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"I heard Him call, "Come follow."

That was all.

My goal grew dim

My heart went after Him.

I ran and followed.

That was all.

Who would not follow

If he heard Him call?"
MISS ETHEL LEE, FOOCHOW

The first one from the Fukien Woman's Missionary Society to Hear the Call.
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OUR SECOND INSTITUTE

Mrs. J. E. Skinner Miss Frida Reiman

When it was known that funds were available for another Institute this year it was decided to change the plan a little. Instead of bringing a comparatively few women in to Yunganan City for several weeks, as was done last year, it was thought best this time to go out and hold the gatherings at some of the most promising country churches, in the hope of influencing more women, even if there were not very many who would actually sign up for the course.

The first place chosen was a large village about seven miles away, the home of several women who had attended last year, and where there were a number of others who had wanted to come but had not been able to leave their families. There probably is not a more earnest, intelligent, promising group of Christian women anywhere else in the whole conference, in either city or village.

Four old Institute students were on hand to welcome us, and ten new women enrolled with them for the week’s work. Although several of these had infants in arms they attended very regularly, even in very rainy weather, and all worked enthusiastically and faithfully. At almost every session both morning and afternoon there were quite a number of other and much older women, too, who were getting what they could out of it, without needing to recite.

The range of age was from seventeen to thirty-nine, and the average age was under, of those who enrolled. Besides these grown women there were always children of nice school age, mostly boys at this particular place, and the first two days there were enough of these to make a separate meeting necessary. Then the weather turned so very rainy that no further attempt was made to divide up. From ten to fifteen of these boys continued to come, however, and were so attentive and eager to learn that we gave them the front seats, and called on them to sing and read, and even get up and re-
tell the Bible stories, just as the women were doing, to their evident delight.

Two women came from an almost untouched village several miles away, others came from nearer places, but most, of course, belonged to the neighborhood. The most distant ones were given board in return for helping the pastor's wife with the work, and a few others were given dinners only.

We found one woman who had only first heard the Gospel a year ago, and through last year's Institute, by-the-way not only an earnest Christian, but a woman who could read quite a good many characters. She seemed almost the brightest of the whole group, and was intensely in earnest, preaching off the Bible story when it came her turn as though she were exhorting a big audience, and putting in not a few additions and comments of her own, by way of application. She passed an examination in reading certain required things, and thereby won a Bible. No other woman there could read half as much. She is eager to go to the Women's School in Yenping, as one old Institute student from this church has already done.

Several pretty picture postcards were strung together on pink wool, with one blank card at the bottom for the name and date, and these were given out to the enrolled women on the last day as special souvenirs. The children and visitors were not forgotten, and the last session closed with a review of the songs, prayers and Bible stories learned by both the women and boys, and a special appeal to go out and win others to know and follow the Savior who had already done so much for them.

The second week was spent at another small country Church about as far away in the opposite direction, and here, too, were several old Institute women ready with a warm welcome.

At this place the women who enrolled were, on the average, older and much less refined, but they were very kind-hearted, earnest, and eager to learn. The most striking and, perhaps, the most promising feature of the work here was the attendance of about fifteen young girls who came to
every session, rain or shine, filled the front seats, and did most of the singing, the grown women hardly being able to sing one real note.

Fourteen women between twenty-one and forty-five, and twelve girls from twelve to seventeen enrolled, and were put through the same course as had been used at the previous place.

The first period was always given to reading and singing hymns, and no crowd ever made a more joyful noise. Usually one could recognize the tune, too, that is, when they were held somewhat in check, and made to follow the organ to some extent.

They began coming soon after seven in the morning, and by eight were in full swing. If no one was ready to begin teaching they went ahead anyhow, reciting over and over by themselves, in unison, at the top of their voices the hymns they already knew, from the big charts kept hanging up in front. It took much of the joy out of life, however, when for a few minutes, now and then, this delightful exercise was interrupted by their being suddenly asked to read the characters backward, or in some other than the regular order, just to show how many they could really recognize and read.

The young girls did far better in this than the women, and in general showed the results of the work of the pastor's wife among them, though no school has, as yet, been started there.

What a blessing an educated Christian woman can be to her sisters, and this lady has read books for four whole years! The three old Institute women who had studied a month in Yungan City last year stood out even more prominently among others than had been the case at the previous place. Several times when one of these was re-telling the Bible story some one would remark to her neighbor, "She has studied books!" by way of explanation of the unusual ability and fluency shown.

Of course there were visitors in from surrounding villages, and these, while welcome, were always a real problem
as it was almost impossible to keep them from holding loud-voiced conversations right in the midst of proceedings.

Bad weather the first day or two had set a group of boys free to attend a few sessions but fair skies soon called them back to the busy harvest fields, and they were not seen again until near the close, suddenly a bunch of about thirty of them appeared, eager and ready for business.

At a feast given to the staff of teachers on the last night, stories were told of bandit raids on the village during the last few years. One of the hostesses at the table, the youngest and prettiest of the enrolled women, had been seized, with her young husband and old father-in-law, only two or three days after the wedding, and carried off to the robber camp, where she was held until ransomed a month later. The old man had been first beaten nearly to death, and then thrown into a deep pond and drowned, because he had resisted. The husband escaped the first night, and raised the required ransom as soon as he was able, and so got back his bride.

In these rural sections where almost all the women and girls still have bound feet, except those already won over to the better way, the Institute work was never complete without a special effort to persuade others to unbind, and quite a number in each place promised to do so. The older Christian women undertaking to teach them how best to do it, and how to make the new kind of shoes that would be needed.

The third and last place of meeting required, first, a day’s journey of some twenty miles by chair through an almost continuous succession of narrow terraced rice-fields, bordered with rich woodland, and with little villages in sight most of the time. The next stage of about ten miles took a hard half day’s travel, and much of this over a wild, desolate mountain road where houses were very few, scarcely a field was planted, and it was easy to see and believe that this had been a dangerous bandit region until recently.

Fording a little stream we arrived at a village where many thatched, instead of the usual tiled, roofs gave significant testimony to serious bandit raids, and a welcoming
salvo of firecrackers showed that the announcement of our coming had been received.

Regular work has been carried on in this place only a short time, and we could learn of no man who had been a Christian over six, or a woman over four years. Both pastors, however, who have been appointed here have had educated wives, and their efforts to reach the women of the village have been extraordinarily successful.

When word first came that scores of women were coming to church in this newly-opened place it was said that fear of the bandits was bringing them, and it is probably true that this was a leading motive with many of them, at first.

No old Institute women were here to prepare the way, so at the first meeting when we asked for the names of those who would like to enroll for the week's work perhaps it was not strange that only two or three responded. We saw at once that they did not quite understand, so setting aside that question entirely we went into full regular work, as nearly as we could without calling on them much to answer, and at the close of the day again called for names.

Nearly thirty finally enrolled, and of these about twenty-five attended regularly, and formed the special class occupying reserved seats. Besides a dozen or more young girls there were usually twenty or thirty other grown women at every session, most of them so attentive that it was quite easy to keep good order.

During the song services men and boys were allowed to remain, and encouraged to take part, then they were asked to leave, so that the women would feel more free to answer questions. After the first day they recited the lessons and retold the Bible stories very nicely.

To specially stimulate the work among the men another pastor had been invited to come and help in the evening evangelistic meetings, and these were well attended all through by both men and women, not to say, children.

Fortunately for the successful carrying on of the whole program some good friend in America had made the erection of a beautiful little church possible, so there was always room,
by careful seating, for all who cared to come in. There were usually others outside listening at the doors and windows, especially soldiers.

We had heard something of the moral conditions of the village even before it became a garrison town, but it was with a distinct shock that one stood before those tragic-eyed women and learned their ages as the roll was called. Twenty of them between fifteen and thirty, and most with such old, old faces! Less than half of the class had, as yet, been able to come forward for baptism, though nowhere else had we seen women more responsive, more eager and ready to learn. One poor girl, insisting on coming to us, had been forcibly detained, knocked down, and finally locked up, for fear of the influence of our teaching upon her. Her refusal to eat, and her continual bitter weeping, at last led to her being set free, and she managed to be present again with the class at the last session.

Fragments of other tragedies came to our ears during the week, involving the breaking of every commandment in the Decalogue, but out of all that darkness, vice, and jealousy one brings away the inspiring memory of a little band of cleansed and happy Christians, now sitting at the Savior's feet and hearing His word, and their sins which were many are forgiven, for from the light on their faces one can know that they love Him much.

Susie L. Skinner.

Report of Evangelistic Work on Chanhupan, Suenchan, Sahihsien, and Yungan Districts

Frieda Reiman  Mrs. J. E. Skinner  Mamie F. Glassburner

One morning this autumn, I found on my desk a snowy white hybiscus. At night it had become a deep crimson. As between times I dropped in for a moment to feast my eyes on its loveliness I was conscious that the flush had crept over the exquisite petals, that it had deepened and deepened again, and yet sitting before it, no one could have
A GROUP OF HISA MEO WOMEN

MRS. YAN TELLING THE STORY
told how or when the change was taking place. In this miracle flower, I have seen a parable of a work that often does not seem to be miraculous—the evangelistic work.

A Bible-woman is appointed to a place. She works for months or years and often it seems that little is being accomplished. A visit to the place reveals an undefinable difference in atmosphere and attitude of the people. On a second visit the difference is more marked, and finally one wakes up to the fact that something has really happened. Only to-day Mrs. Ciu of Sahsien said, "When I first came to Sahsien not a single woman partook of the sacrament; now the altar railing is filled with women communicants." Of another place the District Superintendent says, "I used to see the pastor's wife sitting alone inside her bedroom door listening during the service. Now there are a number of women who sit out in the main audience room and take part." Of a third place of which fifteen years ago it was said, "not a single woman in all this region attends church," the Bible-woman writes, "More women than men come to the Sunday services."

The heart of the evangelistic work is after all, not in campaigns and itineraries, but rather in our Bible-women whose simple faithful service is bringing about these slighter changes which pledge a deeper transformation yet to be. There are nineteen Bible-women on these four Districts. Most of them have had a very meager preparation, though the number who are graduates of the Yenping Bible-woman's Training School is increasing, and the standard of the school is being constantly raised; few of them see their missionary more than once a year, and some not that often; their lives are pitifully lacking in the things that help to keep Western Christian workers in spiritual tone, such as good literature, fellowship with other Christians of like or higher attainments, and conferences with other workers; and they have hardships and temptations and depressing influences that we can hardly understand. We dream of the day when we shall have one missionary free to give all of her time to the work, so that she may not merely give "absent treatment"
but may actually work alongside of the Bible-women, planning for them, training conference and courses of study, and carrying on a really vital correspondence with them. In the meantime God continues to work in spite of our limitations.

Country Itineraries

Only one itinerary has been taken on these Districts this year. This summer we were able to spend three weeks on the Chanhupan District. Mrs. Guoh, Matron of Emma Fuller, and five of the Middle School students were taken along. This group was divided into two groups, one of which accompanied the District Superintendent, and the other the “Missionary in charge.” During the three weeks, all but four of the circuits on the District were visited. One band had the victrola, the other the stereoptican and baby organ. The sufferings and poverty of the people who are crushed between the upper and nether millstones of Southern raids and Northern reprisals are terrible. We had a service in a house where the wood-work was blackened and charred by a fire set by the Northern soldiers when 150 other homes in the community had been completely destroyed. We stood on a spot where a church had once been. Before it had been burned to the ground, the guns of the Southerners had been trained upon it, and the pastor and nearly all of the members who had taken refuge within were killed. One man with his wife and children almost miraculously escaped being shot, and creeping out over the mangled bodies and through a small opening in the wall, they got away in the darkness and finally reached the parsonage of the adjoining circuit across the mountains where the pastor took them and cared for them till the danger was over. The baptism of fire and blood seems to have confirmed them in their faith, for they are now the staunchest members of the struggling little church.

There are still places in Yenping Conference which one may be the first foreign woman to visit. One of these was Twenty First Township. Here we spent two days and found
the women unusually responsive. Eight were glad to record their names as learners and the pastor reports that they have been very faithful since. When we started on to Nineteenth Township we came to a village laid out like a fort with so evidently a large population that we asked the pastor if we had not better stop and “sow the Doctrine.” He replied that to stop at all such villages on his circuit would require ten days! Of the objective results of the trip we cannot speak with certainty, but we gained an acquaintance and a blessed fellowship with the workers, and the District gripped us till it hurt and still hurts.

In this connection it should be stated that this year instead of maintaining a separate Station Class for Chanhupan District we have asked the women to come into the Woman's School at Yening, paying their expenses out of the Station Class Appropriation. This fall we have eight Chanhupan women studying at Yening. We hope that some of them may be able to complete the entire course for the need of workers on this District is indeed great.

**Evangelistic Campaigns**

Two campaigns have been held, one of four weeks at Suzechan, and one of three weeks at Hsiameo. At the former place, Mrs. Ling had the ground well prepared by two months of preliminary work, so that a splendid harvest was waiting to be gathered by Miss Reiman and her corps of workers, during the special meetings, and 150 names were freely and gladly given. As to Hsiameo, we shall always think of it as a Bethel where God came and blessed us.

In the preliminary plans all the slender resources of the Sahsien District were not alone requisitioned. The neighboring District of Yungan lent two of her most evangelistic pastors; Foochow Conference sent us Mrs. Yan from the island District of Haitang, and the Middle School contributed five girl students for the children's meeting, song service and visitation. The pastors unanimously asked Mrs. Yan to take charge of the workers' hour. This was no small compliment to be paid by a group of men, largely Theological School
graduates, to a woman, a graduate of a Woman's School of only Lower Primary grade, but they recognized from the outset her training in the school of the Spirit and heard her gladly. The meetings ran through passion week, and on Good Friday the early hour was given to a Communion service for the little group of workers. The intimacy of that hour with its appeal to open any doors not yet open that it might be "no longer I but Christ" followed by the hush of the Sacrament was the beginning of a distinct advance in the spiritual power of the meetings.

The most spectacular service of the day was the afternoon meeting with the women. The women of Hsiameo are totally unspoiled by foreign influences, and untrammeled by Western conventions. Our audiences were as gorgeous as a garden of holly-hocks and as restless as a flock of chattering black birds, the bird-like effect being heightened by the coiffure extending in the back like a spreading fan which always seemed to be in motion! The crowds were large, for there was there not a new church to be seen, a wonderful ladder leading to the top of the three storey belfry to be climbed—practically every woman did climb it either before or after service,—a new organ to be heard, to say nothing of the interesting things that might be said and done by the foreigners and the "read book" women they had brought with them. Each new arrival was the signal for the turning of every head already in the room; at any time during the service, a large group having their curiosity temporarily satisfied was likely to decide to go home; and once a slight disturbance on the outside almost caused a complete stampede.

In spite of the noise and confusion, in spite of the seemingly impenetrable veil of heathenism that covered their hearts, there was not a day that one or more did not make the decision to follow Christ. Those who thus responded were taken to a quite (?) corner of the church for further instruction, while all of the workers not needed for this inquiry meeting were turned loose to do personal work with the lingering crowd.
THE EMMA FULLER GIRLS WHO HELPED AT HSIA MEO

AN INTERPRETER AT HSIA MEO, HERSELF A CHRISTIAN ONLY TWO YEARS. SHE BROUGHT IN SIX WOMEN THE LAST AFTERNOON OF THE MEETING
The General Board Hospital in Yuki city, where our People go for Medical care. This picture was taken from the spot where Rev. Nathan Sites preached his first sermon in Yuki city.
Before the close of the campaign, 95 women had enrolled their names, by far the greater part being brought in as a result of the personal work. The zeal of the small band of workers was a constant marvel. One of the interpreters, a woman of nineteen, herself a Christian only two years, the minute she was free from interpreting would be off talking to a group of women on her own initiative. The last afternoon, she alone brought in six women.

As the number of women whose hearts had been touched grew, their influence became distinctly felt in the congregation, till, as on the last Sunday afternoon, it was possible to give a short, but un-interrupted message to the two hundred women assembled, it seemed incredible that they were the same women over whom we had so nearly despaired two weeks before. Indeed many of them were not the same but new creatures in Christ Jesus, for the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation, here and now in Yenping Conference as always and everywhere it ever has been or ever may be preached.

Yours for the Master,

MAMIE F. GLASBURGER.

Woman’s Work in Yuki District

The most important thing I have to report this year is that we have had peace.

Last year during Conference the Northern soldiers left Yuki, and our own Yuki men came in. To be sure our head Military Commander was formerly our Brigand Chief, but for the past few years he has been a Southern General. He has for his helpers several men, who were formerly Christian, and who now are just and kind in their treatment of the people. Trade has been good, and we have been for the most part satisfied with our local conditions.

Woman’s School

While I was home on furlough Mrs. Lau came to Yuki from Mintsing. She had studied nursing under Dr. Carleton.
When I returned to China two years ago, I asked her to take charge of the Woman’s School. Every day I am more and more thankful for this fine worker. She not only teaches the women, but takes them out to visit in the homes of the people. She is also nurse for the women and children, keeping medicine in hand, so I seldom need to call a doctor.

Nearly all our women are new within the past year. We have the wife of one preacher, and the husbands of three of the women are studying in Yenping preparing to preach. We have two women from 12th Township, which is on the Northern boundary of Yuki County. Two are from Uang Chiong, which is on the Southern boundary, and one from 20th Township, which is the Eastern boundary. So you see the light is spreading out over the county.

This year we have three day pupils in the Woman’s School. This is the first time we have ever had any women as day pupils, and is quite wonderful for Yuki City, as according to custom, women do not go out on the street in the day-time. These three women are Non-Christian, but attend church regularly, and seem interested to know about Christianity.

Children’s School

We have twelve boarders in our Children’s School, which is all we can “sleep.”

Our new building has not been begun, as we have only just found a good contractor.

Now we hope work will soon begin. Our new church which should have been finished last January is not yet done. The Contractor is a rascal, so it is fortunate we did not employ him.

We have had more than twenty new day pupils this year. One girl went to Yenping in January. We now keep our girls here for the fifth and sixth years. This fall we have a fine class of nine girls in the fifth year. Four of the girls are only nine years old, which is younger than any girls we have had before, ready for the fifth year.
DAY-SCHOOLS

Our 1st Township school is all that could be desired. Hu Nguk Chai, the teacher, is a model teacher, and the children are fine. She now has 1st, 2nd and 3rd year children in her school, which has been opened only two years.

At 28th Township, we have a new school taught by the preacher's wife. She is a graduate of the Mintsing Girls' School and a fine young woman. So far her school is small, the 28th Township people do not yet see the use of girls studying.

The 9th Township school has had a hard time keeping a teacher. Until March a Bible-woman taught; then the young preacher married a girl, who was a graduate of our Mintsing Girls' School. She taught two months, when her husband went off to be an Official, and she went with him, to be Official's wife. I have only just found a teacher for 9th Township.

BIBLE-WOMEN

In the spring I spent several days at 4th Township. There the pastor's mother is a Bible-woman. We three spent one night at each of five villages, where there are some Christians. At three of these villages, there are only men Christians, but the women seemed very glad to hear the Gospel. Everywhere the people seemed glad to see a man and his mother working together.

From 28th Township I took two Bible-women and we walked to 23rd Township. We stopped one night at a village, where there were a few men Christians. We had a big crowd of women, although some of the men had said no woman would come to hear the Gospel.

At 27th Township the preacher's wife is not a Christian, and seems unwilling to learn anything, even to be clean. I stayed at the Chapel two days, and then left the two Bible-women telling them to work harder on the preacher's wife than on anyone else. They stayed a week, and one of them went back in summer and stayed several weeks.

At 23rd Township the preacher's wife is a graduate of
our Yenping Girls’ School, and a fine Evangelist. She can preach better than most men. She has four small children, so in June I began hiring a woman to help her with her work, so she could go out to visit. Her husband is a Local Preacher, and has a very small salary.

At 24th Township the preacher’s wife is also a graduate of our Yenping Girls’ School. She is a sister of the 23rd Township preacher’s wife, and although twelve years younger, is truly gifted as a speaker. Many women come to the Chapel to hear her preach; she is too young to go out alone, so is asking for a Bible-woman to help her.

Mrs. Ling, Esther’s mother, went to 25th Township in January and the work among the women there is, of course, taking on new life.

The work among the women at Sieu Ning was fine, but I felt I must appoint the Bible-woman there to 18th Township, as there was no preacher at the latter place. The Sieu Ning pastor went over to 18th Township to preach twice a month, but they needed some one to live there. At Sieu Ning the pastor’s wife has two little children, so cannot get out, but she is fine with the women, who come in.

We need several more Bible-women, I am using one Bible-woman as a teacher here in our Yuki Children’s School, as I cannot find teachers. She came to us from Mintsing last March, but is a Kutien woman. We are indeed fortunate to secure the help of such a good worker as Mrs. Ngu.

I believe all of our Bible-women are true soul winners. They all seem to know what it means to have Jesus Christ as their Saviour. They have been here at Yuki City since September 12, studying for the District Conference examinations, which are being held to-day. We have had a meeting each day for prayer and Bible study and their prayers have surely been from the heart.

Last Christmas we again received many presents from America. If any, who sent presents, did not receive a letter of thanks, we now say, “Thank you.”

Your missionary,

MABEL C. HARTFORD.
The Yenping Conference

Lower Primary Schools

Yes, it is time that Christ alone is the one foundation of all our work, nor do we need or desire any other, but underlying every department and nearest to the Savior's arms and heart are the many little ones waiting to be gathered in.

Two years ago, chatting at the bedside of a sick pastor's wife, she suddenly said, "Do you know how bad the customs of this place are?" Then in shocked surprise we listened to the terrible story of the numbers of baby girls thrown into the river. We knew of conditions in a section of country not far from there, but in all these years we had never once heard that Changhupan had such a history, too.

Asked about the Girls' School, there was none, she said, though the fine, new Boys' School was the pride of the town.

At last we are happy to report that in this important and needy place we have been able this year to secure at a great bargain a splendidly situated property with a very good Chinese house, and in this two teachers and about twenty girls are already working. We may confidently predict that in the not distant future a new value will be placed on girlhood in this region.

A journey of two or three days up river enables us to visit the Nellie Strobel Chair Memorial School at Uang Tai. For lack of teachers this had to be closed for a time, but has now been re-opened with a girl in charge who is a native of the place, and who stood at the head of her class when she graduated from the Higher Primary in Yenping.

When we can get suitable girls from these country villages trained and able to return home for such work as this, much of our problem will be solved, and it can never be in any other way.

Another day's toil up the river and we are gladdened by a new thing under the sun, as we come to Shunchang not only do we find a girls' school here but a nice little kindergarten, taught by a girl trained in Yenping.
We have seen no bandits on this trip yet, but it will be well now to keep an eye out, and not be too late in snatching off our spectacles and thrusting them into an inside pocket. Within the last year several parties of foreigners have been held up by bandits, and robbed of everything except the clothing that was being worn. When rings came off fingers a little too reluctantly threats were made of taking the fingers, too. One of our own W. F. M. S. ladies was among the victims, and since this conference opened two of our leading pastors and their wives on their way to join us have suffered the same fate, at the same place.

We were obliged to have an escort of soldiers on our last trip up this branch of the river and two of our party were women teachers for Sa Gaing. When we reached that city and saw the beautiful new church, and then the old shed just across the street from it, in which the Girls’ School is at present quartered, it was a joy to think of the $2,300 Gold given this year for a new building, to be erected as soon as possible on that fine river front.

Some of the worst rapids on the whole river are climbed during the next three days, and at Yungan City we visit what in some ways is the flower of our whole work. The Girls’ School here is being staffed and supported as rapidly as possible by the Chinese Women’s Missionary Society of Fukien Methodism.

While the chief burden has thus far been borne by the Foochow ladies they are working earnestly to enlist the women of all the other old centers.

In touring our two most distant counties this year we held Christmas tree celebrations at two country schools, and more excited and happy children were seldom seen before. These are primarily boys’ schools, but with a dozen or so girls in each one they are partly supported by W. F. M. S. funds. Each girl who came up for examination was given a rag doll, as a very special reward. There were pictures for everybody, and a Gospel talk and lantern show closed the program.
Going ninety miles in the opposite direction we reached the most distant station of all our Fukien work. On the way we spent a night at a village in a part of the country where the women have not bound their feet for hundreds of years, but where they are made to do the heavy out of door work, even carrying loads, while the men "wear the white stockings," as they say. Here a nice, brick church is being built, with ample quarters in the basement for a good school. The new pastor's wife is an educated woman, and she has already gathered a little group about her of both girls and boys.

Asked if girl babies were destroyed in these villages the pastor replied "Oh no, girls are very valuable here." Valuable, as slaves, yes, may our little school soon set a different standard.

When we finally reached Goi-hua City we found that here again the pastor's wife was the key to the situation. It was a proud and busy day for her when the final examinations were held and preparations made for the graduation of her two senior pupils. We could not sufficiently admire the efficiency and devoted spirit of this little woman, who in addition to her own family cares, was teaching this fine group of forty or fifty pupils, and with only one young girl helper. In all the county there was not a government boys' school open, owing to the serious disturbances everywhere, and of course such a thing as a girls' school in that out-of-the-way town was never thought of, until the church people opened one.

The Commencement Exercises were a great success; Each class took part and won applause, but the main interest was divided between the little tots as they mounted the platform and gave their little motion songs, and the two girl graduates. One of these was a beautiful young woman, twice widowed, and still in her teens, the other a girl of sixteen, not even betrothed.

We had everything on the program that any college students ever need have, besides a great many very special features. All the elite of the city were happy to attend, and
they not only gave presents to the girl graduates, but to every pupil in the school.

Not since the beginning of time, it was said, had Goliathua City seen such a great celebration as was held that night for the graduation of these first two girls. And what was this wonderful graduation? Just two insignificant girls finishing Fourth Grade! Should one laugh or cry? It was hard not to do both at the same time.

Susie L. Skinner.

Francesca Nast Gamble Memorial Model School

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

William Cowper was inspired to write this song, because God had overruled, when Cowper would have destroyed his own life. To-day we can heartily sing this song, for we have daily seen God's purposes and will being unfolded.

The report of 1922 of Francesca Nast Gamble Memorial Model School told of our crowded condition and also of a generous gift from Kentucky of $1,000, which would cover the cost of purchasing an old Chinese house and the remodeling which we might need to make. This property was purchased but due to the fact that our Chinese friends said that it was over 500 years old, and our architect said that the cost of remodeling would exceed our gift and even then he could not guarantee perfect sanitation, the wise and only thing that could be done was to tear down the old Chinese house and build a mud dormitory. We had to have less congestion in housing and we felt sure there would not be an adequate appropriation for a brick building. Excavation for this longed for dormitory began in the spring but since the drying process
THE FRANCESCA NAST GAMBLE MEMORIAL SCHOOL, TEACHERS AND MISS SINKEY
YENPING WOMAN'S BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1922
THE MIDDLE ONE IN BACK ROW IS MRS. GIONG BAO ING, NOW THE MATRON
in building mud walls is slow, we did not have our new home available for fall boarders. When Thanksgiving comes, with grateful hearts, we will praise our heavenly Father, for then we expect to have our new home complete and though

"The bud may have a bitter taste,
Yet sweet will be the flower."

Due to the extra cost of tearing down the old building and erecting a new one, our funds were not sufficient, so God provided us a friend, Mrs. Hetherington, who gave us $300 to complete our home. How true, "God giveth and giveth again."

At the first glance at our enrollment, one sees a smaller number than last year and wonders why this is so, since last year we had over 100 enrolled, of whom 40 were boarders; and now we have about 65, of whom 20 are boarders. There has been a new plan started of graduating students in June instead of at Chinese New Year. In order to raise our standard, the inauguration of this plan began in 1923, so besides the class of 23 graduating at Chinese New Year we had 20 graduating in June. Then we released one of our teachers, that she might go into a district where it is difficult to get teachers, so our fifth grade entered Emma Fuller Memorial School, one year earlier than we had expected them to. Hereafter we hope to have the first six grades here.

The girls enjoy their study of the Bible. Mrs. Ling has helped to shepherd our flock and prepare them for church membership. This year 28 were baptized. The evangelistic work they were able to do in their villages during the summer has been quite gratifying. All the little girls are letting their lights shine.

Another time when they were little light bearers, was their Christmas visit to the leper village. There they sweetly told the Christmas story and later dramatized the story of the Five Wise and Five Foolish Virgins. How happy the leper children were made because of the little gifts and the joyful message.
Six special programs have been given at the church this year and in each of these the Francesca Nast Gamble girls had a part. One of the songs most enjoyed by any of the audiences was the one in which they urged the women and girls to unbind their feet.

If you could only see the bright and smiling faces of our Kindergarten children as they greet me with "Ping An, Ping An," (Peace, Peace.). Each one is eager for some recognition, even if only a word. Why not that word? You would love them so. Let me tell you about little Chia En, whose name means, add grace. Last Sunday was our S. S. Rally and a very interesting program was given. Promotions were made and the second and third year students received their diplomas. Since Chia En was only a kindergartener, he did not receive a diploma. He grieved over the fact most of the day, for he told his father he had not missed Sunday School one Sunday; so Chia En could not understand why he was not entitled to a diploma as a reward for his faithfulness. He could not be comforted, until a friend promised she would make him a nice little diploma. Surely with such promise as we see in these dear little children, such as Jesus blessed, we must exert every bit of our strength to lead them in the right path. Last year our enrollment was twenty-five, but this year due to the unrest, thus far only 16 are enrolled. This number will probably be increased after Chinese New Year.

Your prayers have been a great blessing and your gifts have been gratefully received, cheering many hearts and lives. The inspiration of these, of whom Jesus said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven" challenges me to do my utmost for Him this year.

Yours happy in our Master's Service,

FERN M. SINKEY.
Yenping Bible Training School and Yenping District

Bible-women

This has been a blessed year, not withstanding the troublesome times. Some of our ministers have been taken by the bandit robbers, beaten and treated in a very cruel manner. Some Christians have suffered terribly. Villages have been burned and Christians driven from their homes. One of our churches on the Yenping district was attacked by the robbers. The pastor was taken and many of the Christian people. Our Bible-woman escaped, but she lost every thing she had, bedding, clothes, books and her precious Bible. But she prais es God that her life has been spared, so that she can tell others of Jesus and His love.

Now and again our Chinese Christians have been accused of being rice Christians. No doubt some of them have come into the church for material benefits. But many Chinese Christians, men and women, would gladly suffer death rather than deny their Lord and Savior.

There is a wonderful opportunity all over the Yenping District. People seem to realize as never before, the uncertainty of life, and the importance of preparing for the life to come. We cannot begin to answer the calls to visit in the homes, and tell the people of Jesus and His love. Oh, the joy of service.

Sir Phillip Gibbs says: “The hope of the world is the youth of the world.” Experience has proven that the only way to work a reform is to begin with the young children. For the child of to-day will be the man or the woman of to-morrow.

It is very easy to get the Chinese children into the Junior Leagues and Sunday Schools. They will gladly come for a picture card. But unless there are properly trained teachers to teach them, nothing will be accomplished. How many times we forget the importance of teaching the children in religion, or of training workers to teach the children, one of the most important and most difficult lines of Christian work.
We are trying to give women in the Woman's Bible Training School this important training. Five of the books in the China Sunday School Union Course are included in our course of study and are taught by very efficient teachers.

All the teachers in the 'Primary and Beginners' Departments in our Sunday School at First Church, Yenping City, are taught by students or teachers in our Bible Training School. Our Children's Church and Junior League are also conducted and taught by students in our school.

We hope in this way to train up teachers for the children's work in different parts of the Yenping Conference.

We realize more and more the importance of evangelistic work. But as yet we have so few missionaries, no one can give her full time to evangelistic work. All of our evangelistic missionaries are connected with institutional work, so that only fragments of time can be given to the District work.

We are trying in our Bible Training School, in every way possible to press home the message of the clean heart and the Spirit-filled life, so that our Bible Training School students may become successful evangelists.

We have practice preaching in school. The students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th years, take turns in leading these meetings, then they are corrected by one of the teachers. The students in the 4th and 5th years go to the street twice each week with one of the teachers and do house to house visitation work.

We held eight days of evangelistic meetings for women in Yenping City last spring. All the students in Yenping City helped in these meetings. On account of soldiers, and sickness, (the weather was very hot and many were dying on the street with plague at the time) many were unable to attend the meetings, but eighteen women accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. Our women were very happy to have a share in this work.

Our Christian Woman's Institute for Yenping District was a great success, notwithstanding the difficulty in travel on account of bandits and robbers. The women were eager to learn so it was a joy to teach them. I believe that each
of the seventeen women who attended were definitely converted.

I visited Uon Tai a short time ago. Our self-supporting Bible-woman is doing good work. A large number of Christian women attended the Sunday morning service. It was such a joy to see them all again. They are much stronger Christians than they used to be. They are learning the importance and the joy of living the Spirit-filled life.

I often hear from each of the Bible-women on the Yen-ping District, through the District Superintendent, Pastors, and church members, as well as through letters from the Bible-women. They are all doing good work, and God is wonderfully blessing the women’s work in each of these places.

All of the Woman's School students took pledges to do evangelistic work during the summer. They are all, even the new women, wonderfully interested in this work, and are very glad to have a share in bringing others to Christ.

Forty-four women have been enrolled this year. They are all members of the Hour a Day Club. Members of this Club spend at least one hour each day in prayer and reading the Bible.

Our kindergarten teacher was unable to go on with her work on account of sickness.

They are building a new building for the Lower Primary School at the First Church. In this building there is a large kindergarten room. As this is only a short distance from our Bible School, they will be able to accommodate all the children in this part of the City who wish to attend kindergarten. So I have decided not to re-open the kindergarten. We are raising the standard of the Bible Training School. We now have a six years' course, so we very much need the former kindergarten room for recitation room.

We had a Merry Christmas. A Christmas program was given at each of the schools. There was also a Christmas program given at the Church, to which every one was invited. This program consisted of songs by the different schools, songs and exercises by the kindergarten children, and a
Christmas sermon. Then offerings were taken for the poor of the city.

We were very glad to receive the packages you sent us for Christmas. They were just what we needed and a wonderful help; in this way you helped to make hundreds of people happy. We hope you will all remember us in this way next year. All the Woman's School women, Bible-women, and children, join me in sending thanks.

We ask your prayers that each year we may be able to do more for Him, and to bring more people into His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Linam.

Report of Emma Fuller Girls' Memorial School

Mary L. Eide

Fern M. Sinkey  Bertha A. Li  Mamie F. Glassburner

The year just past has been in no way an unusual one. Some changes have come to our Chinese staff. Miss Helen Ho who had given four years of most faithful service, left us to begin her college course at Hua Nan. In her place we secured Miss Dyliah Ho, the one graduate of Hua Nan College Department last year. Her coming to us filled such a real need that we feel sure the Father sent her, and we trust that she may in her turn give to the school a long term of fruitful happy service. Mrs. Guoh, a graduate of the Liang-au hospital, in the days when doctors were trained instead of nurses, has come to us for the work of matron. This has set Miss Li free to assume some of the duties connected with her appointment as Vice-Principal, for which she had really had no time before, and has made possible a more efficient administration. The health of the students has been unusually good, owing in part, no doubt, to the screening of the school, a year ago.

Two years ago a backward glance revealed the fact that the enrollment of Emma Fuller in Higher Primary and High School grades had doubled in six years. It comes to us as
MISS REIMAN AND THE CO-WORKERS IN THE SHUNCHANG CAMPAIGN.

THE FOUR IN THE MIDDLE ROW ARE EMMA FULLER GIRLS

CHRISTMAS MORNING AT EMMA FULLER. SEE THE HAIR RIBBONS
a distinct surprise to find that we have doubled again in the two years. We should hate to slow down any but it takes our breath when we try to imagine what is going to happen if we keep on at this rate, for every nook and cranny is full of girls even now. Two new dormer windows in the roof have made it possible for us to overflow into the attic, but where we will overflow to next, if the tide keeps rising is a question that we hope General Executive may answer for us this fall when it comes to the granting of new Middle School plants, for one of the things that has gladdened our hearts this year is the news that our Middle School department is fully recognized and authorized, and that our need for a new plant is on the hearts of the Secretaries at home.

In January our first class of four fine Middle School girls will be graduated. It seems as though Emma Fuller will hardly be Emma Fuller without Pearl and Lois, Jean and Virginia, but when we think of the hurrying appeals from Yuki, Sahsien, Yungan, and Sungchan, our only regret is that we have only four to give. We are glad however that Emma Fuller girls are able to contribute something to the life and work of the Church while they are still in school. There is seldom a special meeting of any kind at the church in which Emma Fuller girls are not asked to participate, and the unvarying cheerfulness of their response, makes us hope that they may carry the same spirit of helpfulness all through their lives.

Last spring at seven o'clock, one Saturday evening, we remembered that we had been asked for an exercise from the girls for the special Jubilee meeting which was to inaugurate the summer personal work campaign. The bell rang, and they came trooping into chapel to see what was wanted. When the plan was unfolded, every girl from Freshman Intermediate to Senior High was alert and ready for work. While the gateman was dispatched post haste to buy candles, one of the senior girls wrote the words of the hymn on the blackboard so that it might be memorized more quickly. Probably few of the large audience at the church the next morning realized how largely impromptu the beauti-
ful exercise was as a group of the older girls with candles in their hands went quietly forward to light them at an illuminated white cross and then turned to sing:

"The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin,
The light of the world is Jesus."

As they lifted their candles high in the chorus, a second group responding to the invitation came to light their candles from the candles of the first ones. Each time as the chorus swelled a new group came till the whole front of the church was filled with bright faced school girls lifting lighted candles and singing:

"Come to the light: 'tis shining for thee.
Sweetly the light has dawned upon me.
Once I was blind, but now I can see
The light of the world is Jesus."

It was their testimony—their offering, and their dignified District Superintendent only voiced what many felt when he said, "That song truly stirs the heart."

The girls took the greatest interest in the preparatory campaign, meeting each Sunday evening for six weeks for special instruction in the different lines of work for which they had signed up. This period of preparation culminated in a pageant, "Sowing the seed," given on the school lawn just before the close of the term. All the Christian community and student body of Yenping were present and gave the closest attention as the girls again did their best, showing the results of seed sowing in a non-Christian home—the home transformed, the girls educated and giving themselves to lives of Christian service. In the last scene, Pearl, representing Christianity, called for the fruits of the Spirit to assist her in her work. Nine girls dressed in white responded and received their commissions to carry the seed of the living Word to the lame, the halt, the blind, the poor, and the sick who were waiting all around them.

During the summer vacation five girls toured the Chong-hupan District. The District Superintendent expressed himself as highly pleased with the group that accompanied
him. I was with the other group and found them not only good evangelists in their work with the women and children, but good sports as well, walking from five to ten miles a day, never complaining, always ready to help.

One of the girls had a vacation Bible School of twenty-three students, most of whom she succeeded in passing on to the local Day-school at the end of the summer. You would have to hear her tell the story herself, and see the animation of her face and manner, to realize what her presence must have meant to that conservative mountain village, for her activities were not confined to her school. The little church had neither Sunday School nor Epworth League and she must needs organize both. The social customs she set about to change by a Reform Society, even paying a visit to the official herself to persuade him to issue a proclamation against foot binding. At night after her other work was done, she taught her two brothers, for her father had said they must learn if possible a hundred, but at least fifty characters a day.

Other girls held children’s meetings and taught Sunday School classes, and some had not found time to do much of anything except to help Mother with the regular routine of the house work. During the preparatory campaign special emphasis had been laid on the cultivation of the personal spiritual life. Every girl at one of the Saturday morning class meetings spoke of her efforts along this line. It was a noticeable fact that not one felt she had entirely succeeded, and yet when questioned each one said that this summer had seen a decided improvement over other summers in this respect. To have climbed upward and yet to feel dissatisfied gives promise of higher heights farther on.

This year we were able to take two groups of girls to assist in the evangelistic campaigns at Suen-chan and Hsiao meo. In the dark days before our Middle School was authorized, and at other times when other departments of work have had to be neglected for it, we have been tempted to wonder if after all it was not a mistake to have undertaken an enterprise calling for so large an outlay of mission-
ary time and strength, but as we have seen our High School girls at work in the evangelistic campaigns of the last two years, we have rejoiced over the returns that are already coming in on the investment. As we try to visualize the campaigns without the High School girls to visit, to hold children's meetings, to do personal work, to sing, we realize that they would have been indeed very different from what they were, and we thank God and take courage to press on in the training of Chinese girls for Christian leadership.

While we strive always for thoroughness of scholarship and for an all round development of our students, yet our greatest joy is in their spiritual life. At the quarterly meeting held just before the close of the spring term the last two or three girls who had been in school more than one term came and asked for the privilege of baptism, and perhaps one of the happiest moments of the year was when a letter came from one who had sent us a group of girls saying, "I want to tell you of the improvement I see in my girls. They have a new spirit. Even their faces are different, and I know it is because they have come into vital touch with Jesus Christ." Another happy hour, and we feel that in a way it is the crown of the years' work was last night, when in response to the stirring appeal of Mrs. Lau, President of the Chinese Woman's Missionary Society, nearly every Higher Primary girl, and every one of the Middle School students signified her desire to become a member of the King's Heralds or of the Standard Bearers. The decision was made so gladly that we believe it will mean an enriching of the spiritual life of our girls to be thus linked up with the Home Missionary enterprise in Yungan.

As we stand between the old year and the new and recall the strain and stress, the joy and blessing of the one and look forward to the other, we are reminded of the lines.

"He was better to me than all my hopes,
He was better than all my fears.
He built a bridge of my broken works,
And a rainbow of my tears."
The billows that bounded my sea girt path
But carried my Lord on their crest.
When I dwell on the days of my wilderness march
I can lean on his love for the rest.”

Leaning on His love and trusting in His power, we turn our back on the things that are behind and press forward, if by any means for ourselves and the girls He has entrusted to us we may take hold of that for which we were taken hold of by Jesus Christ.

Yours in His Name,

MAMIE F. GLASSBURNER.

Report of Women of the General Board

Just at the time of writing this report, we are engaged in trying adequately to welcome our newest lady missionary, Miss Jean Virginia Scheufler. Although only seven and one-half pounds weight at present, recruits of her sex are such a rare event among our multiplicity of would-be General Boarders, that we feel she deserves special mention.

It is not easy to correlate one's own work, private school and motherly occupations, with any very efficient outside work, but we feel that it is not right to have no part in the harvest field and so we do what little we can to help. Sometimes we feel hardly worthy to be called even gleaners. There is one exception to this statement. Mrs. J. E. Skinner has really given her entire time to work for women and girls in the Yungan region. The schools of the District have been under her supervision and most of them have been visited several times. She has traveled by boat, by horse and on foot, holding institutes and classes for the women and girls of the entire District. Miss Ethel Li, our new home missionary from Foochow Conference, can tell you what her inspiration and help has meant to the Girls’ Boarding School in Yungan City.

Mrs. Frederick Bankhardt takes her regular turn leading chapel at the Girls’ School in Yenping, and is also a member of the Reference Committee. She has been the
power behind the throne in our local Woman's Missionary Society and Woman's Social Union. The general interest in the Missionary Society has been greatly increased since their missionary to Yungan has become a fact. But it is hard to get them interested down to their pocketbooks. There are so few ways here in Yenping by which our women can earn extra money; yet we don't want them to feel that the financial burden will be borne by the missionaries. The question of finances is, if possible, more baffling than it is in the homeland. It is hard, also, to plan programs. There is so little available material in the Chinese language, and not many of our members could read and use such literature if we had it. The prognosis for the coming year is the best ever.

Mrs. C. N. Oleen and Mrs. K. S. Scheusler have given most of their available time to the Boys' Middle School, but with that Mrs. Oleen has had piano pupils among the High School Girls, and Mrs. Scheusler has been especially interested in Bible-woman's work. She was able to attend part of the evangelistic campaign at Shunchang last winter. She has also done a great deal to put our woman's work here on the map, through her correspondence to the "Friend."

While the W. F. M. S. has no definite part in the hospital work here, the women of this region have come to know that they have a friend in the Alden Speare Memorial Hospital nurse, Miss Martha Huffaker. She has come in touch with nearly every girl in Emma Fuller Memorial School through the yearly physical examinations. She also did valiant service in dispensary work in connection with the Hsia Meo evangelistic campaign last winter.

This summer several members of the W.F.M.S. of a sister Conference were quite surprised that the wife of a General Boarder should be receiving the official correspondence for their Society in Yenping. Apparently they did not know of the beautiful, Christlike harmony between the two societies here. The General Board and the W. F. M. S. are co-operating in evangelistic and educational work, and the W. F. M. S. feel that their work is helped by having this co-operation
extend into the Reference Committee. They prefer to have the official correspondence go from someone outside of their own ranks, and we are always glad to be of service in whatever way possible. I have very much enjoyed my work in music with some of the girls, and the official correspondence has seemed friendly rather than official. It has been a joy to try to write of the needs of these folks who are real sisters to me.

The General Board Mission Secretary, Miss Margarett V. Stafford, has gladly typed much of the material the Reference Committee has sent out.

We surely hope this year’s furlough will mean much for Mrs. Frank Toothaker and her babies. We still miss Mrs. Irving Lacy, and the women of the city frequently ask about her. The writer especially misses Mrs. B. H. Paddock, for she has always carried so much of the Secretarial work.

I think we General Board women miss Miss Reiman this year as much as her own society sisters do. It was so easy for her to make herself a part of our homes. We rejoice in the chance she has been having to visit her own home in Switzerland and know that she will return to her work refreshed in body and spirit.

Edith Alford Trimble.
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STATISTICAL TABLES
For Year Ending October 20, 1923
Mrs. K W. Scheufler, Statistical Secretary

PROPERTY VALUATION

Yenping Girls' Boarding School (Emma Fuller Memorial)
Value of buildings $4,000.00
Value of land (including Woman's School land) 1,186.65
Value of equipment 200.00

Yenping Woman's School
Value of buildings 3,000.00
Value of equipment 200.00

Yenping Residence
Value of building 2,000.00

Yenping Model Day School Plant (Francesca Nast Gamble Memorial)
Value of buildings 1,000.00
Value of land 500.00
Value of equipment 200.00

Uan'tai Model Day School (Nellie Strobel Clair Memorial)
Value of building 200.00
Value of land 75.00
Value of equipment 25.00

Yungan Day School (purchased by funds raised by Chinese Women's Missionary Society of Fukien)
Value of building 815.00
Value of land 300.00

Shasien
Value of land 300.00

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Turned over by Treasurer of Annual Conference for Woman’s Work $8.50

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* These amounts came in too late for deposit last year.
THE HUSBANDMAN AND HIS TASK

"Go labor on; spend and be spent—
Thy joy to do the Father's will;
It is the way the Master went;
Should not the servant tread it still?"
OUR CENTENARY AND JUBILEE GOAL
1921-1924

All of our Students for Christ.

Membership
100% Gain Yearly.

Literacy
10% first year, 20%, 40%, 80%, following years, on basis of each year’s full membership of women.

Intercessors
100% of full membership.

Stewards
10%, 20%, 40%, 80%, of each year’s full membership.

Self-Support
50% self-support for all woman’s work by end of quadrennium

Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith JEHovah OF HOSTS.
OFFICERS FOR 1923-1924

President ..... Mrs. Ling Maiu Ding
English Vice-President ..... Mrs. Laura W. Bankhardt
Chinese Vice-President ..... Miss Lydia Hung
English Secretary ..... Mrs. Edith A. Trimble
Chinese Secretary ..... Miss Helen Ding
Statistical Secretary ..... Mrs. Ada M. Scheusser
Asst. Statistical Secretary ..... Mrs. Grace Go Dang

Special Committees

To Write to Missionaries at Home ..... Miss Fern Sinkey
To Write to General Executive Meeting ..... Mrs. Edith A. Trimble
To Write to Woman's Conferences ..... Miss Mary Eide
Correspondent Woman's Missionary Friend Mrs. Ada M. Scheusser
Correspondent Children's Missionary Friend Miss Fern M. Sinkey
Correspondent German Missionary Friend Mrs. Laura W. Bankhardt
Correspondent Epworth Herald ..... Miss Margaret V. Stafford
Correspondent China Christian Advocate Miss Stafford
Correspondent Chinese Christian Advocate Miss Bertha Li

Representatives on District Boards of Education

Yuki
Mrs. Uong Ding Suoi Mrs. Ciu Keng Ling
Mrs. Lyle Ding Lau Mrs. Hu Ding Iu

Yungan
Miss Dang Ing Ai Mrs. Ieu
Mrs. Li Ching Nguk Mrs. Grace Go Dang

Chanhupan
Mrs. Uong Shuenchang
Mrs. Do Sieu Guong Mrs. Chan Eu Guang
Mrs. Ding Ging Ing

Representative on Conference Board of Education
Miss Lydia Hung

Representatives on Middle School Board of Managers
Miss Mary Eide 1922-1925
Miss Bertha Li 1923-1926
Standing Committees

Evangelistic

Miss Mabel Hartford
Miss Alice Linam
Miss Mamie Glassburner
Mrs. J. E. Skinner
Mrs. F. Bankhardt
Mrs. K. W. Scheufler
Mrs. Mary Hung
Mrs. Su I Cing
Mrs. Ling Maiu Ding

Social Service

Miss Bertha Li
Miss Martha Huffaker
Miss Stafford
Miss Ling Hung Nguk
Mrs. Grace Go Dang

Publication (English)
Mrs. Trimble

Publication (Chinese)
Miss Helen Ding

Entertainment

Miss Linam
Miss Eide
Miss Sinkey

Conference Relations

Miss Hartford
Miss Linam
Miss Glassburner
Mrs. Skinner
Mrs. Lau Seuk Duang
Hu Ngok King
Giong Bao Ing
Lau Er Muoi
Mrs. Ciu Keng Ling
Mrs. Kiu Nai Ding

Program

Mrs. Ling Maiu Ding
Mrs. Bankhardt
Miss Lydia Hung
Mrs. Trimble
Miss Helen Ding
Mrs. Scheufler
Mrs. Grace Go Dang
Miss Linam
Miss Eide
Miss Dylia Ho

Nominating Committee

Miss Hartford
Miss Linam
Mrs. Ling Maiu Ding
Mrs. Grace Go Dang
Miss Bertha Li

Submitted by Committee

Miss Glassburner
Miss Linam
Mrs. Dang
Miss Bertha Li
Mrs. Trimble
DAILY JOURNAL

Saturday, October Twentieth.

The Yenping Woman's Conference began its seventh annual session on Saturday morning, October twentieth, at the home of Mrs. Frederick Bankhardt, our Vice-President. After singing the first hymn, "Oh, Bless the Lord, my Soul," Miss Mabel Hartford, of Yuki, led in prayer, asking for the blessing of God on our annual meeting, and for God's presence with the many who could not possibly come, because of political conditions, to the session.

Mrs. J. E. Skinner then came forward for the Devotional hour, and at the very beginning brought us to a realization of our need of the Spirit of God. She took the old story of the Pharisee and the Publican as the background of her talk. She compared the Yenping Woman's Annual Conference to a dwelling for the Holy Spirit. Some buildings are so small that they need no very heavy roof, and no supporting pillars, others much larger must not only have a solid roof, but must have supporting pillars. The marvel of the Coronation Hall in Westminster Abbey, in London, is that with its immense size, the roof timbers are unsupported, even though it was built so long ago, it stands to this day as a marvel of architecture. The roof timbers must be solid and well joined together. Not only are there long pieces, but short ones, broad ones, thin ones, pieces of all sorts, each holding a vital place. The Pharisee was good looking on the outside, but his heart was bad. We may also be likened to a fruit tree. The world knows how many leaves we have put out, and how luxurious the growth, but God knows whether or not we have been bearing fruit.

After prayer, our President, Mrs. Ling Maiu Ding, spoke a few words of greeting. She had spent much time trying to find words to express the meaning of this year's Conference, then had heard Mrs. Bankhardt say, "Yungan is our Vineyard," and that seemed to be a fitting idea of our plan for this year. God has provided the seeds. He has given us the ground, we must get the ground clean and ready. These
days of Conference we must pray that God will show us our part in cultivating the vineyard.

At this time our two Foochow guests were introduced, Mrs. Mary Lau, the President of the Fukien Chinese Woman's Missionary Society, and Miss Lucille Iek, one of the teachers in the Tai Maiu Girls' Boarding School.

The Credentials Committee suggested that because of the few from outside of Yenping city who were able to be present this year, all women present be allowed to serve as delegates. The President appointed Miss Glassburner, Bertha Li, Miss Linam, Mrs. Grace Dang, and Mrs. Trimble to act as the Nominating Committee, Miss Dylia Ho and Mrs. Trimble were elected as delegates to the Men's Annual Conference.

Mrs. Giong Bao Ing, the Woman's Bible Training School Matron, gave the report for the school. She reported an enrollment of forty-four students.

Miss Bertha Li reported the work of the year at the Emma Fuller Memorial School. She spoke of the crowded condition, of the great help that the Matron, Mrs. Guok, appointed last year, had been to the school, of the addition of Miss Dylia Ho to the teaching staff, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Helen Ho. She told of the benefit to the girls that the evangelistic tours had brought.

The report of the Francesca Nast Gamble School was given by Miss Fern Sinkey. Miss Sinkey has had this school in charge since Miss Frida Reiman went on furlough. They are very happy over the new building which will be ready for occupancy by February. They are especially grateful for the additional money given by Mrs. Hetherington, of Syracuse, N. Y., who is now visiting her son in Foochow.

Mrs. Guok and Mrs. Ding Bek Maiu led in prayer for our Yenping schools, after which Miss Hartford asked Miss Lydia Hung to read the Yuki reports. We were impressed with the great opportunity there, and longed with Miss Hartford and her co-workers for the new building, which will
soon be started. We were made to see several of the Day Schools clearly and to sympathize with their problems.

Miss Ethel Lee spoke of the Yungan Girls’ School, after which Mrs. Skinner told a little of the work in the district around Yungan. She spoke of a place where Mrs. Ling, our President, had first brought the Gospel only two years ago. Two students from there are now in the Woman’s School here in Yenping, and the women of the whole village seem to have real, true religion. She brought greetings from the school out from Yungan where one of our former students, Cieng Daik Hok, is teaching.

Mrs. Trimble gave a brief report of the work for women in the Alden Speare Memorial Hospital, and urged the cooperation of all the women present in the building up of that work.

After singing “Father we thank Thee for the Night,” prayer was offered for Yuki, Yungan and the Hospital by Miss Glassburner, Miss Bertha Li, and Mrs. Ling. Mrs. Trimble told the last word from the Toothaker family, and Mrs. Ling brought greetings from our former President, Dr. Harriet U.

The morning session closed with singing “Love Divine all Loves Excelling” and repeating the Lord’s Prayer.

The noon hour was a feast for body and spirit, about sixty women sitting together at six tables. Miss Dylia Ho kept folks from being too solemn, having a good supply of riddles, stories, and games. Immediately after dinner the Conference photograph was taken, before the smiles had worn off.

**Afternoon Session, October 20, 1923.**

Miss Lucille Iek, of Foochow, was in charge of the Devotional hour. The service opened with prayer by Miss Ethel Lee and the hymn, “My Jesus as Thou Wilt” was sung. The subject for the day was, “Qualifications for a Christian Worker.” She had scripture references to show that some of the things necessary were: 1. Faithfulness as witnesses; 2. Endure hardness; 3. Strive lawfully; 4. The
husbandman must first be partaker of his own fruits; 5. God’s workman must rightly divide the word of truth; 6. Must be a perfect vessel, not soiled or broken; 7. Must be gentle and patient. We have been put in trust with the Gospel, God Himself intrusted it to us, and we must take heed as to our own lives.

After prayer by several people, a group of High School girls sang for us.

After being introduced by Miss Bertha Li, Mrs. Mary Lau, of Foochow, said she would much prefer to be introduced merely as a fellow Christian. Just as she was leaving Foochow, after it had seemed surely God’s will that she come up to Yenping, her child became very sick, her friends urged her to stay and care for it, the child cried for her to stay, but somehow Mrs. Lau felt that God was simply testing her faith, and the speedy recovery of the child after the mother started surely proved it. She spoke very earnestly in regard to the Chinese Woman’s Missionary Society here in Fukien. We may not be called upon actually to go to Yungan, but as Moses was called on by God to hold up the standard, so we are to be standard bearers, we are to fill our own parts. If we are truly at the foot of the Cross, we will pray and give. As Christ came to earth for the World, as the Missionaries came from America for the Chinese, so we must go into the places where there is need of us. The Chinese society is still weak, it must still keep hold of the foreigners for a time, but it must try for itself to do something or it never will gain strength. The Mother Society in America GREW to its present size. We must nourish the “child” so it will grow. “The things which are impossible with man are possible with God.”

At this time it was very fitting that we sing “We praise Thee, oh God, for the Gift of Thy Son.” Mrs. Hu, of Yuki, reported for the Chanhupan district. One of the two women referred to by Mrs. Skinner was present and told how she had been led to give up her idols and become a Christian.

Miss Glassburner gave out copies of the tentative Constitution and the announcements for the following day and
for Monday were given. After the song, "Jesus loves me this I know," and prayer by Miss Dylia Ho, the session closed.

SECOND DAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1923.

The Sunday morning session of last year was such a success that all were anxious that such a meeting be planned for this year. The First Church was crowded to listen to the service conducted by the women. Miss Linam presided. Miss Cora Dang read the scripture and Mrs. Giong Bao Ing led in prayer. Mrs. Mary Lau gave the address of the morning. She read the stories of those to whom Christ had brought healing power, from whom devils had been cast out, and who had been raised from death unto life, and pointed out what had been expected from each of these in return for the power manifested to them. From that, she led us to see our obligation as ransomed souls, to take the Gospel to those who had not heard it, we should go and tell of the wonderful works that had been wrought in us. In as much as many of those present did not know much about the Fukien Woman’s Missionary Society, she gave a brief history of the society, and brought the burden of the society to each one present. Miss Lucille Iek, in her translation into Mandarin, brought to each one all of the enthusiasm and spirit that had filled Mrs. Lau’s message.

Miss Bertha Li then brought the special need of a Kindergarten in Yungan, and urged gifts for the establishing of one there.

There was a little misunderstanding as to the object of the collection taken, so the money was divided between the Yungan kindergarten and the Woman’s Retirement Fund. The total amount received was eighty dollars.

The High School chorus sang two selections, and Mrs. Trimble and Miss Stafford gave special numbers. There was no program in the afternoon.

THIRD DAY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1923.

The Monday session was convened in the chapel of the Emma Fuller Memorial school. Mrs. Skinner continued her
devotional talks. After singing, "Oh, Christ in Thee my Soul hath Found" and prayer by Mrs. Giong Bao Ing, the Scripture lesson, continuing the story of the Pharisee and the Publican was read. The speaker referred again to the Westminster Hall, especially to the recent repair that was done on the roof timbers. Worms, which had eaten the heart of the timbers, had threaten to destroy this wonderful building. The outside looked as good as ever, but the heart was gone, and it would have been but a short time until the whole roof would have fallen in. Experts were called in, and they took out the old, worm eaten heart and put a new heart, clean and sound, into each of the timbers. This is typical of the repair that must go on in our hearts. Sometimes our hearts are such that there is no difference between the dark of the world and the Light of Christ. "Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me" should be our cry. The roof timbers of China are about to fall. "Create in ME a clean heart." She gave the illustration of the dip for cattle, to kill the ticks that would sap the life of the cows. The animals will wade into the tanks, but force must be used in order to cleanse the heads of the animals. Many of us are like that, we refuse to be thoroughly cleaned, we want to reserve a part. Mrs. Ling offered prayer.

The Woman's School at this time sang "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus," after which the Conference divided into Group Meetings for the discussion of problems and plans. Mrs. Ling had charge of the Bible-women, Miss Glassburner directed the group of Teachers, Mrs. Bankhardt met with the Preachers' Wives, and Miss Iek spoke to the High School girls. At the end of the forty minute period it was hard to get them together for the regular session, there were so many things to be discussed! While the groups were returning, the song "Now thank we all our God," was sung.

In order to save time, the Chinese Secretary read the minutes and the English were compared. After a few corrections, they were approved.

A beautiful letter of greeting from the Foochow Conference was read. We should imitate Nehemiah, who prayed
much and worked hard, combining these two forces, and refusing to be discouraged. His confidence inspired others and so working together, they were able to re-build Jerusalem. So may we tear down the rubbish and rebuild the walls to the glory of God.

In as much as Miss Hartford will be present at the Foochow Conference, it was voted to have her bring personal greetings from our Conference to the one in Foochow.

Miss Glassburner suggested that Mrs. Lau and Miss Iek be allowed the privilege of the floor in any discussions. This was allowed.

Miss Bertha Li read the proposed Constitution, after which each section was discussed separately. Article III, Section I was changed so as to read, “that in the case of a Missionary, one year of language study should count as one of the required two years.” There was also added, “Any woman who has given ten years of faithful service, and has passed the preparatory and the first year’s exhortor’s examination shall be counted a charter member.” Article III, Section 2, should read, “New Chinese members,” etc., and there should be inserted, “New missionary members, after two years of service, including one year of language study, shall be eligible for membership.” Section 4. add “and have passed the preparatory and the first year’s exhortor’s examinations.” Article IV add “The Assistant Statistical Secretary shall be Chinese.” Article V should read, “about the same time and at the same place as the Annual Conference.” Article VI should add a section reading, “All of these Committees shall be appointed at the Annual meeting to supervise the work of their respective departments for the following year and to report at the next annual meeting.” The Constitution was then accepted as a whole.

The morning session closed with the Doxology and prayer.

**Afternoon Session, October 22.**

The quiet hour was again conducted by Miss Iek. “Out of my Bondage, Sorrow and Night” was sung, after which
Mrs. Lau led in prayer. Miss Iek spoke first of the things a Christian worker should shun, impurity, intemperance, old wives' fables and vain babblings, loving pleasure rather than loving God, having the form of godliness but denying the power, and youthful lusts. Second, among the things to be sought after are the cultivation of the fruits of the Spirit, "to know Thee the only true God," and what is good and acceptable in God's sight. Then we should be examples, in word, conversation, charity, spirit, faith, purity, fairness, that we may properly work for Him. This was followed by three verses of "Oh Zion Haste," and prayer by Miss Glassburner.

At this time Miss Ethel Lee, of Yungan, gave us a most interesting picture of the work at Yungan. We saw the great need there and were all ashamed that we had not done more for the work. In fact the Secretary was so interested in listening that she forgot to take notes for the Minutes! The prayer in the heart of each one present was voiced by Mrs. Ling.

Mrs. Ciu Keng Ling, of Sahsien told of the needs and triumphs of the Sahsien district. She gave many instances of answered prayer and changed lives. She told of the splendid results from the Hsia Meo meeting. Five years ago, Mrs. Ciu was the only woman to take communion, now the altar is filled. Mrs. Ciu and her husband were attacked by bandits, on their way to Conference, and robbed of nearly everything they had, but her brave, happy spirit was not daunted, and God has brought peace to her heart. Miss Hartford told of the splendid work her head teacher, Mrs. Lau, is doing at Yuki. Being a graduate of Dr. Mary Carleton's hospital in Mingchian, she is able to minister to the physical needs of the people, as well as to take a great deal of the responsibility of the school there. Miss Glassburner reported the Evangelistic tours taken by herself, with the school Matron, Mrs. Guok, and the group of High School girls. Further account of this appears in her English report.

After a period of intercession for these places, Lau Ne Muoi told of conditions at Shunchang, and Mrs. Ding reported for the woman's work on the Yenping district.
All joined in singing. "We Praise Thee, oh God." and the afternoon session was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Tuesday Morning, October 23, 1923.**

At 9.30 a.m. almost the entire Conference body was on hand for the devotion hour led by Mrs. Skinner. "Pass me not, oh Gentle Savior" was sung, after which Mrs. Mary Lau led in prayer. To-day the story of the Pharisee and the Publican was continued, but the emphasis was placed on the Publican. God's power comes through His spirit in the heart, for what?—that we may be His messengers, His representatives. We must live the daily life so that those around us may see, without our saying anything, that we represent Him. She told the story of an old Christian man, from Kutien, who had had many dreams where he saw heaven and its glories. He was very earnest about spreading the Gospel, going from place to place, and he told at each place what Christ had done for him. He never could be satisfied, however, till he was able to see the face of Jesus. In his wanderings, he came to the home of a godly pastor, who was a benediction to all who knew him. When the old man was about to leave, this pastor told him that he very much hoped he would have his desire, and see the face of Jesus before he died. "I have seen it," he said. "I have been looking at your face these days, and I have seen the face of Jesus." We have such wonderful opportunities to show people the face of Christ. So many lost sheep to be sought, and the Master is counting on each one of us to do this for Him. Then the speaker showed us, by means of maps, the enormous territory around Yungan that had not yet been touched. The challenge was strikingly put to each one present. After a brief period of silent prayer and heart searching, Mrs. Ling voiced our petitions in a really wonderful prayer.

After a song by a group of girls from Francesca Nast Gamble school, the group meetings were continued. These were very inspiring, and the Secretary can testify to the really practical results of the group of Teachers' and Preachers'
Wives. While the groups were gathering, the Bible-women, who had met in the chapel, sang familiar songs.

The Chinese secretary read the minutes of the previous day, which were accepted after a few corrections had been made.

A telegram of greeting from the Kiangsi Conference was read at this time.

After discussion, it was decided to further change the Constitution, making Article III Section 2 read, "After 1925, new Chinese members, etc." Article IV should read, after providing for the two Recording Secretaries, "The Chinese secretary need not necessarily be a Conference delegate."

Mrs. Bankhardt and Mrs. Dang gave the report of the Evangelistic Committee and explained some of the plans suggested.

The election of officers then took place, the following being elected:

President ... Mrs. Ling Maiu Ding
Vice-President ... Mrs. Frederick Bankhart
Vice-President ... Miss Lydia Hung
Chinese Secretary ... Miss Helen Ding
English Secretary ... Mrs. C. G. Trimble
Statistical Secretary ... Mrs. Karl W. Scheufler
Asst. Statistical Secretary ... Mrs. Grace Go Dang

The Committees, as presented by the Nominating Committee, were unanimously elected. Miss Glassburner asked the Secretaries to inform people as to their Committee duties. It was also suggested that a roll of the Conference Charter Members be prepared as soon as possible.

After a song, "There's not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus," by the Woman's School, and the Lord's Prayer, the morning session closed.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 23,

Mrs. Mary Lau conducted the devotional service on this the last afternoon of the Conference. After singing "In the Rusted Rock I'm Resting," and prayer by Mrs. Ciu Keng Ling the new officers were greeted. Then Mrs. Lau took
up the story of Mary and Martha, and that of Mary an-
pointing Jesus' feet. As did Mary, we must sit at Jesus' feet
and listen to Him, often when we are busiest. A woman's hair
is her glory, her pride. A person's feet are not thought of
very highly, but Mary used this costly ointment to wash the
feet of Jesus, and wiped them with her hair. The anointing
came while Lazarus was well and strong, it was not left as
Mary's thank-offering after her brother had been restored to
life. Because of the intimate relationship with Jesus, He was
the first one thought of when Lazarus was taken sick, He was
immediately sent for; after the death, He was sent for again.
His power was needed. Before we can go out after the
many Lazaruses dead and buried in sin, we must, like Mary,
prostrate ourselves at the feet of Jesus. We must bring
our intellect, our whole powers to His feet. So many needy
ones, and we never even tell Jesus about them. Before
Jesus Himself did any mighty works, He prayed, and we
must first pray. We need not imitate any one else, we must
cry to God in our own way. At the end, can we be able to
say, "I have finished the course, I have kept the faith." Miss
Iek closed the hour with prayer.

Miss Glassburner reported that $194.50 has been put on
fixed deposit for the Retirement fund. A further statement
is to be found in the Statistical tables.

At this time Bishop F. T. Keeney was introduced and
spoke to us. He brought greetings from the Hinghwa and
the Ing Chung Conferences. He emphasised the need for
educated women, and spoke of the dearth of education in
China even after these years. He used the illustration given
by Mrs. Orpha Avann. Put the girls of China, who are attend-
ing school, two feet apart and the line would be only 70
miles long; while the line of girls of school age, who are
not enrolled, would reach from here to Foochow, to Shanghai,
up to Peking, across to Yokohama, then to San Francisco
then to New York, and on across the Atlantic Ocean to the
shores of Europe. With such need, we must pass on as fast
as we can. To get something and not to pass it on is to be
a miser. But if you pass it on, not only the recipient is
enriched, but the giver is also. He then spoke of the fact that there had been but two W. F. M. S. representatives elected to the Central Conference and thought it would be well to make the suggestion to the Lay conference that one from here be elected. He also suggested that we ask the Central Conference so to change their Constitution as to make it possible for the Woman’s work to have representation at future sessions.

At this time Rev. Hung Daik Ching, the Fraternal delegate from the Annual Conference, was introduced. He brought greetings from the Annual Conference and spoke on the importance of Woman’s work.

Mrs. Bankhardt then stepped to the front and asked that all present, under thirty-six years of age, should rise. Only a few remained seated. Then she said that this day marked the thirty-sixth anniversary of the arrival of Miss Hartford to China. Miss Hartford was called to the front to receive the greeting of the Conference.

The Chinese secretary read the report of the work of the day, after which it was voted that Miss Hartford be the one suggested to the Lay conference as the representative of the Woman’s work at the Central Conference.

Miss Glassburner announced that there should be a meeting to organize the members belonging to the Retirement Association, but the exact date was not set.

After singing “Pitying Saviour Hear my Cry,” Miss Ethel Lee had charge of the consecration hour. She spoke of the ease with which we say we have given everything to Christ, and how without realizing the meaning we re-consecrate ourselves. We may think our whole day is given to God, our feet have perhaps been doing His biding, we have gone out to tell of His love, but little has been said but gossip and unkind things. Our ears have only heard things we never should have listened to. What actually was consecrated that day? Sometimes students try to imitate the foreign teachers, they start out to do it with all good intentions, but do it so imperfectly that they only make a laughing stock of them. Instead of making them glad, there are hurt
feelings. Is that the way we imitate Christ? Christ says to us, "Lovest thou Me? Feed My Sheep."

The Spirit of God was with us as we knelt in silent prayer, and we sang with the Heart, as well as with the understanding, "Is My Name Written There?"

Mrs. Bankhardt asked for a special vote of thanks to Mrs. Lau, Miss Iek, Mrs. Skinner and to Miss Lee for the inspiration they had given us.

After singing "Take My Life and Let it Be" Rev. Hung pronounced the benediction and the Conference session was closed. We have had a glimpse of the Vineyard, we have heard the Master calling for laborers. The burden has been laid on the hearts of the Chinese women, and we see the dawn of a new era as we take up the work.

**ENGLISH SESSION.**

At 7.30 p.m., Tuesday evening the missionaries, with Mrs. Lau and Miss Iek, met at the W. F. M. S. home for the reading of the English reports. Mrs. Bankhardt was in charge. Mrs. Irene Oleen's beautiful piano solo and Miss Stafford's solo, "Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd" was greatly enjoyed. Bishop Keeney spoke of his personal appreciation of the harmony between the two missions, and emphasized the need of harmony if we are to do our best work for the Kingdom. He also voiced his personal appreciation of Miss Hartford and all of the pioneers, who made it possible for us who are newer in the work to see our dreams fulfilled.

The rest of the evening was spent as a celebration of Miss Hartford's thirty-sixth anniversary in China and delicious refreshment were served.

**SPECIAL SESSION, OCTOBER 26, 1923.**

Through an oversight, the Memorial to the Central Conference suggested by Bishop Keeney was overlooked, so a special meeting was called at the church after the Bishop's address Saturday morning. The matter was brought up for discussion and the Secretary was instructed to form such a
memorial to be presented first to the Annual Conference, by the fraternal delegates, and later sent to the Central Conference at Foochow.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

Two years ago the Sunday School Committee was made a part of the Centenary Directing Board, and given authority to draw on the Centenary Promotional Fund for help in putting Sunday School supplies within reach of our workers. This has enabled the Committee to provide every circuit in the Conference with a copy of the Students' Quarterly and a set of the small Bible Picture cards. A few Sunday Schools have found these sufficiently helpful that the members themselves were glad to raise funds to order additional copies, but even where this has not been done, the lesson topics and the questions have been used with great benefit to the Sunday School work. A number of pastors have written for picture post cards. The Committee is glad to send these as long as the supply holds out, but suggests that these cards be not cheapened by indiscriminate distribution, but that they be given out only as rewards for regularity of attendance or excellence of work in the school.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That every preaching point shall have a Sunday School, in which children, inquirers, probationers, and church members shall be divided into classes and taught according to their mental capacity and spiritual needs.

2. Since many of these preaching points can be visited by the pastor only once or twice a month, but every one of them has a Class Leader who with a little training could organize and superintend the Sunday School, we therefore urge that in all District Conferences there shall be for the Class Leaders, special classes in Simple Sunday School methods, such as are adapted to country places.

3. For the further training of Sunday School workers, we urge that every school have a weekly teachers' meeting with lesson study and discussion of methods.

4. We urge that regularity of attendance be encouraged by keeping a strict record of the attendance of all pupils, and that no one who has not been present at least half of the time be reported at the end of the year as a member of the school.
5. We urge that those in charge of Sunday Schools study to provide varied and attractive programs from Sunday to Sunday, giving especial attention to Christian and National holidays. It is suggested that Chinese New Year Sunday be observed as cradle roll day, at which time all students may be encouraged to contribute birthday money to be used in the work of the Chinese Woman's Missionary Society in Yungan.

6. Every Sunday School should have a Decision Day in which those who are not already Christians may be led to take that step, and those who are Christians may be led to consecrate themselves fully to the service of Christ. This service should be the culmination of a period of earnest and prayerful preparation.

7. Every Sunday School should co-operate in helping to make a literate church membership. Whether by Scripture Phonetics, or the Six Hundred Character Method, by any and by all means our members must be taught to read, and the Sunday School should be one of the chief factors in making a literate church.

8. We feel that the Sunday School Rally on Conference Sunday afternoon this year was a great help and inspiration to Sunday School workers, and we again earnestly urge the Conference Program Committee to plan for such a rally again next year, giving opportunity for the reporting of Sunday School work throughout the Conference.

Yours for the hastening of the Kingdom,

HUNG YUEN SEN.
WAN CHEN SUEI,
MAMIE F. GLASSBURNER.

Report of the Evangelistic Committee

The members of this committee were unable to meet during the year, because they were busy doing evangelistic work and could not get together to talk about it.

Miss Reiman and Mrs. Ling were gone over two months on the Shunchang District. Then Miss Glassburner spent several weeks at Hsia Meo. When she returned, Miss Reiman and Mrs. Ling departed for Institute work on the Yungan District. Miss Linam made several short trips on the Yanping District and conducted evangelistic meetings in Yanping City. Miss Hartford traveled her District with her Bible-women; and Miss Glassburner and her High School band made an evangelistic tour of the Changhupan District.
Even at the end of the year only a few of us could meet to prepare the report.

We wish to report that the “emblems” sent out last year were used with great success on the Yenping and Yungan District, inspiring many women and children to learn to read.

In order to provide our workers with suitable tracts and other material for evangelistic work we nominate Mrs. Ling as Secretary of Literature.

We recommend that Miss Margarett Stafford and Mrs. Laura W. Bankhardt be appointed as leaders of Gospel Teams to enlist groups of women and girls to visit adjoining churches and conduct a short series of evangelistic meetings.

We recommend that we, as a Conference, wholeheartedly support the Yungan Home Mission enterprise, first by each one becoming a member of the China Woman’s Missionary Society; second by organizing societies, and third, where societies cannot be organized, securing individual members.

For the Committee.

LAURA W. BANKHARDT.

Literacy Secretary

This work has been hindered in many ways this year, so we have not been able to accomplish all we hoped to accomplish, but we feel that progress has been made in teaching the women of our Conference to read.

As we all know, it is impossible for women to become intelligent Christians unless they are able to read their Bible.

Wherever evangelistic campaigns have been held, the women who have accepted Christ as their Savior, have been organized into classes and taught to read. In some places they have been following a definite course. A system of emblems already successfully used in North China has been introduced with good effect. As a result many women have been taught to read. A District Christian Woman’s Institute
has been held on four of the Districts of the Yenping Conference. The women who attended were eager to learn to read and it was a joy to teach them.

In each of the Sunday Schools in Yenping City there is a class of women studying the Phonetics. There are also such classes in a number of the Sunday Schools in the Districts. Phonetics have been taught at two of the District Institutes for Christian women.

We all realize the importance of this work. Please pray that each one may do all in his or her power to advance this important line of work.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE LINAM.

October 27, 1923.

The Secretary of the Central Asia Conference, Foochow, China,

To whom it may concern:—

The Yenping Woman's Conference presents the following memorial to the Central Asia Conference meeting in Foochow November 14, 1923:—

The present representation at the Central Asia Conference shows what is likely to occur at each session hereafter, under the present constitution. Had it not been for outside suggestion, it is quite possible that there would not be a single representative from the Woman's work in the delegated body. We feel this to be unfair, both to the work and to the workers if, as all believe, the Woman's work in China is to grow along with the work for men.

We urge the Conference so to change the Constitution as to make it possible for each Woman's Conference to have official representation in the delegated body.

EDITH ALFORD TRIMBLE.

English Secretary of the Yenping Woman's Conference.
Constitution of the Yenping Woman’s Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be called the Yenping Woman’s Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The object of this organization is to unite the effort of Christian leaders for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ among women and children in China, by the presentation of reports, the discussion of methods of work, the consideration of customs not in accord with Christian principles, and the making of recommendations with regard to the same.

ARTICLE III

Members

1. Charter Members:—Any woman who is a member of any evangelical church engaged in active Christian work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Yenping Conference as Bible-woman, Teacher, Pastor’s Wife, or Missionary, is considered a charter member of the Conference, if she has given two years of acceptable service, and is a graduate of an accredited Higher Primary School, or Woman’s Bible Training School, or any higher institution of learning. In the case of a missionary, one year of language study shall count as one year of work. Any woman who has given ten years of faithful service, and has passed the Preparatory and the First year’s Exhorter’s examination shall be considered a charter member.

2. New Members:—Until 1925 new members shall be eligible for membership if they have fulfilled the requirements given for Charter members, but after 1925 new Chinese members shall be graduates of the Higher Primary Department of the Woman’s Bible Training School, or of the Junior High School, or any Higher Institution of learning, and shall be admitted after two years of acceptable service; new Missionaries after two years of work, including one year of language study, on recommendation of the Conference Relations Committee, by a majority vote of all the members present at the annual session.

3. Associate Members:—Chinese women who have given five years of acceptable active service in the Conference, and who have
passed the Preparatory and the First year’s Exhorter’s examinations may, on recommendation of the Conference Relation Committee be elected to associate membership in the Conference, with privileges of discussion, but not with privilege to vote.

ARTICLE IV
Officers

The Officers of this organization shall be a President, who must be Chinese; two Vice-Presidents, one of whom must be Chinese; two Recording Secretaries, one English, and one Chinese who need not necessarily be a member of the Conference; a Statistical Secretary, who shall be English, and a Chinese Assistant Statistical Secretary. The duties of each of these officers shall be those ordinarily connected with that office.

ARTICLE V
Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting shall be held at approximately the same time and at the same place as the Yenping Annual Conference.

ARTICLE VI
Standing Committees

1. Names of Committees:—The Standing Committees of this organization shall be as follows:—Evangelistic, Social Service, Program, Publication, Entertainment, Conference Relations, Nominations.

2. Organization of Committees:—The organization of the above committees shall be as follows:

(a) The Evangelistic Committee shall be composed of those in charge of District Evangelistic work and five others, appointed by the Nominating Committee. Of the five, three shall be elected to represent the Conference on the Joint Mission Evangelistic Committee.

(b) The Social Service Committee shall consist of five members.

(c) The Program Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Conference and three other members chosen by the Nominating Committee.

(d) The Committee on Publication shall consist of the Recording and Statistical Secretaries.

(e) The Entertainment Committee shall consist of three members,

(f) The Committee on Conference Relations shall consist of the persons in charge of District Evangelistic and Educational work, the Principals of the Woman’s Bible Training School and Middle School, and six other members chosen one from each district by the Nominating Committee. The first two of these six members shall be elected
for a term of six years, two for two years, and two for one year. Thereafter, the vacancies left by the retiring members shall be filled by members appointed for three years.

(g) The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members.

3. Duties of Committees.

(a) The duties of the Evangelistic Committee shall be as follows:
   (1) To assist in the planning of special Evangelistic campaigns.
   (2) To correspond with Pastors, Bible-women, and other workers for the purpose of stirring up interest in the Evangelistic work.
   (3) To prepare material for Evangelistic workers.
   (4) To make reports through the Conference paper of Evangelistic work among the women.
   (5) To organize local Gospel teams.

(b) The duty of the Program Committee shall be to plan the program for the Annual meeting.

(c) The duties of the Social Service Committee shall be:
   (1) To organize Health and Sanitation Campaigns.
   (2) To promote reform of evil customs.
   (3) To distribute health and reform literature.
   (4) To plan social meetings and entertainments that may afford a point of contact with non-Christian people.

(d) The duties of the Conference Relations Committee shall be:
   (1) To investigate applications and recommendations for membership.
   (2) To investigate difference between and complaint regarding members, and to provide if possible a way of settlement.

(e) All of these Committees shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting to supervise the work of their respective departments for the following year and to report at the next Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Quorum

Not less than thirty members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII

Ammendment

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at the Annual meeting, provided that all the membership have been notified in writing of the proposed change at least a month before the Annual Meeting.
W. F. M. S. Appointments

Evangelistic Work.

Yuki ........ Miss Mabel Hartford
Yenping .... Miss Alice Linam
Changhupan .. Miss Mamie Glassburner
Shahsien .... Miss Glassburner
Shuenchang ... Miss Glassburner
Yungan ...... Mrs. J. E. Skinner
Yenping City Mrs. F. Bankhardt
........ Mrs. K. W. Scheufler

Educational Work, Yenping.

Emma Fuller Memorial Girls' School
(Intermediate and High School Departments)
Principal, Miss Glassburner
Assistant Principal, Miss Bertha Li
Instructors, Miss Mary Eide, Miss Fern Sinkey, Mrs. C. N.
Oleen,* Mrs. C. G. Trimble.*

Woman's Bible Training School, Miss Linam
Francesca Nast Gamble Day School and Kindergarten, Miss Sinkey.

Educational Work, Yuki.

Woman's Bible Training School  Miss Hartford.
Girls' Boarding School .... Miss Hartford.

Educational Work, Yungan.

Girls' Boarding School, Principal
(Missionary from Fukien Woman's Missionary Society.)

Conference Primary Day Schools:

Changhupan .... Mr. Oleen and Miss Glassburner
Shahsien ...... Miss Glassburner and Mr. Oleen
Shuenchang ... Miss Glassburner and Mr. Oleen
Yenping ...... Mr. Oleen and Miss Glassburner
Yuki ..... Miss Hartford and Mr. Oleen
Yungan ...... Mrs. Skinner and Mr. Oleen
On furlough .. Miss Frida Reiman

Student of Language at Nanking. Miss Minnie Huser

Reference Committee.

Miss Hartford Miss Eide
Miss Linam Miss Sinkey
Miss Glassburner Mrs. Bankhardt
........ Mrs. Trimble

Official Correspondent .. .... .... .... .... Mrs. C. G. Trimble

* Mrs. Oleen and Mrs. Trimble each have but two music periods a week.
Missionaries of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Yenping Mission

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