at the time appointed at the Annual Conference.

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**Course of Study in Hokkien Chinese for Missionaries.**

#### First Year.

2. Ma-khó Hok-im Toàn (Gospel of Mark, romanised).
3. Lessons in the Amoy Vernacular, 1-16.
4. Conversation with a Chinese before the examiners.

*To be Read.—Stories from Chinese History, A. S. Roe. Chinese Life and Customs, Paul Carus.*

#### Second Year.

1. Lūn Ngò Siorg (Concerning Idols, romanised).
2. Mā-thài Hok-im Toàn (Gospel of Matthew, romanised).
4. Lú-Chú Taù-Bû (romanised).
6. Conduct a service in regular form, including a short address.

First Chinese Reader (Jî-lî Jîp-bûn) may be substituted for (4).


THIRD YEAR.
5. Sermon to be preached before the examiners.

The Gospel of John in character, and the Second Chinese Reader, may be substituted for (2) and (4) respectively.

To be Read.—The Three Religions of China, W. E. Soothill.

FOURTH YEAR.
1. The Epistles and Revelation (romanised).
3. Pit Siâ Kui Chêng.
5. Efj-kîg ê Biân-liû (romanised).
6. Tâi-Hûk Thong-Iorg (The Great Learning and The Doctrine of the Mean, romanised).
7. Written sermon of not less than 1000 words, romanised).

The Acts of the Apostles in character may be substituted for (1), the Third Chinese Reader for (4), and the Great Learning in character for (5).

Course of Study in Cantonese Chinese for Missionaries.

FIRST YEAR.
1. Cowle’s Inductive Course in Cantonese, Part I.
3. Mrs. French’s Bible Stories in Cantonese, Vol. IV.

To be Read:—Same as in First Year of Hokkien Course.

SECOND YEAR.
1. Cowles’ Inductive Course, Part II.
3. Mrs. French’s Bible Stories, Vol. V.
4. Pilgrim’s Progress, Part I.
5. Conduct a service in regular form, including a short address.

To be Read:—Same as in Second Year of Hokkien Course.
THIRD YEAR.

1. Cowles's Inductive Course, Part III.
2. Peep of Day, with notes from Cowles, Part III.
3. Pilgrim's Progress, Part II.
5. Sermon before the Examiners.

To be Read:—The Three Religions of China—Soothill, or A Mission in China—Soothill.

Course of Study in Hakka Chinese for Missionaries.

Candidates should communicate with the Chairman of the Board of Examiners.

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Course of Study for Travelling Preachers.

午議會傳道者之課程

求進試用者應考之書

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.


摩西五經小引記在聖經辭典
研究創世記出埃及記


新約入門第一面至八十四面, 魏香得譯
研究馬可福音

3. The Discipline, Parts I and II.

網例卷一卷二

4. Preach a sermon in the presence of the committee.

演講經訓一篇

5. A written sermon.

作傳道論一篇


註音字母或羅馬字

Books to be half questioned.

午間難

1. Life of John Wesley, by Miles.

衞司理畧記

2. Outlines of History, first half—by Martin.

邦史提要上半

Books to be read.

閱讀之書

2. Wesley's Sermons, 2 vols.

3. History of the Jews from Cyrus to Titus.

4. The Abundant Life—Woo.

FIRST YEAR.

第一年應考之書

1. Old Testaments, Joshua to Esther, using Hasting's Chinese Bible Dictionary I and II Samuel to be studied in detail.


3. The Discipline, Parts III to VII.

4. Preparation and Delivery of Sermons—Bryan.

5. A written sermon.

Books to be half questioned.

半問難


2. Outlines of History, second half—Martin.

Books to be read.


2. How We Got Our Bible—W. G. Walshe.

3. Human Progress Through Missions—Mrs. Sheffield.

SECOND YEAR.

第二年應考之書


3. Pupil and Teacher—Weigle.

4. Written Sermon.

Books to be half questioned.

半問難

1. Sheldon’s Essentials of Christianity.

2. Education in Religion and Morals—Coe.

Books to be read.


2. The Meaning of Prayer—Fosdick.

3. Life of Christ—Pott.

4. Life of Luther—Y. J. Allen.
THIRD YEAR.

第三年應考之書


2. Introduction to Romans, Galatians, I and II Corinthians and Hebrews, Reichelt, pp. 135-209, 280-302. Romans and Galatians to be studied in detail.

3. Church History, Sheffield's, first half.

4. Written Sermon.

Books to be half questioned.

午問難

1. The Elements of Psychology—Bruce.

2. How to Teach Religion—Betts.

Books to be read.

閱讀之書

1. Teaching of Mencius.

2. A Leaf of the Bible—Oblinger.

3. Quiet talks on Prayer—Gordon.

4. Systematic Theology, 3 vols., first half—Chia Yu Ming.

Fourth Year.

第四年應考之書

1. Major Prophets, using Hastings's Chinese Bible Dictionary. Isaiah to be studied in detail.

3. Church History, Sheffield’s, second half.

4. Written Sermon.

Books to be half questioned.


2. Religious Education in the Family—Lo.

Books to be read.

1. Life and Letters of Paul—David Smith.


3. Christianity, its nature and truth—Peake.

4. Systematic Theology, second half—Chia Yu Ming.

5. Methods of Institutional Church Work.

Course of Study for Local Preachers.

本處傳道課程

FIRST YEAR.

First Year.

1. Life of Christ—Pott.

2. Discipline, Parts I to V.

SECOND YEAR.

第一年

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2. Discipline VI to IX.
纲例卷六至卷九
3. Pilgrim's Progress.
天路历程

THIRD YEAR.

第三年

使徒行传
2. Life of John Wesley—Miles.
卫斯理略记
3. The Principles of the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons—Broadus.
讲道要诀

FOURTH YEAR.

第四年

1. The Epistle of Paul to the Romans.
罗马人书
2. The Meaning of Prayer—Fosdick.
祈祷发微
热心领人归主论

Studies for Deacon's Order.

按立执事之课程

Local Preachers who are candidates for Deacon's Orders must bring to the Annual Conference satisfactory evidence that they have passed in the Four Years Course of Study for Local Preachers, and must also pass a satisfactory examination at the Annual Conference on the following books:

凡本处传道要求按立为执事者须当携带证明至年议会对本处传道四年课程已经考完又得下列各书应年会考验及格方为

1. The Epistle of Paul to the Hebrews.
希伯来人书
2. How We Got Our Bible—Walshe.
圣经溯源
COURSES OF STUDY.

信仰的意义

4. Pupil and Teacher—Weigle.
学生与教授

Studies for Elder's Orders.
按立长老之课程

Local Deacons who are candidates for Elder’s Orders must pass a satisfactory examination at the Annual Conference on the following books:

凡本处执事要求按立为长老者当读下列各书，会考及格方可

1. Life and Letters of Paul—David Smith—translated.
保羅傳之研究

2. Isaiah.
以赛亚

聖教總論，石利登著

4. Sheffield’s Church History.
教會史記

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IV TAMIL.

Board of Examiners in Tamil for 1928.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

1. Tamil Grammar Part II (Elakkana Soorukam) .. V. Devasahayam,


3. Arithmetic, Geography of Malaya, Church Finance .. S. S. Pakianathan.

4. O. T. Life and Times—Maegrar. .. J. A. Supramaniam.

5. Brief History of Methodism—Robinson. .. V. Devasahayam.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Tamil Grammar Part II. pp. 108 to end. .. V. Devasahayam.


5. Sketches of Indian Christians .. V. Devasahayam.


7. Written sermon .. J. A. Supramaniam.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience. Part II .. S. S. Pakianathan.


3. The Explanation of the True Way—Popley .. V. Devasahayam.


5. Tamil Discipline. Part I. .. S. S. Pakianathan.


7. Written sermon .. S. S. Pakianathan.
Course of Study in Tamil for Missionaries.
Candidates should communicate with the Chairman of the Board of Examiners.

Course of Study for Tamil Travelling Preachers.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

To be studied:—Tamil Grammar Part II (Elakkanna Soorukam) pp. 1-107; Outlines of Christian Teaching, Phillips; A Paper in Arithmetic and Church Finance and Geography of the Malay Peninsula; Old Testament Life and Times, Maegregor; Brief History of Methodism, J. E. Robinson.

To be read:—Life of William Carey, Clayton; Beschi’s Instructions to Catechists: Studies in the Teachings of Christ, Cave.

FIRST YEAR.

To be studied:—Christianity in Doctrine and Experience, Part II, Buck; Homiletics, pp. 108 to end; Sunday School, Annet; Sketches of Indian Christians; Commentary on St. John’s Gospel, Popley; Written Sermon.

To be read:—Men of the Bible Series I, Paul; Abide in Christ, Murray; History of Methodism, Robinson.

SECOND YEAR.

To be studied:—Christianity in Doctrine and Experience, Part II, Buck; Homiletics, pp. 108 to end; The Explanation of the True Way (Sathamaya Vilakam), Popley; Studies in Romans, Eddy; Tamil Discipline Part I; Bazaar Book Parts I-IV, H. N. Scudder; Written Sermon.

To be read:—Pilgrim’s Progress, S. Paul; Life of John Wesley, P. Poomalai; God’s Plan for Soul Winning, Teyamani Taylor.

THIRD YEAR.

To be studied:—Church History, Pages 1-268, Sathianathan; Christianity in Doctrine and Experience, Part III, Buck; Studies in Galatians, Eddy; Wesley’s Twelve Sermons; Solomon David; Tamil Discipline Part II; Written Sermon.

To be read:—Life of Service, Fleming; Shepherd and Sheep, C. Arumainsayagam; Jesus Christ and His Disciples, Clayton; Vinotharasanjanji.
To be studied.—Church History, Pages 269 to end, Sathianathan; Christianity in Doctrine and Experience, Part IV, Buck; Commentary on Genesis, David; Tamil Discipline Part III; Kural 1-100.

To be read.—Holy War, Bunyan. Missionary Ideals, T. Walker. The Man Christ Jesus—J. E. Robinson.

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**Course of Study for Tamil Local Preachers.**

**FIRST YEAR.**

Discipline in Tamil, Parts 1-2; The Explanation of the True Way, Satsamaya Villakkam, Chapters 1-3, Popley; Old Testament Life and Times—Macgregor.

To be read.—History of Methodism, Robinson; Genesis and Exodus.

**SECOND YEAR.**


To be read.—Blind Way (by C. L. S.); Joshua and Judges.

**THIRD YEAR.**

The Man Christ Jesus, J. E. Robinson; Christian Evidences, pp. 1-128, Jones; Church History, pp. 1-228, Sathianathan.

To be reads—Life of Sadhu Sunder Singh, Translated by G. V. Job; Prayer pp. 1-98, Larsen. Jesus Christ and His Disciples—Clayton.

**FOURTH YEAR.**

The Epistle to the Hebrews, C. H. Monahan; Church History, pp. 229-476, Sathianathan; Christian Evidences, pp. 129-235, Jones.


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**Tamil Studies for Deacon’s Orders.**

Local Preachers who are candidates for Deacon’s Orders must bring to the Annual Conference satisfactory evidence that they have passed in the Four Years Course of Study for Local Preachers, and must also pass a satisfactory examination at the Annual Conference on the following books:

-Old Testament Life and Times, MacGregor; Studies in the Teachings of Christ, Cave; Homiletics; Sunday School, Annet; Studies in Romans, Eddy; Outlines of Christian Teaching, Phillips.

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**Tamil Studies for Elder’s Orders.**

Local Deacons who are candidates for Elder’s Orders must pass a satisfactory examination at the Annual Conference on the following books:

-Commentary on St. John’s Gospel, Popley; Commentary on Genesis, David; Missionary Ideals, T. Walker; Jesus Christ and His Disciples, Clayton; Wesley’s Twelve Sermons, translated by Solomon David.

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**Course of Study for Tamil Exhorters.**

**FIRST YEAR.**


To be read.—The Gospel of Mark. The Epistle to the Romans. Psalms, Book II (Psalms 42 to 72).

Memorizer: Psalms 46 and 51, and Romans 8.
SECOND YEAR.


Memoriter: I Cor. 15: 35-58 and Psalm 84.

THIRD YEAR.


To be read.—Galatians to Philémon. Psalms, Book IV (Psalms 90-106).

Memoriter: Psalms 90, 91 and 103.

FOURTH YEAR.


To be read.—Hebrews to Revelation. Psalms, Book V (Psalms 107-150).

Memoriter: Psalms 116, 121, 125, 126 and 133.

On the books marked * an outline is to be prepared, and the Examinee shall be credited on the outline and his knowledge of the same.
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