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Theme: “The On-Going Mission in War Time—and Beyond”

Chairman, Miss Sue Weddell

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

In cooperation with the Home Missions Council of North America certain Trenton pulpits were filled on Sunday morning, a vesper service was held at 5:00 p.m. and a youth mass meeting, with program, at 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Forenoon and Afternoon: Committee meetings

Evening
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Christian World Mission Convocation
Inter-Council Committee on Japanese-Christian Work in U. S. A.
Missionary Education in Summer Conferences

TUESDAY

Forenoon
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Business
Swarthmore to Trenton:
A review of the high points of our cooperation
“As We Approach Our Second Half Century” ............John R. Mott

Afternoon and Evening
Business
Areas of Danger and Opportunity:
East Asia .....................M. Searle Bates and Charles W. Iglehart
Africa ...........................Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
The Near East .................................John Van Ess
The Home Church ................................Willis C. Lamott

Worship

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Forenoon
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Urgent Action in Free China—Panel I
Missionary Action—in War and Post-War—Panel II

Afternoon
Your Community and the On-Going Mission: “Jonesville”—Panel III
A Great Forward Movement for Missions—Panel IV

Evening
“The Two Americas—Their Spiritual Heritage and Destiny,” ....
.................................................................John A. Mackay

Worship

THURSDAY

Forenoon
Missionary breakfast
Business
“For Vision and Courage We Pray” ...........Mrs. Yuh Tsing Zee New
Worship
Adjournment

Afternoon
Committee meetings
AS WE APPROACH OUR SECOND HALF CENTURY
A REVIEW AND A FORECAST

JOHN R. MOTT
Chairman, International Missionary Council

Next year will round out the first half century of the life of the Annual Conference of the Foreign Mission Boards of North America. It is fitting that we pause to take a look backward over the nearly fifty years in which we of the missionary forces of the United States and Canada have traveled together in blessed and fruitful fellowship, and likewise to project ourselves in vision and faith into the second half century. I have had the great honor of having been related to this beneficent agency from its very beginning, and am reminded of the words of the Psalmist,—"They shall abundantly utter the memory of God's great goodness."

Fifty years ago there was in existence only one National Christian Council, that of Germany. Ours here in North America was launched in 1893 as the second. The number has steadily grown until there are now nearly thirty such national or international councils and upwards of fifteen more in process of development. About one-half are in the lands of the Older Churches and the others in the countries of the Younger Churches. These bodies all exist to foster the vital processes of united fellowship, united thinking, united planning, and united action.

The first half century has included the marvelous chain of World Missionary Conferences—in New York in 1900, in Edinburgh in 1910, in Jerusalem in 1928, and near Madras in 1938-39. Without doubt these have been the most vision-imparting and truly creative gatherings in the annals of the world mission of the Christian faith.

In this period was founded and developed the International Missionary Council. Including the two years of intensive preparation prior to Edinburgh, 1910, and the early years of action under the title "Continuation Committee," and the extended subsequent period under its present name, this comprehensive and vital body has spanned a full generation of thirty-three years. It has been my sacred privilege to serve it throughout. As from the present week I am relinquishing the leadership to a younger generation. What has not this vital world-wide agency achieved and made possible in weaving together the missionary forces of the world in a conscious, unbreakable fellowship!
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These years have also witnessed the high tide of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. I understand that I am the only man who has attended the entire series of Volunteer Conventions held on this continent, not to mention those in Great Britain, the European Continent, Australasia and South Africa. From the colleges and seminaries of North America alone already over 14,000 student volunteers have gone forth under our mission boards. In no other half century, in fact in no full century, has there been such an offering of life to the missionary cause.

These five decades have also been characterized by uprisings of Christian youth for world conquest, including countless denominational guilds and associations, as well as interdenominational bodies, culminating in the recent great World Congress of Christian Youth at Amsterdam.

Attention must also be called to the Laymen's Missionary Movement. In the middle of the period under review this virile organization was at its best. I refer in particular to the time extending from the Volunteer Convention of 1906 at Nashville to the year 1918, during which years this Movement spread like wildfire. Next to the Young Men's Christian Association this Movement was a great factor in calling out a vast latent lay force, including many men of large affairs, and raised up and trained a host of lay advocates of the cause of missions.

These past years have signalized the most notable giving to missions on the part of both rich and poor. In 1893 our mission boards had contributions aggregating less than $5,000,000, whereas some thirty years later they secured in one year over $45,000,000, and in that time the number of Protestant missionaries increased from 5,700 to 16,700.

In this wonderful half century we have also reaped the advantages which come from experiences of unparalleled testing and trial. I refer especially to the First World War and its aftermath. It has been a time of widespread inquiry, investigation and research on the part of leaders and friends of the missionary movement. Never have there been so many competent and well-planned commissions set apart to deal with mission fields and problems. Recall also the fifteen years' work of the Institute of Social and Religious Research; the Interpretative Statistical Survey; the Laymen's Missionary Inquiry; also the ever-helpful activities of the Missionary Research Library.

I make bold to say that in all the history of Christian missions there has never been an epoch in which there have been anything like so many significant achievements. Think of the development within these years of literally chains of Christian colleges and of
union universities; of the marked advances in the realm of medical missions; of the creative activities of the Agricultural Missions, Inc.; of the studies and experiences bearing on the economic base of Christian missions; of the great multiplication of translations of the Scriptures, and of the unprecedented expansion of the circulation of the Scriptures; of the forward-looking programs of the World’s Sunday School Association and of the International Committee of Religious Education; of the unparalleled expansion of the membership of the rising indigenous churches; of the advances all along the line in the realm of the larger evangelism; and of the vital streams set going as the result of countless retreats and conferences for the deepening of the spiritual life. Chief among the many great developments of this half century, and the one which explains much that has been achieved along these other lines, has been the marvelous growth of the indigenous church not only in numbers but even more in creative power.

Notwithstanding these and other notable achievements during our first half century, our best days should be in the second half century so soon to open. It must be so. What could be more dishonoring to our past than to assume that it had not prepared the way for something greater?

The future must transcend the past because we enter upon it with vastly greater numbers than we had in 1893. Moreover, we now have a vastly larger and more efficient organization at our disposal, and in this connection remember that organization is the means of distributing force most advantageously. We also possess much more knowledge and experience than in the days of our beginnings. It is not too much to say that we have evolved in a goodly measure a science of missions and of the conduct of missions. This surely makes possible larger operations and finer results.

Then we have acquired greater momentum. In many a field our work has been going from strength to strength. Momentum is something priceless. What can you not do with it, in contrast with what you can accomplish when you are without it?

Think also of our wonderfully multiplied opportunities and contacts across the breadth of the world, in contrast with a half century ago. The present world upheaval bids fair to augment these even while adding to the difficulties. In the words of St. Paul, “A great and effectual door is opened unto me and there are many adversaries.”

A wonderful atmosphere has been generated in many a field—an atmosphere in which men loathe to differ and determine to understand and to move forward together.

The fact that we are called upon to face the greatest concentration
of major unsolved problems and challenges which has ever con­fronted the world mission, makes inevitable a future which will transcend the past. This is emphatically true. The one question is: Is it the will of God that these problems be solved and that these challenges be met? If so, we must enter into the larger her­itage. The present world situation is calculated to call out our latent energies. Oh, how comparatively latent they are with so many of us! Our impossible difficulties necessitate the discovery of new and better ways. They inevitably will help raise up new leaders. They will draw together us Christians of many names as nothing else can do.

Contrary to the popular impression the present is a time of rising spiritual tide. Under such conditions anything is possible. "When Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

Above all, the supreme reason why, without shadow of doubt, our best days are before us lies in the existence of superhuman re­sources. These resources are inexhaustible. They are available. They are undefeatable.

What is the price we must pay to enter into this future which may be so much greater than our past? We must not count our­selves as having attained. Humility has ever been the precursor of the great discoveries and of the great manifestations of creative energy. We must give ourselves to most searching, courageous and honest self-examination. Why have we not achieved more? Wherein have we not been building according to the pattern revealed in the mount? Why within a generation do we find ourselves in the midst of a Second World War? What is the distinctive mission of our world-wide movement in this time of unparalleled break-up, chaos, and opportunity?

Let us heed the exhortation of St. Peter, "Gird up the loins of your mind." To this end our thinking should be fresh, courageous, united, and, above all, conclusive.

We who are called upon to be leaders, in the sense of being wise guides, interpreters, advocates and exemplars, must unmis­takably frequent the mountains more than most of us are in the habit of doing. I have in mind the mount of vision, the mount of warning, the mount of transfiguration, and the mount of sacrifice. Here let me enter a plea on behalf of many hundreds of missionaries dis­located by the exigencies of the world war. Their work is by no means completed. They constitute a priceless asset. We should arrange for the most effective release of their powers.

Has not the present World War much to teach us as to sins of omission as well as commission, as to long-scale preparedness, as to
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priorities in meeting opportunities and in the use of resources, as to all-out action, and as to what it is to be a Christlike Christian in war time?

Has not the clock struck, the hour come when we make far more realistic challenges to the all too latent lay forces, to men and women of large affairs, to the tides of youth, and to those who do know their God? The time is at hand for the mightiest movement for the expansion of Christianity that the world has ever known. If the Christians of these two sister nations do not furnish the Christ-inspired initiative, what nations will? Let us not be blind to or oppose the creative significance of the stupendous changes now in progress. Old things are literally passing away, new things are at hand.

The call comes to some men and women right in the present conference to make some violent breaks with precedent, to chart some new courses, to undertake some lonely adventures, it may be to spend and be spent in making some causes, today unpopular, popular and triumphant. Some will have to do with economic aspects of our missionary enterprise; some with resisting down-grade tendencies in present-day church life; some with relieving inflamed race relations; some with overcoming the alarming lack of missionary objective and spirit shown in existing areas of neglect in unoccupied fields in India, China, Africa and Latin America.

Others among us have the opportunity of the ages to lead in large, truly statesmanlike measures; for example, the new, far-sighted, Christian literature program under the leadership of the International Missionary Council; or the fostering of cooperative planning in virtually every mission field; or initiating notable advances in virtually every part of the world. Moreover, after this war we will be left with a world which will need a program of relief, of reconstruction, and of spiritual quickening demanding a reawakening of faith and a kindling of religious passion beyond anything undertaken in the history of mankind.

Above all, let us press the present unprecedented advantage which is now ours as a result of the growing interest and conviction concerning the ecumenical movement—that is, the deepening consciousness of a world-wide or universal Christian fellowship transcending all national, racial and ecclesiastical barriers.
AREAS OF DANGER AND OPPORTUNITY*

CHINA AND SOUTHEASTERN ASIA

M. SEARLE BATES

Missionary, United Christian Missionary Society

Of the major mission fields, Latin America, Africa and India have not been generally upset by the World War. Even in China, torn by near five years of conflict and desolation, there are still some 2,000 missionaries at work in free areas. But in Occupied China and in the secondary fields of Southeastern Asia, disturbance is critical.

Transfers to Free China and to other fields, evacuations and failure to return to the field after furlough, had combined to reduce severely the number of missionaries at their posts to suffer the consequences of December 7, 1941. Citizens of the United Nations at once became "enemies" in Japanese eyes. Some 800 missionaries under American and Canadian societies are detained or interned in Occupied China, part of them presently able to do restricted work; some 450, including many on temporary assignments or in transit, are confined or endangered in the Philippines; 60 in Indo-China are able to work at this moment under French assurances; some 25 are detained in Thailand; the 50 in the Netherlands East Indies are now shaken but are augmented by workers in transit and by refugees from Malaya, where there were more than 50 American missionaries last December. Fully 50 remain in Burma after transfers and evacuations, chiefly to India. It is to be remembered that Dutch missionaries (and Germans until they were interned in 1940) have been much more numerous in the East Indies than were Americans; and that British missionaries have been prominent in various parts of China, as well as in Burma and Malaya.

But in all well established fields the national churches and their workers are more important than missionaries. The largest body of Christians in Eastern Asia is found in the 1,700,000 of the Netherlands Indies. There are 600,000 communicants in China; 300,000 in the Philippines; over 150,000 in Burma; and smaller groups in the other areas. The total for China and Southeastern Asia runs to a full 3,000,000, a figure equal to that of a very large American communion, and suggestive of the substantial reality of the ecumenical church. Yet a sense of proportion must be kept, by recalling that China's Protestants are one-seventh of one-per cent of their country's people.

* Brief summaries or outlines of addresses, in so far as they were available, are given here.
Displacements of national Christian leaders are considerable, and Japanese controls are irregularly severe. Destruction of Christian institutional property in China, and looting or destruction of personal property in occupied areas, are so extensive as to be ominous for other regions newly entered. The entire economic dislocation is catastrophic. Changes in leadership and in social organization are actual revolution, requiring most difficult adjustments from churches and their members.

But these problems are challenge and opportunity to the Christian cause. In war and revolution the need of men for faith is intensified, faith both individual and social. The Orient is the land of famine, but now violent poverty engulfs health, education, the church itself. Measures of economic relief and recovery are fundamental to all forms of advance. The actualities of attack and conquest, of resistance and resentment, make intense the divisions of nation and race. The Good News of universal brotherhood in God’s family is desperately required, though few ears will hear it until there is a modicum of peace and liberty. Meanwhile the secular state is exalted, and claims the allegiance that belongs to God.

The experience of Christian effort in China shows that in the midst of battle and multiplied distress, great things are possible even to small bodies of Christians, if they have only the measure of freedom and of resource to serve their distressed communities. Immediate spiritual and material needs have called forth the impossible in devoted care for the refugees, the wounded and the starving. That ministry has cost the lives of scores of Chinese Christian workers; and at least twelve Protestant missionaries have died by bombs or by soldiers’ bullets. The price has been gladly paid, for the ministry has blessed millions in the deepest crises of their lives.

But one cannot think lightly of oppression, persecution, and privation of opportunity to serve. Against the easy sayings about the blood of the martyrs and the church that thrives on persecution, there is memory of the utter disappearance of the great North African Church of St. Augustine’s day, and of Nestorian churches all through the East, perishing in passivity. Even more than extinction do we fear the gradual accommodation to pagan totalitarianism of tiny Christian minorities, if they should be long shut off from the life-giving fellowship of the Church Universal. The world has seen enough of conforming churches, too quiescent to require suppression. This generation’s life in the young churches of the Eastern mission fields is so promising that it deserves all spiritual support and wise aid to its vigorous growth. Let us be thankful that in most of China, and perhaps in some of the secondary missionary areas to the southeast, channels are still open for effective assistance even under the difficulties of war.
In any study of Japan certain permanent factors must be kept in mind: (1) There has come into being in Japan a church, small in numbers but mature in quality, exercising large influence for good throughout Japanese society. (2) Even more permeating in their influence are the schools related to the Christian movement. (3) Missionaries have found a warm welcome and discovered new depths of fellowship and usefulness in cooperative tasks.

Since 1931 with the general crisis in Japan the Christian movement and missionary work have been under severe strain. The Christian Japanese leaders have struggled and prayed for peace; they have regretted every step toward war; yet they have acquiesced in the national program of expansion. The American missionaries, though critical in their analyses of the mutual guilt of all nations, have condemned Japan's overseas policies.

With the opening of war with China, social harmony had to be found—and was found—as in our own countries at present. Though not once during the four years did we ever hear an un-Christian prayer or know of a single church prostituted to war emotions, the Japanese Christians took a full share in the national emergency through relief work and the movement to maintain civilian morale. Missionaries, though treated with the greatest courtesy, grew increasingly dispensable.

With the summer of 1940 the Christian movement proved itself in extreme danger as a “fifth column” and took swift action to save its very existence. A single Protestant Church completed its creation in June of that year and saw the tenuous threads of cooperation with the American churches grow thinner and thinner.

The events of December 7, 1941 dropped a curtain between us and our work in the Japanese Empire. Such news as trickles through indicates that the missionaries who chose to remain (more than 70) are well treated; that at least some of them are allowed fairly free living conditions and will have opportunities for Christian witness. On the other hand such leniency may disappear as the war comes closer to Japan, and in any case physical privations are inescapable.

It is a cause of profound satisfaction in this time of broken ties that in Japan a Christian movement is going on, its churches and schools not closed, its numbers not reduced. Though it can no more escape the contamination of war than the church in any warring country, its life will be deepened by suffering and matured by responsibility.
JAPAN

What opportunities of service are there open to us in Japan in the present emergency? Though restricted they are not negligible. We must reach our missionaries now in intercessory prayer; we must be alert for the first opportunities again to send messages and money. Even with our Christian Japanese brethren we may yet be able to reopen channels of communication.

Some day this war will come to an end. If the defeat of Japan should be so overwhelming as to submerge social life into chaos, we can look for no cooperation whatsoever with any Christian movement over there. But even so we would hope for ultimate recovery, with the resumption of responsible government and international relations. When that time comes Christians on both sides of the Pacific must be the first to throw across it the bridge of cooperation. If the war ends without a complete collapse of ordered life, relations with the Christians in Japan may be readily renewed. So we shall have to approach the future with sincere friendliness and humility, and with a readiness to lose our life with the Japanese churches in order that together we may find a new life. Our Japanese Christian colleagues can be counted on to open the way to missionaries who will accept limitations: positions as helpers, some kind of accrediting by the United Church in Japan, perhaps loyalty pledges or tests, supervision of their work. The church leaders there will also hope that their unity will be met by some common organization of all our denominations. This should now be engaging our attention. And we must now be challenging young men and women to look forward to a life work of service within the Japanese Christian movement.

Finally, missionary giving is as much needed now as ever: for emergency calls, already very great; for the maintenance of missionaries in detention as soon as money can be got through; for reserves to be accumulated now in order that we may aid the Japanese Church, when the war is over, to bear the sudden change to self-support and the expensive upkeep of the mission property we transferred to them.

As Christians we still have much to give Japan, and there is little doubt that if it is offered with the right spirit and method it will be gratefully received to our mutual enrichment of life.

THE NEAR EAST

JOHN VAN ESS

Missionary, Reformed Church in America

I feel bitter humiliation and commensurate resentment that the Christian church has lost the initiative for Christ.

1. We have lost the initiative to Nazism. There must have been some lack, some hunger, some vacuum in the lives of eighty million
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Germans that found fulfillment in the man Hitler. It was because he offered them lebensraum and the new order. And yet Christ himself long ago offered living space for every soul, and a new order which he himself called his Kingdom.

2. We have lost the initiative to communism, of which the cardinal principles are the emphasis on the rights of the proletariat, and internationalism. And yet it was Christ himself who said, “Come unto Me all ye that labor”; and it was St. Paul who said, “In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek.”

3. We have lost the initiative to the Japanese Government. It was not until the pagan government of Japan compelled us to unite our churches that we did so with many a sigh and many a misgiving.

A. The first challenging phenomenon in the Near East is nationalism. Nationalism in the Near East is a child of our own begetting, particularly of us missionary educators. Nationalism in the Near East today is:

(1). Anti-foreign, due to the British record in Palestine and to the fact that Islam claims for itself temporal power which now is in the hands of Britain in most Moslem lands. From this anti-foreign attitude we Americans get the backwash, particularly since we speak the same language.

(2). Anti-religious, being a reaction to the fact that religion in general, and Islam in particular, has been presented in old, worn-out formulas, and not in terms of the new learning.

(3). Superficial. Among nationalist governments more attention is paid to building Olympic stadia and to the Tuxedo than to sewage disposal, and while vast sums are spent on healing the sick, nothing is spent on keeping people from getting sick or enabling them to resist disease, or on the economic development of the land. The nationalists have imitated our vices but not our virtues.

Where and when have we lost the initiative, so that this child of our begetting has thus far seemed to miss our true objective? We have been:

(1). Too Foreign. We have been too ready to capitalize on the name American and to emphasize equipment and efficiency, and have not given first place to building Christlike character.

(2). Not aware enough of the imperativeness of making our religion intellectually respectable. Christ said: “Follow me,” and he is big enough to be presented in the terms of this challenging new age.

(3). Too superficial. We have tried to make men hear the Atonement instead of making them see it in terms of our own consecration. We have too much presented Him as a Saviour from instead of also as a Saviour unto, new life and higher loyalty. We have presented the cross without the crown.
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B. The second challenging phenomenon in the Near East is the desperate plight of its common masses. These masses have no interest in politics or in nationalism. They are the people whom Christ today would be feeding even while he taught them. We missionaries, instead of giving bread, have, in our other worldly gospel been giving them a stone—a tombstone—only beyond which and after which we have offered salvation. It is definitely our function to build up an environment in which it will be easier to believe and to live the new life. The beautiful gates of our universities and colleges cannot save the impotent man sitting in front of them. It is only the handclasp of the dynamic disciple who has himself seen and known the Living Lord.

Let us obtain and retain the initiative in thinking and planning in terms of peace, not of war. Let us no longer talk of attacking the citadel of Islam; let us forget recruiting and strategy, missionary statesmanship and campaigning, ammunition and reinforcements. We are not soldiers, we are humble disciples. We are not fighting a war, we are building a temple of which Christ himself is the chief cornerstone.

THE HOME CHURCH

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The subject of Dangers and Opportunities in the Home Church must be set against the background of a nation geared to the achievement of a great national effort, with fifteen persons on the industrial transmission lines to one in uniform; millions of individuals and families dislodged from their accustomed places in society; unaccustomed money placed in the hands of many; stringent cutting of budgets made necessary on the part of others; sacrifice, readjustments of values and living standards for all.

In such a nation we find old problems heightened and new and urgent problems clamoring for attention; we find the claim of many new causes being made upon church people when the benevolence giving of the church was just beginning to pick up; we see a decline in church school attendance, a lack of interest on the part of young adults, and the world lending its color to the lives of almost all church members. Surely it is not a church equipped to do heroic things for foreign missions!

The dangers of the hour lie in the realms of interpretation, of organization, and of finance. Demands today for the explanation of the present status of foreign missions reveal a depressing lack of
familiarity with recent trends and developments in missions. But there is no active opposition, no criticism that cannot be met by candor and a frank facing of facts. The people of the church need not shock-absorbers, nor success stories, but the facts about missions. We have facts that will thrill them and sustain their interest, but how are they to reach the person who most needs them? We should face the fact squarely that we are doing a fairly good educational and promotional job—among groups that are already interested. But it requires so much of our resources to keep the interest of the few up to the giving point that we have little left for stimulating the marginal groups.

Our impressive missionary promotional organization falls down at the point of transmission. Until this weakness is remedied we shall never be able to reach the men, the business and professional women, and the members of the social action and peace groups with which we have so much in common. Financial danger arises from the fact that the persons in the middle income areas who are being hardest pressed by taxes and demands for giving, and whose incomes are stable, are those upon whom the church depends for the support of its benevolence causes. Many expect a readjustment of values throughout the country in the direction of simpler and harder living; but even if this takes place, there will be the need for the intensive cultivation of groups which are unaccustomed to giving, in order that the loss from the other groups may be met.

There are, however, opportunities—God-given opportunities—to serve the church at home as well as the cause of foreign missions. We alone of the many causes are in a position to provide for the church a goal more ultimate than that of winning the war, something which the nation desperately needs if it would keep its soul during these trying days. With organizations for world peace broken down, we can provide for peace-minded men and women opportunities for constructive service in the cause of a warless world, through the support of the program of foreign missions. It lies within our power to provide for the entire Christian movement at home a dynamic and an objective. Foreign missions are not one of the church's interests, not one of many causes which the loyal churchman should support, not an item in a budget that must be raised somehow if one's ecclesiastical reputation is to be sustained. The cause of foreign missions in a particular way gathers within itself the life-giving evangelistic energies of the church. It points to a goal that is often lost sight of in the press of local and immediate concerns. The great opportunity of this hour is for foreign missions to provide the home church with the dynamic and objective it so desperately needs.
LAYMEN ARE MOVING

Summary of address by David H. Scott, Associate Director of Religious Book Department, Harper and Brothers

No account of the activities and purposes of our lay group would make much sense if it did not trace its development in chronological order. Our basal date is November, 1940, when at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, John R. Mott, Arthur J. Compton and 120 laymen from the eastern area met in conference. After four days together, these men concluded that a movement which would serve for this day as the Laymen's Missionary Movement did thirty years ago should be started.

The next step was a meeting in New York in December, called by L. P. Moore, out of which was formed a committee with temporary officers, instructed to find a man to undertake the secretaryship and to open a New York office. This plan was approved by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, with headquarters in Chicago. James M. Speers was elected chairman, and Weyman C. Huckabee, recently returned from Japan, secretary. Offices were opened at 156 Fifth Avenue on April 15, 1941.

On May 16, a luncheon in honor of Toyohiko Kagawa was held at the Hotel Roosevelt, attended by 345 guests. This luncheon was followed by a series of meetings arranged by the secretary which took Dr. Kagawa into the cities of Rochester, Albany, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Harrisburg, and New Haven.

The next landmark was an informal gathering of younger men in the home of James M. Speers in Montclair, in June, when fifty men heard Y. C. Yang, of China, and A. L. Warnshuis, speak. The mixed response evoked from the men at this meeting probably planted in the minds of some of us our first inkling of what was wrong with a present-day laymen's movement operated on the same basis as a generation ago.

At any rate, on August 6 Ralph Gwinn invited a dozen selected men to attend a luncheon. The guests represented a half-dozen professions and about as many denominations. As I look back upon that meeting I cannot help surmising that both Weyman Huckabee and Ralph Gwinn received one of the great surprises of their lives. For here were a dozen professed Christians, the products of our finest homes and of our best educational institutions, expressing opinions on the Christian church and Christian missions which were, at best, a mixture of uncertainty and ignorance. Their only saving grace was a realization that the world—at home and abroad—was in a mess, and an urge to do something about it. This, gentlemen, is the
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material with which the leaders of the missionary enterprise have
to deal with on the home front—at least among men of less than
forty years of age.

The death of James M. Speers at about this time was a poignant
loss to everyone who knew him. His death in a sense symbolized
the passing of a generation that was convinced, and that expressed
its conviction in Christian service wherever the opportunity arose.
It will not be long before all the Titans of the original Laymen’s
Missionary Movement will have departed from us. And, gentlemen,
who is to take their place? I have no authority to speak to you
this morning other than as a Christian of the younger generation,
a representative of the Eastern laymen. If there is one aspect of
the missionary problem on which I am probably better posted than
you, it is the question of the amount of Christian conviction which
exists in the hearts of men of my own age. That conviction is lower
than you think.

Evidence to this effect struck the leaders of our group so strongly
that it seemed obvious to them that there was not only a task to
be accomplished in leading men to participate in the mission work
of the Christian church, but also a more basic task, namely, to evoke
and to marshal from the latent man-power existing among laymen
professing Christianity a sufficient Christian influence to remake their
community and nation and the world society.

The success of Mr. Gwinn’s two luncheons—and I may say that
all but one of the original dozen are active members today—led
naturally to the extension of the same procedure in other communi-
ties. These meetings have been as spontaneous as possible. One
of the negative reactions which we received at the very beginning
was that a too professional, too ministerial an air created very little
depth of reaction from younger laymen. The great majority of
guests invited were impressed most by the fact that laymen, their
friends, before whom they could speak as equals, were so vitally
interested in Christianity as to ask them to their homes—not to
dance, not to play bridge, not to chit-chat—but to talk about Chris-
tianity, what it is and can accomplish for individuals and for the
world.

In two October meetings of the New York group it was decided
to hold a Younger Men’s Conference at Buck Hill Falls on the
week-end of January 9-11. I have just come from Buck Hill Falls.
Here the men who are the core of the Movement shared their views
in discussions of objectives and methods, and were strengthened in
mind and spirit by a program of addresses that was of consistently
high quality. Here, too, a unity was achieved that is expressed in
the following statements:

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Statement of position: The need of the world for something more than humanity has already brought to the solution of its problems is only too self-evident. The spirit and teachings of Christ reveal the true way of life, and as such must govern thought and action in every field of life from the individual and the home to politics, education, and on through to economics and international relations. We are convinced that Christianity when applied does provide the solution to all problems.

As to name, we are proposing “The Laymen’s Movement for a Christian World.”

Our objectives are: (1) To create and preserve in laymen both the belief that Christianity will work and the determination that it shall be tried. (2) To unite Christian men to find their part in building Christianity into the life of the world.

Our procedure: Man to man—to begin where we are with what we have to extend the circle of interest and conviction in this Movement by individual contacts, small group meetings, and occasional men’s conferences, concerned with the practical application of Christianity in the community, the nation, and the world.

As laymen we see ourselves and find ourselves wanting. But we see as the most effective means for us of arousing a potentially powerful group of Christian laymen—not only for missions but for the very fabric of the world in which we live—a lay approach, unencumbered by all the semantic difficulties and surface aversions to too much organization to which we find a truly innumerable host of uncultivated Christian people in the United States addicted. Our field is with them.

Such is our task as we see it. We are woefully naı̈ve and inexperienced. We beseech your advice.

(On March 13, 1942, the Eastern Area Committee of the Laymen’s Missionary Movement was dissolved and was incorporated as the Laymen’s Movement for a Christian World.—Editor.)
FOR VISION AND COURAGE, WE PRAY

Brief résumé of address by Mrs. Yuh Tsing Zee New, one of the foremost Christian leaders in China; Chairman of Board of Managers of Ginling College

In Chinese society when an unqualified person tries to mingle with a distinguished group he is called "a white dog among the lambs." I feel myself very much like that white dog. However, a second thought gives me courage and great joy, when I think of myself as a third generation Christian coming to meet you grandparents in experience and spiritual understanding. I am like a little child set in your midst to represent the younger churches in China.

Last February, coming across the Pacific with over eighty missionaries, some of whom were évacuées, morning forums were planned on board to hear missionaries speak of the latest developments in their fields. On the China day, an inland missionary from the farthest northern border near Mongolia reported with sad and gloomy face. His churches suffered great persecution, members were taken and killed. That depressed and discouraged Scandinavian preacher said very solemnly, "The night cometh when no man can work."

A Chinese lady hearing this, having herself experienced three years of Japanese oppression, said, "I cannot agree with that gentleman's viewpoint. That particular point of God's earth may not be able to function, but in the other parts of Free China missionaries can 'lift up their eyes, look in the fields and see them white already unto harvest.'" Workers and ministers are urgently needed. Men and women were longing for a church home in which to sing praises for the freedom they have regained after migration. How I wish that depressed missionary could have had a glimpse of some other brightened corner of the same troubled China and found consolation in knowing that although it was night in his station, there is morning light in other mission fields. Though the door is slammed against me and my mission, still I shall rejoice with others who can carry on and I can at least pray for them.

One does not need to relate here stories of Chinese valor. Chinese courage has become a byword. Yet only last December our Generalissimo challenged us again by saying that "Ninety percent of China's strength has not yet been exerted. We shall need ten times our former courage to meet the perils that confront us. Any slackening of our efforts might mean defeat or even national extinction."

After the subject "For Vision and Courage, We Pray" was suggested to me, first of all I prayed for wisdom from above. Then
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I went to the reference shelf to probe for a basic element in our own history to tell me whence cometh all this courage which has been manifested. It is well expressed by Dr. Creele in "The Birth of China": "We must not forget that in Chinese culture we are dealing with a living not a dead civilization. China reached a high standard of culture in the second century B.C. and she has never completely receded from it." Professor Latourette of Yale has written, "Remembering as we do the ability which the Chinese have shown in the past to construct a civilization, we believe that they will ultimately recover from the stunning blows dealt them and will once more create a worthy culture. The world should not lose faith in China if the process requires centuries."

That led me to probe our old classics which were produced in that age of maturity—between the second and fifth centuries B.C. I found there that for centuries our sages have taught that duty is a prerequisite of courage. Death while on duty is Heaven approved and pleasing to God. In the words of the general of the State of Chi, in 500 B.C., to his soldiers, upon witnessing the sacrifice made by a woman of the State of Lu, "There is no use fighting the State of Lu, even the common woman in that state knows her duty." During the present war you hear the refrain, "It's our duty," or "It's my duty to preserve this civilization our forefathers had worked for and kept for us."

The history of missions has been and will be full of records of martyrs of faith and witness of God—incarnated lives. May God bless those magnificent souls who have shown such great faith and courage on the field. Duty toward God and His righteousness—may that great lesson be taught to our people! The courage we pray for today is something to parallel that of our Lord who challenges all nations, today and forever: "I have overcome the world, be of good cheer." He said that when he knew the hour had come. "When I survey the wondrous Cross"—what courage it stimulates!

When I came to this country to represent my alma mater, Ginling College, much advice was given to me before and after, on how to behave, what to say and what not to say, because America has changed in many ways. I was warned that "missionary" is a name that lay people do not like to hear. I asked why. "Well, it indicates an excess of piety, or it connotes dogma, intolerance, prejudice, proselytizing. That age of piety is gone," said the medical man to me. In my talks I did leave out any mention of the word missionary and fumbled for another word—"Christian" or "professor," or "founder so and so." It did not sound right to me, but I did not wish to antagonize my audience. However, I question the wisdom of dodging the use of the name—that is negative. There
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is, to be sure, a type of spirit, evidenced by the attitude "Mine is
the only way!"—narrow and intolerant—which has failed to inter­
pret correctly the word missionary. A devoted but prejudiced mis­sionary breeds a prejudiced follower. This leads to a prejudiced
institution. This attitude needs to be changed. If the term “mis­sionary” is widely misunderstood, can we not do something to give
it a new meaning? Vision and courage are lacking if we do not
look at that misinterpretation squarely and give it connotation in
line with present-day reality.

We who have witnessed great Christian statesmen with their
magnificent faith and courage shown on the field are thrilled by the
word missionary. It is very colorful and creative. A missionary
is one whose life is consecrated, one who receives commission from
Christ, whose purpose is definite and whose life in faith is con­sistent and constant, who will bear the cross with Jesus along life’s
thorny paths. He comes to us to demonstrate by his own life, and
his family’s life, “Jesus among men.” So, I tried in a voluntary
way to witness for some of our best missionaries to those fine but
misunderstanding people here.

An ordinary man would say today, “The night cometh when no
man can work”; but a missionary with vision would say, “They
are white already for harvest, but the laborers are few.” Let us
pray:

O God, our Supreme Goodness, the Eternal Way of Life. We
thank thee for thy continuing revelation throughout the ages. O
God of our salvation, thou art the confidence of all the ends of the
earth. Let not the errors and offenses of the past cling to us, but
pardon us and set us free. Let us feel that within all and before
all and beyond all there breathes thy spirit which gives and which
creates. Give us an awareness of thy persistent love and compas­sion for all mankind, a clear vision, a purer purpose, and a sturdy
faith and unfailing courage for the tasks ahead. Amen.
THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE AND THE WAR

Statement prepared by Luman J. Shafer, Chairman of the Committee on International Relations and World Peace, and unanimously adopted by the Conference

The whole constituency of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America has now become involved in a war of unparalleled magnitude and horror. None of us can escape a measure of responsibility for what has happened, and all of us must share in its tragic consequences. We are profoundly saddened by the barriers which war erects between peoples. We are deeply concerned for the safety of many of our missionary fellow workers who have been cut off from their homelands, and for their national colleagues to whom also war may bring anxiety, distress and suffering. We bear witness to the experience that in spite of all the barriers of war our essential spiritual fellowship with Christians of all lands endures.

As we confront this tragic hour we reiterate our conviction that the world mission of the church is a spiritual commitment, which is eternal and cannot be destroyed by the contrivances of man. "Those things . . . are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Men and institutions may perish, but the movement of the Holy Spirit in and through the church abides. Our blessed Lord experienced more of the power of evil and felt more of the brunt of its opposition than we ever can. But "He steadfastly set His face" to the accomplishment of His mission. We are now called to a like steadfastness.

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ; we are, therefore, resolved that nothing shall separate us from those who love Him. As Christians we recognize our responsibility to love all those who are in lands with which our countries are now at war. However, all the peoples now engaged in this titanic struggle will continue in the future to be a part of the world community. We must not hate. No permanent reconstruction will be possible where hate rules the hearts of men.

Our experience in working with men of many lands strengthens our conviction that only through coöperation motivated by the spirit of Christ can lasting peace be achieved. God has made of one blood all nations of men and all His children of every race and nation should justly receive equal consideration in the building of a better world.

We therefore pledge ourselves to join others of like mind in an immediate and continuing study of the conditions of a just and
durable peace. We will endeavor to develop among the people of our own nations the Christian purpose to work for an adjustment of economic and political affairs in the interests of the welfare of all peoples and of the readiness to make the sacrifices of special privileges and of absolute national sovereignty necessary to construct a durable world order. For all these tasks, we believe that the missionary movement of the church is indispensable in bringing to all men the spiritual power and insight necessary.

We pledge to our missionaries and their national colleagues our vigorous support in carrying forward the missionary program of the churches. Where the work has been disrupted, we will prepare to undertake the task afresh as soon as that is physically possible.

We recognize that the world-wide upheaval which accompanies the war has inaugurated a new era in the Christian world mission. It is clear that when peace comes again, the successful prosecution of the task may call for new patterns and lead us to a different allocation of forces. We must also be prepared to enter any new door which God may open to us. Therefore we agree immediately to re-examine our several commitments with a view to the more adequate and effective accomplishment of our task in the period that will follow the war.

We call on our several churches to seek a clearer understanding and more faithful practice of the Gospel which we preach, to the end that all may be more deeply committed to proclaim to all the world the unsearchable riches of Christ. We urge the members of our churches to daily intercession for all peoples, particularly for those who suffer. We urge them to pray for all missionaries and for our Christian brethren in all lands; that they may be kept and sustained under all circumstances; that they may have increased opportunities for witness, even where war is being carried on; and that their faith may remain strong and their witness true.
SUMMARIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PANELS

As Reported by the Business Committee and Adopted by the Conference (page 102.)

PANEL I. URGENT ACTION IN FREE CHINA

The importance of Christian work in free China has steadily increased throughout the four-year struggle with Japan. It has been further emphasized by the development since December 7. Organizations and services based on Shanghai, Hongkong and similar places are not now available. To meet this new situation the Foreign Missions Conference recommends:

1. That every possible effort be made to strengthen Christian work in free China in personnel, both Chinese and missionary, and in finance.

2. That the claims of unified or cooperative work in free China should be given immediate consideration by the boards in allocation of any personnel or funds available; and that the boards convey to their missionaries on the field their conviction that greater cooperative action is needed and would be welcomed.

3. That the requests which have already been made by the Committee on East Asia for funds to be used on behalf of Christian literature, student evangelism, the Christian Farmer, and the reconstituted program of the National Christian Council, including a combined mission office, should have favorable action by all boards having work in China regardless of their specific interests in the free section of the country.

4. That the Committee on East Asia should continue its exploration of the possibilities for (a) coordination, so far as may be desirable, of united services in an effectively functioning National Christian Council based on Chungking; (b) new ventures in cooperative and other types of Christian work in free China. Boards are urged to give favorable consideration to such recommendations as the Committee may make from time to time.

5. That the East Asia Committee be asked to take immediate steps to provide the necessary facilities for the more adequate handling of missionary supplies at Rangoon and their transportation over the Burma Road.

6. That the boards concerned be urged to make use of the facilities of the Committee on East Asia for the study of plans for reconstruction and of the strategy to be employed in regions or compassable
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areas in occupied China when active Christian service is again possible there.


PANEL II. MISSIONARY ACTION—IN WAR AND POST-WAR

From the many possibilities which must be considered in adapting our missionary strategy and program to the war and post-war conditions confronting us, we suggest among others for especially careful consideration by the mission boards and by the Committee of Reference and Counsel and its allied committees assisting and implementing board action, the following:

1. Rapid adaptation of the process of selecting and training personnel to the new conditions confronting our enterprise (a) in respect to national personnel both lay and professional; (b) in respect to missionary candidates and missionaries open to additional training.

2. More adequate planning and effective practice in developing a sound indigenous economic basis for the church on the field.

3. Greater registering of Christian ideals and leadership in the construction of the post-war world order as in (a) maintenance of religious and missionary freedom; (b) activity of Christian leaders in international relations; (c) the unifying and declaration of the mind of the church on the nature of the post-war world.

4. Development and extension of mercy and relief as a true and powerful form of Christian witness.

5. A new picture of our total missionary task developed by cooperative study.

In respect to national personnel the major contribution of the home base must be given through aid in the development of training agencies and institutions through support, personnel, and counsel on program. We point out that this will in many instances best be done by cooperation. We recommend that the area Representative Committees be urged to press actively forward on this matter.

In respect to missionary personnel, we recommend that the Committee on Missionary Personnel be requested to work out with and set before the boards new standards and processes of missionary preparation, experimenting with (a) cooperative plans for training; (b) group training for special areas and special functions.

We urge that there be no cessation of recruiting especially in view of the length of training that the new situation requires, the number of replacements that must be made, and the enlarged opportunities in many areas now and especially in the post-war period.
The changes impending emphasize the importance of using the stay of many missionaries in the home lands for enlarging their equipment of specialized knowledge and skill. We recommend that the Committee on Missionary Personnel call to the attention of the boards resources especially valuable for this purpose and seek to develop such others as may be required.

Discussion in the Conference emphasized the importance of some persons in each field being qualified to represent the Christian enterprise in the areas of physical and mental public health, social organization and standards, family standards, and other aspects of public service.

We recommend that the Committee of Reference and Counsel be instructed to give renewed attention to the problems of foreign students in the United States and Canada and particularly to the immediate situation growing out of the war emergencies.

Sarah S. Lyon, Leader; 
R. H. Edwin Espy, Reporter.

Panel III. Your Community and the On-Going Mission

This Panel studied the problems of “Jonesville,” a town of 25,000 inhabitants. Dr. Sanderson, the chairman, and his guests discovered that in the group were a minister, a layman, a Y. W. C. A. president, an A. A. U. W. member, a woman interested in the children of the church. They soon realized that they should have included representatives of other age and racial groups in their discussion.

They found that they were average church people, pretty well entrenched in the traditional attitudes. Some of them feared any new ideas which might be contrary to denominational plans. They had not yet realized for the most part that there were any missionary problems in their own town. Racial groups, grown-up children of good church families who were not going to church were taken for granted. Many wanted the Bible taught but did not see its relevance to today’s world and left any missionary education to the usual annual Missionary Institute and the usual World Day of Prayer. In fact, after those two missionary events were over the group felt that their work was done.

After careful consideration they found the following things which “Jonesville” could do as a group of churches:

1. Arrange a far-sighted missionary program, sponsored by a committee chosen from all ages and races and denominations in the community.

2. Cooperatively they might as a community raise a World Emergency Fund or one for some other interdenominational project, find-
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ing great value in giving to a cause that is sponsored by their own denominations and yet is world-wide and interdenominational.

3. They would like to use furloughed missionary families and foreign students for weeks and even months at a time. In doing this they would want to forget the denomination of the missionary but make the town realize that they are getting acquainted with ambassadors who belong to all of them because they are helping to build the World Christian Community.

4. They made up their minds to use more adequately their public libraries, radios and newspapers to spread fresh, challenging missionary news.

5. They decided to apply their new-found missionary fervor to finding solutions cooperatively for the frictions between themselves and the yellow and black people in their community.

6. They resolved to have missionary education books on sale the whole year around, and to send young people to summer conferences where they would receive a challenge to community and world service.

7. They resolved also that in securing additional missionary money they must not handicap the regular giving to established work. They decided to guard this through stewardship education and perhaps through a community-wide every-member canvass.

8. They felt that the work being done by the Federation of Churches of “Jonesville” is not complete without including world Christian fellowship. This calls for the appointment of a committee on the Christian world mission in the local federation.

9. They endorsed the idea of selecting at least two centers for the carrying out of the suggestions of this panel.

ROSS W. SANDERSON, Leader;
ANNA SWAIN, Reporter.

PANEL IV. A GREAT FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR MISSIONS

Panel IV was requested to direct its attention to the quest for plans and programs whereby there might be developed a forward movement in missions which would result in lifting the level of knowledge, conviction and support for the foreign missionary enterprise throughout the churches of North America. The discussion was based upon frank recognition that we must be exceedingly realistic in any endeavor to achieve this objective during a time of war and in the face of widespread misunderstanding, ignorance, indifference and honest doubt in the minds of many church members. The need for a deeply spiritual emphasis was a note frequently sounded throughout the discussion.

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While the discussion itself did not crystallize in the formulation of definite plans for anything which might be termed an organized campaign, there was abundant evidence of a deep-seated desire to have a definite forward movement throughout all denominations toward the objectives outlined for this panel. Out of the contributions made in the course of the discussion we would submit to the Conference the following items as worthy of further consideration by the Committee of Reference and Counsel in the hope that there might be developed some specific projects as a basis for cooperative action.

A. Field Work. (1) The idea of interdenominational teams, comprised of missionaries and candidates, who will cover an entire community, speak in churches, homes, clubs and schools. Perhaps inter-racial. Might raise money. Might recruit persons and interest for great tasks of relief and reconstruction. Four or five days in a place. (2) Taking our cue from the community chest campaigns, is it feasible for all denominations together to launch a mission season once a year in the community?

B. Literature. (1) *The International Review of Missions* and its wider circulation, particularly among pastors. Available to boards at $2.20 a year in clubs. (2) *Christian World Facts*. Concurrent use by boards each year. Each can have its own imprint. Boards should be encouraged to send their own denominational contributions to the magazine when they are asked. (3) Missionary Education Movement.

C. Christian World Mission Convocation. Lift this into prominence—not as a single event, but the climax of a movement, the beginning of a new united effort. Stress cooperative, coordinated preparation and follow-up; conclaves of pastors, regional and otherwise; study seminars across the country; worship; study groups in all denominations enlarging the Convocation theme throughout the following year.

D. Assemblies. Summer conferences should be stressed inter denominationally, for preparation on common themes, etc.

E. War relief and emergency appeals. (1) Explore the possibility of organizing these appeals on a cooperative basis. A concurrent emphasis in the churches, perhaps through the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches. (2) People need to have the connection pointed out between relief effort and the ongoing mission of the church.

F. Cooperation for use of secular channels. (1) Secular press. (2) Movies, radio, etc.

Considerable emphasis was placed upon the promotional agency's relation to the pastors. It may be that this point of contact needs to
be sharpened and thought through coöperatively by all denominations. There needs to be a new rapport between boards and pastors.

As an item for special emphasis we would call attention to the possible development in the near future of a committee on a coördinated calendar of activities among all agencies promoting missions in the churches. Events like the celebration of World-wide Communion Sunday have shown the way to concurrent emphases. We believe many helpful results could be achieved if such a committee could contact the various denominations' promotional agencies with a view to coördination at the source of denominational plans and a resultant program for concurrent activities in the field.

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MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee convened at 9:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 1940, after the evening session of the Conference at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, and elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing period: Chairman, Dr. Charles T. Leber; Vice-Chairman, Miss Bessie MacMurchy; General Secretary, Charles R. Watson (who later declined); Secretaries, Leslie B. Moss, Miss Florence G. Tyler, A. L. Warnshuis; Recording Secretary, Glenn P. Reed; Treasurer, M. P. Möller, Jr.; Assistant Treasurer, William G. Schram; Treasurer Emeritus, James M. Speers.

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HEADQUARTERS ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee of Reference and Counsel on July 30, 1940, elected Emory Ross to the newly-created office of General Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference and of the Committee of Reference and Counsel. Mr. Ross accepted on September 3, 1940, and was inducted on September 25, 1940, during the fall meeting of the Committee of Reference and Counsel. The Induction Service was held in the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas in New York and was participated in by John R. Mott, E. Stanley Jones, A. E. Armstrong, R. E. Diffendorfer, Arnaud C. Marts, Roswell P. Barnes, Mabel E. Emerson, Robert W. Searle, Leslie B. Moss, Charles T. Leber, O. Clay Maxwell, Wm. Jay Schieffelin, Joseph R. Sizoo, the late Finis S. Idleman, and others. On October 1, 1940, Mr. Ross began his new duties. He continued as Executive Secretary of the Africa Committee, and until March 15, 1941, he also continued to serve as General Secretary of the American Mission to Lepers.

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee on April 18, 1941, the Committee of Reference and Counsel by mail vote elected Miss Sue E. Weddell as a Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference and of the Committee of Reference and Counsel. Miss Weddell accepted on May 13, 1941, and began her duties November 1, 1941. For a short time thereafter she continued to give part time service in introducing her successor to the work of secretary of the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

On September 24, 1941, the Committee of Reference and Counsel elected Joe J. Mickle as Acting Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference and of the Committee of Reference and Counsel for the period from October 1, 1941, to February 28, 1943. Mr. Mickle began his service on October 1, 1941.

At the request of the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches, the services of Leslie B. Moss were loaned for part time to that Committee for the month of September, 1940. For the three months of October, November and December, 1940, Mr. Moss’s services were given full time to that Committee, on leave of absence from the Committee of Reference and Counsel. On December 23, 1940, Mr. Moss presented his resignation as Secretary of the Committee of Reference and Counsel and of the Foreign Missions Conference, effective December 31, 1940, in order to enable him to give full time as Executive Director of the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches.

On December 31, 1941, having reached retirement age, Miss Tyler retired as a Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference and of the Committee of Reference and Counsel.
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The special Committee on Secretarial Personnel and Functioning, which has had chief responsibility for nominating the new secretaries, has also worked with the staff in the distribution of secretarial duties, and a special report will be made on this to the Foreign Missions Conference at Trenton.

BOARD OF STRATEGY

Composed of the Executive Committee and the Secretarial Council, the Board of Strategy has rendered important service to the whole coöperative missionary undertaking. The week-end of June 27-29, 1941, was utilized at Vassar by the Board for searching consideration of coöperative structure and strategy.

Growing out of the Board's consultations have come, among other things, the 4-point proposed missionary program for 1942-43 recommended by the Committee of Reference and Counsel last September for consideration of the Foreign Missions Conference and its member boards and agencies:

I. Analysis of Resources.
II. Achievement of Mobility.
III. Central Planning.
IV. Unity of Action.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONFERENCE

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and the Cameroons Baptist Mission (U. S. A.), Newark, New Jersey, have applied for membership in the Foreign Missions Conference. The Committee of Reference and Counsel, after due investigation, at its meeting on September 24-25, 1941, recommended to the Trenton meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference election of these two mission boards to membership.

AFRICA COMMITTEE

Most missions report good progress in Africa. Except for the Mediterranean and Red Sea areas, "shooting" war has not come to Africa. There have been many problems and dislocations. Numerous African Christians, including trained leaders, have been drawn into military action. A number of missionaries have entered combatant or chaplain service. Those European missions cut off by war from their home lands have perhaps been the greatest sufferers. The devotion and generosity of others, in Africa, in Europe and in America, have materially aided in keeping their work going. The service of "orphaned" missions, mentioned elsewhere in this report, has been excellent.
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A war-time service rendered by the Africa Committee has concerned the transmission of funds. Following the invasion of the Low Countries and France, ordinary banking facilities were in many places interrupted. Arrangements were made with one or two American business concerns for the transmission of funds where needed in Africa. About $200,000 has passed through the office of the Africa Committee in this service.

Passage for missionaries to and from Africa has presented difficulties greater than the transmission of funds. The Committee has had a considerable volume of new work in connection with this.

Nine motion pictures of life and work in Africa have now been released: Ngono and Her People, The Story of Bamba, A Day in an African Village, Children of Africa, How an African Tribe is Ruled, What a Missionary Does in Africa, Song After Sorrow, The Light Shines in Bakubaland, and Mission Achievements. One still remains to be completed: The World's Stake in Africa. The war has prevented getting certain additional material needed for this latter film. This series of 16-mm. black and white silent pictures has been produced by the Africa Motion Picture Project, in which the Harmon Foundation has given chief aid. For information about these films, address the Africa Committee.

The Africa Bureau, although not publicly launched as an information center on African matters, has nevertheless been drawn upon in various ways by government and others. The initial effort is to organize the considerable body of material available, in books, periodicals and pictures, and to provide for effective handling of the large volume of fresh material constantly arriving. It is hoped to have the Bureau fully functioning within the next year and to make it especially serviceable in connection with post-war arrangements of African relations.

In certain parts of Africa religious intolerance has not been fully curbed by the governments responsible nor is complete missionary freedom granted. A steady effort has to be made against these injustices which in different ways and varying degrees affect a wide range of Protestant missionary endeavor and threaten the development of the evangelical church.

On these and other matters relations have been maintained with missions and Christian councils on the field. The Congo Protestant Council, the Angola Evangelical Alliance, the newly-formed Federation of the Protestant Missions of Cameroun and certain other area councils have maintained their work despite the war. The National Christian Council of South Africa is in a process of reorganization which it is hoped will give it new strength.

The air liaison established last December by Pan American Air-
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Ways between America and Africa is likely to expand and strengthen American relations with Africa, and missionary forces are already forward in their efforts to use this new means to the fullest for advancing the Church in Africa.

Another development of importance is the extension of radio broadcasting from America to Africa, and in the vernacular tongues in Africa. Many thousands of new receiving sets are reported licensed (50,000 in South Africa alone) and a considerable number of them are either the property of or available to Africans. This offers opportunity not before had for evangelical programs and Christian education in a land where the spoken word at present can reach more people than the written.

Christian Literature for Africa

Again the Committee on Christian Literature for Africa has met its full obligation and in addition has collected and forwarded $500 for the special literature budget of the Committee which will be used for literature in vernacular languages.

Dr. Janet Welch, who has been studying in this country, has produced an excellent handbook on first aid and public health. This will be printed in a number of languages and have wide distribution.


The number of boards contributing to the budget is also increasing, three new boards having made contributions this year.

With the reopening of Ethiopia to Christian missions comes the call for literature. At its last meeting the Committee voted to endeavor to raise $2,000 for literature for Ethiopia and the first gifts have already been received. It is hoped that a large number of boards will find it possible to contribute to this project.

The Committee has considered the advisability of having Miss Wrong come to America this year according to the original plan, but it does not seem wise at present for her to undertake the journey. The Committee hopes such a visit may be feasible within the next fiscal year.

Committee on Coöperation in Latin America

Latin America is the one major area of the world still outside the actual field of combat as this is written. Strategic planning for the
evangelical missionary movement in these lands was never more necessary nor more complicated. The function of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America is to be informed as much as possible of developments throughout the continent as the missionary forces meet opportunities or are hindered by restrictions in the conduct of their daily work. It must also assist them to carry out together programs that would be impossible if they worked separately. An outstanding missionary leader has recently said that the hemispheric problem is too serious for the evangelical forces to fail to make their point of view felt, and it is to be hoped that the whole Protestant missionary enterprise will see that the church in Latin America becomes an integral part of the Christian missionary movement.

While business, government and cultural agencies deal with Latin America in the consciousness of her Roman Catholic background, recognized students of inter-American relationships have said that those between the United States and Latin America eventually will be handicapped by a preponderance of Roman Catholic influence in inter-American planning. The rights of minorities, a principle with which, as Christians and citizens of the United States, we are concerned, is one for which there may be a new struggle as these twenty countries to the south adjust themselves to a changing world.

The Executive Secretary completed the series of conferences with field workers, begun in 1940, accompanying Dr. John R. Mott on visits to Chile, Peru, Ecuador and the Central American countries during March-June, 1941. On the basis of the findings of these conferences and personal observations the Committee is proceeding to outline its future program in terms of advance in Latin America.

The Secretary has written the adult study book on Latin America for the home and foreign mission boards. As this area is to be the topic for discussion in the American churches during 1942-43 plans are being made to present the challenge of Latin America to the churches.

A significant conference on Christian Literature was held in Mexico City in July, 1941, under the joint auspices of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, the Central Committee on Religious Education in Latin America, the International Missionary Council, and the World's Sunday School Association. Organization and the compilation of a comprehensive preliminary report were the task of the Committee in New York, cooperating with the Chairman of the Central Committee on Religious Education. The printed findings of the Conference, a one-hundred page, bilingual presentation of the conclusions of the five days' councils in Mexico, where almost every area of the Latin American field was represented, comprise a series of definite, itemized projects, indicating readiness for immediate ad-
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vance in the field of Christian literature production for Latin America. A special meeting is to be devoted to a detailed consideration of these recommendations and the financing of projects there adopted in January, 1942.

Notwithstanding the increasing number of magazines dealing with inter-American interests of various kinds, the Committee's Spanish monthly, La Nueva Democracia, enjoys unique and coveted prestige. The editor finds his contacts widening and opportunities to use the periodical as a pulpit greater than hitherto. Opportunities to spread the magazine through the circles studying Spanish in the secondary schools of the United States are becoming available through the officers of their national organization. Testimonials of readers reiterate their gratitude for the conception of a “New Democracy” presented through its pages. “It helps me to keep my faith,” one Colombian friend says, and he marvels that this ideal should have been conceived and consistently supported in these columns for twenty-two years although the world seems only now to be coming to realize the need of it. One of the Mission Boards has effectively suggested to its constituency a paid subscription to the magazine as a “Good Neighbor” gesture for Christians in this country to make to Latin American friends whom they will be glad to name.

Dr. George P. Howard, evangelist under the Committee on Coöper-eration in Latin America, to the unchurched groups of South America, is finding large numbers of willing listeners wherever he goes. News of his activities and experiences is sent out to friends regularly through letters duplicated in the New York office. Early in the new year Dr. Howard plans to spend four months in Peru. During 1941 he has lectured in Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Argentina and Paraguay. Friends of this type of special evangelism have shown more than ordinary interest this year. The Committee plans also to promote the visits of other outstanding evangelists to the intellectual classes.

There have been four meetings of the Executive Committee during the year and the Annual Meeting, arranged in two day sessions. Numerous sub-committees have been active, dealing especially with leadership training, literature, the reorganization of the Committee's finances, etc. The Executive Secretary has rendered various field reports and four news letters from him have been mimeographed and mailed to nearly eight hundred missionaries throughout Latin America. Special luncheon and dinner meetings were held during the year, the most recent being a dinner on December 12th, when members had an opportunity to hear reports from Dr. A. W. Wasson, Chairman, and Miss Elizabeth M. Lee, who had just returned from an extended visit to all their Latin American fields.
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Mr. J. Merle Davis, of the Bureau of Social and Economic Research of the I. M. C., completed the second series of studies in Latin America, visiting Puerto Rico, Cuba and Jamaica early in 1941. His report of the Mexico studies was published and circulated in English and Spanish; the report on the later studies is in process of publication. Action of the Committee provides for special consideration of these valuable documents by mission board secretaries and field workers.

There is evidence throughout the country of a deeper and wider interest in Latin America at the present time. Understanding, friendship and fellowship among the American peoples will depend not so much on increased trade relations or even cultural relations, though these are all to the good, but rather on something much deeper and more spiritual, for we are dealing with human beings, and human beings respond to kindness shown and to disinterested service rendered. It is the Evangelical Movement which has done more for real friendship and solidarity than any other agency. A constant stream of devoted men and women have gone to Latin America as evangelists, preachers, teachers, doctors, nurses and social workers in the interest of Christ's Kingdom and for His sake. The future development of twenty nations, as well as the acceptance of the democratic way of life in the Western hemisphere depend on the spread of evangelical Christianity at this critical juncture of history, so pregnant with possibilities for good or evil. It is the task of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America to see that the great spiritual undertaking of the Evangelical Church in Latin America is given its rightful place in the whole concept of world evangelization.

COMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA

Since the last report was given in June, 1940, the Committee on East Asia has had three regular meetings,—in September, 1940, and in February and September, 1941. During this period the Executive Committee has met seventeen times. In view of the disturbed conditions in the Pacific area, the importance of its bulletin service in supplying up-to-date information and attempting to interpret the course of events has greatly increased. We felt it imperative that all Boards should be kept informed as to the rapid development of events. Between August, 1940, and December, 1941, one hundred and two bulletins have been issued. In addition, the Committee on East Asia has sponsored important meetings to aid the Boards in keeping in touch with the developing situation. The meeting with the Japanese Christian delegation in Atlantic City in May was an outstanding attempt to strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship across the Pacific. The meetings arranged with Ambassador Nelson Johnson,
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Rev. Ronald Rees and Dr. Chester Miao, and with Bishop Ronald O. Hall by this committee contributed much toward a more thorough understanding of China's problems. In addition numerous other smaller groups have been called together from time to time in order that we might keep abreast of our problems in these critical times. On several occasions representatives of this committee have gone to Washington to confer with the State Department officials. It should be pointed out that the Committee on East Asia serves all boards having work in East Asia whether they are members or not.

Twenty-five boards are members of the Committee on East Asia and contributing toward its budget. Last year the C. E. A. asked for contributions totaling $3,000.00 for Christian literature in China. By March 31, 1941, over $2,400.00 had been forwarded through C. E. A. to China and, including funds paid on the field by two boards, the entire amount was secured. At the same time $1,000.00 was asked for the "Christian Farmer," and shortly after the close of our fiscal year in March, 1941, over $1,200.00 had been sent.

Of great importance was the adoption in September, 1941, of a program of priorities and strategy. The principles set forth in this program called for:

1. Acceptance by the Committee on East Asia of the responsibility for sponsorship and support of approved united projects.
2. Development of much more united action.
3. Increased mobility of staff and flexibility of program.
4. Recognition of the ministry to human needs as a fundamental Christian witness.
5. Reconsideration of the economic basis of the Church.

This report also outlined priorities for China as a whole, for free China and the occupied areas.

The September, 1941, meeting immediately began to act along the lines of this program by voting a $10,000.00 Special Work Projects Budget for Student Evangelism, Christian Literature, and the "Christian Farmer"; this budget to be spread over a two-year period, beginning with 1941-42.

The Committee is giving special attention at this time to the development of cooperative work in West China and has adopted as one of its priorities for free China the "strengthening and development of regional Councils, especially those of Yunnan and Szechwan."

War in the Pacific came on us just as the above was written. The Committee immediately met and set in motion the necessary machinery to care for missionary interests in East Asia in every way possible. Dr. Searle Bates has been asked to act as our representative in Washington, and daily meetings have been held for exchange of information and emergency actions.
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INDIA COMMITTEE

The Committee has carried on without the services of a secretary from the retirement of Dr. Leslie Moss until Miss Sue Weddell took over that office in September of 1941. The chairman acted as secretary in the interim. At the meeting in September, 1941, Dr. F. M. Potter resigned as chairman and Dr. J. Leroy Dodds was elected to succeed him.

In any review of the activities of the Committee since the last meeting of the Conference at Swarthmore in June, 1940, prominent mention should be made of the visit of the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Whittaker in the fall of 1940. Mr. Whittaker attended two meetings of the Committee and gave a very clear picture of the significant Mass Movement work with which he has been identified. Two notable surveys of evangelistic opportunities in Maharashtra and Bengal were carried through and printed reports were presented to the Committee. The visit of Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker brought to all the members of the Committee a much more thorough understanding of the wide range of activities carried on by the National Christian Council of India.

Note should be made also of the retirement July 31, 1941, of the Rev. J. Z. Hodge, who has been secretary of the N. C. C. for eleven years. It would be difficult to overstate the importance of the service which he has rendered. The present well organized, orderly conduct of business by the Council is very largely the result of his skill, patience and indefatigable activity as General Secretary.

Miss Ruth Ure, of the American Presbyterian Mission, has been elected as the new Woman Secretary of the N. C. C., taking office on August 1, 1941. In addition to the promotion of women's service to the Church, Miss Ure will be responsible for literature, adult literacy and youth work.

Progress has been made in regularizing the methods of soliciting and forwarding funds to India for cooperative projects being carried on there, and after years of staggering under a deficit, the National Christian Council reported a small credit balance as of January 1, 1941. The budget for our common projects in India now amounts to over $17,000 and includes not only the general budget of the Council but important projects such as Adult Literacy, Literature, Mass Movement Survey and Central Bureau of Higher Education, which supervises research being carried on by the colleges in line with recommendations of the Lindsay Commission.

There have been rather frequent meetings on matters of importance and the Committee has tried to render service to all the Boards in various emergency matters which have arisen in connection with the war. New regulations governing the admission of missionaries to
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India have been circulated and as the result of conferences with the authorities, simplified forms to cover applications for entry have been prepared and forwarded to all Boards having work in India. In cooperation with Dr. Warnshuis, satisfactory arrangements were also made for expediting the transfer of missionaries from points in East Asia to India.

An important memorandum on cooperation in India was drawn up in the summer of 1940 by Dr. Paton and referred to the Boards in both Great Britain and North America. The memorandum and supplementary statements have been circulated by the Committee, and the Boards have been urged to correspond with their respective Missions, as action must be initiated in India. The conclusion of Dr. Paton that the advances urged by the Madras Conference can be made at a time of straitened resources only through radical realignment of work is provocative and should be central in our thinking and planning for the years ahead.

In response to the request of the Strategy Committee a report on “Priorities” was prepared and approved. This report is printed here as an indication of the judgment of the Committee as to phases of our co-operative work and special emphases in our total program which are of importance today.

REPORT ON PRIORITIES

1. The Economic Social Approach. Congress leaders have come to a new realization of the importance of rural communities. Missions boards have been doing some work along these lines, particularly since the inspiration of Dr. Butterfield of some years ago. The more recent Wardha scheme, initiated by Mahatma Gandhi, points in the same direction. We have here, then, an approach which is popular today in India and which therefore should be utilized to the utmost.

2. Adult Literacy Movement. Here also we have a movement which is commending itself to Indian politicians and statesmen. It is a favorable time for the Missions to work side by side with the government. It is hard to over-emphasize the importance, while government is still more or less friendly, of establishing such bases of friendly and effective coöperation.

The number of Primary Schools maintained by Missions is decreasing rapidly in India. Government is taking over this function. The Literacy Movement gives a fine point of contact for Missions with the village churches at a time when the old point of contact, the Primary School, is disappearing in many centers. This is peculiarly a movement in which we can go forward coöperatively.

3. The Wardha Plan. We have here some of the same considera-
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tions underlying points No. 1 and No. 2. The Congress Movement is keenly interested in the subject of more effective Primary education. Missions have done a great deal along this line. Now is the time for them to stand forth as champions of the ideals which underlie the Wardha Plan, even if they consider some of its details impractical.

4. Higher Education. A very practical priority is the adequate maintenance of the Central Board for Higher Education. Here we have a piece of machinery which grew out of the Lindsay Report, a particularly fine piece of survey. This Central Board has three highly important functions:

a. It promotes coördination of planning in the field of Christian higher education.

b. It is a body which can be used at once if Dr. Paton's plan for more unified administration meets a favorable response.

c. By its practical work in financing survey projects of the Christian colleges it is tying the higher institutions to the villages. We have here some insurance against the complete detachment and secularization of colleges which has come in our own country.

5. Evangelism. The Committee feels that direct evangelism must be included as a priority. The Methodists have done a great deal in their support of the Mass Movement. The surveys and follow-up work must be carried through. The very fact that the India Church is the fastest growing church in the world makes it obvious that we should be putting forth strong efforts here.

WORK AMONG MOSLEMS

This, the newest of the area committees of the Foreign Missions Conference, held two most helpful conferences on the problems common to Moslem areas and as a result of the last conference at Hartford in November, 1940, the Committee at its March meeting applied for status as a Representative Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference. This has been approved by the Committee of Reference and Counsel for action by F. M. C. in January, 1942.

Representatives have been appointed by the boards, and the Committee looks forward to another two-day conference March 20-21, 1942, at Hartford Seminary.

The Committee is endeavoring to strengthen the Near East Christian Council, promote interest in work in Moslem areas among the American constituency and provide a medium for the interchange of information and advice on Near East and Moslem problems.
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These problems are not confined to the Near East but are found in India, China, Netherlands Indies and other parts of the world.

The Committee has been able to secure several hundred dollars for the literature program headed by Miss Padwick. At the present time communication facilities are limited and but little information on the progress of affairs in the Near East is received.

Among the most helpful things which the Committee is trying to do is to organize "The Moslem Fellowship" which will bind together the friends of the Moslem world and increase their numbers by promotion and publicity. It will by subscription and contribution insure the continuation of the quarterly magazine *The Moslem World*. Already a number of boards have made contributions to the magazine. One dinner meeting of the Fellowship has furnished information and inspiration to friends of the work in this area.

The Committee has been helpful in making possible the publication of a recent book by Dr. James Thayer Addison on "The Christian Approach to Islam." This will be a book of great value to missionaries preparing for work in Moslem areas and also to those in Moslem lands who have recently embraced Christianity. The book will be published by Columbia University Press in the spring of 1942.

REPORT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMITTEE

The Philippine Committee held its regular meetings in 1941 on February 18 and September 19 in New York City. A special meeting was held on June 29 in Poughkeepsie, New York, and the Executive Committee met in New York on April 17.

Major attention was given to the implementation of projects approved at the Conference on the Philippines in Washington, D. C. in April of 1940. These included the following:

**Literature**

Much thought was given to cooperation with the regular Literature Committee of the Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches and with the special committee on Philippine-American Cultural Relations. Approximately $325.00 was secured from boards and other sources for the former and a total of $5,000, a gift from Judge John W. Haussermann of Manila, was released for use by the latter. In addition, an item of $1,000 was included in the budget for the production of curriculum material by the Philippine Committee of Christian Education.

Furthermore, progress was made in clarifying the functions of the two committees related to the Federation and charged with responsibility in the fields of literature and journalism. The presence of Dr. Frank C. Laubach at the September meeting was especially
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helpful in this respect and the visit of Dr. Charles T. Leber to the Philippines in September and October enabled him to contribute greatly toward that end.

HOME AND FAMILY PROJECT

The Committee approved the solicitation of funds on an interdenominational basis in the United States by Miss Maria I. Dayoan, Secretary for Home and Family Life of the Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches, for the purpose of financing this department, to a large extent, during its initial stages. Miss Dayoan has secured about eighty $5.00 shares in the form of annual pledges extending over a period of five years. The women’s committee of the Foreign Missions Conference voted $150.00 for literature produced under the supervision of this department on condition that an additional $50.00 be raised in the Philippines. This condition has been met and the women’s committee has been invited to take similar action for the present year.

SURVEYS IN THE PHILIPPINES

The Committee has cooperated with the Federation in planning for two surveys of Christian work in the Philippines. It has secured from the boards and included in the 1940-41 budget an item of $500.00 for a study of conditions on the island of Mindanao with special reference to the needs and opportunities created there by the migration of thousands of Protestant Christians from other parts of the Archipelago. The secretary has conducted correspondence with Nanking Union Theological Seminary in order to secure the services of two members of the faculty for a study of theological education. Some financial provision has been made during the present year to finance this project. A favorable response from the Administrative Committee of the Nanking Seminary has encouraged both this committee and the group in the Philippines charged with the responsibility of assisting in the survey.

COÖPERATION REGARDING FEDERATION STAFF

The Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches reports through its Administrative Committee that Dr. Leber who was for two years chairman of the Philippine Committee and who has been deeply interested in all its activities, gave inspiration and sound advice in the selection of two new secretaries for the Federation, a Filipino and an American. The two men have been consulted with the view of getting them to accept appointment and both have responded favorably. However, the family of the missionary is now in the United States on furlough and he requested time to confer with his wife; and the present commitments of the Filipino made
it necessary for him to take up the matter with an executive com-
mittee in his denomination. The election will probably take place in
February, 1942, at the Biennial Convention of the Federation.

The Administrative Committee through its chairman, Mr. W. H.
Fonger, wrote on November 5 that prospects for the effective ad-
ministration of coöperative projects are better now than at any other
time within the last several years. No one can say as 1941 draws to
a close what the effect of the war in the Pacific will be upon the
Christian movement in the Philippines. But both there and here,
Christian men and women have faith to believe that the cause of
Christ will continue to demand and receive the attention, the prayers
and the sacrifices of Filipinos and Americans.

ASSOCIATED MISSION MEDICAL OFFICE

During the past year the Associated Mission Medical Office has
been the health clearance center for the foreign mission agencies rep-
resenting the Northern Baptist Convention both General and
Woman's, the recently united Methodist Churches both General and
Woman's, the Presbyterian Church in U. S. A., the Reformed
Church, the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., the Chris-
tian and Missionary Alliance, the Protestant Episcopal Church.

In addition the home missionary agencies of the Episcopal, Meth-
odist and Presbyterian churches have been rendered similar service.
In addition to health care given the field workers in these various
groups, medical help has been rendered to the employees of the home
base administrative offices of certain boards in New York City. This
work will probably be extended during 1942.

The A. M. M. O. staff of three doctors, nurse-technician, and five
assistants has been more than busy caring for the large health re-
sponsibilities which have been placed in our office. They have con-
tinued to follow the usual procedure of general direction of the health
recuperation program for all missionaries in these groups who are
scattered in many cities, towns and villages throughout the United
States. The reports from time to time have been checked and advice
given concerning local doctors, and relationship has been established
with the best doctors and hospitals as need required. This has in-
volved the coöperation throughout the United States of a very large
number of physicians and surgeons as well as with hospital adminis-
trative officers. This office can testify to the generous and skillful
service that has been so graciously given by the medical profession.
Their charges have been very minimal and considerate. A list of the
health problems that have been revealed by these studies and then
carried through to solution would be a very long one and would con-
tain some major conditions, the impending tragedies of which have
time and again been averted. Unfortunately, however, some major tragedies have occurred.

During the year the number of deaths from the above mentioned missionary societies who have 4,521 missionaries in their employ has been 24. This does not include missionaries who have retired or been withdrawn from the service for more than two years. This low percentage of deaths among the total force is very gratifying. The cost to the individual boards has averaged $3.43 per missionary in active service.

During the twelve months ending November 30, 1941, the Associated Mission Medical Office has cared for 1,319 complete examinations of adults and 214 examinations of children. These have been reported in detail to each individual missionary and to his appropriate administrative secretary with general advice as to procedures for health reconstruction. The follow-up work has entailed a very heavy correspondence (3,140 letters) and 944 health conferences at headquarters.

In addition to the health care of furlough missionaries and of headquarters staff there needs to be increasing leadership and guidance for the health care of missionaries while on the foreign field. Naturally the burden of this work falls upon the medical missionaries and the government physicians, but much can be done by the home base medical office to stimulate annual physical examinations and other procedures aimed at developing an efficient policy of health protection.

Dr. Vaughan, the Director of the Associated Mission Medical Office, will be glad to receive suggestions and inquiries regarding this and all other matters pertaining to the health of missionaries from the various mission societies of the Foreign Missions Conference.

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL FOR OVERSEAS WORK

The Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work, serving the missionary societies of North America as the medical committee of their Foreign Missions Conference, comes to this gathering with emphasis on three matters.

1. THE COUNCIL'S WORK, JUNE 1, 1938 TO JANUARY 1, 1942

The report of the activities of the third year of the Council's life, ended June 1, 1941, has been sent to all the missionary societies. During that year the Council not only served a larger number of societies and counselled a larger number of medical and nursing students and medical missionary recruits than ever before, but also was able to end its fiscal year with a broader financial base. The number of churches and individuals giving their support was happily increased
and this fact gives promise that the maintenance of the Council may be definitely counted upon.

2. THE PROGRAM OF ADVANCE

During the first half of the fourth fiscal year it has become increasingly evident that the missionary societies respond most heartily when they discover that the Council brings them service of a sort that they find measurable and practical in their contact with their own doctors and nurses in many fields. For example, the issuing of a manual of tropical diseases during the second half of 1941 by the Surgeon General of the Army, a manual entitled "Notes on the Treatment and Control of Certain Tropical Diseases," in the preparation of which the Director of the Christian Medical Council was privileged to participate, has brought more response from missionary societies than almost any other previous activity during the first years of the Council's life. Societies from which responses had not been received, as to the fields in which they worked and as to the names and stations of their medical missionaries, have written in asking eagerly for larger or smaller supplies of this particular manual.

A second emphasis has been the report to all the missionary societies who were planning to send doctors to tropical fields that the course in tropical medicine at Tulane University in New Orleans was something new recruits should not fail to take. A number of young doctors are at Tulane University this winter and are getting a more complete and inclusive course on tropical medicine than has ever before been offered in a single institution in the United States. More than this, Mr. De Vleeshauwer, Belgian Minister of Colonies in London, reports that, for the duration of the war, the Government of the Belgian Congo is prepared to accept the diploma awarded after a course at Tulane University as a substitute for the course that was previously insisted upon in Brussels.

A third type of service has been the report to the missionary societies that they might well be concerned with giving their new appointees training in the anthropology of the fields in which they are to work. Concrete aid of this sort has been provided by the issuing during the year 1940-41 of two books introducing medical workers to the medicine of certain fields. Doctor George W. Harley, of the Methodist Board in Liberia, has issued "Native African Medicine" (Harvard University Press); while Doctor Edward H. Hume has issued "The Chinese Way in Medicine" (Johns Hopkins Press). Similar publications are needed for the Philippines, for India, for Melanesia, for Iran, Turkey, Egypt, and other countries. Our missionary societies have a greater burden of responsibility than ever as they arrange for the training of their recruits in a basic knowledge
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of Christian truth, in the language of the areas to which they go, and in the medicine and anthropology of their special fields. It is in this direction that the Christian Medical Council hopes to be of increasing service to the societies in the days to come.

The Council is taking steps to discover still other fields of practical service which will lead the societies to realize that they have here an agency whose aid they greatly need as they develop certain aspects of their medical work.

3. MAJOR QUESTIONS FOR THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE

In a recent broadcast Raymond Gram Swing made two emphases. One, the allied powers must discover and put into operation a unified command and a grand strategy. Two, the fashioning of such a strategy implies, often unhappily but yet of necessity, a choice between positions to be held at all costs, and others of less strategic importance. Mr. Swing’s utterance should be considered side by side with certain wise questions asked by Doctor S. Sze, Secretary of the Chinese Medical Association, now visiting the United States. “During the war, cannot medical missions discover ways of unifying their hospitals and teaching centers for the greater service of China? After the war, is it essential that they return, each one of them, to rebuild destroyed buildings and reoccupy former centers in precisely the same way as before; or must they not develop a new unified program that shall include both buildings and forms of work, a transcending of earlier demarcations between denominational bodies, and a wise relationship to the national health program?”

These two observers, one an American and one an Oriental, set before the missionary societies of America a pressing and inevitable choice. How long will it be before the medical missions of China, or of India, or any other country, think of themselves as a single enterprise and achieve a unified command? This question does not involve dictatorial methods or a departure from the democratic concept of individual decision; but challenges us all with the question as to whether we are willing that the medical missionary forces of a given area shall be, not Baptist or Congregational or Episcopal or Lutheran or Methodist or Presbyterian or Reformed, but a total unified force working as a single welded group. Obviously, in a country such as China or India, this welding will include the medical missionary forces of other nations, such as Britain, the Netherlands, et al. Planning in this way is not a matter of a year or a decade; but necessitates the adoption of a direction, the agreement upon a single spiritual command.

But more! Even now the missionary societies will do well, in China, in the Philippines, in the Netherlands Indies, and elsewhere,
to develop such a strategy in their work as shall avoid duplication and make their Christian witness a telling instrument for the Kingdom. After the war—and they must begin planning for that period now—the missionary societies will be compelled to decide, not whether this destroyed building or that shall be rebuilt, but how the Christian medical witness can be made more effective and more productive than ever before. It may be necessary, as the wisdom of many missions has proved essential in area after area, to turn over a unit of work to some other agency, to combine several units in a new center, to select one outstanding form of Christian medical service as demanding larger attention. In other words, there will be a new demand for selection, elimination, and combination. The several National Christian Councils, such as those in India, China, and elsewhere, will do well to put this problem now before their medical committees. The Council on Medical Missions in China, and the Christian Medical Association in India, Burma, and Ceylon, are eager to begin the necessary surveys today and should be given instructions and authority to go forward at once.

The Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work seeks to serve as an integrating agency and to aid the societies in the laying of their plans in these vital directions. It is appreciative of the friendly support that has come, in a few cases with but token grants, from societies in the United States and Canada. It has already commenced to serve the medical missions of the home and national boards and trusts that its service of integration may extend broadly to these societies as well. It is grateful to its executive committee for unstinted cooperation; especially to Doctor Allen O. Whipple, the Chairman; to Doctor J. G. Vaughan, the newly elected Vice-Chairman; to Doctor E. M. Dodd and Doctor W. J. K. Clothier, to Doctor Jean A. Curran, and to Miss Ruth C. Williams. It records special thanks to two advisers, Doctor R. M. Atwater, Executive Secretary of the American Public Health Association; and Miss Nell V. Beeby, Assistant Editor of the American Journal of Nursing. Both of these experts have aided in ways too numerous to mention. The Council owes a special debt of gratitude to Doctor Fred J. Tooker for his help in the office. To the Davison Fund, Inc., of New York, founded by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the missionary societies of North America owe a special debt of gratitude. That Fund made possible, for a period of three years, the travels in the Orient which preceded the establishment of the Christian Medical Council in June, 1938, and has continued with a generous grant during each of the fiscal years since the Council was established. That Fund is about to wind up its affairs. It would seem fitting that the Foreign Missions Conference should adopt a resolution expressing appreciation to the
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Davison Fund and its founder for generous aid to the enterprise of medical missions.

The Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work looks to all missionary societies of North America that maintain medical missionary work in any part of the world for even more generous support, so that its service may be extended to that larger field outlined in Section 3 above, the field of conceiving and planning a medical strategy that shall recognize the significance of the Christian medical witness and give it the place it deserves in the total enterprise of missions.

PROMOTION OF INTEREST

Pressure of events has prevented the Committee from meeting as frequently as would have been desirable. But under the broad aspects of the Committee's work and in consultation with various ones of its members, a considerable number of projects related to the promotion of interest at home has been carried forward. F. M. C. secretaries and other foreign mission representatives carry varying degrees of relationships and responsibility for these. Mention of various ones is made below, although not all of them are the direct responsibility of the Promotion of Interest Committee.

1. Christian World Facts, 1941

"Christian World Facts" figures for the past six years:

Printed October, 1936, No. 17—15,000
1937, No. 18—23,000
1938, No. 19—25,000
1939, No. 20—22,000
1940, No. 21—20,600
1941, No. 22—28,500

The 1941 issue has had the largest distribution yet attained. Many post-publication orders have been impossible to fill. Considering the total constituency of the boards and agencies members of the Foreign Missions Conference and considering the very great deal of time and effort which has to go into "Christian World Facts" publication, the number distributed is much too small. A distribution of 50,000 copies a year could be achieved by member boards with no great difficulty if they so desired, and such a distribution would more nearly justify the time and effort put into the preparation and publication of this unique unit of source material.

2. Local Non-network Broadcasts

This project, of having foreign missionary material given regularly as part of the local programs of radio stations all over the United
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States, has been delayed for many months because of the controversy between the radio industry and the Federal Communications Commission. We are led to believe now, however, that the commencement of this series may be undertaken within a few weeks. It is expected that at least 100 stations will accept the arrangements to begin with, and it is hoped to increase the number steadily. A small special budget has been arranged for this purpose.

3. Christian World Mission Convocation

This Convocation was originally planned as the first joint national undertaking of the Home Missions Council and the Foreign Missions Conference. It has been set for December 6-10, 1942, in Cleveland. Additional organizations which it is now expected will be cooperating in the Convocation are the Federal Council of Churches, International Council of Religious Education, United Council of Church Women, Missionary Education Movement and the United Stewardship Council. The General Committee, under the chairmanship of the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, is being enlarged to include representatives of such agencies. The Cleveland Federation of Churches has accepted invitation to act as Cleveland host to the Convocation in partnership with a strong local committee which is now being organized.

4. The Silver Bay Conference

In the summer of 1941 there was held at Silver Bay on Lake George, New York, a Conference on the Christian World Mission which marks a new step in a unified co-operative approach to the task of missionary education. It was at Silver Bay in 1902 that there was held the first summer conference on missionary education. Out of that conference grew the Missionary Education Movement and largely from its influence grew the present multitude of summer conferences.

The Missionary Education Movement continued to hold conferences at Silver Bay and at other points for many years but for various causes the conferences were abandoned one by one until the closing of Silver Bay in 1931 left only one independent M. E. M. conference, at Asilomar, California.

Attempts to secure missionary education by combining with the other conferences produced some excellent results but left many needs unmet. It was not surprising, therefore, that the Foreign Missions Conference both through action of its home base committee and its annual meeting expressed a desire for the reopening of the Silver Bay Missionary Education Conference and offered to assist in its promotion.

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With this promise of assistance the Missionary Education Movement reopened its conference at Silver Bay in July, 1940. It offered a program of particular interest to pastors but also appealing to the entire range of church workers. Its special point of emphasis was an interpretation of the missionary enterprise both home and foreign, as it actually operates today and a discussion of methods for interpreting that program to the local church.

A new point in the development of the conference was the decision of certain denominations that such a conference was of enough importance for them to put substantial sums of money into its promotion. This money was spent not for advertising but in the form of scholarships of ten or fifteen dollars each to be used to send selected delegates to the conference. This resulted in the attendance of an especially fine group of people, most of them picked because their denominations wished to train them for missionary leadership.

In planning and promoting the conference, the Missionary Education Movement secured splendid cooperation from the Foreign Missions Conference and the Home Missions Council. The interests of the three groups seemed to have so much in common that it was suggested that the 1941 conference become a joint venture. At the Atlantic City meetings in December of last year, a breakfast conference was arranged for representation of these three organizations and this group adopted a resolution recommending that when missionary education summer conferences were organized they be under the joint sponsorship of the Foreign Missions Conference, the Home Missions Council and the Missionary Education Movement. It was also agreed that for 1941 it would be wise to attempt only one such conference, probably at Silver Bay and that a committee of management be created by asking each of the three organizations to appoint three representatives and an executive staff member on such a committee, this group being given power to add other members as needed.

These recommendations were referred to the three organizations for approval and soon ratified. The committee was appointed and went to work under the inspiring leadership of Dr. Charles Leber, who was elected chairman.

A very distinguished faculty was secured for the conference, including such well-known people as E. Stanley Jones, John Mackay, Ruth Seabury, Paul Scherer, Robert Searle, Ralph E. Diffendorfer and many others. As it was necessary to share the grounds with two other conference groups, due to previous commitments on the part of the management, it was decided to limit the attendance to 220. The actual registration was 214 but several delegates were accompanied by other members of their families thus exceeding the 220 limit and filling the grounds to capacity. (For 1942 a date has been
arranged that will avoid conflicts and make possible a large confer­
ence if so desired.)

The results of the conference were highly satisfactory. A very
gratifying feature was the attendance of many pastors; also people
who are responsible for missionary promotion such as synodical,
conference or district missionary secretaries. Many of these were
there at the request of their boards and received subsidies to assist
in paying their expenses. The Methodist Board of Missions and
Church Extension held the meeting of its Eastern Jurisdictional
Conference simultaneously, fitting its meetings into hours not sched­
uled by the missionary conference and thus giving all the members
of their jurisdictional group the opportunity of profiting by the Silver
Bay program. It was the universal verdict of the delegates that the
conference was of great value, many saying it was the most helpful
they had ever attended.

Thus the first attempt at a conference sponsored jointly by the
three great interdenominational missionary agencies seems to have
inaugurated a forward step both in cooperation and in missionary edu­
cation. The Silver Bay Conference has no desire just to be one more
meeting place. It aims to provide a type of program not given in most
conferences and to appeal to delegates who often are not attracted by
other gatherings. Being directly under the control of the mission
board agencies it exists only for the purpose of providing the type
of training the mission boards want their leaders to secure and are
willing to finance. Promotion is entirely up to the mission boards.
The Conference itself does only a minimum of promotion. If the
mission boards want the conference, they must promote it. Otherwise
it will not be held.

Plans for 1942 call for a conference at Silver Bay to be held July
14 to 22. It is also hoped that the conference in California, for many
years held at Asilomar, will come under the same joint sponsorship
and possibly by 1943 a similar conference can be organized in the
central states.

5. Inter-Seminary Movement

This Movement has recently been reorganized and a National Com­
mittee has been created composed of representatives of the National
Student Council of the Student Christian Associations, the Joint
Executive Committees of Life and Work and Faith and Order, Stu­
dent Volunteer Movement, Foreign Missions Conference, National
Association of Theological Schools. An active program for bringing
the world Church and its mission more vividly and effectively into the
theological seminaries of the country is being undertaken. This work
is now financially supported by the two organizations first mentioned
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above. The Foreign Missions Conference should consider means of financial and other support of this greatly needed movement.

6. ASSOCIATION OF COUNCIL SECRETARIES

This Association, organized in its present form a year ago, has its membership open to all the staff of local and state councils of churches and of national interdenominational agencies. More than 200 now belong. The Association is an important element in strengthening the total coöperative enterprise of America, and in helping to bring missions and other interests of the Church coöperatively to state and city councils of churches and to local churches.

7. UNITED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADVANCE

By invitation of the International Council of Religious Education, the Home Missions Council and the Foreign Missions Conference are asked to secure mission board representatives to participate in each of the 125 one-day conventions which will be held during the last half of April, 1942, in some forty states. The response of foreign board representatives has been very encouraging. This is the first such coöperation involving the International Council, the Home Missions Council and the Foreign Missions Conference.

8. THE INTER-COUNCIL FIELD DEPARTMENT

Made up of staff members of national interdenominational agencies responsible for field and promotional work, together with representatives of the Association of Council Secretaries, this Field Department seeks to coördinate and facilitate in all possible ways a common and inclusive Christian approach to communities in the United States. It finished last October a two-year experimental period, and a vote of the agencies participating is now requested authorizing a further period of effort. It has undertaken a variety of projects.

a. Date-Clearance for Special National Meetings. Nearly all dates for special national inter-church gatherings are now cleared through this Department for two or three years ahead. This has remedied a previous situation of date conflict and overlapping, and has tended to secure larger and more effective national assistance in promoting the gatherings thus cleared.

b. Publications. A Field Organization Directory of American Coöperative Christianity has been prepared and published in the 1941 Edition of the American Yearbook of the Churches. Field service itineraries of all staff members of the coöperative agencies are prepared and circulated quarterly to those agencies and to all state and local councils of churches. "Experiences in Coöperation" has been published and 2,500 copies have already been sold. Sample constitu-
tions for councils of churches with voluntary leadership and with em­
ployed leadership have been published, and the demand for them has
been widespread.

c. Conference with Seminary Students. An initial and experi­
mental interdenominational conference with seminary students was
held in New York on May 2-3, 1941. Students and leaders attend­
ing represented Yale Divinity School, Hartford Seminary Founda­
tion, Biblical Seminary in New York and New Brunswick Theo­
logical Seminary. The purpose was the better to acquaint seminary
students with the total Christian coöperative enterprise in the United
States. Visits were made to the headquarters of the interdenomina­
tional agencies in New York. The work of each agency was pre­
sented and correlation of work was shown. One seminary reported
subsequently that “the students had not realized that so much was
being done to enable Christians to work together. They had not
realized how, through these united agencies, the local church could
reach out to the far corners of the world. They could not help but
see as a result of this conference that Christian unity will have to be
achieved by working both from the bottom up and from the top down.”

Plans are under way now for conducting similar conferences dur­
ing the coming spring in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Nashville,
Richmond and Berkeley.

d. Kansas City Conference on “The Coöperative Work of the
Churches.” This was also an initial and experimental conference of
its kind. It was held May 9-10, 1941. The attendance from seven
states totaled 86 and represented all but one of the organized state and
city councils with employed staffs from this seven-state area.

Representatives of each of the national interdenominational
agencies attended and presented the agencies’ work. Correlation of
each was shown, and ample discussion periods were provided. The
effort was to find how best national, state and local programs could
be built and how through united endeavors the whole task of the
church could most effectively be presented to the local church. It is
contemplated that further conferences of this nature will be organ­
ized in other sections of the country.

e. Convocation of American Christianity in 1944. A committee
under the chairmanship of Emory Ross has for more than a year
been exploring with the heads of a score of denominations the pos­
sibility of holding their national plenary assemblies at the same time
and place in 1944. Certain joint sessions would be held and an effort
thereby made to capture the heart and the imagination of American
Christianity for greater united future steps. Although no commit­
ments have been formally asked of any church, the Evangelical and
Reformed Church nevertheless voted officially to participate in such
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a convocation if held. Most other churches have thus far given favorable reactions. Three or four have expressed doubts. Exploration is going forward.

f. Missions in the Work of Local Councils of Churches. A committee representing home and foreign missions and the Association of Council Secretaries has been studying for more than two years the question of getting missions solidly into the cooperative program of city councils of churches across the United States. Ross W. Sanderson, Executive Secretary of the Council of Churches of Buffalo and Erie County, has been chairman. He presented to the Inter-Council Field Department, meeting October 20, 1941, the following report:

"The proposal that missions should form a continuous part of the program of a local council of churches has reached the point where further discussion, without definite action, is likely to prove fruitless. What remains to be done is for denominational boards through the Foreign Missions Conference and the Home Missions Council, to work out joint promotional appeals for the sake of as many local councils as wish to capitalize such an opportunity.

"Missionary financing that continues to be sectarian delays the development of an ecumenical consciousness. Coöperation that omits unselfish interest in the church universal tends to be blighted by an interdenominational type of parochialism much like the congregational isolationism which impedes the progress of local councils. If we can have interdenominational preaching missions, and an interdenominational educational advance, why can we not have real team work in rekindling the missionary enthusiasm of the churches? The answer lies with the boards. If our denominational leaders really believe in ecumenicity, they will present us with a genuine scheme for enthusiastic joint financing of the missionary enterprise as one phase of church coöperation at the home base.

"If any such complete reëducation of the supporting constituencies as the boards now feel is necessary is actually to take place so that they (the supporting enterprises) may transfer their loyalties to the whole work in which the boards share, the boards themselves must take the lead. Some of us believe we can secure enough local coöperation to make our cities guinea pigs for a continuous process of missionary promotion, educational and financial. We are ready to organize our constituent parishes in as fine a rivalry in missionary giving as they now exhibit in church attendance. To do this we need the same sort of backing from the mission boards as the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council gives local forces in the observance (for example) of World-wide Communion Sunday. Will at least a few of the boards accept the challenge? Will the Foreign
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Missions Conference and the Home Missions Council take the initiative?

"We have gone as far as a scattered exploratory committee without budget can go. From this point we can proceed efficiently only through the creation somehow of an administrative committee with power to proceed."

The Department voted to continue the committee and to ask the Foreign Missions Conference and the Home Missions Council to consider the matter at their meetings in January, 1942.

The above paragraphs are by no means a complete report of the work of the Inter-Council Field Department, but are selected as representative of what the Department is undertaking with the help and in the interest of all the agencies concerned.

RURAL MISSIONS COOPERATING COMMITTEE

The Rural Missions Coöperating Committee, in addition to the four short courses for missionaries which it sponsors, has during the year projected and carried forward two one-year special rural training courses with the cooperation of the New York State Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics and the Merrill-Palmer School. The general course in rural training is being provided at Cornell University in the colleges named with a minimum of twenty missionaries representing seven denominations and seven countries. The one-year special course in home and family life education has been organized in three units. The first semester is being taken at Cornell and it includes the training provided in the general rural training course. The Cornell work is to be followed by six weeks of specialized courses at the Merrill-Palmer School, Detroit. The third unit of the course is composed of field study and observation. In setting up the field work the Committee has secured the hearty cooperation and participation of the Tuskegee Institute and the Farm Security Administration's regional headquarters staff at Montgomery, Alabama. The program of four weeks, including a week of orientation of southern problems and rural community, health, recreation, church, farm and home projects which are being carried out in that area, will be followed by another four weeks of more specialized field study and observation in line with the individual needs of the missionaries.

One hundred and ten missionaries were enrolled at the 1941 Schools for Missionaries, of whom 75 were women and 35 men. Eighteen Mission Boards and 23 countries were represented. The Twelfth Annual Cornell School for Missionaries enrolled 37 students; the first Oregon School for Missionaries enrolled 20 students; the third Iowa School for Missionaries enrolled 18 students; and the second
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Scarritt College School for Missionaries enrolled 35 students. These special courses are provided for the missionaries by the institutions and faculties concerned, the only cost to the missionaries being for room and board.

The first School for Missionaries was held at Cornell some thirteen years ago and since that time it is estimated that between five and six hundred students have received specialized instruction in subject matter related to the problems of rural life in the courses provided by the four institutions. Plans for the continuation of all four Missionary Schools in the winter and spring of 1942 are well under way.

At its meeting in September, the Rural Missions Coöperating Committee, in view of its functional interests involving all mission fields, voted to request Representative Area Committees in setting up their enlarged programs to make provision for a consideration of rural problems.

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

The formation of one interdenominational organization of church women is the high spot in the women's work for the year. The organization of the "United Council of Church Women" was consummated at Atlantic City in December, 1941. Its office will be opened on January 2, 1942, at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. The program of the organization will include all forms of church work in which women have a part.

The World Day of Prayer has been observed more widely than ever before, especially in America. The offering for the 1941 World Day of Prayer increased fifty per cent—a total exceeding $64,000. This sum is divided among the regularly accepted projects: Christian Literature, Union Colleges in the Orient, Migrant Work in this country and religious directors in Indian schools in the United States. The observance of the day in totalitarian countries presents many difficulties and the time when Christians suffer persecution is again with us.

The World Institute at Chautauqua, New York, was very successful in the summer of 1941. Miss B. Louise Woodford of the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies, the chairman, assembled a galaxy of speakers for that Institute and people came for it from far and near.

The May luncheons have increased in number across the country. More than one thousand were reported this past year. Many of these groups took an offering for a refugee project.

*The Church Woman* is the magazine which the women of the three organizations have united in publishing. Its circulation is increasing and it will continue to be the organ for the United Council of Church Women.
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A meeting of the representatives of denominational Boards and Departments of Women's Work is called for January, 1942, at which time special study will be given to the future and work of the Women's Committee.

BOOKS FOR MISSION LANDS

The library for the faculty of St. Christopher’s College consisting of 400 well chosen books has been completed and was on its way to Madras before shipping conditions made transportation difficult. A bookcase to house these books was given by the Committee on Women's Work.

Transportation in the Pacific area has become increasingly difficult. Many boats have been taken off and free transportation of books is practically impossible. However the book rate of a cent and a half per pound has enabled us to keep a steady flow of books on their way to the library of the Union College in Manila. According to letters received from the President of the College these books are greatly appreciated. There has been a special effort to build up an International Relations library at Union College, and many late books and pamphlets dealing with that subject have gone to swell the number. The day after war was declared brought 200 books on religion and literature to the office. These will be held for the time being until assurance of arrival improves. This service will be resumed at the earliest possible moment and it is hoped that friends of this project will continue to contribute of their store.

WORLD LITERACY

The World Literacy Committee reports progress though not to the degree hoped for. Plans were laid for Dr. Frank Laubach to spend another six months in India working with the Congress party government as well as with the National Christian Council. This was to be followed by a trip to West and South Africa. War came and the trip had to be postponed.

In the meantime, in spite of conditions the literacy program in India has made real advance in the production of literature for the newly literate in many area languages, in the spread of the educational method and the subsidizing and backing of boards and missions.

The Committee has had several meetings. Four hundred copies of “Toward a Literate World,” unbound, were sent to London for use by British Societies. The first 200 were lost at sea but the second 200 have arrived.

Copies of Dr. Laubach’s new book, “India Shall Be Literate,”
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have been received here and will soon be available at the office of the Foreign Missions Conference.

The number of boards participating in this literacy effort is increasing and the number of new readers grows apace.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS

General

This Committee has met frequently to consider problems related to the finances of the Foreign Missions Conference. The annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference in January makes it advisable for this Committee to cover in its report the outcome of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1941, the budget of the current fiscal year, and the proposed budget for 1942-43.

Outcome of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1941

The budget for this period was balanced and the financial statement shows a balance of $32.04 with all obligations cared for. This was largely due to the generous actions of cooperating boards consenting to the application of refunds, from the Post-Madras Meetings to which they were entitled, to the current income of the FMC; and to the fact that staff and activity were measurably curtailed.

Budget for the Current Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1942

The budget as adopted calls for an anticipated income of $66,600. Of this amount $63,284 was to come from the mission boards and represents amounts requested of them by the Swarthmore meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference in June, 1940. Fifty-one boards and societies, as of September, 1941, had not increased their contributions. The amount involved is $9,000, indicating a serious shortage in the expected income from the mission boards. The Committee reported this situation to the Committee of Reference and Counsel at its meeting September 24-25, 1941. The Committee of Reference and Counsel appointed a special committee to seek means of securing from the boards and other sources the $9,000 required. The Committee has been encouraged by indicated increases of $961 at the date of writing this report. However, this amount falls short of the needed $9,000.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel also requested the Finance Committee to make, not later than November 15, 1941, any revisions necessary to keep expenditures within income. This has been done. The estimated expenditures to March 31, 1942, have been reduced to $59,016.44, an amount within estimated income. This was accomplished by savings in the budget item for salaries and to adjustments in staff occurring later in the fiscal year than were
originally anticipated, and the reduction of all items of office expense to a point where no expenditures can be made during the remainder of the fiscal year except for outstanding commitments for rent, telephone, etc. This is an unfortunate situation when the responsibilities and opportunities of the Foreign Missions Conference in the present world conditions are considered.

**Proposed Budget for 1942-43**

The proposed budget for 1942-43 is set forth in detail on page 54. This budget calls for anticipated income of $69,961, an increase of $3,300 over the current year’s askings. Each item in the proposed budget has been carefully considered by the Finance Committee. If the program of the Conference is to be carried on as presently outlined the full budget as proposed is required. This budget will be practically assured if each of the cooperating mission boards will assume responsibility for the amounts assigned to it at the 1940 Swarthmore Conference.

However, if at the close of the current fiscal year the anticipated income from boards does not approximate the budget amount, it will be necessary for the Finance Committee to adjust the proposed expenditures in order that a balanced budget may be maintained. Since such reduction can be made only by eliminating essential phases of the work of the Conference, it is the hope of the Committee on Finance and Headquarters that the response of the mission boards will make any reduction in the budget unnecessary.

**Missionary Research Library**

During the eighteen months which have elapsed since the Foreign Missions Conference meeting at Swarthmore (June, 1940), demands made upon the library resources and upon its staff have quietly but steadily increased.

*Services.* The library serves not only those who can come to our reading room with their problems, but it also has a clientele of individuals and institutions spread widely over the country. In response to pressure from both groups, the circulation policy of the library has been gradually liberalized, with the result that an unusual number of students of mission problems, both those who come to the library and those living outside of New York, have been helped not only through consultation, but also by the lending of materials. Certain restrictions naturally must be adhered to, since it is still the primary function of the library to provide a focal point where research may be carried on. Nevertheless, during the library year ending June 30, 1941, 1,580 books were used away from the library precincts, as against 1,366 during the preceding twelve months.
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Previous to the fall of 1941, no record was made of the demands on the staff for circulation transactions within the library.

In the period since the Swarthmore meeting, sixty-seven major pieces of work have been sent out by the library staff in response to letters requesting information. This, it must be remembered, is in addition to the service given to readers in the library and to telephoned requests for help.

The monthly sheet of “Book Notes” (issued eleven times a year) apparently continues to fill a need, as every issue brings from somewhere either an expression of appreciation, a request for the loan of a title noted, or, a call for further reading suggestions relative to the areas surveyed in the “Notes.”

A service away from its home base which the library gave during the past year was the preparation and administration of an exhibit of 355 books and promotional pamphlets at the Joint Meeting of the Boards and the Federal Council in Atlantic City in December, 1940.

Administration. The fundamental work of the library is the searching out, the bringing together, and the implementing of the significant emerging publications (relevant to the new situations, international and on particular fields) likely to enrich constructive missionary thinking. This involves unremitting alertness to the bearing of missions on those areas in the changing world outlook which are of profound concern to the constituencies of the Foreign Missions Conference, and to the bearing of the changing world scene on the missionary outreach of the North American churches. For this, periodicals are systematically scanned, and significant articles noted in the library catalogue; suggestions for entry in its quarterly bibliography have been regularly forwarded to the International Review of Missions; and titles of 506 books and many pamphlets and serials have been discovered, the publications ordered, checked in, catalogued, marked, and shelved in their appropriate locations. During the eighteen months certain extra funds became available to the library from the sale of duplicates, and as a result, for the first time in ten years, it was possible to have some binding done on those major files of periodicals which are in constant service.

Since 1929 the library has been under the joint administration of the Foreign Missions Conference and of Union Theological Seminary, and accessions which have been made to it belong in certain instances to the Foreign Missions Conference, in certain instances to the Seminary. That part of the collection belonging to the Conference numbers approximately 60,000 items, and consists of books, pamphlets, board reports (both field and home base), and periodicals. From the point of view of replaceability in case of loss or damage, perhaps fully 60% of the reports and periodicals are priceless. The material
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is housed in a steel structure, encased in a masonry tower, and is probably in a fairly safe location. In view of the bombing experience of London, however, it is not inappropriate to raise the question whether or not the Conference desires the staff to take measures further to safeguard the collection.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Since the Swarthmore meeting several meetings of this Committee have been held. A conference with National Christians from other lands was held at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio. For the first time this year this Committee carried the responsibility for the Outgoing Missionary Conference. Dr. Herrick Young had charge of this Conference. Fifty-eight candidates attended. Another Training Conference was held at Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston for Lay Missionaries who were to sail for the foreign field this year. Twenty-one candidates spent the month of August studying the fields to which they were appointed as well as the problems that face new missionaries at this time. Three doctors, five nurses, ten teachers, one social worker and two agriculturalists attended.

This Committee is working closely with the Student Volunteer Movement as it makes its plans for approach to the college students.

Among the studies that are being made by this Committee are the standards for missionary appointment that are held by the various Boards and the various methods of language study used by the different Boards. It is hoped that the Committee will soon take up the study of new blanks. One of the vital interests that concern us at present is the adequate training of missionaries who will be selected to go to the field in the future.

Because of other important responsibilities Dr. Fred F. Goodsell found it necessary to give up the Chairmanship of this Committee. Miss Ruth Ransom was appointed Chairman by the Committee of Reference and Counsel at the September meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN STUDENTS

During the past year the Special Committee on Foreign Students had drawn up a tentative list of concerns as follows:

1. That every touch foreign students have with the churches and the mission boards of America shall be a friendly experience.
2. That when they return to their own countries they shall carry the feeling that the churches and the mission boards are their friends.
3. That as many of them as possible shall come to know mission board secretaries and have a friendly relationship with them.
4. That the leaders of each denomination shall have an opportu-
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nity to meet with the students from their respective churches in mission lands and have friendly relationship with them.

5. That these students shall not fail to have contact with the churches here in the U. S. A. or to become a part of the working force of the churches in their own lands when they return home.

To this end we propose:

A. To have gatherings of the foreign students here, one nationality at a time with a small group of board secretaries (say 25 Chinese students and six board secretaries) preferably at a dinner where the students may talk freely about the missionary enterprise and have their questions answered. It is understood that board secretaries are there not to defend but to discuss and clarify.

B. Urge our constituency to entertain, help, and render friendly service to all foreign students in their midst. Use them as speakers where possible and pay for such service.

C. To secure the names and denominations of students returning to the field and to send these to the churches or to representatives who will see that they are not lost to their home churches on return.

D. To have an annual gathering of the foreign students especially sponsored by the various mission boards to acquaint this group with the plans and program of the mission boards working co-operatively and to thus develop a greater ecumenical spirit among these "unofficial ambassadors" who are our guests.

E. To ask the mission boards to secure from missionaries on the field prior to the departure of foreign students for this country, their names, places of study, and port of arrival in this country, with the hope that the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students can greet them and facilitate their adjustment here in behalf of the mission groups.

CLOSER RELATIONS OF NATIONAL INTERDENOMINATIONAL AGENCIES

For more than two years consultation has been going forward about closer relationships of national interdenominational agencies. On December 9-11, 1941, some 170 delegates of eight such agencies met at Atlantic City in a study conference on this matter. The recommendations from that study conference are being submitted in a special report to the Foreign Missions Conference at its meeting in Trenton January 12-15, 1942.
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JAPANESE DELEGATION VISITS AMERICA

At the end of April, 1941, a delegation of Japanese church leaders met for a week at Riverside, California, with representatives of the American Church for fellowship, prayer and counsel about mutual deep and abiding concerns.

Representing Japanese Christians were Yoshimune Abe, William Axling, Toyohiko Kagawa, Miss Michi Kawai, Michio Kozaki, Tsunejiro Matsuyama, Kiyozumi Ogawa, Soichi Saito, Hachiro Yuasa.


On May 9-11, 1941, the Japanese friends met with some 50 Canadian and American missionary representatives at Atlantic City. And at the end of May, just before most of the Japanese delegation returned to Japan, they met for three days in Chicago with a number of the Americans who had been at Riverside.

In the intervals between the above meetings, the Japanese delegates traveled separately and in groups in several States and had contacts with many fellow Christians here. The fellowship and understanding had on all sides during this visit seem destined to have lasting impress upon the relations of our churches in the years ahead.

ANGLO-AMERICAN CHURCHES

Varying degrees of contact have been possible during this troubled period with the Anglo-American churches with which the Foreign Missions Conference maintains relationship. Those churches are Union Church of Hankow, China; Union Church of Peiping, China; Community Church of Shanghai, China; Union Church of Yokohama, Japan; Tokyo Union Church, Japan; Union Church of Kobe, Japan; Union Church of Seoul, Korea; Union Church of Manila, Philippine Islands; Union Church of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Union Church of Santiago, Chile. The difficult situations faced by a number of these churches in recent months will be realized merely by reading the names of the cities in which they are. The small budget of the Foreign Missions Conference in aid of these churches has been maintained, and visits have been had in this country with the Rev. Herbert S. Harris of the Rio de Janeiro Church, the Rev. John Lyon Caughey of the Shanghai Church, and the Rev. Stephen D. Pyle of the Peiping Church.
In 1939, following an overture from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., a joint committee was appointed by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches and the Committee of Reference and Counsel to study the possibilities of closer unity in the foreign field. This Joint Committee held several meetings and sub-committees prepared statements on particular aspects of the subject. On February 20, 1941, at a joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council and the Committee of Reference and Counsel (the only meeting of the kind ever held up to that time), the report of the Joint Committee was presented and approved. (Printed copies of the report are obtainable.)

The report contains a brief summary of the history of movements for Christian unity that is interesting and of suggestive value. The appointment of this Joint Committee was a response to the epochal findings on cooperation and unity of the Madras Meeting of the International Missionary Council, in which representatives of the younger churches said, "We appeal with all the fervor we possess to the missionary societies and boards and the responsible authorities of the older churches to take this matter seriously to heart, to labor with the churches in the mission field to achieve this union, to support and encourage us in all our efforts to put an end to the scandalous effects of our divisions, and to lead us in the path of union." Further, the report calls attention to the restraints that the administration of foreign missions places upon the development of church union, and it refers to the principles of further unity, dealing in particular with the plans for the union of churches in South India.

The recommendations in the report should be carefully considered by every foreign missionary board. This is especially true of the recommendation that contains a "normative resolution" to be transmitted for consideration to authoritative church courts.

With this in view, the Committee of Reference and Counsel in September, 1941, adopted resolutions previously adopted by its Board of Strategy, as follows:

"1. That each Board take appropriate actions to bring the 'Normative Resolution' (see page 9 of the Report) to the attention of the ecclesiastical body to which it is related with a view to its adoption.

"2. That each Board give careful consideration to the recommendations on pages 15, 16, 19 and 20, with the purpose of making practical application of them in their own policies and programs both by effective action by themselves and also by requesting consideration and suitable action by their missions abroad."
1. For a considerable period members of the Committee on International Relations and World Peace have been considering suggestions to make to F. M. C. concerning the special services, not now being given, which the Committee might helpfully render member boards and agencies in their work both overseas and in this country.

2. Since the service area of the Committee has not been definitely fixed previously, it now submits to F. M. C. the following suggestions of at least some of the services the Committee might be asked to render to the best of its ability:

A. Act as F. M. C. agency for bringing into the stream of American church life knowledge of the attitudes, relations and potentials of younger overseas churches and Christian instrumentalities, for developing sound international understandings.

B. Establish and develop abroad centers of information and stimulation with regard to Christian international relations.

C. Discover and develop men and women who have special interests and ability in creating and expanding parts of a Christian world organization. (Work toward this has been begun. Lists of correspondents in mission fields, furnished by boards, are being brought up to date and first material is in hand to supply them.)

D. Seek ways of widening the ties of personal acquaintance and interchange with government personalities, diplomatic, executive and other, both foreign and of our own two nations, the better to interpret and bring understanding of the creative and lasting elements of the Christian world mission.

E. Serve, in so far as may seem useful, in keeping member boards and agencies aware of the plans and activities, touching international relations, of various bodies and personalities at home and abroad.

F. To maintain and increase the foreign mission relationships in international affairs with the Department of International Justice and Good Will of the Federal Council of Churches and with other suitable bodies, for the attainment of the above objectives.

CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR CHINA RELIEF

Since June 1, 1940, the Church Committee for China Relief has completed its third fiscal year and half of its fourth. In the whole period of three and one-half years our financial record shows:

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For six months ending November 30 our percentage of costs has been less than 4%. The reduction from 20% in 1940-41 and 30% previously is due to the elimination of the former field staff, the promotional service of the denominational relief committees and the results of United China Relief. This means literally that contributions of denominational committees, churches and organizations, or individuals sent directly to the Church Committee are sent to China for relief administration by missionaries with only 4% deducted for overhead.

From March 1 to November 30, 1941, we received $385,433 through United China Relief (including $98,130 received December 8 covering distributions as of November 30).

On January 1, 1942, United China Relief will become an ongoing effort for the duration of the war and probably beyond, with a new form of organization. The exact relation of the Church Committee has not yet been determined as of December 12, 1941, but it has been authorized by the Board of Strategy of the Foreign Missions Conference as well as by its two other constituting bodies—The Federal Council of Churches of Christ and China Famine Relief, U. S. A., Inc.—to work out a satisfying basis of relationship.

In September we published a booklet entitled "American Churches and China Relief," analyzing the relief work in China and revealing its inspiring scope and character. Copies will be sent free to all church leaders who have not yet seen it.

The funds sent to China have been distributed by missionaries of all denominations in about two hundred mission stations, well organized into local and regional committees, and with a field supervisor in the person of Dr. R. T. Henry, loaned for the time being by the Methodist Board.

The type of relief has depended on local conditions. Direct relief including porridge kitchens, grain centers, refugee shelters, clothing and money has accounted for 54.5% of expenditures. Medical relief in the form of subsidies to mission hospitals and clinics, to enable them to care for destitute patients, has taken 21.5% of the total funds. The care of destitute children through orphanages, shelters and child welfare centers, has required 16.5%. The remainder has been spent on work relief of various kinds and on revolving loans which enable farmers to buy seed, and petty tradesmen to replenish their stocks and thus to be self-supporting once more.

Our united Christian relief service in China is radically affected by the war between the United States and Japan. Our base of operation in Shanghai and the able leadership of the American Advisory Committee are cut off. We expect to work out a new program under the direction of our regional committee in Chungking which hereto-
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fore has been one of the chief distribution agencies of the American Advisory Committee, serving not only West China but the free parts of Central China. There is the possibility that the Japanese lines will be shortened making it possible for the West China Committee to reach much farther eastward. Members of the West China Committee include Arnold B. Vaught, Chairman, Friends Service Council; A. J. Allen, American Church Mission; C. B. Rappe, Methodist Mission; Frank W. Price, Nanking Theological Seminary; R. S. Hall, Young Men's Christian Association, Sian; W. L. Bond, China National Aviation Corporation; R. E. Brown, Council on Medical Missions; George A. Fitch, Young Men's Christian Association; Bruce G. Leighton, Intercontinent Corporation; M. E. Loewen, Seventh-Day Adventist Mission; F. B. Lynch, Ministry of Finance; Edward P. Pawley, Intercontinent Corporation; Arthur N. Young, Ministry of Finance.

The Church Committee therefore pleads for undiminished Christian devotion to China and her people in this fifth year of the war and for the means of enabling our Christian workers to carry on their ministry of relief among scores of millions of the people. This may indeed be counted one of the uninterrupted phases of the Christian World Mission.

Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches

This Committee was jointly established by the Foreign Missions Conference and the Federal Council of Churches in November, 1939

The relief of war victims is bringing the churches into a practical unity of program that promises to be even more far-reaching. The following are some of the results that have been achieved in the year just ended.

1. Twenty-one denominations now have some special committee to foster the increased giving of Christians for war victims.

2. Eight Christian agencies—designated as the channels for administering relief, each in a special field of need—are collaborating even more closely to present their programs to the denominational committees.

3. These two groups are working together with increasing coordination through the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches.

4. Joint publicity has been secured for the denominations and the approved agencies:
   a. By the preparation and distribution of articles on relief for the denominational papers.
b. By the preparation and distribution of press releases—both through the Religious News Service and by direct distribution to 160 Councils of Churches for use in their local papers. Also to 1,200 Ministerial Associations.
c. By contacts with 600 local broadcasting stations explaining the united undertaking of the churches in relief.
d. By basic material for use by ministers and others on local broadcasts—over 1,000 copies distributed on each occasion.
e. Twice Mr. Frank C. Goodman has incorporated in "A Plea for Better Understanding" a discussion of the relief situation. More than 300 broadcasting stations and 300 local broadcasters, ministers and others received them.
f. Special news stories have been carried in newspapers and weekly magazines.
g. Collaboration with United China Relief in securing a national broadcast on December 21st for the total relief emphasis.
h. Several regular national Church broadcasters have included this in their programs.
i. Many other helpful contacts and ideas have been furthered.

5. Twice some denominational relief committees have emphasized a given date, March 2d and October 5th. Through this united emphasis a much greater amount of publicity was secured.

6. Certain materials for united use by the various denominational committees have been prepared and published by this Committee.

a. The Poster entitled, "Christ has no hands but yours" is being used by at least nine denominational committees, who have taken 35,000 copies.
b. Leaflets:—"War Sufferers Calling"—over 300,000 copies. "Christ has no hands but yours"—360,000. "Dispel the Shadows of Hunger and Despair"—30,000 used. "All One Body We"—Statement adopted December, 1940.

7. This approach to relief because of its interdenominational character should enlist the support and strength of the local Councils of Churches. These locally influential groups can buttress and underscore the appeals which each denominational committee sends to its ministers, and thus make the whole religious life of the city aware of the united nature of the relief appeal. This help is largely forfeited at this time because the denominations have not reached any substantial unity in the dates of their several appeals. Further determined efforts are needed in this area.
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The Director has appeared before a score or more of local interdenominational groups to plan for concerted local effort. He attended denominational gatherings and meetings of the denominational relief committees for counseling on relief problems.

The Director has corresponded with all the councils of churches and supplied materials and suggestions for extending the consideration of relief needs.

Relief and the Church was included in the programs of at least twenty interdenominational summer conferences in 1941 and in many denominational conferences.

8. We have worked out a satisfactory simplified procedure in the matter of registration and report to the Department of State. The Committee is also dealing with the President's Committee on War Relief Agencies and has established a firm basis of understanding and coöperation.

9. The Committee has supplied to all the committees related to it a continuous stream of suggestions arising from various sources.

10. Personal approaches have been made to a number of denominations which have not so far established relief committees. Further advance should be made in this area during the coming year.

11. The Director, in his World Travelog series of broadcasts, April to July, 1941, inclusive, over the Blue network of the National Broadcasting Co., devoted six broadcasts entirely to the work of the eight church approved agencies. These broadcasts were carried by 42 local stations. Mail was received from listeners in 30 states and Canada.

12. The Committee has compiled a complete listing of the money needed by the eight approved church relief agencies and has approved total askings from the denominational committees as follows:

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$2,045,000

This brief summary of a year's activity indicates real progress. But with the situation abroad as tragic as it is a much greater degree of united effort is urgently called for.
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at March 31, 1940

**Assets**

Cash Balance ................................................................. $10,469.49
Petty cash ........................................................................... 237.76

**Accounts Receivable**

- Christian Foreign Service Convocation ......................... $2,139.49
- Council of Women for Home Missions ........................... 2,029.00
- Mission Boards—Delayed Contributions ............................ 1,009.61
- Employees' Retirement Fund Premiums ............................ 94.72
- Miscellaneous .................................................................. 327.67

Total Accounts Receivable ........................................... 5,600.49

Deferred charge, 1940-41 Fire Insurance Premium ............. 33.34

Total Assets .................................................................... $16,341.08

**Funds and Liabilities**

**Funds**

- At Home in the World ..................................................... $312.49
- East Asia (Schedule A-3)) ............................................. 556.30
- Africa Committees (Schedule A-2) ................................. 2,204.79
- Post-Madras Conferences ............................................. 3,874.42
- Philippine Committee and Washington Conference (Schedules A-4, A-5) ................................................. 976.81
- World Literacy Committee and Laubach Book (Schedules A-6, A-7) ........................................................... 323.03
- F. M. C. Literature Fund ............................................... 690.97
- Reference Library ......................................................... 441.75
- Day of Prayer Offerings .................................................. 4,090.42
- Special Study Missionary Personnel ............................... 71.96
- Transmission Funds (Schedule A-1) ............................... 2,849.27

Total Funds .................................................................... $16,392.21

**Accounts Payable**

- Miscellaneous ................................................................. $40.89
- Miss Soga ........................................................................ 469.84

Total Accounts Payable .................................................. 510.73

Deferred Credits, 1940-41 Contributions .......................... 2,613.50
Foreign Missions Conference Working Capital Fund ....... 3,000.00

Total Funds and Liabilities .............................................. $21,916.44

Deficit as at March 31, 1940 ........................................... (5,575.36)

$16,341.08

Audited June 5, 1940

ROSS M. BACON,
Certified Public Accountant
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#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

**April 1, 1939 to March 31, 1940**

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### REPORTS FOR YEARS 1940 AND 1941

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- Plus Deficit as at April 1, 1939: $4,895.48
- Less Income, April 1, 1939 to March 31, 1940, applicable to Year Ending March 31, 1939: 2,671.81

Total: $2,223.67

Deficit as at March 31, 1940: (5,575.36)

Total: $52,132.06

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

**As at March 31, 1941**

#### Assets

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Total Assets: $37,819.18

#### Funds and Liabilities

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Total Funds: $29,534.50

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Accounts Payable—Miscellaneous .................................................. $1,766.14
Deferred Credits (1941-42 Budget Income) ...................................... 3,486.50
Working Capital Fund ........................................................................ 3,000.00

Total Funds and Liabilities ................................................................. $37,787.14
Balance as at March 31, 1941 ............................................................. 32.04

Audited July 30, 1941
Ross M. Bacon,
Certified Public Accountant

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES
APRIL 1, 1940 TO MARCH 31, 1941

INCOME
Mission Boards including Gifts for the Missionary Research Library. $54,929.45
Difference in Exchange (Gifts from Canadian Boards) .................. (440.88)
Davison Fund (Established by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.) .............. 500.00
Central Committee Legacy ............................................................... 1,050.00
Other Contributions ............................................................................ 554.96
Contributions from Individuals ......................................................... 248.00
Miscellaneous from Sales, etc. ........................................................... 1,565.02
Registration Fees, Foreign Missions Conferences, June and December, 1940 .......................................................... 1,229.50

Total Income .................................................................................. $59,636.05

EXPENDITURES
Salaries:
Secretaries ..................................................... $8,496.11
Clerical and Stenographic Service ................................................. 8,120.90
Retirement Fund Premiums ......................................................... 2,651.90

$19,268.91

Office Expenses:
Rent ............................................................. $2,245.95
Printing Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses ....................... 698.33
Shipping Room and Mimeograph ............................................... 378.81
Postage Telegraph Cables ......................................................... 1,020.32
Telephone, including Operator’s Salary ......................................... 904.85
Contingent ................................................................................... 447.43
Traveling Expense, Committee Members and Secretaries ............ 1,075.33
Office Equipment and Alterations ............................................. 1,290.37

8,061.39

International Missionary Council ................................................. 23,522.00
Cooperation with Other Organizations ......................................... 1,008.35
Foreign Missions Conference, June and December, 1940 ............ 938.48
Missionary Research Library ....................................................... 3,100.00
East Asia Committee ................................................................. 500.00

Total Expenditures ................................................................. $56,399.13
REPORTS FOR YEARS 1940 AND 1941

**Plus** Deficit as at April 1, 1940:

- General Funds per Audited Report $5,575.36
- Planning Committee per Audited Report 2,139.49

**Total** $7,714.85

**Less** the following Income:

- From Individuals applicable to Planning Committee Deficit $745.94
- From Mission Boards applicable to General Budget year ending March 31, 1940 60.00
- Post-Madras funds released to apply on accumulated deficit, March 31, 1940 3,676.40
- Refund on Fire Insurance Premiums previous years 27.63

**Total** 4,509.97

**Balance as at March 31, 1941** $59,604.01

**Balance** as at March 31, 1941 32.04

**Total** $59,636.05

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL
PROPOSED BUDGET, 1942-43
APRIL 1ST TO MARCH 31ST

**Proposed Budget of Expense**

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<th>Budget 1940-41</th>
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*This increase of $1,830 in askings over 1941-42 has been accomplished by increasing the number of Boards who are being asked to contribute; the amounts asked of Boards previously making contributions has not been increased.*

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THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL 1940-1941

In presenting this report to the annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, it seems important to emphasize again that the International Missionary Council is not a separate organization. It is the Foreign Missions Conference working with similar conferences and councils in the wider relationships of the world-wide missionary movement. Whatever is done in the name of the International Missionary Council should be recognized as being done by the Foreign Missions Conference in its coöperation with its associated councils in other countries. The International Missionary Council officers are at the service of the Foreign Missions Conference in all its international relationships.

The continuing and growing significance of the Madras Meeting has been clearly demonstrated in the cataclysmic developments in the history of the world during the past year. From a letter written in October, 1941, by one of the German missionary leaders, we quote this sentence: "Tambaram is a living fact and more than that, a brightly shining sign of God's leading hand in church history." In Thailand a well attended conference of all the churches of that country spent five days in April, 1941, in reviewing the Madras reports. So from many parts of the world, echoes of the Madras Meeting continue to come frequently. The "Madras Series"—the official report of the Madras Meeting—is a set of seven volumes that should have the continued study and frequent review of everybody who is seriously concerned with the work of the Christian Church in all parts of the world.

The wars in Europe and Asia have made the mails slow and irregular. Travel by the officers, excepting to South America, and international committee meetings have been impossible. But the steady interchange of letters has not been interrupted, and the fellowship between Christians in all lands is unbroken. In the week in which this report is written, letters have been received in the New York office from Japan, China, Philippine Islands, Thailand, Netherlands India, Germany, France, Cameroons, England, Scotland, Denmark and Switzerland. During the year, letters and cablegrams have been exchanged with Christians in every country in which there is a missionary conference or National Christian Council. A circular letter sent to every council in the membership of the International Missionary Council and to individual members of the Committee of the Council, with addresses in twenty-seven countries, has received a 98% response,—only two remain at this date unanswered, Mada-
gascar and Tahiti, Gabon and the Ivory Coast, as well as Holland and Norway, Portugal and Finland, and many other countries, some in distant corners of the earth and others named every day in the public press, are on the long list of those from which letters have come and to which messages have been sent. The reality of this great and precious Christian fellowship must be more widely known. We shall do well to repeat frequently some of the Madras statements. "The decade since last we met has witnessed the progressive rending of the fabric of humanity: it has witnessed an increasing unification of the body of Christ. As we meet here, from over sixty nations out of every continent, we have discovered afresh that that unity is not merely an aspiration but also a fact. . . . Our nations are at war with one another; but we know ourselves brethren in the community of Christ's Church. Our peoples increase in suspicion and fear of one another; but we are learning to trust each other more deeply through common devotion to the one Lord of us all. Our governments build instruments of mutual destruction; we join in united action for the reconciliation of humanity. Thus in broken and imperfect fashion, the Church is even now fulfilling its calling to be within itself a foretaste of the redeemed family of God which He has purposed humanity to be. . . . By faith, but in deep assurance, we declare that this body which God has fashioned through Christ cannot be destroyed."

The sustaining financial aid given to "Orphaned Missions" in the past year has been one of the ways in which such words as those quoted above have been translated into warm, living, factual realities. Without distinguishing between nationalities or creeds, every mission that has been separated by the war from its parent church in Europe and has been known to be in distress has received such help as was needed to maintain all work that was essential to the life of the younger churches. Our records will show that aid has been given to 120 missions in every part of the world. So far as is now known, not one missionary has been withdrawn from active service because of any lack of financial support. The financial report shows that in the period beginning in September, 1939, and ending on September 30, 1941, a total of $1,541,331.17 had been given to aid these "Orphaned Missions." No figures can show the large amount of aid given by British, Dutch, Swedish and American missions that have detached some of their missionary staff to give assistance to neighboring missions deprived of their staff because of internment measures. Churches, older and younger, in all parts of the world have contributed to this cause. Information about all these gifts is continuously compiled in the New York office of the Council and in this way the total funds have been administered as a whole, the special interests of donors have been observed, duplication in the giving of
aid has been avoided, and no mission in distress has been knowingly neglected. This has been a demonstration of the world-wide organization of the Council. No high pressure campaign was necessary to raise these funds; less than $3,000 has been spent for administration and most of the work has been done by the regular International Missionary Council staff,—for the churches have very generally responded spontaneously to this appeal. What this will mean in cementing the bonds of fellowship between Christians in all lands can hardly be described. From many letters we could quote statements such as the following from the Paris Society (October 23, 1941): "Please accept my thanks for all that you are doing to help us, and for the magnificent evidence of universal Christian fraternity which is being attested by the International Missionary Council."

The Director of the Berlin Mission wrote on September 6, 1941: "The help given to the younger churches that have developed from the work of the German Evangelical Mission is not only of great value in a material sense but is also a deed of idealistic value that cannot be estimated too highly. It is a real strengthening of faith in these days when the world everywhere is experiencing such great changes, that the brotherly love of those who hold a common faith holds steadfast. Here at home there is great joy because the fellowship which we were recently able to express at Tambaram has until now been unbreakable by anything. Therein lies encouragement for the future. It will be for us in Germany a great pleasure if after the war opportunity can be given to us to help other missions even as we are now being helped. For that we even now wait. God bless your faithful and self-sacrificing work during this anxious time."

The Danish Mission, in expressing thanks for the help and loving care received from God and from His friends, claimed the fulfillment of the Gospel word for the Sunday in the week in which Denmark was invaded which was the promise of our Lord,—"No one shall snatch them out of my hands." An American secretary has described the meaning of this united sharing of burdens in these sentences: "The World Christian Community is a demonstrated fact. Amid uncertainties these facts stand sure. Against the blackness of war this ministry of the Church stands as a great light, pointing the way to the future. Even as the Cross is the eternal symbol of beauty redeeming ugliness, of victory arising out of defeat, so are these broken parts of the Church bringing a revelation of the unity of the body of Christ. The miracle of love is again triumphant."

The churches in Europe have not abandoned their missions,—only governmental restrictions prevent them from transmitting their funds and even under these conditions they have not forsaken their missionary purpose or interrupted their sacrificial giving. On October 10, [82]
1941, the treasurer of the Church Missionary Society in Denmark wrote that the income of the Society was 64,000 Kroner more than in the corresponding period last year. The Paris Society, in spite of the disruption of church organization and life in France, has resumed the support of the missions in Madagascar, Togoland and Senegal. From Germany, Norway, and Holland come similar reports. The Swiss societies have refused to call for aid. As Americans, we may well be concerned lest our churches fall short in showing a similar unquenchable missionary purpose in time of war. Lord Halifax, then Foreign Minister, in August, 1940, in the midst of the Battle of London, in a letter published in the British press, wrote: "I am myself quite clear that the support of foreign missionary work in time of war is an essential part of the Church's witness. I should much regret if the responsibility which Christian people rightly feel towards the special needs and charities that press upon us in war time should lead them to desert this permanent and universal Christian obligation."

Much more is developing in the Netherlands. There, as in many other continental countries, missions have been carried on by voluntary societies of church members rather than by the Church as such. But the new church consciousness which has arisen during the past year has created a desire to relate Church and missions much more closely together. The General Synod has now enacted legislation, which has been duly ratified, which provides for the establishment of a council for the administration of missions both at home and abroad. In the course of time, probably not longer than a few years, this will mean that the work of at least four of the existing missionary societies, some with a history of more than a century and a half, will be transferred to this church council. This unification of missionary administration and its integration in the organization of the Church is clearly a most significant development.

In the Netherlands Indies, unification of missionary administration is developing, too. As a consequence of the severing of communications with Holland due to the war, an emergency committee was immediately established which is administering the work of eighteen missions. Both finances and personnel are wholly under the direction of this committee. Without attempting to forecast future developments, it is inconceivable that there will be a return to the régime of eighteen separate administrations in place of this unified planning and direction.

Only the above brief references to developments consequent upon the war in Europe can be made here. The International Missionary Council officers are assembling such information that it may be available when desired. The effect of this World War upon the whole
program of missionary work not only in Japan but in every continent is being followed carefully with a view to such reorganization and redirection as may be found desirable or necessary. Among the problems that are emerging, none is of more importance or more difficult than those related to religious liberty and missionary freedom. These are not academic questions nor can they be postponed for future attention at some more convenient time. Without attempting to describe the issues, the fact may be merely mentioned here that the officers, with the advice of those most directly affected, have been concerned in recent months with most important problems of missionary freedom in India, Syria, and New Guinea, while the difficulties experienced in Portuguese Africa are of longer standing.

Cooperation and more united planning are surely demanded. Under the leadership of the London office of the International Missionary Council, proposals of a far-reaching character with reference to missions in India are already under consideration. With the reopening of Ethiopia, under the initiative of the United Presbyterian Board, suggestions for a united missionary program in that country have been submitted to all the other Boards directly concerned.

The organization of National Christian Councils is being extended to countries in which such bodies have not yet been established. Among those newly organized in the past year are Ceylon, Jamaica, Cameroons,—not mentioning those whose organizations are not yet fully completed.

A Far Eastern Secretary or Office has been a proposal that has received considerable attention ever since the Madras Meeting. When the outbreak of the war in Europe made it inadvisable for one of the secretaries to visit the Far East, as had been planned, arrangements were made for the appointment of "Special Consultants" in the Far East, and Doctors C. W. Iglehart and M. Searle Bates have given helpful service in that capacity. While both of them are on furlough in New York this year, this service is being continued with the generous coöperation of the two missionary boards under whose appointment they work.

Encouragement and assistance as desired are being given in several countries to the study of the problems of the training of ministers. The Christian Home is also a subject to which the attention of National Christian Councils is being directed. Christian Literature is a long-standing problem that has been referred to a special committee.

The Department of Economic and Social Research and Counsel, under the direction of J. Merle Davis, has continued its special studies of the Economic Basis of the Churches. A report on Mexico has been published. Reports on the West Indies and Jamaica are almost
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ready for the printer. These reports are based upon extensive personal study in the field and have been submitted before publication to those in each country who are best qualified by their knowledge and experience to offer constructive criticisms. Plans are now being made for Mr. Davis to visit South America in the extension of these studies to the churches on that continent. All these studies and the basic report presented to the Madras Meeting challenge the most serious consideration of missionary administrators.

The Department on the Christian Approach to Jews, under the direction of Dr. Conrad Hoffmann, is concerned with the almost overwhelming developments connected with the war in Europe. A special conference in New York on December 12th has helped to present this challenge more clearly to the American churches. No brief paragraph can summarize the present tasks of this Department and reference must be made to special reports.

The chairman, Dr. Mott, is the only one of the officers who has been able to travel during the past year. Dr. Mott's visits to Mexico, the West Indies, Central America, and the east and west coasts of South America, like his many journeys in preceding years, have been recognized as having brought renewed faith and courage and vision to the Christian leaders in the countries visited and to the boards concerned with missionary work in these parts of the world.

The "International Review of Missions" has maintained its high standards of excellence in every respect, and in spite of limitations due to the war its size has not been decreased nor its price increased. Its list of subscribers in America has been lengthened by several hundred names, but it is not yet nearly as long as it should be. In some degree, this list of subscribers is an indication of the extent to which serious thought is being given to the great issues confronted by missions in these days.

Of the finances of the International Missionary Council, nothing more need be said here than to call attention to the published statements of the auditor. The Council is still operating on a budget that was reduced by a fourth several years ago. The expenditures have been kept within the authorized budget, excepting as specially designated gifts have been received for definite projects. The continued loyal support of the constituent councils has kept the accounts in balance and at the end of 1940 a credit balance of $715.73 was carried forward. It is expected that the accounts of the year 1941 will again be balanced.
REPORTS FOR YEARS 1940 AND 1941

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Report of Income and Expenditures in 1939 and 1940

### Income

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Balance as at December 31: $35,506.30 $38,547.69 $36,500.00
THE AGRGEGATE EXPENDITURE OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES COOPERATING IN THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED IN THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL IN THE YEARS 1938-1940 *

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* The war has made it impossible to obtain reports that would make a more complete statement.
1 The rate of exchange is reckoned at par as in 1932.
2 Figures for 10 months only.
3 Average for 1939 and 1940 with only a 10 months' report for each year.

Incomplete as it is, this statement should serve to challenge North American churches. While European churches, suffering all the hardship and burden of war for two years or more, are steadily maintaining their contributions for missions, it is the North American churches that report a startling decrease in their giving for this purpose.
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FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The forty-eighth annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America was held in the Hildebrecht Hotel, Trenton, New Jersey, January 12 to 15, 1942. The theme of the Conference was "The On-going Mission in War Time—and Beyond."

Two hundred twenty-nine delegates and 115 visitors were registered as in attendance, a total of 344.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

Morning and afternoon were largely occupied by committee sessions, the Committee of Reference and Counsel meeting from 2:00 to 4:15 p.m. and then recessing to 2:00 p.m. on January 15.

MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12

At 7:30 p.m. a joint session, for reports and discussion but not for actions, was held with the Home Missions Council of North America, about 350 persons being present. (This was the first regular session of the Conference ever held with the Council, although at a special gathering of Foreign Missions Conference personnel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, December 8 to 11, 1940, in the Hotel Dennis, certain joint sessions were held with the Home Missions Council as well as with the Federal Council of Churches, Council of Women for Home Missions, National Council of Church Women, Missionary Education Movement and United Stewardship Council.)

The order of business of the joint session was the presentation and consideration of reports on three current undertakings in which the two bodies were associated: the Christian World Mission Convocation, Inter-Council Committee on Japanese Christian Work in the United States, and Missionary Education in Summer Conferences.


Mark A. Dawber, Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Council, made an opening statement on the Christian World Mission Convocation to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, December 6 to 10, 1942. Eight interdenominational agencies have, in varying degrees as to
delegate quotas, underwriting guarantees, etc., undertaken cooperative relationships to the Convocation as follows: Home Missions Council, Foreign Missions Conference, Federal Council of Churches, International Council of Religious Education, United Council of Church Women (newly organized in December, 1941), Missionary Education Movement, United Stewardship Council, and the American Joint Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches (in process of formation). The Convocation thus has wider official Protestant backing from Canada and the United States than any previous undertaking in North America.

A statement on the Convocation from its General Committee (composed of representatives of all eight organizations) was then distributed to those present at the joint session and was read by Mrs. Charles K. Roys, Secretary of the Convocation.

The Convocation was discussed by several speakers, some of whom raised the question of the time, effort and expense involved in such an undertaking, and of the desirability of proceeding in so large an effort in view of the involvement of the United States in actual war since December 7 last.

Other speakers expressed the view that such a Convocation precisely because of the world's struggle, uncertainty and need would render great service in and through the Christian churches of this continent and the world, and that every effort should be made to hold it.

Emory Ross, Executive Director of the Convocation, spoke of some of the plans thus far developed through about two years of united counsel and prayer.

A resolution was offered by Ralph E. Diffendorfer that it was the sense of this gathering, meeting without administrative powers, that the Convocation should be carried through essentially as planned and as agreed by the General Committee. This resolution after further discussion was put to vote and was carried *viva voce*, with what seemed to be about a dozen voices of dissent.

There followed brief reports of progress on Missionary Education in Summer Conferences and by the Inter-Council Committee on Japanese Christian Work in the United States.

The joint session then adjourned with prayer led by W. Stanley Rycroft.

**TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 13**

Miss Sue E. Weddell, chairman, called the Conference to order in its first regular session at 8:45 a.m. and introduced Frank T. Cartwright who led the morning devotions. Mr. Cartwright was assisted by Henry S. Leiper, pianist, and William Wiser of India, violin accompanist.
Miss Weddell welcomed the delegates, visitors and speakers at the Conference, expressing the hope that the gathering would provide an opportunity of getting better acquainted and that all would feel very much at home. She reported the attendance of more than forty missionaries from eleven different countries and a large delegation from Canada, in addition to many representatives of boards and mission agencies in the United States.

2. Program. F. M. Potter, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Annual Meeting, stated that the committee in planning for this meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference adopted a program-plan based upon the following principles:

The first day, Tuesday, would be devoted largely to the passing on of information. This would come through a rapid-fire review of events of the past nineteen months in the morning and in the afternoon and evening a presentation of tension areas. Wednesday would be given largely to panels based in part upon the information presented the first day but also upon a basic document embodying the results of study of the present situation by the Committee of Reference and Counsel and its Representative Committees during the past year. The final session on Thursday morning, in addition to business, was designed to be especially spiritual, prayerful and inspirational, it being felt that after we had the information before us and had deliberated upon cooperative action we should conclude with prayers for vision and courage.

3. Business Committee. The General Secretary, Emory Ross, placed the names of those nominated by the Committee of Reference and Counsel to form the Business Committee before the Conference for election: H. Kerr Taylor, chairman; J. H. Arnup, Mrs. J. D. Bragg, J. L. Hooper, Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Wynn C. Fairfield, Robert M. Hopkins. These were elected.

4. Nominating Committee. The General Secretary placed the names of those nominated by the Committee of Reference and Counsel to form the Nominating Committee before the Conference for election: Miss Mabel E. Emerson, chairman; L. L. Berry, Wm. L. Bollman, Leland S. Brubaker, Merle L. Davis, J. L. Dodds, Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor, M. Edwin Thomas, George W. Sadler, Jesse R. Wilson. These were elected.

5. Report of Committee of Reference and Counsel and Representative Committees. The General Secretary on behalf of the Committee of Reference and Counsel presented (a) the “Report of Committee of Reference and Counsel and of Representative Committees and Other Agencies to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America” (printed); and (b) “Strategy and Priorities: Report of Progress” (mimeographed, FMC-122).
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These reports were received. Certain relevant matters were referred to the Business Committee.

6. Swarthmore to Trenton: Nineteen Months. Miss Sue Weddell, Chairman, announced the picturing to the Conference, through a series of brief word presentations, of some activities of F. M. C. during the significant nineteen months that have followed the Swarthmore Conference in June, 1940. After referring the Conference to the printed Report of C. R. C. and of the Representative Committees for certain detailed information on these activities, the Chairman introduced one by one representatives of the many features of the program.

The General Secretary, Emory Ross, gave a message on the need for greater cooperation and unity in the foreign mission enterprise. He called on the missionary forces still further to unite and, united, to lead the churches in a new crusade in the world mission of Christianity.

Forrest Smith, Treasurer of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and Acting Chairman of F. M. C.'s Committee on Finance and Headquarters, brought to the attention of the Conference the obstacles and opportunities in the financial services of foreign missions. He stressed the necessity for further cooperation in carrying on the work of the treasurers.

A. L. Warnshuis, Secretary of the International Missionary Council, reported that the government of Great Britain and the Department of State at Washington have recognized the value of the Christian missionary service in other lands by assisting the travel of missionaries to and from the field. This time of war may be prolonged. Passenger transportation may be more seriously interrupted. Missionaries going out should be well informed about the risks and uncertainties involved. Before applying for a passport there should be most careful consideration of the following factors: Is the applicant physically and nervously strong enough to endure hardships; what are the family circumstances and responsibilities; is transportation obtainable; is there the possibility of the country of destination becoming a battlefield. Approval can be given for going to South America except Brazil. Mr. Warnshuis pointed out that a larger measure of cooperation involving the pooling of transportation requirements was needed rather than competing for the few available passages.

Herrick B. Young presented the work of the F. M. C. Committee on Missionary Personnel. Its special responsibilities are selection and training. It stresses the training of special lay missionaries before going to the field. In preparation for the period of major missionary sending after the war a list of standards for appointment
is being worked out, along with a master list of consultants located all over North America. The Personnel Committee anticipates having this next spring a special conference of those involved in the training of missionary candidates.

Luman J. Shafer, Chairman of the Committee on International Relations and World Peace, spoke of the centers being created on the foreign mission field in each of which a missionary will be gathering a little library of information and a group that will be concerned about international relations. More than 125 such missionaries are now on the mailing list and certain material has already been sent them, including that on the Study of a Just and Durable Peace sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches.

The coming of the deputation of Japanese Christians to this country last spring was a great experience for Christian to meet Christian on the basis of Christianity and to bring that Christianity to bear so that it should stem the tides of paganism in our world. The spiritual forces that were discharged at that meeting are still powerful for the maintenance of Christian fellowship today.

R. H. Edwin Espy, General Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, explained the work of the three divisions of the Student Movement: namely the Joint Student Divisions of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., the work of the denominational groups through the boards of education and missions, and the Student Volunteer Movement. The emphasis in the S. V. M. is on the spread of the gospel of Christ around the world through personal commitment to vocational Christian service. Visitation to college campuses, intercollegiate meetings and special literature are the chief program channels of the S. V. M. “The Life of Robert W. Wilder,” founder of the S. V. M., has just been published in coöperation with the Missionary Education Movement. The Movement remains an autonomous organization but is working in close coöperation with the various branches of the Christian Student Movement and with the boards of missions. It is eager to render any service possible to them and to F. M. C.

The Inter-Seminary Movement carries on a program somewhat similar to that of the S. V. M. but in seminaries. Five well attended national student meetings were held at Christmas time by the various agencies of the Christian Student Movement, and in some of them missions was the predominant concern.

Miss Edna Beardsley, reporting for the United Council of Church Women, announced the unification of the three church women’s groups (National Council of Church Women, the women’s work of the Home Missions Council, and the F. M. C. Committee on Women’s Work) into one interdenominational group, the United
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Council of Church Women, thus bringing together some ten million women from seventy communions. An office has been opened at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, and a message has been sent to women of the church.

Gilbert Q. LeSourd reported the reopening by the Missionary Education Movement of the Silver Bay Conference in 1940 and 1941, under the joint sponsorship of F. M. C., the Home Missions Council and the Missionary Education Movement. The program is set up by representatives of home and foreign mission boards. The Conference has been unusually successful in getting its delegates —mainly those having definite responsibility for missionary promotion—to pursue fruitful lines of work when they return to their respective fields. The Conference will be held again July 14-21, 1942, under the same auspices. The Conference of the Missionary Education Movement which has been held at Asilomar, California, has voted to come under the same auspices and will be held in 1942 at San Anselmo, California.

David H. Scott, a young Christian layman, reported the activities and purposes of an Eastern Area Group of Christian Laymen. This group sees not only a task to be accomplished in leading a potentially powerful body of Christian laymen to participate in the mission work of the Christian church, but the more basic task of evoking and marshalling from the latent manpower existing among laymen professing Christianity a sufficient Christian influence to remake world society. The purpose is to extend the circle of interest and conviction among laymen by individual contacts, small group meetings, and occasional men's conferences, concerned with the practical application of Christianity in the community, the nation, and the world.

Forrest L. Knapp, General Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, showed how the Association is moving forward. Five principal sections of the program include (1) developing and strengthening of nation-wide cooperation in Christian religious education for every country; (2) strengthening cooperation through field counselling; (3) curriculum guides of the past experience of other parts of the world; (4) representing religious education in missionary circles and representing missionary education in religious education circles; (5) sponsoring conventions and special emphases.

Roswell P. Barnes, Associate General Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, spoke of the correlation of war time emergency services and the formation of the Coördinating Committee for War Time Emergency Service in which the Federal Council is inviting certain bodies to participate by appointing three representatives (including the Chairman, the Secretary and one other...
RECORDS OF THE MEETING

member) to compose the Coördinating Committee. The bodies invited are the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities, the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches, the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, the Commission on the Conscientious Objector, and the Commission on Aliens and Prisoners of War. Each agency will continue its own independent function in determining its policy and administering its own work but to avoid certain overlapping this Coördinating Committee is proposed.

Leslie B. Moss, Executive Director of the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches, said that the ministry of compassion increases. Twenty-two denominations have set up committees to deal with some aspect of relief appeals. Other denominations are considering bringing to their people the tremendous opportunity which the church faces to minister to men and women in dire need and misery across the world. F. M. C. has taken an active part in the setting up and continuance of this matter of relief, which is one of the basic aspects of the life of the church today. Mr. Moss urged strongly that an organization for presenting the whole program of relief be created in every denomination.

A. L. Warnshuis, Secretary of the International Missionary Council, stated that in the period beginning in September, 1939, and ending in December, 1941, a total of $1,645,588 has been given to aid "orphaned missions." Every Protestant mission, regardless of nationality or creed, that has been separated by war from its parent church in Europe and has been known to be in distress, has received such help as was needed to maintain all work that was essential to the life of the younger churches. The records show that aid has been given to 120 missions in every part of the world. So far as is now known, not one missionary has been withdrawn from active service because of the lack of financial support. Evidence of the world-wide fellowship of Christians is thus being expressed in warm, living, factual realities.

The meeting adjourned after prayer by Charles D. Bonsack.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 13

The meeting opened at 2:00 p.m. with Canon Leonard A. Dixon, Vice-Chairman, presiding. After the singing of a hymn all joined in prayer.

7. New member boards. The General Secretary presented, with favorable recommendation by C. R. C. and after due notification to member boards, two applications for membership in the Conference: by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian
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Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and by the Cameroons Baptist Mission (U. S. A.), Newark, New Jersey. These applications were approved, the organizations were elected to membership and were welcomed to fellowship in the Conference.

Upon recommendation of C. R. C. there was welcomed to membership the newly-formed Women's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church as successor to the two following merged member organizations: Women's Missionary Society of the General Synod of the former Reformed Church in the U. S. A., and the Evangelical Women's Union of the Former Evangelical Synod of North America.

8. Committee on Work Among Moslems. The application of the Sub-committee on Work Among Moslems for status as a Representative Committee of F. M. C. and C. R. C. was presented with the favorable action of C. R. C. (CRC 297). The Conference approved the application and granted the Subcommittee status of a Representative Committee of F. M. C. and of C. R. C.

9. Newly-formed Treasurers' Committee. Upon recommendation of C. R. C. and under the provisions of the constitution, the newly-formed Treasurers' Committee was granted status of a Representative Committee of F. M. C. and C. R. C.

10. Address by John R. Mott. Dr. Mott addressed the Conference on the first half century of the Foreign Missions Conference. In speaking of the significant undertakings of the last fifty years Dr. Mott enumerated the large number of organizations which had been brought into being in that time and which had grown to positions of significant influence in the missionary world. He spoke of the rapid growth and work of the indigenous churches, and of the widespread influence which the ecumenical conferences had had in inspiring vision and in releasing creative powers that had borne much fruit in the life of the Christian churches at home and abroad. Turning toward the days that lie ahead Dr. Mott said that the results of missionary effort would be even greater because of the larger numbers of Christ's disciples, the better organization, and the growing momentum of the past fifty years. There are more major unsolved problems however and a greater price will have to be paid. The present world challenge and opportunity will spur missions in the future to go forward to an even greater extent. The next half century will transcend the half century which now terminates. "When thy judgments are in the earth the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

11. Financial Report and Proposed C. R. C. 1942-1943 Budget. Financial reports for 1939-40 and for 1940-41 were presented as in the printed Report of C. R. C., by Forrest Smith, acting chairman
of the Committee on Finance and Headquarters, and were approved. After discussion of the bases of board contributions the C. R. C. budget of $69,961.00 for 1942-43 as recommended by C. R. C. was approved for submission to the boards for their individual actions. A further study of coordination of the budgets of Representative Committees, bases of budget allocations to the boards, uniformity as to fiscal years, etc., was approved.

12. Treasurer of F. M. C. Mr. Smith reported the Committee’s endeavors to arrange nomination to C. R. C. of a suitable person as treasurer of F. M. C. Upon recommendation of C. R. C. (C. R. C. 324) the Committee on Finance and Headquarters was requested to continue this effort.

13. Closer Relationships of General Interdenominational Agencies. The General Secretary reviewed the progress of study made by a joint committee of four each appointed by eight such interdenominational agencies and by the study conference of 169 delegates appointed by those agencies and meeting December 9-11, 1941, at Atlantic City, as well as the particular studies made of the matter by the C. R. C. Board of Strategy at Vassar, June 27-29, 1941, and at other times. Following discussion this matter was referred to the Business Committee for report back to the Conference.


The delegates were led in prayer by W. C. Somerville.

TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 13

The Conference reconvened at 7:30 p.m. with Canon Dixon presiding. After a hymn and prayer led by Canon Dixon speakers were introduced continuing the discussion of the topic of the afternoon, “Areas of Danger and Opportunity.” Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Secretary of the Methodist Board, spoke on Africa; John Van Ess, missionary in Busrah, of the Reformed Church in America, spoke on the Near East; and Willis C. Lamott, Secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., spoke on the dangers and opportunities in the home church.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 14

The Conference was called to order by Miss Sue Weddell, Chairman, in the absence on account of illness of A. W. Wasson, Vice-Chairman.

The morning worship service was led by F. T. Cartwright. Miss Weddell welcomed delegates to the session and introduced visitors
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from overseas: Timothy T. Lew, Mrs. Yuh Tsing Zee New and Baen Chu from China, and Charles Muthaiya of India.

The Chairman outlined the morning and afternoon programs which were to take the form of panel discussions.


Miss Sarah S. Lyon, leader, and R. H. Edwin Espy, reporter, introduced the topic of discussion for the second panel: "Missionary Action—In War and Post-War." Members of this panel were Glenn P. Reed, E. K. Higdon, Fred Field Goodsell, Wilbert B. Smith, R. E. Diffendorfer, J. L. Dodds, Miss Ruth Ransom, W. Stanley Rycroft, and Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor. Special problems emphasized by the members of the panel included leadership training, the economic bases of the churches, appeals for foreign relief and missionary cooperation in taking advantage of new opportunities looking forward to the post-war world. Comments by members of the Conference illuminated the discussion and indicated a determination to go forward cooperatively in spite of the abnormal period in which missions and the world are today.

Prayer was offered by A. E. Armstrong.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 14


The afternoon session was opened at 2:15 p.m. with prayer by Wilbert B. Smith. The Chairman, Miss Sue Weddell, introduced the leader of Panel III, Ross W. Sanderson, and its reporter, Mrs. Leslie E. Swain. Topic: "Your Community and the On-Going Mission." The members of this panel were Mrs. J. D. Bragg, Mrs. Herbert W. Crowe, Harry C. Spencer, P. K. Emmons, Mrs. Sanford E. Cobb. This panel was fascinatingly presented as the situation in an imaginary city of "Jonesville," of 20,000 or 30,000 inhabitants. Jonesville, in its lack of missionary education, presented all the problems and opportunities of a typical American town. Many questions were asked and suggestions given by members of the Conference during the period of floor discussion. It was suggested that this panel was of a type that might be utilized effectively in the promotion of missionary education.
Panel IV, "A Great Forward Movement for Missions," was led by Earl F. Adams, with Richard T. Baker as reporter. Members taking part were: H. Kerr Taylor, Mrs. Albert E. Beebe, Miss Rose Wright, Herrick B. Young, Robert M. Hopkins, Leland S. Brubaker, Willis C. Lamott, Karl Quimby, and Samuel J. Mills.

It was evident from the discussion, both by members of the panel and of the Conference, that there is need and opportunity for a cooperative forward movement in the churches and that the Christian World Mission Convocation planned for December, 1942, in Cleveland, would make a fitting focal point for united missionary educational efforts during the current year and a starting point for additional and intensified united movements thereafter.

The panel session closed with prayer by Frank C. Laubach.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 14

Leonard A. Dixon, Vice-Chairman, opened the evening session with prayer.

17. Report of Business Committee. The Conference had a brief business session with H. Kerr Taylor, Chairman of the Business Committee, presenting the following resolutions which were approved by the Conference:

18. Convocation of American Christianity in 1944. That F. M. C. accept the invitation to join in appointing a committee to study the advisability of and, if agreed, to organize, a Convocation of American Christianity in 1944, and authorize C. R. C. to name five representatives to serve on that committee. (Those named were Charles T. Leber, Miss Mabel E. Emerson, Jesse R. Wilson, R. E. Diffendorfer, Robert M. Hopkins.)

19. Inter-Council Field Department. That F. M. C. approve the continuation of the Inter-Council Field Department on substantially the same basis as heretofore; authorize C. R. C. to name seven representatives to serve on the Department; and approve as F. M. C.'s share (15%) of the Department's estimated maximum 1942 (its first) budget the sum of $225.00 provided that amount or the portion of it which may be needed in 1942 can be found by C. R. C. in its budget. (Those named were E. K. Higdon, J. J. Mickle, Miss Marion L. Norris, Emory Ross, Miss Margaret Shannon, Harry C. Spencer, Miss Sue E. Weddell.)

20. Future meetings of F. M. C. That in view of the fact that the Christian World Mission Convocation is to be held in December, 1942, only a brief business session of F. M. C. be held in connection with the Convocation and that the fiftieth annual Foreign Missions Conference be held late in 1943, the time and place to be decided by C. R. C.
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21. Study of Bases for Just and Durable Peace. That the invitation to participate in the National Study Conference on the Churches and A Just and Durable Peace, to be held at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, March 3-5, 1942, be accepted and the Chairman of C. R. C. be empowered to appoint the fifteen delegates. (Those appointed were Mrs. Sidney Anderson, Richard T. Baker, Mrs. E. R. Bartlett, Leland S. Brubaker, A. R. Clippinger, Merle L. Davis, Mrs. R. A. Doan, C. Darby Fulton, Fred Field Goodsell, Wm. Lloyd Imes, J. J. Mickle, J. H. Reisner, W. Stanley Rycroft, Ross W. Sanderson, Miss Ruth Seabury.)

22. Report of Committee on International Relations and World Peace. The Report of the Committee on International Relations and World Peace, presented by Luman J. Shafer, Chairman, and as amended by the Conference, was adopted. (v. page 25.)

Samuel Trexler, President of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, and of the United Lutheran Synod of New York, who recently returned from a missionary study journey in Latin America, was introduced by Leonard A. Dixon as chairman for the remainder of the evening.

23. Address by John A. Mackay. Mr. Trexler presented John A. Mackay, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, who spoke on the subject “The Two Americas—Their Spiritual Heritage and Destiny.” After calling attention to the significant hemispheric conference which is beginning in Rio de Janeiro tomorrow, the outcome of which will have momentous effect upon the relationships between the countries of North and South America and of the world, Mr. Mackay stirred the Conference with a profound and vivid analysis of the heritage of our Western civilization and the common destiny which we in the Americas have in following the Christian Evangel. The evangelical mission must be promoted in Latin America in order that this, our common destiny, may be fulfilled.

The day's closing service of worship was led by Frank T. Cartwright.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 15

A missionary breakfast was held at 7:15 a.m., when the members of the Conference were invited to meet with the unusually large number of missionaries present. Miss Ruth Ransom, Chairman of the F. M. C. Committee on Missionary Personnel, presided at this first gathering of its kind in Foreign Missions Conference history, with 133 persons present. Fred Field Goodsell, former Chairman of that Committee, gave an address of welcome to the missionaries. Mrs. Yuh Tsing Zee New, Timothy T. Lew, and Baen Chu were introduced to the group. Newell S. Booth, Miss Clarissa B. Brown
and Frank C. Laubach, missionaries respectively from Africa, China and the Philippines, contributed their views on the subject of "Missionaries in a Post-War World."

Leonard A. Dixon, Vice-Chairman, opened the Conference session at 9:15. J. Roy Strock of India offered prayer.

24. Report of Business Committee (continued). The report of the Business Committee was continued by H. Kerr Taylor, Chairman. The following recommendations were approved by the Conference:

25. Telegram to Sumner Welles. That a telegram, signed by Emory Ross as General Secretary and W. Stanley Rycroft as Secretary of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, be sent in the name of F. M. C. to Sumner Welles, United States Under-Secretary of State, now in Rio de Janeiro, assuring him of our prayers for the inter-American conference which opens in that city today.

26. Greetings to National Christian Councils. That F. M. C. send letters of special greetings to the National Christian Councils which can be reached in other areas of the world.

27. Response to letters of greeting. That the General Secretary be instructed to respond to the messages of greetings which have been received by the Conference.

28. Memorial minutes. That the General Secretary include in the report of the Conference suitable memorial minutes for those in the boards who have passed on during the past two years who have sustained an official relationship to F. M. C. or C. R. C., or who had been regularly representatives of their respective boards at annual meetings of the Conference. (See pages 112-114.)

29. Closer Relationships of General Interdenominational Agencies. With regard to the report of the Committee on the Study of Closer Relationships of General Interdenominational Agencies which has been submitted to F. M. C. as one of the agencies which participated in the study conference held in Atlantic City, December 9-11, 1941:

1. That F. M. C. records its desire to continue with the other agencies the study of adequate provision for the continued, expanded and more effective coordination and integration of the several interdenominational agencies in North America, although the Conference is not prepared at this time to make any commitment with regard to any of the several plans which have been under consideration thus far.

2. That to continue this study both with the other agencies and within the F. M. C., four representatives with the General Secretary be appointed by the F. M. C. as requested, who with five others to be appointed as alternates shall constitute a special F. M. C. Com-
mittee of Ten who as the study proceeds shall confer (a) with the Committee of Reference and Counsel and its Executive Committee; (b) with the several mission boards and agency members of F. M. C.

3. That this special Committee of Ten as it proceeds with its task be instructed to safeguard the following essential features of the Foreign Missions Conference:

(a) The autonomy of F. M. C. in such degree as will permit it to fulfill its particular function in the work of the church.

(b) The direct relationships which the F. M. C. sustains through the International Missionary Council and otherwise with similar agencies and councils and with missions, institutions and other organizations in other lands;

(c) The control of the staff and of the budget of the Foreign Missions Conference in so far as that budget is supplied by the foreign mission boards;

(d) Provision for full membership on the part of foreign mission boards and agencies whose denominations are not otherwise in whole or in part related to the structure of interdenomi­national coöperation.

The members of the Committee of Ten are: R. E. Diffendorfer, C. T. Leber, Glenn P. Reed, Emory Ross, Jesse R. Wilson; alternates: Eric M. North, Miss Margaret Marston, M. Edwin Thomas, Miss Mabel E. Emerson, C. Darby Fulton.

30. Foreign Relief Appeals. This Conference affirms its emphatic conviction that adequate support for the foreign relief appeals is central to the future of any continuing program for the world mission. We urge every mission board to accept continuing responsibility on this matter within its own denominational channels. In particular we propose where denominational relief committees have not yet been established that the mission board provide the necessary initiative and directive to assure an adequate response. We further urge that each denominational committee face afresh the facts of suffering and misery and arrange to place before their church people the needs in all the areas designated by our Com­mittee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches.

Because we believe this presents one of the deep spiritual op­portunities which should not be denied any Christian and because this constitutes one of the most practical and powerful expressions of the Christian witness, we suggest specifically:

1. That mission boards in their reports, statements to their churches and in publicity give significant recognition to the fact that the relief work in which their missionaries may be engaging is a vital part of their missionary task and service.
2. That missionaries in this country on furlough or withdrawn from their respective fields be assigned to speaking or other service in the raising of funds for relief purposes.

Here is at hand both an objective and the organization by which we can bear an undivided witness on behalf of the church. Therefore we call the attention of every denominational group to the agencies which have been designated as suitable channels for the administration of relief funds, all of which maintain a definitely Christian impetus and purpose in their relief operations: Church Committee for China Relief; Central Bureau for Relief, European Churches; American Friends Service Committee; International Missionary Council; American Committee for Christian Refugees; War Prisoners' Aid, Y. M. C. A.; Y. W. C. A. World Emergency Fund; American Bible Society.

We commend to the denominations the services of our Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals both for its coordinating and consultative service and for its unifying service in representing all the church relief agencies in relation to the government's plan for regulation and control.

31. Findings of four panel discussions. That the findings of the four panel discussions on Wednesday, as now read, be approved. (See pages 27-32.)

30. Implementing recommendations of panels. (a) That the report of the Business Committee be referred to C. R. C. with a view to securing from that body and its Representative and other Committees early concrete plans implementing these principles which we have adopted.

(b) That the constituent boards of this Conference be urged to give prompt and earnest consideration to these plans for concerted action which we have agreed are necessary for "The On-Going Mission in War Time—and Beyond."

(c) That in particular each board be urged to make the Christian World Mission Convocation the focal point in its denominational planning for the enlistment of home interest in 1942-43.

32. Proposed World Union of Free States. The Business Committee had received a request from Frank C. Laubach, missionary in the Philippines, to present a proposal for the immediate formation of a world union of free states. The Business Committee felt that F. M. C. was not prepared without further study to act upon this proposal which is essentially of a political nature, and therefore suggested that Mr. Laubach present it to the Conference on the Bases for a Just and Durable Peace, to be held in Delaware, Ohio, March 3-5, 1942.
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33. Christian Literature. R. E. Diffendorfer reported for the information of the Conference the action of the International Missionary Council's Committee on Literature appointed at Madras (of which he is Chairman), looking toward a five-year program for Christian literature, and making certain proposals for establishing an accepted policy for such literature. The Conference approved reference of matters herewith connected to the Representative Committees and to the member boards and agencies and recommended their early and favorable action thereon.

Eric M. North, General Secretary of the American Bible Society, spoke on the present situation and difficulties in supply and distribution of Scriptures and the ways in which these were being overcome.

34. "Christian World Facts." Mr. Ross asked that the representatives of the boards place before their bodies the desirability and necessity for the distribution of an increased number of copies of Christian World Facts (28,800 copies in 1941), if the publication was to repay the very considerable time and effort put upon it. It was moved that the boards be asked to encourage and support the publication of Christian World Facts by joining in distributing at least 50,000 copies in 1942. Approved.

Miss Sue Weddell, the Chairman of the Conference, took the chair and introduced Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Mickle, formerly Methodist missionaries in Japan. Mr. Mickle has since October 1, 1941 been Acting Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference and Secretary of its Committee on East Asia.

35. Report of Nominating Committee. Miss Mabel E. Emerson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the report of the committee which was adopted as follows:

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J. H. Arnup
Miss Mabel E. Emerson
R. L. Howard
Miss Elizabeth Lee

Term Expires 1944
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Mrs. Leslie E. Swain
H. Kerr Taylor
Miss Sue Weddell

* Since there was no meeting of F. M. C. in 1941, the former representatives carried on until 1942. Their successors will therefore serve a one-year term instead of the regular two-year term.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS

By special vote John R. Mott was elected an honorary life member of the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

By another special vote John R. Mott and Robert E. Speer were elected honorary Co-Chairmen of the fiftieth annual session of the Foreign Missions Conference in 1943.

Leonard A. Dixon, newly elected Chairman of the forty-ninth annual meeting, was introduced to the Conference.

Miss Sue Weddell introduced Mrs. Yuh Tsing Zee New, Chairman of the Ginling Board of Managers and one of the foremost Christian leaders in China. Mrs. New addressed the Conference on the subject "For Vision and Courage, We Pray."

The closing worship service of the Conference was led by J. H. Arnup.

The Conference adjourned.

WILLIAM H. McCANCE, Recording Secretary.
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In Memoriam

Rev. Oscar MacMillan Buck, D.D., a former missionary in India and since 1919 Professor of Missions and Comparative Religion at Drew Theological Seminary, died on February 10, 1941, at his home in Madison, New Jersey. In 1930 he was in India as secretary to the Lindsay Commission studying higher education. He was for several years an associate member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Buck was the author of a number of volumes mostly dealing with Christian missions in India. He gave himself wholeheartedly to foreign missions and through his devotion and influence the ecumenical Christian enterprise has been richly benefited.

Rev. James Cantine, D.D., who died July 1, 1940, was ordained a missionary to Arabia on October 1, 1889. Pioneer of the Arabian Mission and of the United Mission in Mesopotamia, his forty years of service as a missionary of the Reformed Church in America left an enduring impression in Arabia and Iraq.

Rev. Charles E. Creitz, D.D., president of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States; died on September 20, 1940. Dr. Creitz brought to the board and to the interdenominational agencies with which it was associated personal Christian characteristics of inestimable value: a faith dominant and invincible, a hope clairvoyant and therefore undaunted, and an all-embracing love which made him a true Christian internationalist. He possessed and held fast to two ideals for the work of foreign missions: service and sacrifice. He was a staunch believer in cooperation—with the executive officers of his own board and with the interdenominational agencies with which his board was associated.

Mrs. J. B. Hill closed a long life of service upon her passing on September 5, 1941. For forty years she was a member of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and for thirty-seven years was its faithful and devoted treasurer.

Mrs. Louise Chambers Knox was a leader for many years in the activities of the Reformed Church in America, and was president of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of that Church from 1921 to 1938. She served for years as president of the Vellore (India) College Committee. Her death occurred on January 11, 1942.

Miss Susan C. Lodge became a member of the Executive Committee of the former Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in 1917. As chairman of the Interdenominational Committee of that Society, she became the connecting link between the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Woman's Federation of Foreign Missions, and the Society. She was an effective member of the Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions, helping to secure authors and select textbooks for the foreign study of the women of all denominations. Miss Lodge's death occurred April 16, 1941.

Dr. Henry Winters Luce. The whole of the adult life of Henry Winters Luce was devoted to the missionary outreach. During his college days at Yale, he was one of the leaders in a vigorous revival of Christian and mission-
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ary enthusiasm, out of which six classmates of a single class, members of the Student Volunteer Band, served eventually as missionaries in China and Korea.

After theological training at Union and Princeton Seminaries, Henry Luce gave much time to traveling, in fellowship with Sherwood Eddy, as a secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. In 1897 he and Miss Elizabeth Root were married and sailed for China. In his application to the Presbyterian Board, he wrote, “My desire is to be so stationed in China that, in the event of work opening up among students there, I may be able to cooperate with such men as Willard Lyon of the Y. M. C. A. and Pitkin of the American Board.” Cooperation was a keynote throughout his life.

Arriving in China, he devoted himself from the first to the upbuilding of Christian education, starting in Shantung Province. In later years he went to Peiping where he became vice-president of Yenching University. After Dr. Frank D. Gamewell retired from the active secretaryship of the Christian Educational Association of China, Dr. Luce took up the work and travelled all over the country, laying particular stress on the strengthening of Christian middle schools. Returning to America in 1928, he took an active part in building up the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

More than this, he always gave himself to strengthening the bonds between America and the Far East in the field of education, religion, and cultural understanding. From 1928 to 1935, he was a professor of missions in the Kennedy School of Missions at Hartford. His final visit to the Far East was in the winter of 1935-36 when he became familiar once more with the rising tide of national vigor in China. During the past several years he was a leader in the movement to hold an annual Interpreters’ Institute at Silver Bay.

The Foreign Missions Conference holds in grateful memory the life and work of this vigorous missionary, and pays tribute to Mrs. Luce as well, who shared with him throughout the endeavors of his years in China.

Rev. William B. Olmstead gave a full lifetime of service to Christ and the Free Methodist Church, serving as a pastor until within a few months of his death on September 22, 1941. He also served as educator and author of church literature, general Sunday School secretary, and for thirty years was a member of the Board of Directors of the General Missionary Board. He was General Missionary Secretary for thirteen years, traveling extensively in other lands where he organized missions into conferences, looking toward advanced leadership and self-support.

James M. Speers, treasurer of the Foreign Missions Conference for many years, was still treasurer emeritus at the time of his death on July 25, 1941. An elder of the Presbyterian Church for fifty years, and for twenty-one years a Vice-President of its Board of Foreign Missions, Mr. Speers also took a leading part in the International Committee of Young Men’s Christian Associations, the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, the Laymen’s Missionary Movement, and the International Missionary Council. His business ability, his unfailing devotion, his wide experience, and his unwavering faith made his membership on these many projects invaluable.

Mr. Speers was a winsome Christian personality, permeated and dominated by the spirit of Christ. Of him it could be truly said, “He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith; and much people were added unto the Lord.” His consecration and consequent devotion were of that alluring and witnessing nature characteristic of the leaders of the apostolic church which caused men to “take knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus.”

He was an outstanding Christian layman. The Christian agencies in which
he was vitally interested and actively associated would constitute a long list of the leading church organizations of America. He was always especially interested in sane and sincere evangelism. For sixty years he devoted time and labor to the spread and propagation of Christian ideals in every area of life.

He was a truly Christian business man. He was one of those men who fulfill the qualifications set by the early church in its first call for business men: "Men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." His avocation was merchandizing, but his real business was being a Christian.

He was a great missionary statesman. It was by no chance of circumstance that he was one of the founders of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Perhaps his deepest interest was the world-wide mission work of the church—of his own communion and of the wider interdenominational movements for missionary cooperation and unity. He was a modern world seer with a keen, discerning and discriminating, but withal a quiet and humble, sense of world need.

Rev. Frederick Clark Stephenson, M.D., D.D., who died on September 26, 1941, became secretary of the Young People’s Forward Movement of the Methodist Church of Canada in 1895. Following the union of churches in 1925 he was secretary of the Department of Missionary Education until his retirement in 1936. He was the originator of the Young People’s Missionary Movement of North America, now the Missionary Education Movement. He and Mrs. Stephenson, who died two years before him, were probably without peers throughout North America in enlisting students for foreign mission service and in organizing young people’s societies to support them abroad.
PERSONNEL
OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE
1942

Adams, C. C., National Baptist
Adams, Earl F., visitor, Northern Baptist
Adams, Mrs. Earl F., visitor, Northern Baptist
Addison, J. Thayer, Protestant Episcopal
Aeschliman, E. J., visitor, Methodist
Albaugh, Dana M., Northern Baptist
Anderson, Theodore W., Evangelical Mission Covenant
Applegarth, Margaret, Northern Baptist
Armstrong, A. E., United Church, Canada
Aroup, J. H., United Church, Canada
Atzinger, Mrs. John, American Lutheran

Bacon, Leonard, United Church, Canada
Baker, Richard T., Methodist
Baldwin, DeWitt, visitor, Methodist
Barbour, William, visitor
Barclay, Wade Crawford, Methodist
Barlow, Roswell P., visitor, Federal Council
Barstow, Robbins W., visitor, Hartford Seminary Foundation
Bate, Miss Daisy Dean, visitor, Northern Baptist
Bates, M. Searle, Disciples
Beardsley, Miss Edna B., Protestant Episcopal
Beaton, K. J., United Church, Canada
Beckett, V. D., United Presbyterian
Beckmann, Miss Madeline M., Staff
Beebe, Mrs. A. E., Methodist
Bell, Miss Alice, United Brethren
Benson, N. P., Augustana Synod
Bentley, Miss Clara L., Staff
Boerger, Alfred K., Lutheran Orient
Berry, L. L., African Methodist
Boillman, William L., Evangelical
Bonsack, Charles D., Church of the Brethren
Boodyer, Mrs. Harriet S., United Presbyterian
Booth, Newell S., visitor, Methodist
Bourne, Mrs. Helen B., Methodist
Boynton, E. C., American Board
Bradbury, John W., visitor
Briggs, Mrs. J. D., Methodist
Braun, Herbert, United Presbyterian
Browning, Willard, United Church, Canada
Brittingham, Miss Bettie, Methodist
Brooks, John Jay, United Presbyterian
Brown, Miss Clarissa B., Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity
Brown, Miss Eleanor, Staff
Brown, George W., American Bible Society
Brown, Miss Mabel H., Staff
Brown, Margaret H., visitor, United Church of Canada
Brubaker, Leland S., Church of the Brethren
Burgess, A. S., Norwegian Lutheran
Burman, Mrs. A. L., American Lutheran
Burr, Miss Frances K., Northern Baptist
Burritt, Mrs. Carrie T., Free Methodist
Butler, Miss Clementina, Committee on Christian Literature
Callaway, Mrs. F. B., Presbyterian in U. S.
Cartwright, F. T., Methodist
Casselman, A. V., Evangelical and Reformed
Casselman, H. H., Evangelical and Reformed
Chamberlin, Mrs. Harrie K., Y. W. C. A.
Chu, Baem, visitor
Clark, Robert M., visitor, United Church, Canada
Cleveland, Mrs. E. L., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Clippinger, A. X., United Brethren
Cobb, Miss Eliza P., visitor, Reformed in America
Cobb, Mrs. Sanford B., visitor, Reformed in America
Cogswell, Franklin D., Missionary Education Movement
Condict, Mrs. E. C., visitor, Northern Baptist
Congdon, Miss Elizabeth, American McAll Association
Conger, H. G., Methodist
RECORDS OF THE MEETING

Cook, Mrs. Bertha Luck, visitor, Cumberland Presbyterian
Corbett, Mrs. Charles H., Presbyterian in U. S. A.
Corey, Stephen J., Disciples
Cort, Mrs. Scudder, visitor
Cottrell, A. R., Church of the Brethren
Crowe, Mrs. Herbert W., visitor, United Church, Canada
Cupido, Jacob, Christian Reformed

Danielson, Walfred, Northern Baptist
Daudermann, Laverne, visitor, Evangelical and Reformed
Davis, Enan, Methodist
Davis, J. Merle, Staff
Davis, Merle L., American Friends (Five Years)
Decker, J. W., Northern Baptist
Decker, Mrs. John W., visitor, Northern Baptist
Deems, Mrs. C. Everard, visitor, Northern Baptist
DeKorne, John C., Christian Reformed

Dettre, J. A., Churches of God
Diehl, Miss Nona, United Lutheran
Diever, Mrs. W. H., Methodist
Diffendorfer, R. E., Methodist
Diffendorfer, Mrs. R. E., visitor, Methodist
Dixen, M. C., Santal Mission
Dixen, L. A., Church of England in Canada
Dodd, Miss Gertrude, visitor
Dods, J. L., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Donohugh, T. S., Methodist
Donohugh, Mrs. Thomas S., visitor, Methodist
Dow, Margaret, visitor
Dowm, E. Sheldon, visitor
Drach, George, United Lutheran

Elder, Miss Margaret, Staff
Eldridge, Miss Lucy, visitor, Missionary Education Movement
Elliot, W. M., Jr., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Emerson, Miss Mabel E., American Board
Emmons, Peter K., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Espy, R. H. Edwin, Student Volunteer Movement

Fahs, Charles H., visitor
Fairfield, W. C., American Board
Faulkingham, H. L., visitor
Fleming, D. J., visitor
Fleming, Mrs. D. J., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Flower, J. R., Assemblies of God
Fowler, J. E., Protestant Episcopal
Frye, E. G., Evangelical

Gammack, Miss Ellen, Protestant Episcopal
Gapp, S. H., Moravian
Gehbardt, G. M., Evangelical and Reformed
Gibson, Miss Henrietta, Methodist
Goettsch, F. A., Evangelical and Reformed
Goettsch, Mrs. F. A., visitor, Evangelical and Reformed
Goodsell, Fred Field, American Board
Gordon, Miss Florence, Reformed in America
Gregg, Miss Alice, Protestant Episcopal
Gribben, Robert B., Protestant Episcopal
Gronli, John E., Norwegian Lutheran
Gumper, Elmer, Evangelical and Reformed

Hargraves, Corliss P., Methodist
Hayes, Mrs. Florence, visitor, Presbyterian, U. S. A.
Heagen, Mrs. Joseph M., United Presbyterian
Hearn, Curry B., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Heebner, H. K., Schwenkfelder
Heinemiller, C., Evangelical
Heinemiller, Miss Ruth, Evangelical and Reformed
Heinly, F. W., Church of God
Heinly, Mrs. F. W., visitor, Church of God
Heins, Mrs. J. L., visitor, Reformed in America
Herrnstein, Mrs. C. H., American Lutheran
Hill, Mrs. F. W., visitor, Disciples
Hillman, Mrs. E. L., Methodist
Hubbs, A., National Baptist
Hubbs, E. R., visitor
Hooper, J. L., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Hopkins, Robert M., Disciples
PERSONNEL

Horn, Edward T., visitor, United Lutheran
Horner, Miss Mae, Methodist
Howard, R. L., Northern Baptist
Howell, W. E., Seventh-Day Adventist
Huckabee, Weyman C., visitor, Layman’s Missionary Movement
Hudgins, Mildred, Methodist
Hume, Edward H., Yale-in-China Association
Hunter, Mrs. Nora, Church of God

Iglehart, C. W., visitor
Inrig, Mrs. Frank, Canadian Baptist

Jeffers, H. C., visitor, United Presbyterian
Johnson, H. F., Free Methodist

Kaercher, Hilda M., United Lutheran
Kellersberger, Eugene R., American Mission to Lepers
Keck, H. E., United Presbyterian
Kepler, A. R., Presbyterian U. S. A.
King, Herman W., visitor, United Presbyterian
Kingsland, Miss Lois, visitor, United Presbyterian
Knap, Forrest L., World’s Sunday School Association
Kriete, C. D., Evangelical and Reformed
Kulp, H. Stover, Church of the Brethren

Lamott, Willis C., visitor, Presbyterian U. S. A.
Landis, Herman B., visitor
LaTourrette, E. S., Yale-in-China Association
Laubach, Frank C., visitor, American Board
Layten, Mrs. S. W., National Baptist
Lee, Miss Elizabeth M., Methodist
Lee, Frederick, Seventh-Day Adventist
Lehmann, Miss Katherine, American Lutheran
Leiper, Henry Smith, visitor, Federal Council
Leitz, Mrs. E. W., visitor
LeSourd, Gilbert Q., visitor, Missionary Education Movement
Lew, Timothy T., visitor
Lewis, W. O., visitor
Lobenstein, E. C., Yale-in-China Association
Lohrenz, H. W., Mennonite Brethren
Lyon, Miss Sarah S., Y. W. C. A.
Lyon, W. H., visitor
Lyon, Mrs. W. H., visitor

McCance, William H., visitor
McCarroll, Walter, Reformed Presbyterian
McCarty, E. F., Wesleyan Methodist Connection
McConnell, Miss Dorothy, visitor, Methodist
McCaughey, Miss Janie W., Presbyterian U. S. A.
McCay, Miss Janet S., Northern Baptist
McLaurin, J. B., Canadian Baptist
McMurrough, Mrs. A. R., Presbyterian Church in Canada
Mackay, John A., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Mackay, Mrs. John A., visitor
MacKinnon, Miss Sallie Lou, Methodist
Marston, Miss Margaret, Protestant Episcopal
Mather, Mrs. John Cotton, visitor, American Baptist
Mathews, William H., American Tract Society
Matson, Peter, Evangelical Mission Covenant
Maxwell, Mrs. O. C., National Baptist
Maynor, Mrs. Velma, Methodist
Medlicott, Mrs. W. H., American Board
Mengel, Mrs. J. M., Evangelical and Reformed
Messinger, Miss Emma D., Evangelical
Michel, Fred J., Laymen’s Missionary Movement
Mickle, Joe J., Staff
Mickle, Mrs. Joe J., visitor
Miller, Miss Nina, visitor, Missionary Education Movement
Miller, Adam W., Church of God
Miller, Alton, Northern Baptist
Millikin, B. C., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Mills, Mrs. J. W., Methodist
Mills, Samuel J., Y. M. C. A.
Moll, Edwin, United Lutheran
Moller, M. E. Jr., visitor, United Lutheran
Moore, Fred Atkins, visitor
Mooroof, Mrs. Otis, Methodist
Morrison, C. C., visitor
Mott, John R., visitor

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RECORDS OF THE MEETING

Murray, J. Lovell, British and Foreign Bible Society, Canada
Muthaiya, Charles, visitor

New, Mrs. Yuh Tsing Zee, visitor
Noordyk, Wilhemina, visitor, Reformed in America
North, Eric M., American Bible Society
Nyce, H. G., Mennonite General Conference

Orton, Miss Hazel, visitor, Missionary Education Movement
Orton, Mrs. Helen L., visitor

Orton, A. B., Protestant Episcopal
Parson, E. L., visitor
Perkin, Noel, Assemblies of God
Perry, Mrs. J. W., Methodist
Pederson, E. L., visitor
Pederson, Mrs. E. L., visitor
Perry, Mrs. J. W., Methodist
Pitt, Malcolm S., visitor
Porter, Mrs. L. E., visitor
Porter, F. M., Reformed in America

Quillian, William F., Methodist
Quimby, Karl, Methodist

Ransom, Miss Ruth, visitor, Methodist
Reardon, E. A., Laymen's Missionary Movement
Rediger, C. E., Congo Inland Mission
Rediger, Mrs. C. E., visitor, Congo Inland Mission
Reed, Glenn P., United Presbyterian
Reid, Samuel, visitor, United Presbyterian
Reid, Mrs. Samuel, visitor
Reid, W. W., Methodist
Reinier, John H., visitor
Reichy, Miss Beth, Methodist
Riggs, Ernest W., American Board
Roane, Claude D., Friends (Ohio Yearly Meeting)
Roberts, Charles D., Friends (Ohio Yearly Meeting)
Root, Miss Helen I., Free Methodist
Ross, Emory, Staff
Ross, Mrs. Emory, visitor
Rossman, Mrs. Phillip, visitor
Roys, Mrs. Charles K., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Rycroft, W. Stanley, Staff

Sadler, George W., Southern Baptist
Sanderson, Ross W., visitor
Schell, W. P., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Schmidt, O. H., Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Schmidt, Mrs. Oscar C., United Lutheran
Schulz, Paul H., Evangelical and Reformed
Schulte, Katherine, visitor, Disciples
Scott, David H., visitor
Scudder, Miss Ida, visitor
Self, Mrs. Rodger, United Church of Canada
Sellers, O. R., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Sellers, Mrs. O. R., visitor
Shafer, L. J., Reformed in America
Shank, Miss Hazel, Northern Baptist
Shannon, Miss Margaret, Presbyterian U. S. A.
Sheatsley, C. V., American Lutheran
Sherman, Arthur M., Protestant Episcopal
Showers, Mrs. J. B., United Brethren
Silverthorn, Mrs. E. H., visitor, Presbyterian U. S. A.
Slater, T. M., visitor
Sly, Virgil A., visitor, Disciples
Smith, Mrs. D. Burt, United Lutheran
Smith, Forrest, Northern Baptist
Smith, E. Paul, visitor
Smith, Mrs. Howard Wayne, American Baptist
Smith, Wilbert B., Y. M. C. A.
Snead, A. C., visitor
Somerville, Wendell C., Lott Carey Baptist
Spencer, Harry C., Methodist
Stamm, Mrs. J. C., Evangelical
Stelle, C. A., Presbyterian U. S. A.
Stevens, Miss Dorothy A., visitor, Northern Baptist
Stowell, Jay, Methodist
Strock, J. Roy, visitor, United Lutheran
Stuber, Stanley L., visitor
Swain, Mrs. Leslie E., American Baptist

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PERSONNEL

Swanson, S. Hjalmar, Augustana Synod
Syrdal, R. A., Norwegian Lutheran
Taeuber, R., American Lutheran
Tailen, Mrs. Frances, Church of God
Taylor, H. Kerr, Presbyterian U. S. A.
Taylor, Mrs. Hugh D., United Church, Canada
Taylor, John C., visitor, Reformed Presbyterian of N. A.
Taylor, P. V., Evangelical and Reformed
Telleen, S. F., United Lutheran
Thomas, M. Edwin, United Lutheran
Thompson, J. C., visitor
Thompson, J. Oscar, United Church, Canada
Tooker, Fred J., visitor
Topping, Miss Helen F., visitor
Trexler, Samuel, United Lutheran
Tulcsing, Mrs. Martha K., American Friends (Five Years)
Tucker, Mrs. W. L., Y. W. C. A.

Van Deusen, Mrs. Cortland, visitor
Van Ess, John, visitor, Reformed in America
Van Ess, Mrs. John, visitor, Reformed in America
Van Strien, David, Reformed in America
Van Strien, Mrs. David, Reformed in America
Vaughan, J. G., Staff, Methodist
Vickrey, Charles V., visitor

Walker, Mrs. John P., visitor, Presbyterian U. S. A.
Ward, Mrs. Mae Yoho, Disciples
Warner, George R., visitor
Warnshuis, A. L., Staff
Weddell, Miss Sue, Staff
Weitzel, George R., United Lutheran
Welcher, Miss Amy Ogden, visitor
White, Mrs. John P., United Presbyterian
Williams, Mrs. H. J., visitor, Presbyterian U. S. A.
Williams, H. W., Methodist
Wilson, Dr. Findley M., Reformed Presbyterian
Wilson, Mrs. George R., American Board
Wilson, Jesse R., Northern Baptist
Wiser, Hendricks, visitor
Woodruff, C. R., Methodist
Woolever, Mrs. H. E., Methodist
Wortham, Mrs. Annie M., African Methodist Episcopal
Wright, Miss Rose, visitor, Disciples
Wynne, Mrs. C. S., United Church of Canada

Yoder, Sanford D., Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities
Young, Miss E. Mae, Methodist
Young, Herrick B., Presbyterian U. S. A.

Ziegler, Samuel G., United Brethren
Zimmerman, Walter A., Y. M. C. A.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF BOARDS AND SOCIETIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1939

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| Expenditures. Grand Total | $1,797,781   | $4,035,150  | $5,143,970  | $8,252,160  | $1,355,250  | $3,617,170  | $166,580  | $2,097,140  | $11,920  | $1,981  | $110,220  | $84,559  | $66,373  | $16,463  | $36,756  | $126,320  | $481,998  | $1,263,298  | $260,148 |
BOARDS AND SOCIETIES OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS
CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS
CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the Conference of the Foreign Missions Boards in the United States and Canada shall be "The Foreign Missions Conference of North America."

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

SECTION 1. The purpose of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America is to provide a medium through which the Foreign Missions Boards and Societies of North America may manifest their essential unity, and by coöperation promote the effectiveness of their work.

SECTION 2. Its functions are: (a) to provide for an Annual Conference of the Foreign Missions Boards and Societies of North America; (b) to provide through its Committees for the investigation and study of missionary problems; (c) to foster and promote a true science of missions; (d) to perform directly or through its Committees certain specific work of interest to Boards and Societies participating in the Conference; and (e) to facilitate coöperation by two or more Boards and Societies through special Committees on any project, or within any field of missionary endeavor, on which they may desire united action.

It is not within the scope of the Conference to consider questions of ecclesiastical faith and order, which represent denominational differences.

ARTICLE III. AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. The Conference and its Committees represent the participating Boards and Societies in the sense of possessing unique opportunity for knowing the mind and policies of these several missionary agencies and of enjoying direct contact with their administrative activities. The influence and usefulness of the Conference will depend upon the thoroughness of its investigations, the soundness of its methods of procedure, and the reasonableness of its conclusions and recommendations.

SECTION 2. The Conference being a purely voluntary association of Boards and Societies, neither it nor any of its Committees has authority to commit the participating Boards and Societies to any position, policy or course of action, except as any of the participating Boards and Societies may, under the provisions of the Article on Voting, request or authorize the Conference or its Committees to act.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. A meeting shall be held annually at such time and at such place as may be designated by the preceding Conference or by the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

SECTION 2. The meetings of the Conference are not held for the purpose of exploiting or indorsing the work of any organization or society; therefore, the time of the meeting shall not be taken up for this purpose, except as called for by some Conference Committee.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Foreign missionary Boards and Societies, having separate church constituencies in the United States and Canada, whose annual incomes are less than $20,000, shall be entitled to be represented in the Foreign Missions Conference of North America by one executive officer or elected delegate. Boards or Societies having incomes between $20,000 and $100,000 shall be entitled to
be represented by three delegates, including executive officers. Boards or Societies having incomes over $100,000 shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional $100,000 or fraction thereof. Boards and Societies having incomes over $800,000 shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional $200,000 or fraction thereof.

Sec. 2. (a) Those Boards and Societies entitled to three or more delegates shall divide their delegates into three classes and appoint them so that their terms expire successively in each of the following three years. Boards and Societies shall endeavor to divide their delegations between lay and secretarial representation.

(b) Boards and Societies entitled to less than three delegates shall elect their delegates to serve for three years.

(c) Alternates may be appointed to serve in the place of delegates unable to attend any meeting and delegates are eligible for reelection.

Sec. 3. Boards or Societies conducting both home and foreign missions shall base their representation on their income or pro rata expenditure for foreign missions.

Sec. 4. A Woman’s Board or Society, auxiliary to the General Board of the church to which it belongs, shall be entitled to appoint delegates to the Conference on the basis of representation provided in Section 1 of this article.

Sec. 5. The Conference after investigation by the Committee of Reference and Counsel and favorable recommendation to the constituent Boards at least three months before any annual meeting may by two-thirds vote admit to membership in Conference any foreign mission Board, Society, or agency whose objective and principles as expressed in its Constitution are in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the Foreign Missions Conference. An organization thus admitted to membership in the Conference shall be entitled to be represented in the Conference on the basis provided for in Section 1 of this article.

Sec. 6. The basis of representation of the following Societies, because of their close relations to foreign missionary work as interdenominational cooperating agencies which send out missionaries, in consultation with the Church Boards and Societies, to serve the common interest, shall be the same as that of the Societies having separate church constituencies:

(a) The American Bible Society.

(b) The International Committee of Young Men’s Christian Associations.

(c) The Foreign Division of the National Board of the Young Women’s Christian Associations of the United States of America.

(d) The Foreign Department of the National Council of the Young Women’s Christian Association of the Dominion of Canada.

(e) The British and Foreign Bible Society of Canada and Newfoundland.

Sec. 7. The following Societies, because of their close relation to foreign missionary work as interdenominational cooperating agencies which serve the common interest at the home base, in consultation with the Church Boards and Societies, shall be entitled to one delegate each:

(a) The Missionary Education Movement.

(b) The Student Volunteer Movement.

(c) The Laymen’s Missionary Movement.

(d) The American Tract Society.

(e) The World’s Sunday School Association.

(f) National Council of Student Christian Associations.

(g) National Student Council, Young Women’s Christian Associations.

(h) Student Christian Movement of Canada.

Sec. 8. Boards of Management organized in North America in charge of Christian institutions of higher learning in the mission field, whose interests are not otherwise represented, may be admitted to membership in the Conference by a two-thirds vote, provided that notification be given by the Committee of Reference and Counsel to the constituent Boards at least three months before any annual meeting. Such Boards of Management shall be entitled to one delegate each.
Sec. 9. Distinguished guests, foreign missionaries, members of Foreign Mission Boards and Societies who are not delegates and officers and members of the Executive Committees of international and undenominational agencies directly interested in foreign missionary work, may be invited by the Committee of Arrangements to sit as corresponding members, with the privilege of participation in the discussions, but without power to vote.

Sec. 10. The secretary of the Conference shall furnish suitable credential blanks to the constituent Boards and Societies at least thirty days in advance of the meeting of the Conference.

ARTICLE VI. VOTING

Section 1. Each fully accredited delegate, present at any meeting of the Conference, is entitled to a vote.

Sec. 2. When the Conference is expressing its judgment as a Conference upon matters properly coming before it, a two-thirds vote shall be required.

Sec. 3. Votes are to be regarded as the expression of the personal judgment of the members of the Conference and do not therefore commit the respective Boards and Societies.

Sec. 4. If any Board or Society participating in the Conference, or if the Conference itself, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, propose a measure which would commit the participating Boards and Societies to a given position, policy, or course of action, this measure shall first be submitted to the Boards and Societies involved, for their formal approval. When the measure has been approved by a majority of the number of votes to which the Boards involved would be entitled in the Conference, the Conference or any of its Committees may proceed to take such action as the vote would justify, provided always that said action shall be represented as taken in behalf only of the Boards and Societies that have approved the measure proposed.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Conference shall consist of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, two or more Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. The office of one of the Secretaries and of the Treasurer may be vested in one person.

Sec. 2. These officers shall be elected at the close of the annual session to serve ad interim and until the close of the following annual session, or until their successors are elected.

Sec. 3. The Chairman, or in his absence one of the Vice-Chairmen, shall preside, or be responsible for securing a presiding officer, at each session of the Conference.

Sec. 4. The Secretaries shall keep all records and be members ex-officio of all Committees, but without a vote.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Conference shall appoint the following Standing Committees and their membership shall be as stated:

(a) The Committee of Reference and Counsel, twenty-one members and in addition the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of each of the Representative Committees, it being understood that at no time shall the number of members who are chairmen of Representative Committees exceed that of those appointed by the Annual Conference.

(b) The Committee on Nominations, nine members.

Sec. 2. For the sake of efficiency and convenience in administration, the Committee organization of the Committee of Reference and Counsel shall be as follows:

1. **Representative Committees**
   1. Africa (including Christian Literature for Africa)
   2. East Asia
3. India
4. Philippine
5. Coöperation in Latin America
6. Promotion of Interest (including Publicity, Foreign Students, Radio)
7. Rural Missions Cooperating
8. Women's Work
9. Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work
10. Associated Mission Medical Office

2. Standing Sub-Committees
   1. Executive
   2. Finance and Headquarters
   3. Arrangements for the Annual Meeting
   4. Anglo-American Churches
   5. International Relations and World Peace
   6. Missionary Research Library

3. Special Committees and Commissions
   The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall appoint from time to time temporary committees, assigned to deal with particular subjects.

4. Secretarial Council
   (a) Each Representative Committee shall be responsible for the selection and appointment of its executive officers. The several executive officers of these Representative Committees shall together with the Secretaries of the Foreign Missions Conference constitute a Secretarial Council.
   (b) The Foreign Missions Conference at its annual session shall appoint one of its Secretaries as Chairman of the Secretarial Council.

Sec. 3. A Business Committee of each annual Conference, consisting of seven persons, shall be appointed at the opening session on nomination of the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

Sec. 4. Other committees may be appointed from time to time, as the Conference may direct.

ARTICLE IX. DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall be the Executive Committee of the Conference having oversight of the executive officers, maintaining suitable headquarters, arranging for the annual meeting, coordinating the work of the various Committees, Boards and Commissions of the Conference and in considering the policies and measures relating to foreign missionary interests both at the home base and on the foreign field, in so far as these have not been specially committed to some other committee. The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall also act for the Conference ad interim in all matters calling for executive action, in so far as definite authority and power may not have been committed to other regular or special committees. The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall have the right to appoint, as members of any of its sub-committees, coöperating members chosen from the Conference or from the Boards composing the Conference or their constituencies, but such coöperating members shall not thereby become members of the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

Sec. 2. For the sake of efficiency and convenience in the administration of its work, the Committee of Reference and Counsel may appoint sub-committees and delegate work to them along the following main lines:
   (a) Foreign Affairs: including negotiations with governments, consideration of questions arising on the mission field between the missions of different Boards, as they may be referred to it, proposals and suggestions in regard to unoccupied fields, and original action in cases requiring immediate attention and not involving questions of policy regarding which there might be essential differences of opinion.
(b) **Home Base**: including questions relating to the cultivation of the home churches and the relations of Mission Boards represented in the Conference to interdenominational agencies, in so far as these agencies concern the home base.

(c) **Finance**: including the preparation of an annual budget to be submitted to the Conference, the general oversight of the funds of the Conference, and all necessary cooperation with the Treasurer of the Conference in the securing and disbursing of funds.

(d) **Arrangements**: including making the arrangements for the annual meeting of the Conference. It shall also make up the roll of the Conference and consider all questions relating to membership of the same.

(e) **The Committee on Religious Needs of Anglo-American Communities in Mission Fields** shall study the moral and religious conditions of such communities in foreign mission lands, report to the Conference the result of their studies, and render in the name of the Conference whatever assistance may be possible in securing and supporting suitable pastors, providing appropriate church buildings, and in creating a wholesome and intelligent religious life among these communities.

(f) The Committee of Reference and Counsel is further authorized to appoint special committees and commissions to study various matters as may be called for by the Conference or the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

**Sect. 3.** The Committee on Nominations shall annually present nominees for all the officers of the Conference as specified in Article VII, Section 1, and lists of nominees to fill vacancies in all of the permanent committees except its own, and make nominations in all cases referred to it by the Conference or by the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

**ARTICLE X. COMMITEE REPORTS**

**Section 1.** The reports of the permanent Committees, and also of important temporary Committees, shall be presented in printed form to all the Boards and Societies that have membership in the Conference, at least two weeks before the assembling of the annual Conference.

**Sec. 2.** Ample opportunity shall be given for discussion, a member of the Conference having a second privilege of the floor upon a single topic only when no other member desires to speak.

**Sec. 3.** Every member shall have equal opportunity to speak upon each separate resolution.

**ARTICLE XI. RESOLUTIONS**

**Section 1.** All resolutions and recommendations and motions presented by any Committee or offered from the floor, may, by common consent, be acted upon by the Conference at once and permanently disposed of, but if any member objects (except in the case of matters of routine) the question under consideration shall be referred to the Business Committee and shall not be voted upon by the Conference until reported back by the Business Committee with its recommendations thereon.

**Sec. 2.** No resolution shall be considered which deals with theological or ecclesiastical questions that represent denominational differences, and if such resolutions are presented, the Chairman shall rule them out of order.

**ARTICLE XII. EXPENSES**

**Section 1.** The expenses of the delegates shall be met by their respective Boards or by the delegates themselves.

**Sec. 2.** In addition, for the general expenses of the Conference and its affiliated activities, each Board and Society shall be asked to contribute a proportionate share of the budget approved by the Annual Conference. The basis upon which the proportionate shares of the budget are to be reckoned shall be determined by the Annual Conference from time to time as may be necessary upon the recommendation of the Committee of Reference and Counsel. Any Board may, for reasons, contribute less than this amount or designate its con-
tribution exclusively to specific portions of the budget of the Conference and such action shall in no wise affect the membership or standing of said Board or Society in the Conference.

**Article XIII. Reports of the Conference**

The reports of the Committee as amended, the discussion thereon, and the findings of the Conferences shall be published annually, in such number as the various Boards and Societies may order.

**Article XIV. Quorum**

Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum.

**Article XV. Amendments**

These rules and by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any session of the Conference, provided notice of the proposed change has been given in writing to the Boards entitled to representation in the Conference and to the Committee of Arrangements at least one month before the vote is called for.

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**The Act of Incorporation**

An Act to Incorporate the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America

Laws of New York—By Authority.
Chap. 699.
Became a law June 1, 1917, with the approval of the Governor.
Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Anna R. Atwater, Allen R. Bartholomew, James L. Barton, Arthur J. Brown, William I. Chamberlain, Ed. F. Cook, Stephen J. Corey, James Endicott, James H. Franklin, Alfred Gandier, John F. Goucher, Sidney Gould, Margaret E. Hodge, A. Woodruff Halsey, George Johnson, Arthur S. Lloyd, John R. Mott, Frank Mason North, Cornelius H. Patton, Lucy W. Peabody, George Wharton Peeples, T. B. Ray, Paul de Schweinitz, Egbert W. Smith, Charles R. Watson, L. B. Wolf, James Wood, and their associates and successors are constituted a body corporate in perpetuity under the name of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc., and by that name shall possess all the powers which by the general corporation law are conferred upon corporations and shall be capable of taking, holding, and acquiring, by deed, gift, purchase, bequest, devise, or other manner, any estate, real or personal, in trust or otherwise, which may be necessary or useful for the uses and purposes of the corporation, and of disposing of the same and giving title therefor, without limit as to the amount or value, except such limitations, if any, as the legislature has heretofore imposed, or may hereafter impose.

Sec. 2. The object of this corporation shall be to aid and promote the work of foreign missions as represented by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Sec. 3. The management and disposition of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors composed of the individuals named in the first section of this act, as incorporators and their associates and successors in office. The said board of directors shall be composed of not less than nine nor more than thirty-six members, one-third of whom shall be elected each year by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America at the annual meeting of the said Conference, and shall hold office for the period of three years or until their successors are elected, and the persons named in the first section of this
act shall constitute and be the first board of directors of the said corporation
and at their first meeting after the adoption of this act shall determine which
of its members shall serve for one, two, or three years, respectively, as may
have been specified by the Conference aforesaid at its last preceding annual
meeting.

Sec. 4. This corporation shall have no capital stock and shall declare no
dividends, and no director, officer, committeeman, or employee of this corpora-
tion shall receive, or be entitled to receive, any pecuniary profit from the opera-
tions of such corporation, except that reasonable compensation for services may
be paid to employees for services rendered in effecting the purposes of the cor-
poration.

Sec. 5. Said corporation shall have power to make and adopt by-laws, rules,
and regulations for the government of its business, and from time to time to
repeal or amend such by-laws, and regulations, but it shall not take any action
that is not in accordance with the acts and decisions of the Foreign Missions
Conference of North America.

Sec. 6. The principal office of the corporation hereby created shall at all
times be within the State of New York, and the books and records of said
corporation shall be kept in said office.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

Office of the Secretary of State,} ss.
State of New York,

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and
do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the
whole of said original law.

Francis M. Hugo,
Secretary of State.
THE BY-LAWS OF THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL

ARTICLE I. NAME

The Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

To aid and promote the work of Foreign Missions represented by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

This Committee shall be composed of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of each of the Representative Committees and 21 members, one-third to be elected by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America each year at the annual meeting of the Conference. Those so elected shall hold office for three years or until their successors are elected. The Secretaries of the Representative Committees shall be members ex officio of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, without vote.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. The meetings of the Committee shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Committee. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman and Secretary and such meetings shall be called by them upon the written request of five members of the Committee.

Section 2. Notice of all meetings of the Committee shall be sent to all members of the Committee at least ten days in advance of the date of the proposed meeting.

ARTICLE V. DUTIES

Section 1. The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall act for the Conference in the oversight of the executive officers, in maintaining suitable headquarters, in arranging for the annual meeting of the Conference, in coordinating the work of the various Committees, Boards and Commissions of the Conference, and in the consideration of policies and measures, relating to foreign missionary interests both at the home base and on the foreign field, in so far as these have not been specifically committed to some other committee.

Section 2. The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall also act for the Conference ad interim in all matters calling for executive action, in so far as definite authority and power may not have been committed to other regular or special committees of the Conference.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, two or more Secretaries, as may be determined by the Committee, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer, of whom the Secretaries, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer may be chosen from outside the membership of the Committee; and when so chosen the Secretaries and the Treasurer shall become by virtue of their election associate and advisory members of the Committee without vote. All these Officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been elected and have qualified.

Section 2. The Secretaries of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, not including the Recording Secretary, if not elected members of the Committee of Reference and Counsel by the Conference, shall be ex-officio associate and advisory members of the Committee without vote.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel shall be elected annually by the Committee at a meeting called immediately after the
election of the new members by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. The retiring Chairman, if still a member of the Committee, is eligible for reelection.

The Chairman, thus elected, shall then appoint a Committee on Nominations, which shall present nominees for the offices of Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, two or more Secretaries, as the Committee may determine, and present a list of nominees of the Standing Sub-Committees of the Committee of Reference and Counsel. All officers and members of Sub-Committees are eligible for reelection.

Sec. 4. All these nominations and elections shall be made annually.

Sec. 5. The Committee on Nominations shall make its report at the first regular meeting of the Committee of Reference and Counsel following upon the annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Officers of the Committee shall perform such duties and bear such responsibilities as usually appertain to such offices.

Sec. 2. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall give bonds in such sums as the Committee may require, the expense therefor to be met from the funds of the Committee.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement of the year at the first meeting of the Committee following upon the close of the fiscal year (March 31) and a report upon the state of the treasury at such other times as may be called for by the Committee. The Annual Statement of the Treasurer shall be audited as the Committee may direct.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safe custody of all the funds of the Committee and for the payment of the same only upon the order of the Committee acting through the Sub-Committee on Finance and Headquarters or by a person officially designated for this purpose. The funds of the Committee shall be invested by the Treasurer under the direction of the Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. Standing Sub-Committees.—The Committee shall appoint Standing Sub-Committees for carrying on the work of the Committee. It shall be the duty of these Sub-Committees to consider and report under the direction of the Committee upon such matters as their titles naturally suggest, and also upon any other matters that may be referred to them by the Committee. These Standing Sub-Committees shall be as follows:

1. Executive.
2. Finance and Headquarters.
3. Arrangements for the Annual Meeting.
5. International Relations and World Peace.
Others may be added as the Committee deems desirable.

Sec. 2. Representative Committees.—The following shall be designated as Representative Committees, and other representative committees, with the approval of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, may be added as organized by any group of members.

1. Africa (including Christian Literature for Africa).
2. East Asia.
3. India.
4. Philippine.
5. Cooperation in Latin America.
6. Promotion of Interest (including Publicity, Foreign Students, Radio).
7. Rural Missions Cooperating.
8. Women's Work.
10. Associated Mission Medical Office.

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The membership of these Committees shall consist of persons appointed by the missionary boards having work in the particular field, who desire to share in the work of such Committees, as well as such coopted members as may be authorized.

Actions of committees which bear upon the interests of another committee or have large implications for the work as a whole shall be reviewed as provided in Article IX, Section 3. Proposals involving the financing and administration of cooperative projects abroad shall be effective as the member Boards in the appropriate committee concur by appropriate action.

(a) Membership. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman as may be designated by each Representative Committee becomes its member on the Committee of Reference and Counsel. Together with the Secretary of the Committee he shall be responsible for presenting any matters which properly come before the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

(b) Finances. Each Representative Committee carrying on a definite program in specific interest or geographic areas shall report to the Committee of Reference and Counsel by September 1 each year all projects requiring cooperative financing, in order that these may be coordinated and presented to the Boards by October 1. It shall draw upon the general budget of the Committee of Reference and Counsel or upon the time of any of the Secretaries only as authorized by that Committee.

c) Each Representative Committee shall elect its Secretary or executive officer who may or may not be a salaried officer.

Sec. 3. Special Committees.—The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall appoint from time to time temporary committees as may be assigned to deal with a particular subject.

ARTICLE IX. SECRETARIAL COUNCIL

Section 1. Each of the Secretaries or executive officers of the Representative Committees upon approval of the Committee of Reference and Counsel shall be related to the Committee of Reference and Counsel as a Departmental Secretary. There shall be a Secretarial Council composed of the Secretaries of the Committee of Reference and Counsel and the Departmental Secretaries.

Sec. 2. The Foreign Missions Conference at its annual session shall appoint one of its Secretaries as Chairman of the Secretarial Council.

Sec. 3. The Council of Secretaries shall be responsible for reviewing the actions of Representative Committees; for reporting actions of any committee to other committees at points where they may bear upon each other; and where the actions of any Representative Committee appear to affect the work of another committee or to have large implications for the whole of the work, the Secretarial Council shall request the original committee to give the matter further consideration, or shall refer it to the Committee of Reference and Counsel for review and appropriate action.

ARTICLE X. EXPENSES

The expenses of members of the Committee of Reference and Counsel in attending all regular and specially called meetings of the Committee may be paid out of the treasury of the Committee.

ARTICLE XI. QUORUM

Nine of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Committee by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of the proposed amendment having been previously given in the call for the meeting, or at the meeting previous to that at which the action is proposed to be taken.

Sec. 2. Nevertheless by unanimous approval an amendment of which previous notice has not been given may be adopted at any meeting of the Committee.
I. Preamble

The Council is established on the basis that the only bodies entitled to determine missionary policy are the churches and the missionary societies and boards, representing the churches.

It is recognized that the successful working of the International Missionary Council is entirely dependent on the gift from God of the spirit of fellowship, mutual understanding, and desire to cooperate.

II. Membership and Meetings

The Council is composed of the following national missionary organizations* and Christian councils:

- National Missionary Council of Australia.
- Société Belge de Missions Protestantes au Congo.
- Confederação Evangélica do Brasil.
- Conseil Protestant du Congo.
- Dansk Missionsraad.
- Deutscher Evangelischer Missionstag.
- Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris.
- Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland.
- National Christian Council of India, Burma, and Ceylon.
- National Christian Council of Japan.
- Committee on Cooperation in Latin America.
- Concilio Nacional Evangélico de Mexico.
- Nederlandsche Zendingsraad.
- Netherlands India.
- National Missionary Council of New Zealand.
- Norsk Misjonsråd.
- Foreign Missions Conference of North America (United States and Canada).
- Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches.
- Confederación de Iglesias Evangélicas del Río de La Plata.
- National Christian Council of Siam.
- Christian Council of South Africa.
- Suomen Lähetyssuunnistus.
- Svenska Missionsrådet.
- Association of Missionary Societies in Switzerland.

National missionary organizations or Christian councils in other countries or areas may be added to those named above by the affirmative vote of the Committee of the Council, provided for later; and the Committee of the Council shall have full power to determine what qualifications shall be required of a missionary organization or a Christian council for membership in the Council.

Among these qualifications the Committee would take into consideration the thoroughly representative character of the organization, its elements of stability, and the extent and nature of the area that it covers.

The meetings of the Council shall be of two kinds: namely, (a) general Council meetings, and (b) special meetings for the consideration of particular subjects. The call for these general or special meetings shall be issued by the Committee of the Council. In the case of general Council meetings, the call shall be issued only after the proposal to hold such a meeting has been approved by two-thirds of the national bodies constituting the Council. Special meetings

* The term "missionary" is used in this constitution to describe the work of presenting the Gospel to non-Christian peoples, whether carried on by the younger or by the older churches.
of the Council may be called by the Committee after the proposal to hold such a meeting has been approved by two-thirds of the national bodies which will be expected to send representatives to the meeting.

The number of representatives which each national missionary organization and Christian council will be entitled to appoint for each meeting of the Council shall be as stated by the Committee in its proposal to call a meeting and as ratified by national bodies in their approval of the proposal. In arranging for the membership of any Council meeting, the Committee shall provide, in so far as it is deemed desirable, for representation from countries in which there is no national missionary organization or Christian council and shall determine the method of choosing such representatives. The Committee shall also have the right to propose in regard to any particular meeting, whenever desirable, that a limited number of persons with special knowledge of the subjects contained in the program of the proposed meeting may be invited to attend that meeting of the Council.

III. FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Council shall be the following:

1. To stimulate thinking and investigation on questions related to the mission and expansion of Christianity in all the world, to enlist in the solution of these questions the best knowledge and experience to be found in all countries, and to make the results available for all who share in the missionary work of the churches.

2. To help to coordinate the activities of the national missionary organizations and Christian councils of the different countries, and to bring about united action where necessary in missionary matters.

3. Through common consultation to help to unite Christian public opinion in support of freedom of conscience and religion and of missionary liberty.

4. To help to unite the Christian forces of the world in seeking justice in international and inter-racial relations.

5. To be responsible for the publication of The International Review of Mission, and such other publications as in the judgment of the Council may contribute to the study of missionary questions.

6. To call a world missionary conference if and when this should be deemed desirable.

IV. THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

The Committee of the Council shall have the power to act for the Council in the intervals between its general Council meetings.

The membership of the Committee shall be elected by the national missionary organizations and Christian councils, and the number of representatives, except as may be determined otherwise by subsequent action, shall be as follows:

| National Missionary Council of Australia | 1 |
| Société Belge de Missions Protestantes au Congo | 1 |
| Confederação Evangélica do Brasil | 2 |
| National Christian Council of China | 1 |
| Conseil Protestant du Congo | 1 |
| Dansk Missionsråd | 2 |
| Deutscher Evangelischer Missionstag | 2 |
| Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris | 1 |
| Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland | 5 |
| National Christian Council of India, Burma, and Ceylon | 2 |
| National Christian Council of Japan | 2 |
| Committee on Cooperation in Latin America | 1 |
| Concilio Nacional Evangélico de Mexico | 1 |
| Near East Christian Council | 2 |
| Nederlandsche Zendingsraad | 1 |
| Nederlandse India | 1 |
| National Missionary Council of New Zealand | 1 |
| Norsk Missjonsråd | 3 |
| Foreign Missions Conference of North America (United States and Canada) | 1 |
| Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches | 1 |
| National Christian Council of Siam | 1 |
| Christian Council of South Africa | 1 |
| Suomen Lähetysneuvosto | 1 |
| Svenska Missionsrådet | 1 |
| Association of Missionary Societies in Switzerland | 1 |

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For each meeting the Committee may elect other members, not exceeding three in all, to be nominated by the officers, from countries not otherwise represented, who shall for each meeting have the same rights and privileges as other members. In addition to the above, the Committee may elect other members, not exceeding five in all, to be nominated by the officers, in order to supply special knowledge or experience, who shall be consultants without voting powers.

The Committee of the Council shall have the power to provide representation in the Committee of the Council for national organizations that may in the future be admitted to membership in the Council.

Each regularly established department of the Council may be represented in the Committee of the Council by its Chairman or other representative of the Committee directing the department's work. Such a representative shall have for each meeting the same rights and privileges as the other delegates.

Members of the Committee shall hold office until their successors are appointed, the length of term of office and the method of appointment to be determined in each country or area by the national missionary organization or Christian council.

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The officers of the Council shall be members, ex-officio, of the Committee and shall serve as the officers of the Committee of the Council.

The Committee of the Council shall, as occasion may require, consult with the constituent organizations in regard to the work of the Committee.

The Committee of the Council shall meet at the call of the officers of the Council, or upon request of a majority of the members of the Committee (sent to the chairman or secretaries in writing), or upon the request of three or more of the constituent organizations. Ten members of the Committee other than the officers shall constitute a quorum, provided, however, that these represent national missionary organizations or Christian councils, members of the Council, in three different continents.

The Committee of the Council may appoint an Ad Interim Committee to serve in the period between the meetings of the Committee of the Council with such powers as that Committee may determine. The membership of the Ad Interim Committee shall always be on an international basis with representatives from at least five countries on at least three continents.¹

V. Officers

The officers of the Council shall be a Chairman, not more than six Vice-Chairmen, of whom two shall be women, a Treasurer, and two or more Secretaries. These officers shall be elected by the Committee of the Council. Their terms of office, their respective duties, and their remuneration shall be determined by the Committee. They shall be members, ex-officio, of the Committee. The countries from which they come shall be allowed their full representation in addition to such officials.

VI. Expenses

The Committee of the Council shall prepare annual budgets two years in advance, which shall be submitted to the constituent organizations for approval and toward which they will be invited to contribute in a proportion to be recommended by resolution of the Committee. Since in a period of two years unforeseen developments may occur requiring additional expenditure, it is understood that such emergencies may be met by special funds which the Committee of the Council may be able to secure from private sources. If the objects to be sought involve permanent or recurring expense, the approval of the constituent organizations shall be secured before such work is undertaken, even if special funds are available for its support.

¹ Subject to ratification by the constituent bodies.
VII. Procedure

It is understood that the Council and the Committee of the Council will function internationally, and that the members of the Committee of the Council in any one country will not take action as a national group, though they may be called together by the officers of the International Missionary Council for purposes of consultation if this should seem necessary.

VIII. Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any future meeting of the Committee of the Council subject to the approval of the constituent organizations.
NEW MISSIONARIES SAILED

1939       1940

Number of boards which sent new missionaries .... 55       47
Number of boards reporting ............................... 90       97
Total number of new missionaries sent .......... 364      383

Married men .................................................. 114      146
Single men ................................................... 39       41
Married women ............................................... 94       101
Single women ................................................ 117       95
With college degrees ......................................... 234      202
With graduate or professional degrees .............. 50       36
Total on short terms ......................................... 43       13
Average age at sailing ....................................... 29½      28

Nature of work

Ordained missionaries ....................................... 103      131
Medical doctors ............................................. 22       15
Nurses ......................................................... 37       35
Educators ..................................................... 105      87
Agriculturists ............................................... 5        3
Evangelists .................................................. 143      173
Wives of missionaries not otherwise classified ... 18       20
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