South Fukien Religious Tract Society

Annual Report 1933

Financial Statements

for

Year Ending 30th November, 1933
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 1934

PRESIDENT
Rev. H. P. DePree, D.D.
*American Reformed Church Mission.*

SECRETARY
Miss E. A. Lindsay,
*London Missionary Society.*

TREASURER
Miss E. A. Lindsay,
*London Missionary Society.*

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Miss D. M. Arrowsmith,
*English Presbyterian Mission.*

Miss R. Broekema,
*American Reformed Church Mission.*

Miss J. Veldman,
*American Reformed Church Mission.*

Rev. A. F. Griffiths,
*London Missionary Society.*

Rev. H. A. Poppen,
*American Reformed Church Mission.*

Mr. R. Tully,
*English Presbyterian Mission.*
CONSTITUTION

I. NAME.—This Society shall be called the "South Fukien Religious Tract Society," and its headquarters shall be at Amoy.

II. OBJECT.—The object of the Society shall be the publication and circulation of books and tracts, prepared on the same principles as those of the Religious Tract Society of London or the American Tract Society.

III. MEMBERSHIP.—All Protestant Missionaries labouring in South Fukien may, on application through the Secretary and by payment of an annual subscription, become members thereof. Friends, other than missionaries, willing to further the object of the Society may, on payment of a subscription of $5 and upwards, become Honorary Life Members.

IV. OFFICERS.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer; all of whom shall be elected annually.

V. EXECUTIVE.—The business of the Society shall be conducted by an Executive Committee which shall consist of the officers and six other members elected at the annual meeting. This committee shall have power to fill vacancies in its membership during the year. It shall meet when necessary for the transaction of business, four to form a quorum.

VI. ANNUAL MEETING.—The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held at Amoy before the 31st of December of each year and as soon after the close of financial year on the 30th of November as possible. At the Annual Meeting a Report of the past year's working of the Society shall be presented for adoption together with a statement of accounts; and the officers and Committee for the ensuing year shall be elected. Should fewer than fifteen members be present any matters decided must have the support of three-quarters of the members attending.

GENERAL MEETINGS may be held at other times when business requires, a quorum at these meetings shall consist of one-third of the total membership present in South Fukien.
VII. PUBLICATIONS.—All books and tracts published by the Society must first be submitted to the Executive Committee for examination, and no tract or book shall be adopted which is not approved by a majority of the Committee.

Nothing relating to denominational controversy shall be published by this Society.

VIII. SALES AND GRANTS.—The price of books and tracts shall be fixed by the Executive Committee. Persons ordering the Society's publications from the Secretary or Book Depot shall be responsible for the payment of the Catalogue value of the same. Requests for free grants must be referred to the Executive Committee.

IX. SUBSCRIPTIONS.—The Treasurer shall be authorized to solicit subscriptions on behalf of the funds of the Society.

X. REPORT AND CATALOGUE.—A Catalogue and Annual Report shall be printed and circulated.

XI. AMENDMENTS.—Changes in the Society's Constitution can be made only at an Annual or General Meeting by two-thirds vote of the total membership present in South Fukien, and provided that one month's previous notice has been given. Members unable to attend may send their votes to the Secretary.

CAPITAL FUND

At the first meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided that all money received from Honorary Membership subscriptions shall be set aside as a Capital Fund, using only the interest for current expenses. Should it at any time be desirable to use the Capital Fund, or any part of it for special purposes, this shall be done only by a three-fourths vote of the total membership present in South Fukien. Other friends may contribute to this Capital Fund.

At the Annual Meeting in January, 1933 discretionary powers were given to the Committee of the Society to use Honorary Membership subscriptions for general expenses if such seemed desirable.
SOUTH FU KIEN RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY

Annual Report 1933

Introduction. A year ago the Society began a new era in its existence in that it had secured premises of its own, and the Committee looked forward to a period of increased activity and of greater interest in the work. In some respects this has been fulfilled, and yet the Committee feels that it has not been able to accomplish all that it had hoped. The Committee of the future has still ahead of it a strenuous time era. It can be said that the Society adequately is carrying out God's commission in the preparation of and in the distribution of books in the Amoy Vernacular as well as of other Christian literature in character prepared by other similar societies in China to the people in South Fukien and to overseas Amoy-speaking Chinese. The main difficulty in arranging adequately for the work is still a financial one, but the Committee trusts that, as the economic situation in the world improves, this financial stringency will gradually disappear.

However, in the foreword of this report, the Committee expresses its gratitude and thanks to Almighty God for His presence and help during the year under review and for the many times He has opened doors to allow of progress when it appeared as if the way was blocked. Also to the members and friends of the Society the Committee gives thanks for all the financial and other help which they under the guidance of God have given to the work in the course of 1933.

The Society has now had a full working year's Depot, occupancy of the present premises; and their suitability both for the retailing and for the storage of stock has been amply tried. The work of those, on whom the main burden of seeing to the activities of the Society falls, has been made easier, and
the stock has been kept in better condition. Previously through damp and other causes there was considerable deterioration in the stock, and this naturally affected the finances. Such deterioration to the stock has been practically eliminated, and this is all to the good. Also the Committee feels that the customers have been better served in that the available stock can be seen and examined in a way that formerly was not possible. Much more might still be done in this respect, and the Committee is ever ready to receive suggestions to this end, and to give effect to them if this is possible.

Mr. Chng Ek Chheng as depot-keeper has done much good work in the course of the year, and he has kept the stock in good condition. His careful records of the Society's transactions throughout the year have left little to be desired, and his sincerity and honesty in financial matters have been well demonstrated. Although far from being the ideal salesman, he has shown distinct improvement in bringing new stock to the notice of people who come to the depot. In the late Spring Mr. Chng's son was taken on as an assistant in the depot, and this may account to some extent for the improvement in running the depot. The Committee has on several occasions discussed Mr. Chng's connection with the Society, and feels that in spite of improvement during the past year he has still to prove his fitness and suitability for the position he holds. But the Committee's difficulty has been, and still is, to secure just the right sort of man for this position as the Society needs much than merely a clever and attractive salesman in charge of the depot. A large and valuable stock of books, apart from what is on view in the sales depot, has inevitably to be entrusted to the depot-keeper, and the Society's experiences in the past have shown how easily leakages from this stock (a considerable part of which has been entrusted to the Society to sell on a commission basis) can take place, and leave a heavy financial burden on the Society. For these reasons the Committee, is spite of complaints as to Mr. Chng's lack of initiative and "push" in respect
of his work in the sales' depot, has continued him in the service of the Society throughout the year. It will be for the members of the Society at the Annual Meeting to decide and give instructions to the 1934 Committee as to whether Mr. Chng should be continued in the service of the Society.

There is still one other matter in respect of the depot as well as of the Society's Work generally for which the Committee regrets that adequate provision has not been possible. Until more supervision can be given by a missionary, for a period of 5-10 years at any rate, to the work of the Society than has hitherto been possible, the Society will not be able to fulfil its aim more fully. There is full-time work for a person who has literary gifts as well as business capacity. The shrinkage in the staffs of the co-operating missions has made it difficult to arrange for a person being set sufficiently free from other responsibilities so as to make the work of the Society an integral part of his missionary service; and it would not appear as if this is to be any easier in the near future than it has been in recent years. Yet this is a matter that might well be considered by the three missions working in South Fukien—is it possible for one Mission to give the services of one of its staff for a minimum of half of his time, or is it possible for the three missions co-operatively to provide one person to give his full time to the work of the Society. Such a step would be progressive and would result in the provision of more new books in the Amoy Vernacular and it would also result in better distribution both of the Society's own literature and of the literature of other sister Societies.

The Committee herewith submits statistics showing the number of books and tracts that have been put into circulation in the course of the year. These have been arranged differently from last year's statistics in order to show the extent to which the Society's own publications are being put into circulation.
1. The Society's own publications.
   (a) Romanised publications .......... 16,938
   (b) Character publications (books and tracts) .... 11,784

2. Books sold on commission (privately owned).
   (a) Romanised publications .......... 806
   (b) Character publications .......... 444

   Romanised publications .......... 381

   Character publications .......... 5,319

   Romanised and Character in one book .......... 3,667

6. Maps and Diagrams .......... 958

7. Dictionaries .......... 139

8. Commentaries .......... 86

9. "Amoy Church News" (Seng-hoe-po)—copies monthly 530

For purposes of comparison with the figures given in the 1932 Report the figures under items 1-4 must be combined and the comparative figures are as follows:

   1933.  1932.

Romanised publications .......... 18,125  14,663
Character publications (books and tracts) .... 17,547  25,850

This shows a welcome increase in the romanised publications and a considerable decrease in character publications. The decrease has been largely in tracts—many of which were out of print. Actually in books there has been an increase as the financial returns show.

The figures under items 5-8 all show an increase as compared with 1932, and this is gratifying. The "Amoy Church News" has maintained its circulation, but it has not been possible to collect many of the subscriptions for the paper.

The Committee had feared that the general economic conditions in South Fukien and elsewhere would,
as has happened in the case of similar Societies at other places, result in a very considerable decrease in the number of books and tracts that would go into circulation in 1933. It regrets the decrease in the character publications, but is gratified that the romanised and other publications, particularly maps and diagrams, show a very considerable increase. Taking everything into consideration the Committee feels that the Society has not done too badly in 1933, and is confident that, when the present world-wide financial depression passes and there is a return to happier economic conditions, there will be a very large increased demand for the kind of publications that the Society handles. Meanwhile it behoves the Society to prepare new and suitable literature to meet a demand that will surely come in the days that lie ahead.

The Committee in spite of having had more funds at its disposal than in the previous year has not been able to do as much as it would have liked in the publishing of books. The cost of printing is constantly rising, and also the Committee has followed the policy of bringing out larger editions of any reprints than it formerly did. This may appear to be "slowing down" the number of publications in any one year, but in the end it will result in "speeding up"—the cost of publishing a larger edition is relatively much cheaper, and from the economic point of view will result in freeing more money at a later date for the printing of new publications. Unfortunately the Society's stock of "best sellers" (mainly hymn-books) has of necessity been allowed to run very low, and as there is an insistent demand for these the Committee felt that this stock should be replenished.

Mrs. DePree's translation of "Home Education" (Ki-tok-hoa e Ka-teng Kau-iok) was available in the course of the year, and already it has had a brisk sale. The Committee regrets that it was not possible to print the second half of Miss Ho Siok-cheng's "Daily Devotional Readings" (Leng-siu Jit-kho), but hopes it may be possible to get it ready before July 1934. The
Committee also regrets that the new hymn-book for young people (Poe-leng Si-koa) in character has not been arranged for, but the delay is due to the inability of the South Fukien Church Executive Committee to sanction certain suggested alterations in the text of the hymn-book.

The "Amoy Church News" under the able editorship of Miss A. T. Duncan has appeared monthly throughout the year, and the Society owes much to Miss Duncan's enthusiasm in undertaking the publication of the paper. This is one of the hardest pieces of work that the Committee has to arrange for, and the Committee will not find it easy to secure an editor to replace Miss Duncan when she leaves on furlough in the Spring of 1934.

A catalogue of the Society's publications was issued in the course of the year, and copies of this catalogue can be obtained at the depot.

The following is a complete list of the publications issued by the Society in 1933, viz:—

1. **Romanised and Character Publications**
   (in one book),
   "Chu-Jit Sin-liong" (Sunday School Lessons & Daily Readings)

2. **Romanised Publications**.
   "Ki-liok"—Part 2.
   "Leng-siu Jit-kho"—1st half.
   "Iu-ti Kho-pun"— 2.
   "Ku-iok Soan-liök"
   "Ki-tok-hoa e Ka-teng Kau-iok"

3. **Character Publications**.
   "Seng-keng-chat"
   "Iong-sim Sin-si"—large character edition.
   "Chin-to Bun-tap"
   "Iong-sim Sin-si"—sol-fa notation edition.
In addition the character edition with staff notation of "Long-sim Sin-si" has been printed in Shanghai, and will be on sale in the depot about the middle of January 1934. Most of the plates for the tunes of this edition had to be re-made, and this has entailed delay and expense to the Society that was not reckoned on when the order was given.

The Committee appointed a sub-committee on stock to assist in securing for the depot the publications of other Societies, and the work of this sub-committee is seen in the more attractive display of literature that is now available in the depot.

Statements of the finances of the Society for Finance. 1933 as well as lists of donations for several objects from members and friends are included in this report.

A year ago a special appeal was made for donations for the publication of books, and the Committee is profoundly grateful to the members and friends of the Society who have so handsomely responded to this appeal. The response has enabled the Committee to go forward during 1933 without being subject to as many worries in financial matters as it had during the previous year. Yet the Society is not "out of the wood" in matters of finance, and the Committee hopes that those, who have not yet responded to this special appeal for the "Publication of Books Fund," will find it possible during 1934 to share in this effort.

The publication of hymn-books is a heavy recurring charge on the Society, and unfortunately several kinds of the "Long-sim Sin-si" and of the "Poe-leng Si-koa" are requiring to be reprinted at the present time. When the Society was founded there was no initial capital, and thus from the beginning the activities of the Society have been curtailed. Hitherto the Committee through lack of capital has had to be content with small editions of the various kinds of hymn-books, and the result has been that every year several reprints have had to be undertaken. There is no actual loss in the sale of
hymn-books, but from the small percentage of profit it has not been possible to build up a reserve fund that would meet the cost of this periodic reprinting. Until at one and the same time the Society has in stock a sufficiently large paid-up-for stock of the various kinds of hymn-books, this curtailing of the Society’s work will be felt—if such a paid-up-for stock of hymn-books were to become available, it should then be possible by the creation of a hymn-book reserve fund to replenish the stock from the sales without jeopardising the publication of other books. One friend of the Society, realising the difficulties due to lack of capital, has offered to finance the printing of 10,000 copies of the small character edition of the “Iong-sim Sin-si” under certain conditions. This would relieve the Committee from having to meet immediately a very heavy bill for printing, and make this book available for students etc., and the Committee feels inclined to accept this offer on a modified “sale on commission” basis.

Under the heading “General Account” a statement is given in which details of cost of running the depot etc. during 1933 are given. The year commenced with a considerable debit balance. At the end of the year in spite of several generous donations from members and friends it looked as if this year also would close with a debit balance. However, a friend of the Society came forward with a donation of $252.12 to square up the accounts for the year under review, and the new treasurer will commence the year with a clean sheet. However, he will before the end of the Chinese year have to meet heavy obligations for printing three lots of “Iong-sim Sin-si”—the staff notation character edition, the large character edition, and the large romanised edition.

The subscriptions of honorary members have again been used to meet the running expenses of the Society, but it is hoped that at a later date it may be possible again to divert such subscriptions to a Special Capital Fund, the interest on which will alone be used to meet
current expenditure. The Committee is gratified that the income from members' subscriptions shows an increase as compared with the previous year, but there are still some missionaries who are not yet on the list of subscribing members.

In these days of economic difficulties and at a time when in many cases salaries and other allowances are being cut, the Committee finds it difficult to press for increased support to the Society. It is only the great urgency and importance of the work that can warrant such an appeal, and so the Committee would again ask that, if it be at all possible, the members and friends of the Society will do what is possible in respect of a "higher scale of giving." By doing so the hands of the 1934 Committee will be strengthened, and it will enable the new committee the better to fulfil the purpose for which the Society was founded.

Once again the Society is indebted to the Religious Tract Society of London for a grant of £20. The Committee hopes that at a later date the economic conditions in Europe may improve so that the parent Society in London may be able to send £50 per annum as in former years.

The Committee desires to give its grateful Thanks.

(1) to the Religious Tract Society of London for a grant of £20,

(2) to the members and friends of the Society for their annual subscriptions,

(3) to the members and friends of the Society for their generous response to the appeal for donations to the "Publication of Books Fund",

(4) to Miss A. T. Duncan for another year's strenuous work as editor of the "Amoy Church News," to the other members of the Editorial Board, and to the contributors of articles for the paper,

(5) to all who have by prayer or otherwise forwarded the interests of the Society.
Above all the Committee again gives thanks to God for guiding the destinies of the Society through another year, and for all He has enabled the Committee to do, and prays that the Christian literature distributed in His name may be used by Him so that His name may have been glorified and His kingdom extended.

On behalf of the Committee,

H. J. P. Anderson.

Secretary.

Kulangsu, Amoy.

27th December, 1933.
Financial Statements

1933
List of Members and Subscriptions 1933.

A. Ordinary Members for 1933.

Mr. Peter Anderson ............................................. $ 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. P. Anderson ................................ 20.00
Miss D. M. Arrowsmith ........................................... 10.00
Miss E. K. Beekman .............................................. 25.00
Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Boot, D.D. ................................. 5.00
Miss R. Broekema ............................................... 20.00
Miss E. G. Bruce ................................................. 10.00
Dr. M. E. Bryson ................................................. 10.00
Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Busby ........................................ 10.00
Miss M. Clarke ................................................... 10.00
Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Cumming .................................... 10.00
Rev. and Mrs. H. P. DePree, D.D. ............................... 10.00
Miss A. T. Duncan ................................................. 10.00
Miss L. N. Duryee ................................................ 25.00
Rev. F. Eckerson, D.D. .......................................... 3.00
Miss M. Fraser .................................................... 15.00
Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Griffiths ................................... 10.00
Rev. and Mrs. F. G. Healey ...................................... 10.00
Miss G. E. Hewett ................................................ 10.00
Dr. and Mrs. R. Hofstra ......................................... 10.00
Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Holleman ................................... 20.00
Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Hutchinson .................................. 6.00
Rev. K. H. L. Hutley ............................................. 10.00
Mrs. W. W. Jett ................................................... 10.00
Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Koepe ...................................... 10.00
Miss A. E. Lindsay ............................................... 10.00
Miss J. P. McKay ................................................ 10.00
Miss M. C. Morrison ............................................. 10.00
Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Mumford .................................... 10.00
Miss J. Nienhuis ................................................ 10.00
Dr. and Mrs. T. V. Oltman ..................................... 15.00
Miss D. Pearce ................................................... 10.00
Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Phillips ................................... 10.00
Miss J. M. Platz .................................................. 5.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. Roberts ....................................... 15.00
Miss M. A. F. Roxburgh ......................................... 10.00
Rev. and Mrs. W. Short ......................................... 10.00
Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Slater .................................... 10.00
Miss A. A. Symington ........................................... 5.00
Miss K. M. Talmage ............................................. 25.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. Tully .......................................... 15.00
Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Turner ..................................... 15.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. Vander Meer .................................. 10.00
Miss J. Vedelma .......................... 25.00
Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Vosquill .............. 10.00
Miss J. Walvoord .......................... 10.00

$ 549.00

Late subscriptions for 1932.

Dr. M. E. Bryson .......................... 10.00
Dr. and Mrs. T. V. Oltman .................. 10.00

$ 20.00

B. Honorary Members for 1933.

Miss M. G. Ewing .......................... $ 10.00
Miss J. Ewing ............................. 10.00
Miss E. J. Herschell ...................... 10.00
Miss H. Lecky ............................. 15.18
Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Maxwell ................ 10.00
Miss T. C. Noltenius ....................... 10.00
Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Talman ................ 17.08
Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Warnshuis .............. 10.00

$ 92.26

Donations for Furnishing the New Depot.

Balance from the New Premises Building Fund ................ $ 195.84
Miss C. Blakeney ................................ 25.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rogers .................... 50.00
Rev. and Mrs. W. Short ....................... 40.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. Tully ....................... 50.00
"T.H.I.N." per H. J. P. Anderson to meet the deficit and close the Building Fund ........ $ 69.16

$ 430.00
Donations towards the Running Expenses of Depot.

Religious Tract Society of London (£20) $308.43
H. J. P Anderson—return of commission for sale of maps 11.70
Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Warnshuis 20.19
"T.H.I.N." per H. J. P. Anderson to meet the deficit in General Account for 1933 252.12

$592.44

Donations for Publication of Books Fund.

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### FINANCIAL

(Year ending 1933)


**Income.**

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**Total Income:** $7,302.55

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**Total Depo-Keeper's Superannuation Fund:** $346.76


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<td>Interest on Fixed Deposit at H. &amp; S. Bank</td>
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**Total Property Project Capital Fund:** $1,289.32
### Expenditure

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<td>Purchase of stock from other Societies</td>
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<td>Printing of Books</td>
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<td>Salaries</td>
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<td>Lighting</td>
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<td>Discount on cash sales</td>
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<td>Refund for books sold on commission</td>
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<td>Fittings, etc. for Depot</td>
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<td>Printing, etc. of Reports and Circular Letters</td>
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<td>Postage and Stationary</td>
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<td>Cleaning Depot, etc.</td>
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<td>Landing charges and freight on goods</td>
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<td>Municipal Assessment</td>
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<td>Printing of &quot;Seng-hoe-po&quot;</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$7,302.55</strong></td>
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Payments made in 1933: $71.98  
Balance: $62.94  
**Total:** $134.92

Balance at 30/11/33: $346.76  
**Total:** $346.76

Balance at 30/11/33: $1,289.32  
**Total:** $1,289.32
### Assets

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<td>In Current Account at H. &amp; S. Bank</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Audited and found correct,

H. P. DePree.

28th December, 1933.
Liabilities.

Depot-Keeper's Superannuation Fund  $ 346.76
Property Project Capital Fund  1,289.32
Suspense Account for advance payments  62.94

$ 1,699.02

H. J. P. Anderson,
Treasurer.

28th December, 1933.
ANNUAL MEETING.

The twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the South Fukiên Religious Tract Society was held in the Union Church, Kulangsu, Amoy, on Wednesday, January 10th, 1934.

The following members and friends of the Society were present, viz:

Misses D. M. Arrowsmith, E. K. Beekman, G. Box, R. Broekema, A. T. Duncan, L. N. Duryee, M'. Fraser; E. A. Lindsay, M. Morrison, J. Nienhuis, D. Pearce, M. C. C. Smith, A. A. Symington, J. Veldman, N. Wheeler,


Mr. R. Tully, President of the Society, occupied the chair, and opened the meeting with a short devotional service.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting, held on January 18th, 1933, were taken as read and confirmed,—the minutes had been printed and previously circulated to the members of the Society.

The Secretary, Mr. H. J. P. Anderson, presented the Committee's Report for 1933. The Rev. W. R. Angus proposed and Miss J. Veldman seconded that the Report be adopted and that it be printed and circulated. This was unanimously agreed to.
Arising out of the Report, the following actions were taken, viz.:

(1) Engagement of Depot-keeper: Dr. G. R. Turner proposed and Rev. W. Short seconded that Mr. Chng Ek-chheng, the depot-keeper, be continued in the service of the Society for another year, and further that in the event of Mr. Chng not improving in his service to the satisfaction of the Committee, the 1934 Committee be instructed to seek for a suitable person who can be appointed as depot-keeper. This was unanimously agreed to.

(2) Thanks of the Society to Donors for Special Purposes:

(a) Dr. G. R. Turner proposed and Miss J. Nienhuis seconded that the thanks of the Society should be conveyed to the donor of $252.12 to wipe out the deficit on the year’s working.

(b) Rev. H. J. Voskuil proposed and Dr. H. P. DePree seconded that the thanks of the Society be conveyed to the person who has undertaken to advance the cost of printing 10,000 copies of the small character edition of “Long-sim Sin-si” on the condition that the cost be repaid out of the sales of that edition.

The Treasurer, Mr. H. J. P. Anderson, presented the financial statements for the year ending November 30th, 1933. Miss A. A. Symington proposed and Rev. N. B. Slater seconded that the accounts for the financial year ending November 30th, 1933 be adopted, and that they be printed and circulated. This was unanimously agreed to.

It was referred to the 1934 Committee to consider (a) the advisability of re-printing an edition of “Seng-kong Jit-in,” (b) the provision of a pamphlet giving a larger selection of Christmas hymns, (c) the matter of printing the second half of Miss Ho’s “Devotional Readings” before July, 1934.
The Secretary was asked to convey the greetings of members at the Annual Meeting to Miss K. M. Talmage who was unable to be present.

The thanks and good wishes of the Society were conveyed to Mr. H. J. P Anderson who was retiring from the duties of Secretary and Treasurer as he was due soon to leave for England.

The office-bearers and committee for 1933 were thanked for their services throughout the year.

The following office-bearers and committee for 1934 were elected, viz:

President: .. ... .. Rev. H.P. DePree, D.D.
Secretary and Treasurer: .. Miss E.A. Lindsay.
Committee Members: .. .. Miss D.M. Arrowsmith.
                    .. .. Miss R. Broekema.
                    .. .. Miss J. Veldman.
                    .. .. Rev. A.F. Griffiths.
                    .. .. Rev. H.A. Poppen.
                    .. .. Mr. R. Tully.

Mr. H. J. P. Anderson was instructed to ask the consent of the London Missionary Society so that Miss E. A. Lindsay might become the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society for the ensuing year.

The Rev. H. P. Boot, D.D. closed the meeting with prayer.