OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 1940

PRESIDENT
Miss D. M. Arrowsmith

SECRETARY
Rev. A. F. Griffiths

TREASURER
Rev. A. F. Griffiths

COMMITTEE
Mr. R. Tully
Miss G. E. Hewett
Miss L. Vander Linden
Miss B. C. Chiu
Miss Lau Po Hwa
Mrs. T. V. Oltman
Mrs. C. H. Holleman
Miss K. R. Green
Mr. S. G. Shen
Miss A. E. Lindsay (Co-opted)
Miss N. Wheeler (Co-opted)
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.—Any person interested in and willing to further the object of the Society, and recommended by the Committee may, on application through the Secretary and by payment of an annual subscription of FIVE DOLLARS or more, become a member of the Society. Friends, not resident in South Fukien, willing to further the object of the Society may, on payment of a subscription of FIFTY DOLLARS and upwards, become 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 January of each year. At the Annual Meeting a report of the
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 present.

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 the book depot shall be responsible for the payment of the catalogue value of the same. Requests for free grants or discounts 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 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.

SOUTH FUKIEN RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY

Thirty-second Annual Report

In presenting the report for the year one is tempted to dwell on the difficulties the Committee has encountered but these same difficulties have offered unexpected and peculiar opportunities for service. We have passed another year in the midst of war, interrupted communications and disorganized life. The ordinary work and life of the Church in South Fukien, both in this port and the interior, has been more or less disrupted. The faith of men has again been tested and there has been an earnest search for the things that abide and an increasing number of people have found satisfaction and peace in the Bible. This is true not only of the ordinary man and woman but has been particularly true of the educated and student class. The latter have been more willing than ever before to study the Bible and read Christian literature. The number of Bibles and Testaments sold and the large volume of cash sales at the bookshop is clear proof of the above statement, in each case the volume of sales being greater than any year in the history of the Society. The sale of Bibles and Testaments would have been even larger had the Bible Society been able to supply the demand, large orders were cancelled.

The work at the bookshop has been faithfully carried on by Mr. Chng and the assistant. The new assistant, Mr.
Lim, has entered upon his duties with enthusiasm and interest and has shown signs of ability as salesman. Difficulties in distribution, special packing and forwarding materials for Societies in Shanghai, has entailed extra work at the shop but this work was gladly done so that the churches in the interior and other fields might be supplied with literature.

Distribution has been a very difficult problem during the entire year. The Post Office refused to accept packages so other avenues had to be found. Grateful mention should be made of the help given by bookrooms in the interior who have kindly acted as forwarding agents. The following table gives the circulation of books, Bibles, tracts and portions:

1. Society’s own publications:
   (a) Romanised publications ... ... 26,173
   (b) Character publications... ... ... 35,849
2. Books sold on commission: (privately owned)
   (a) Romanised ... ... ... ... ... 464
   (b) Character... ... ... ... ... ... 316
3. Books published in Formosa... ... ... ... 33
4. Books published by other Societies ... ... 30,901
5. Portions and Tracts ... ... ... ... ... 10,200
6. Dictionaries ... ... ... ... ... ... 89
7. Commentaries ... ... ... ... ... ... 575
8. Sunday School Lessons and Daily Readings
   (Romanised & Character) ... ... ... 5,953
   110,553
9. Amoy Church News (Seng Hoe Po) bi-monthly 800
Sales and Distribution of Bibles

1. Bibles
   Mandarin  ...  ...  ...  ...  4,279
   Wenli    ...  ...  ...  ...  17
   Romanised ...  ...  ...  ...  602
   English  ...  ...  ...  ...  10  4,908

2. New Testaments
   Mandarin  ...  ...  ...  ...  555
   Romanised ...  ...  ...  ...  303
   English   ...  ...  ...  ...  27
   Chinese-English ...  ...  ...  50  935

3. Portions  ...  ...  ...  ...  1,854
   New Testament & Psalms ...  ...  66  1,920

7,763

The volume of printing done during the year has not been large and has been limited almost entirely to re-printing already existing publications. The cost of Distribution paper has risen from $8 per ream to more than $20. Fortunately, an edition of the Romanised, small character and large character hymnals was contracted for while paper could still be purchased at a moderate price and by selling at a very small profit it has been possible to continue to sell at a low price. The seventh edition of the large character hymnal is now in the press but the sale price will be practically twice that of the previous edition even though the size of type used is smaller and the number of pages fewer. The American Mission, the London Missionary Society and other individuals have again made grants to the Printing Fund so that there is now a substantial sum in hand for the printing of new publications. The
Committee has four new books in preparation for the press. The following gives a list of publications issued during the year:

1. Romanised
   a. Reprints
      "Hymnal"... ...
      "Chin-to Bun Tap"... ...
      5,000
      3,000

2. Character
   a. Reprints
      "Prayer slips"... ...
      "Tracts"... ...
      "Small Hymnal"... ...
      "Large Hymnal"... ...
      "Bible Lessons"... ...
      "Sunday School Lessons"... ...
      50,000
      20,000
      10,000
      10,000
      48,000
      5,000
      151,000

3. In Preparation for Press:
   1. "St. Monica"
   2. "Mothers of Famous Men"
   3. "Touching Incidents and Remarkable Answers to Prayer"
   4. "When I Awake"

4. In the Press "Large Character Hymnal"... 10,000
   The Amoy Church News, (Seng Hoe Po) temporarily suspended during the last half of 1938 is again being published and edited by Synod’s Literature Committee and distributed from the bookshop. Because of the difficulty of distribution and the high cost of paper the Committee decided to issue the periodical bi-monthly instead of monthly. Since all other church papers have been discontinued the Amoy
Church News supplies a greater need than ever before in its 52 years of existence and greater cooperation on the part of the Synod should be solicited so that the Church in South Fukien may more and more look upon it as its own publication. The Committee is grateful to all who have supplied copy and especially grateful to Mr. Sim and Mr. Ho members of Synod's Committee who have done the editing. Receipts in subscription fees as usual have been very small and it is only because of a generous contribution from friends abroad that the account shows a slight credit balance. The Committee again invites the help of missionaries living in the interior to place the paper in the hands of members of the Church and others interested.

A perusal of the financial statement submitted for the year shows that the total volume of sales is considerably higher than last year; several items have more than doubled. The amounts spent for "printing" and "purchase of stock" are twice those spent for the same purposes last year. This is in a measure due to the increased cost of printing and to the fact that all publishing societies have increased the cost of publications. Cash sales are almost twice the amount received last year. The amount received in membership fees is the largest in the history of the Society and is a testimony to the interest of all in the work that is being done. For the first time in the history of the Society it has on its roll two "Life Members". The Committee is grateful for the loyal support given by the members and regrets that many may have been inconvenienced by delays in executing orders but this has been due in almost all instances to the difficulties of transportation and interrupted communications. The financial statement shows a debit balance of $297.13 but this is due to the fact that an edition of 10,000 copies of the large character
hymnal has been contracted for and almost entirely paid for in advance.

In presenting this report the Committee wishes to record its thanks to God for guidance during another difficult year. We are grateful for the service the Society has again been able to render in the distribution and preparation of Christian literature and the Bible, God's Book for EVERYMAN and for every time but especially for war time. It is not without cause that the Bible Societies in every country are finding it impossible to meet the call for Bibles. The Bible is the book for wartime because it bears witness to the eternal goodness of God in the midst of calamity; it is the supreme source of consolation in every time of trouble; its keeps us faithful to duty; it makes the timid bold, the weak strong, it is God's Book for such a time as this, it sounds the note we want to hear. We must hold fast to this conviction. May God help us to go forward with full devotion to the task of putting God's Book into the hands of those to whom God has sent us.

On behalf of the Committee,

H. A. Poppen,
Secretary.

Kulangsu, Amoy.
January 24, 1940.
### List of Members and Subscriptions for 1938-1939

#### A. Ordinary Members

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Dr. & Mrs. C. H. Holleman......................... 50.00
Miss H. Boot.......................................... 25.00
Miss E. G. Bruce...................................... 20.00
Miss A. E. Lindsay.................................... 15.00
Miss R. Broekema..................................... 20.00
Rev. & Mrs. H. M. Veenschoten..................... 30.00
Rev. & Mrs. W. De Velder............................ 50.00
Miss B. C. Chiu....................................... 5.00
Miss G. Smies......................................... 15.00
Rev. & Mrs. W. R. Angus............................. 50.00
Miss D. M. Arrowsmith............................... 10.00
Miss Lau Po Hwa....................................... 6.00
Rev. & Mrs. H. P. De Pree............................ 20.00
Rev. & Mrs. F. Balchin............................... 10.00

$904.00

B. Honorary Members

Miss C. M. Morrison................................. 1938 $30.00
Miss H. Lecky......................................... 28.13
Rev. & Mrs. W. Short............................... 10.00
Dr. & Mrs. A. L. Warnshuis....................... 68.96
Miss E. J. Herschell................................ 16.98
Miss C. M. Morrison................................ 15.00
Miss L. N. Duryee.................................... 25.00

$194.07

C. Life Members

Mr. E. Tipson........................................ 50.00
Mr. H. L. Hitchcock.................................. 50.00

$100.00
(12)

GENERAL

To Salaries............................................................... $ 701.20
To Light................................................................. 30.41
To Printing Reports................................................. 25.25
To Discount on Sales............................................... 98.15
To Municipal Assessments........................................ 75.92
To Printing............................................................ 5425.20
To Purchase of Stock............................................... 5308.63
To Refund, Sales on Commission................................. 673.22
To Miscellaneous.................................................... 367.29
To Seng Hoe Po....................................................... 153.19
To Transfer to Property Project Fund.......................... 6.51

$12864.97

TRIAL

To Property Project.................................................. $4000.00
To Superannuation Fund............................................. 987.29
To Printing Fund Bal................................................. 1808.40

$ 6795.69

Balance Sheet

PROPERTY

To Balance carried forward 1940.................................$ 4000.00
ACCOUNT

By 1938 Credit balance ........................................... $ 288.53
By Seng Hoe Po ...................................................... 229.60
By Membership Subscriptions (Hon) ............................... 194.07
By " " (Reg) ......................................................... 904.00
By " " (Life) ......................................................... 100.00
By Sales on Account .................................................. 3423.94
By Cash Sales ......................................................... 7327.25
By Commission on Sales ............................................ 100.45
By Debit Balance carried forward ................................. 297.13

$12864.97

BALANCE

By F/D Property Project ............................................. $4000.00
By F/D Superannuation carried forward ........................... 868.55
By Current A/C Cash Bal ............................................ 1630.01
By 1939 Debit Balance ............................................... 297.13

$ 6795.69

1938—1939

PROJECT FUND

By Balance carried forward 1938 ................................. $3993.49
By Transfer from General Account ............................... 6.51

$ 4000.00
MR. CHNG'S

To Balance carried forward 1940............................ $ 987.29

PRINTING

To Balance c.f. 1939.............................................. $ 1808.40

STOCK

R. T. S. Publications........................................... $ 7,236.66
Books Sold on Commission................................. 5,028.31
Books Printed in Formosa.................................. 46.94
Books of Other Societies.................................. 2,405.60

$ 14,717.51

Audited and found correct
January 17, 1940

E. W. Koepppe
SUPPERANNUATION FUND

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Respectfully submitted

H. A. Poppen

*Treasurer.*
ANNUAL MEETING

The thirty-second annual meeting of the South Fukien Religious Tract Society was held in Union Church, Kulangsu, the 24th of January, 1940, at 5:30 P.M.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Tully, Miss D. M. Arrowsmith took the chair and opened the meeting with a brief devotional service.


The Minutes of the annual meeting held February, 1939 were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the Committee's report for 1939. The Rev. W. R. Angus proposed and Miss J. Veldman seconded that the report be adopted, printed and circulated. This was unanimously agreed upon.

The Treasurer presented the financial statement of accounts for the year ending November 30, 1939 and in doing so stated that the Property Project Fund F/D of $4000.00 N. C. had been placed in the Hongkong, Shanghai Banking Corporation in Shanghai at the rate of 5% interest per annum and that the Superannuation Fund F/D of $987.29 N. C. had been placed in the same bank at 5% interest per
annum. The Rev. W. R. Angus proposed and Mrs. C. H. Holleman seconded that the financial statement be adopted, printed and circulated. This was unanimously agreed upon.

A brief discussion on some of the aspects of the work of the Society followed.

The secretary reported that at the request of the China Bible House in Shanghai the Committee had engaged and supervised proof readers to proof read the Bible in the Amoy Romanised.

The importance of the Seng Hoe Po to the life of the Church in South Fukien was again pointed out. Mr. Slater reported that Synod’s Business Committee at its session in Tungan had instructed each Classis to appoint a member of Classis to supply the Board of Editors with church news and other news of general interest to the whole Church. This information was received with appreciation.

The Rev. R. Angus proposed and Miss D. M. Arrowsmith seconded that members of the faculty of the Kulangsu Woman’s School be thanked for their assistance in translating and preparing new books for publication. This was unanimously agreed upon.

The Rev. E. W. Koepppe proposed and Rev. N. B. Slater seconded, that each member of the Society be sent a copy of each new publication published by the Society. This was agreed to.

The following office bearers and Committee were elected for 1940:
President                       Miss D. M. Arrowsmith
Secretary & Treasurer          Rev. A. F. Griffiths
Committee:
                               Mr. R. Tully
Miss G. E. Hewett
Miss L. van der Linden
Miss B. C. Chiu
Miss Lau Po Hwa
Mrs. T. V. Oltman
Mrs. C. H. Holleman
Miss K. R. Green
Mr. S. G. Shen
Miss A. E. Lindsay (Co-opted)
Miss N. Wheeler (Co-opted)

The Rev. W. R. Angus closed the meeting with prayer.

H. A. Poppen,
     Secretary.
Herewith I enclose being my subscription to the

South Fukien Tract Society for 194

To the Secretary,

SOUTH FUKIEN RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY,

AMOY
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