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### *Wednesday, March 27*

2: 30—5: 00 P. M.

*Presiding*—J. H. Arnup.

Call to Order—J. H. Arnup.

A Period of Worship—Douglas Horton, *Leader*.

Organization of the Meeting.

The Roving Reporter Asks About Foreign Missions (*a transcription*)—presented by Winfred P. Elson.

We Saw Missions in Action—Paul E. Million, Jr., Mrs. Anna G. Carroll, Grove Patterson (*by transcription*), Chaplain Arnold F. Maahs.

7: 30—9: 00 P. M.

*Presiding*—J. H. Arnup.

The World Mission of the Church—Today—E. K. Higdon.

A Period of Worship—Douglas Horton, *Leader*.

### *Thursday, March 28*

9: 00 A. M.—12: 00 NOON

*Presiding*—Mrs. Leslie E. Swain.

A Period of Worship—Douglas Horton, *Leader*.

The Contribution of the Foreign Missions Conference to Promotion of the World Mission of the Church (*six presentations and discussion*)—Charles T. Leber, *Leader*.

2: 00—5: 00 P. M.

Section A. Business Session—J. H. Arnup, *Presiding*.

Section B. Promotion Work Shop—Winburn T. Thomas, *Leader*.

7: 30—9: 30 P. M.

A Period of Worship—Douglas Horton, *Leader*.

The World Mission of the Church—Tomorrow—A Symposium—Ralph E. Diffendorfer, *Leader*.

### *Friday, March 29*

9: 00 A. M.—12: 45 P. M.

Mandate from the Master—F. Epling Reinartz.

A Period of Worship—Douglas Horton, *Leader*.

Closing Business Session.

Adjournment.

## ***We Saw Missions in Action***

A new note in missionary messages was sounded when a group of veterans of World War II told in quick succession of their contacts with missions in places the names of which have become household worlds—Guam, Leyte, Okinawa, New Guinea. Some still in uniform, some in mufti, they brought their hearers into close touch with Christian work in far places.

Paving the way for these first-hand experiences was a transcription, prepared by Winfred P. Elson, "The Roving Reporter Asks About Foreign Missions," actual interviews with "the man in the street" regarding his knowledge and opinion of foreign missions. The manufacturer, the Austrian refugee, the Armenian who had been educated in a mission field, and the others, were rather impressed when told that the Protestant Church in America spends twenty million in one year on foreign missions but vague and hazy on the how and why of it.

The spokesmen for the services had the more clear-cut knowledge that comes of personal experience. Chaplain Clifford M. Drury, four and a half years with the navy, as a civilian will resume his work as Professor of Church and Missions in San Francisco Seminary. Chaplain G. E. Hopkins saw the missionary work among the people of New Guinea, the Philippines and Okinawa. He bore witness, "The Christians overseas held pretty close to the faith, none more so than the Okinawans." Chaplain Roland Hudson had seen the good the Christian missions have done in India, Burma and China. Former Chaplain Robert Warren said his interest in missions has been greatly deepened since he observed the transformation that has come to the lives of people who have had the gospel of Christ brought to them. "I saw it particularly in a little mission in New Guinea," he said. Paul E. Million, Jr., formerly a lieutenant in the navy, "saw missions in action" in Guam, on Leyte and in the Philippines. On Okinawa he found a small cemetery where the Christians still tend faithfully the graves of a dozen men who were with Commodore Perry when he visited Japan. Anna G. Carroll, formerly with the American Red Cross, had observed a mission in the Pacific area where the school and church seemed adequate in themselves but entirely unrelated to the nearest native community, so that incentive for the children to go back to the village and share their learning seemed quite lacking. Too paternal a rule robbed them of any initiative or sense of responsibility.

Grove Patterson, the editor of the Toledo *Blade*, gave his impressions via a radio recording. His journey of 17,000 miles through the



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Far East following the war brought him to one conclusion: the missionary movement is paying dividends. In Japan the Christians are in the forefront of the new program. The YMCA movement is exerting a strong influence. In Korea the work of the missionaries has given the Christians more power than their numbers warrant. In China the missionaries and Christians are outstanding in leadership. He concluded, "If you have been indifferent to foreign missions, go to the Far East and you will be converted."

Chaplain Arnold F. Maahs, former pastor of St. Mark's Church in Homestead, Pennsylvania, said, "My parish was the whole of New Guinea. I was a minister for twelve years, but I would not have believed that the Christian gospel works as well as it does if I had not seen it work out there in New Guinea. Not that I was not converted to the cause of missions before I got there. But most of the knowledge of missions of people in America is academic. I know now that it works and how well. I saw the tremendous contrast between heathenism and Christianity. The culture in America is an entirely different world from that which we saw out there. Actually there are two worlds, the world in which the people in New Guinea live and this world which we know. The crosses on my collar bridged that gulf. The people said immediately, 'You missionary—belong America.' They recognized the common bond between us.

"Our American Lutheran mission in New Guinea is sixty years old. It took fourteen years to make the first convert in Finschafen, sixteen in Madang. There are sixty thousand Lutheran Christians in New Guinea today. These Christians maintained their spiritual life during the war after the missionaries had been removed or were killed. They practice Christianity every day. Whole villages are Christian. The people are mission-minded. They consider Christianity of value in their own lives and send their young men out to take the gospel to others. I want to tell you that this Christian gospel will work wherever men and women will open their hearts and minds to its message. It will work in Texas, in New York, in New Guinea. I saw this Christian gospel work in New Guinea—I saw it work with my own eyes."

## ***The World Mission of the Church—Today***

E. K. HIGDON

Our critics were kinder this afternoon than I had anticipated. The "Roving Reporter" brought us ideas and opinions about missions born in part of prejudice, in part of ignorance and in part of an attempt to be fair. The men and women who had seen missions at work were encouraging in practically everything they said. There were some implied criticisms but they were not severe. However, I think that neither the reports by the "Roving Reporter" nor the statements by the men and women who are or have been in the armed forces envision the World Mission of the Church as we ought to see it today. You and I have been engaged in it. We may be too kind to ourselves as we look at it. Perhaps we should be more critical. But if we can see the task of the Church around the world in terms of its three-fold function, I think we shall find, not only encouraging factors in the present situation, but many which may cause us to search our hearts and to ask God to help us do better than we have ever done before.

As I conceive of it, the three-fold task of the World Mission of the Church is, first, to change individual life; second, to transform community conduct; and, third, to teach the ethic, to instil the culture and to create the atmosphere for a new world order. These are so closely interwoven that one cannot be removed without destroying the whole fabric. The Church is working at this task to a greater or a lesser extent everywhere. In some areas it thinks of its job in this three-fold manner; in other places it is primarily concerned with the first of them—to change individual life. But nowhere is it doing an adequate piece of work on all three aspects of this enormous task. Not only is it failing to do its work thoroughly but it is now undertaking it in a setting in which the physical destruction is beyond the imagination of man and the mental and spiritual desolation goes so deep that no one can measure it. Yesterday's war makes today's task much more difficult than it has been at any other period in the history of the modern expansion of Christianity.

We hear so much about the results of the war that I hesitate even to try to summarize them but unless we think of them afresh, we shall not have an adequate background against which to interpret what the Church is doing today. The world has lost billions and billions of dollars worth of property. I was unprepared for the physical losses I saw in the Philippine Islands. The estimated loss in buildings alone, private and public, is nearly a billion dollars; one billion dollars for eighteen million people! Before the war the average annual

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cash income of a Filipino family of five was \$25. In less than four years an amount equal to the cash income of every man, woman and child for a decade was wiped out and what has transpired there on a small scale has happened elsewhere in vaster areas and among larger numbers of people.

The physical losses are great but the spiritual and moral deterioration is beyond comprehension. People in the lands that have been occupied by enemy armies have repealed their moral codes. Their children do not know the difference between right and wrong. Their elders have lied, robbed, looted, stolen and cheated; they have stabbed the enemy in the back; they have cut off his head; they have misguided him and led him into ambush; they have poisoned his food. They have broken nearly all the Commandments. The children who have reached maturity since December 8, 1941 in Southeast Asia, the Southwest Pacific and other parts of Asia and Europe do not know the difference between right and wrong. This moral deterioration is alarming.

Furthermore, the increase of disease is dangerous. Anyone who makes a trip to a foreign land these days realizes that although there are strict regulations now, still better provision for preventing the spread of disease on an international scale must be made. You have to have all kinds of shots—typhoid, tetanus, yellow fever, vaccination against small pox, and others—until you know that if a dog or mosquito bites you, he does it at his own risk. Then when you board a plane, they disinfect you. But all of this has not stopped the spread of disease—beriberi, dysentery, malaria, hookworm, venereal diseases—these I saw ravaging the people of the Philippines and those of you who have visited other areas have seen similar results of the war. But I shall not continue painting this gloomy picture. This is enough to remind us of the physical destruction and the spiritual and mental desolation amidst which the Church of the living God carries on its work today.

Let us look, then, at the Church and the three-fold aspect of its function. The *first* of those aspects is to change individual life. Dr. Horton this afternoon used that scripture about the power of Christ to make "a new creation." The older translation was "a new creature." William James said that Jesus Christ could take a man who was consciously wrong, inferior and unhappy and make him consciously right, superior and happy.

I was reminded of this power one day during my recent visit to the Philippines. I sat in the kitchen in the town of Sinait alongside of Ruperto Ines in all that remained of his home. We looked out of the door at the ashes of his house and his possessions. I thought of Ruperto and his ministry of nearly forty-five years in the northern

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part of Luzon. Ruperto was a policeman nearly a half century ago. He says, as he tells his story, that he was not a very good policeman. He drank, gambled and was unfaithful to his wife. One day a man came along, a white man, with a little book and he read some of it in the marketplace. Ruperto was stationed there, it was on his beat. He heard the reading and was interested and asked for a copy of the book. He says that the first passage he looked at was that series of verses which condemns drunkenness, lasciviousness and other sins. "It was written," says Ruperto, "for me and hit me right between the eyes." He thought of it and was sober enough at that time so that he wanted to tell others. He went to the marketplace and read some passages there and spoke to the people about them. The chief of police arrested him and put him into jail. They said he was "poco loco in the coco," not quite right. By that time the missionary had gone away and Ruperto was kept in jail for more than ten days. He sang, he continued to read the New Testament, he insisted that he was not insane. When the missionary came back, he heard about the policeman who was locked up, went to see him and interceded with the town fathers saying he was not crazy but had become a follower of Christ. It seemed to me that every time I saw Ruperto from October in 1917 until August of 1945, he told me of or introduced me to another relative of his, a cousin, second cousin, a brother or son, who had entered the ministry. He would say, "I converted him to Christ and then I persuaded him to become a minister." That kind of thing must go on—the changing of individual life. It did continue during the war.

When I visited Proculo Rodriguez in Silliman University, he told me that after he and his family and eight or ten Thailanders for whom he was responsible had spent eighteen months in the hills, dodging Japanese patrols, moving from place to place, a message came that he was wanted in a community fifty miles or more to the north. He started but he had to use great care; he travelled by night, hid in the grass or underbrush by day. At last he reached the community that had summoned him. He found that the six elders of the local congregation, before the people evacuated from the coastal town, had held a meeting. They said, "We must scatter. We shall not live in the same district, but spread out in the hills. There are four areas in which we shall congregate." They did not know that they would be there three and a half years, that they would have to move frequently, but agreed to do two things during the evacuation. They said, "We shall pastor the members of the congregation in each of the districts, talk to the people there who do not know Christ and try by our words and by our lives to lead them to Him." This they did so effectively that at the end of eighteen months they sent for Mr.

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Rodriguez to baptize one hundred men and women whom they had converted and instructed in the meaning of church membership. The Church in many lands continued to win men and women to Jesus Christ under the handicaps and hardships of military occupation.

The *second* aspect of the World Mission of the Church is to transform community life. It may be a small community, no larger than a family. My father, B. F. Higdon, my mother, Mary Jane, my seven brothers and sisters, the hired girl and the man on the Illinois farm where I grew up made up a small community—not too small when my mother had to cook for us! My mother was a Methodist and my oldest sister belonged to the church. Mother had been a member of the church since her girlhood. My father was nearly forty-five years old before he united with the church. We saw him going through the experience called conversion. There was a revival meeting in the Brick Church in that community and for nearly ten days father was “under conviction.” He would come to the table but sometimes he did not eat anything. He would sit with his head on his arms apparently thinking, perhaps praying. Then at last, he went to church one night and when the invitation was given, he went forward and made the confession. According to custom, all of those present whether Christians or not were asked to come up and congratulate him. Although I had been converted less than a week before, I went up with the rest. I hardly knew him. There was a new light in his eyes. The hard lines were gone from his face. He was “a new creature,” “a new creation.” The next morning at the breakfast table, there was an embarrassing moment. Mother looked up at my father at the head of the table and she said, “Ben, don’t you want to pray?” We had never thanked God for our food; we just sat down and ate it. That morning father wanted to pray. I do not remember a word he said. But he prayed and that marked the beginning of a new day in that social group. And because I saw that group transformed by the power of Christ, I can believe the accounts of the transformation of other larger communities: a thousand Aymara Indians on the Canadian Baptist farm on the shore of Lake Titicaca in Bolivia; 25,000 Subanos across the bay from Zamboanga in the Philippines; a million Malas in India. These Malas, infamous for drunkenness, adultery, robbery in band and murder, had their neighbors so badly frightened that they avoided them whenever they could. But over a period of three-quarters of a century, the neighborhood was so completely transformed by the power of Christ that even upper caste men, seeing the change, became Christians.

The *third* function of Christianity is to teach the ethic, to instil the culture and to create the atmosphere for a Christian world order. Three weeks ago when the Federal Council met in Columbus, the sec-

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tion on the Church and World Order presented a statement which opens with the declaration that the people of the earth have a new opportunity under God to bring in an order of brotherhood, freedom and justice. That statement continues with the dedication to the progressive realization of the dignity and worth of man in every area of life—political, economic, social and religious—and to the world-wide achievement of man's individual freedom under God to think, to believe and to act responsively according to the dictates of his own conscience. After describing the world situation and discussing methods of securing better world order, the statement continues, "to carry out the program there must be first a development in the spiritual life of the individual; second, his integration into the world-wide body of Christians; third, the projection of Christian principles into the treaties of people; and fourth, their expression in the life of the United Nations."

We have discussed the development of the spiritual life of the individual and his integration into the community-transforming body of Christians. We now affirm that this world-wide Church can and must project Christian principles into international relations and give expression to them in the United Nations. The ethic that must underlie a world order, the morality on which international law must be based is offered, so far as I know, by no pagan philosophy and by no non-Christian religion. But from the beginning, through the teachings of Jesus, Christianity has been conceived as universal and, in fact, as we sit here tonight, it has become universal. There are only three lands, three countries on the globe, in which the capitals do not have a Christian church. The ethic taught by that Church provides the foundation for the new world order. For that ethic, although not universally accepted, is universally acceptable.

The fact that it is universally acceptable is becoming increasingly clear with the passing of the decades. One evidence of it is the common culture shared by Christians around the world. Missionaries have instilled that culture and Christians everywhere because of that common bond have surmounted barriers of race and nation and even war.

In his book "New Buildings on Old Foundations," J. Merle Davis has a section on the cultural influence of Christian missions upon the non-Christian peoples. He names and discusses nine factors in that influence: (1) The continuity of contact by missionaries throughout more than a century. (2) The singleness of purpose to make known the saving power of God. (3) The unselfish character of missions. Even those who have not been won to Christ recognize the unselfish purpose of missionaries. (4) The extraordinary diffusion of the representatives of the Church, not only the missionaries but the

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nationals. There are nearly 125,000 places—church buildings, chapels, halls, and homes in Africa, in Asia, in Latin America and in the islands—where Protestant Christians meet every week for worship. (5) The stable nature of the work of the missionary, his knowledge of the language and his intimate contact with the common people. Professor E. A. Hooton of Harvard states: "As an anthropologist, I have completely reversed my opinion of missionaries. These men and women have contributed more to our knowledge of the peoples of the world than have the entire ruck of professional travellers and explorers. They may have done more than the anthropologists themselves." (6) The intimate contacts established between the sending and the younger churches. (7) Christian education. In recent years education in home and family life and classes for literacy have received wide attention. Literacy is today one of the most challenging aspects of the whole educational program. (8) The social and moral rehabilitation of non-Christian peoples—both an immediate and a long-time program. (9) The Church provides the only adequate interpretation of life. Above all else men and women need that in these postwar days. *Something* must make sense. *Someone* must comfort the sorrowful.

I did not realize what this meant until I reached an area where war had broken the heart of the people. On the second Sunday I was in the Philippines last summer, I preached in a Presbyterian church in Manila, in one of the districts which had been practically wiped out. As we formed for the processional outside the front door of the church, a young woman introduced herself to me, asking if I remembered her. I would not have known her. She had grown into womanhood since I had baptized her when she was twelve. Her father had become a Christian at the same time. He was an associate professor in the University of the Philippines. Patricia and I had no time to visit before the processional, but when the recessional was over and we were again outside the building, I talked with her and her mother. I asked them a question which I had not dared to ask my friends a week earlier: "How did you come through the war?" I had feared that I would reopen their wounds but I had discovered that it helped them to talk about it. "We lost our home," Patricia's mother said. "All our possessions were burned. We endured the long, hard years when we were enslaved, and after that came the terrible battle of Manila. But we are free now and we would be happy—if we only had him." But they did not have him. Out of a population of almost 18,000,000, three million were badly maimed or killed—an average of nearly one to a family. The Filipino people have a black band around their arms. They, like other millions, need an adequate interpretation of life.

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It is also a part of the World Mission of the Church to create an atmosphere in which a Christian world order may be possible. Trust, confidence, loyalty, faith and a sense of interdependence grow best in a Christian climate. The warm friendliness and the deep sense of gratitude for help in time of need characterize Filipino-American relations so thoroughly since the war that I found many illustrations of the point I now make. I sat one night in the dark in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fonger in Manila while they talked about their internment experiences. Harry said, "There is one story that has not yet been told as it ought to be. It is the story of the way the Filipinos came to help us when we were interned. Thousands of them crowded up to the front fence of the Santo Tomas campus (the other three sides were high stone walls) and moved slowly along the quarter-mile length of it, searching among the hundreds of internees for the faces of their white friends. They carried food, bedding, cooking utensils, all manner of supplies. Some could not locate the persons they sought so they reached through the iron gratings and put their stuff on the ground. Others had no personal friends behind those barriers but they brought supplies for whoever needed them."

The staff of the American Bible Society prepared a placard and attached it to a staff. As one of them moved along the sidewalk, he held it above the heads of the crowd until the Fongers saw the words "Bible House" and waved their recognition. After he had placed the supplies where the Fongers could get them, the messenger reversed the sign. It said, "Good-bye." But the group came back next day and repeatedly until February 1944, a year before the liberation, when the Japanese forbade Filipinos to bring supplies.

Shelley Smith Mydans in "THE OPEN CITY, a novel of Americans left behind in the Philippines," put the spirit of this scene into a bit of dialogue:

Betty was coming quickly toward her, her round face flushed. She raised her hand and started talking before she reached her.

"We have some food now," she called. "We can save our canned things for later. . . . Have you been down to the gate?"

"Not since early."

"The Filipinos are all down there," Betty said. She was strangely excited. "Everybody's gone down and there's quite a mob. We got some bread and two big papayas and some cigarettes and a jar of that Miracle Whip—that mayonnaise. And Dodie has a bagful of those sweet cakes they make. . . . They're all down there pushing food through, you know."

"Through the gate?"

"Yes, and throwing things over the wall. Mattresses and those folding chairs and potatoes, and food. Everybody's down there getting things." She paused. "Josefa was there talking to Dodie. She was crying. They were both crying. She asked for you." Betty blinked.

"Could you talk to them?" Katharine asked.

"We yelled," Betty said. "We called back and forth. The guards came



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along and pushed them all back across the street but they kept coming back again. They're fixing a rope up inside now so we can't get down close to the fence. . . . Josefa asked for you. She asked me: 'What do you want?' I couldn't think—I couldn't think what to say. I told her mattresses—but I don't know where she can get them or how she can get them down here. She had her little boys with her. She was crying. She said, 'Oh, mom, we are so sorry.'" Betty laughed, a sort of little cough, and looked away.

"I should go down to the fence," Katharine said, moving. "Is Josefa still there?"

"She left," Betty said. "But you should go down there. You should see them. They're wonderful, you know. They won't take any money. Some of them are selling things, but most won't take any money. They just throw things over to you and if they don't see anybody they know they just say it's for somebody who needs it. Their own things, you know. . . . Some times so pitiful. Little greasy parcels and they are so . . ." Suddenly, as she talked, tears began to pop out of her round eyes. "God bless them," she said quickly.\*

That, of course, was before the liberation. Then the liberation came. One of the Methodist missionaries sent out questionnaires to some three hundred women who had studied in the Harris Memorial Training School in Manila, either graduates or former students, asking them to give an account of their war experiences. Here we have the other side of the picture. The reply of Mrs. Isip of Guagua, Pampanga, is typical:

The Japanese planes began to bomb Pampanga December 8. From that date our living became irregular, that is, we could not have any more peace. We often ate and bathed the children in the dugouts.

January 3, 1942, Japanese came to our town. We took a *banca* and went to a far place in fishponds not far from Manila Bay. We started at about eight o'clock p.m. and we reached the place at four o'clock a.m. My husband was the only one paddling the *banca*.

In the fishpond we built a small hut. We dug for safety. We used grass as our mats and the floor of our hut was made out of branches of the trees. My husband learned to fish and to sell it to earn a living.

March 20, 1942, we went home because even in our evacuation place, the Japanese soldiers often came. In one of the huts in a fishpond not very far from our place, a Japanese soldier abused a woman who was about to give birth and afterwards bayoneted her. This cruelty forced us to go away and go home.

When we reached our *barrio*, all the houses were burned, except some, and one of these was ours. How thankful we were. But our new barbed wire fence was taken by the Japanese and part of the house was destroyed by them.

When April came, the Japanese soldiers forced us to go away from our house. They used it and destroyed many parts of it. The church was used as a hospital. They destroyed the benches, the window glasses and the new altar. We went to the other side of the river where we again built a small hut and lived there till they went away.

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During these difficult times we continued to have our services even in our evacuation places. My husband acted as pastor. Living was hard. It was hard to earn a living because the Japanese soldiers were always after us.

In 1944, life became harder. Food was very hard to secure because most of it was taken by the Japanese. Commodities were very, very dear. We began to eat *camotes*, sometimes corn. We tried to eat everything in order to fill our hungry bodies. We began to lose weight. We became thinner. The children often cried. Many of our members died of hunger. We did not have any clothing. We wondered how we were able to survive. It is all God's wonderful love and care.

We heard the news of the coming of the Americans. We were indeed very glad. January 29, 1945, they came to our town. We went crazy with joy. All the people met them and gave them eggs, fruits and fried chicken.

Many Americans came and our boys were able to work with them and we were able to taste bread, milk, and canned foods.

Thanks be to God for America which is his instrument to bring peace and contentment to the world again.

This illustrates the mutual respect, confidence and loyalty, the proper atmosphere, in which a Christian world order can flourish. The Church knows how to create this atmosphere. The American Church has a special responsibility. "Thanks be to God for America which is his instrument to bring peace and contentment to the world again." His instrument? Are we?

## ***The World Mission of the Church—Tomorrow***

"We have come to the place where we have to take this question of world evangelism more seriously, more urgently, more largely than some of us have ever dreamed," said Dr. R. E. Diffendorfer, in introducing a symposium of "The World Mission of the Church—Tomorrow." "The postwar world is not only here; it is passing very rapidly. We have done a great deal of postwar planning. The peace is not yet won and we are in the time when we ought to consummate some of the things about which we have been talking."

Dr. Helen Kim, President of Ewha College, Seoul, bringing the greetings of the 300,000 Christians in liberated Korea, asked for the aid of American Christians in two problems, the achieving of one strong church in Korea, which shall conserve the distinctive heritages of the denominations but be able to present a united front all along the line, and the establishment of a truly democratic Christian state.

"UNRRA will rebuild the homes. The Christian task is to rebuild the family to live in the homes. I consider Christianizing the family the major task of the Christian Church all around the world." Amplifying this statement, Dr. Irma Highbaugh of China called for extensive centers in home and family life in each geographical area, under leadership trained in child guidance, parent education, family counselling and research.

The Rev. S. Franklin Mack bade the Church strengthen its outreach by using every modern tool and device, such as visual aids, the radio, the airplane. Our resources are not only spiritual; to extend its impact the Church must avail itself also of every physical and mental technique as well.

The Rev. L. S. Albright presented, against the background of the recent meeting of the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council in Geneva, some of the immediate tasks facing the Church: world-wide relief and rehabilitation; spiritual ministry to displaced, discouraged millions; the continued care of orphaned missions, particularly the Dutch and German missions, as necessary during postwar adjustments; the free exchange of experiences through regional conferences and secretarial travel; collaboration with the World Council of Churches; emphasis on the recruiting and training of Christian workers; and in and through all these means the evangelization of this generation.

Miss Pavla Molnarova, YWCA leader in Czechoslovakia, spoke of the heavy toll which the churches in Czechoslovakia paid during the Nazi regime. Some four hundred priests and religious leaders were arrested; half that number lost their lives. There now is a real lack

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of pastors and a pressing need to send pastors to several new centers opening up through the shifting of population. New buildings are needed; there is the shortage of religious and theological literature. Yet, said Miss Molnarova, "the most pressing needs of our Church are not material but spiritual; we ask our sister churches above all to remember us in their prayers and to open wide the gates of Christian fellowship to us."

The Rev. Joseph M. Smith told of a Filipino pastor whom he visited in the ruins of his home and church. "I knew some missionary would come," he said. It is desperately important that we do not betray the confidence which men like this have in us. The Christian community in the midst of disaster and terrible trials has proved itself worthy of increased support. The opportunities before us call for such an outpouring of our resources as the Church has not experienced before. There must be increasing response to the rising demand of the common folk around the world for a larger share in the earth's goods and in the control of their destinies, and for a larger life for themselves and their class.

Fresh from a five months' visit to the Near and Middle East, Dr. Glora M. Wysner called on the Church to deepen and strengthen every piece of work which is being carried on there today. The Middle East has its eyes on America because it is interested in democracy. The Church has a great opportunity to make its impact felt today by making Christian democracy really work here at home in America.

A fitting close to this series of word pictures of need and opportunity in various parts of the world was the worship service centering in the film "We Bear Witness," the story of the Christian deputation of four who visited Japan in the fall of 1945 under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches and the Foreign Missions Conference. The concluding words of the film, "Ye are all one in Christ," were an appropriate summary of the spirit of the whole session.

### *Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students*

At the close of the business session on Thursday afternoon, March 28, the report of the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students, which has been recognized as the official agent of the Foreign Missions Conference in this field, made its report in the form of a panel, in which Dr. Herrick B. Young, its chairman, interviewed a number of participants in its program. A brief summary follows.

In opening the panel, Dr. Young called attention to the fact that there are already over 10,000 foreign students in this country and within a few years this number may be increased to 50,000.

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**Miss Flora Zarco**, recently arrived from her home in Manila, P. I., said that former students in this country had warned her that when she came to America she would as an Oriental be treated in an unfriendly manner. Consequently, she was terrified when she discovered that her ship was to land at a different port from that which she had reported to the mission board. However, representatives of the board met her at the dock and have taken care of her ever since. Her brother-in-law, arriving later, did not let the church know, and had written how lonely he was in San Francisco. She had written him to get in touch with the church and he would be all right.

**Emilio Stevanovitch**, a student recently arrived from Argentina, explained why so many thousands of Latin Americans are coming each year to this country. He pointed out that many are confused in their philosophy and have cast off all religion. The church people of the Protestant community in this country ought to show these Latin Americans the tradition and heritage of Protestant Christianity.

**Miss Doris Wells**, field representative of the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students, described her service to students arriving at the port of New York. Names of new arrivals are sent to church workers on campuses and in communities and letters of introduction are furnished.

**Miss Priobala Mangatrai** of India declared that the richest experience during her years of study here were her visits in Christian homes. By sharp contrast to her experience she cited the instance of a Hindu woman student who after a few months in the United States returned to India out of sheer loneliness and despair. She pled for hospitality for the increasing number of Indian students.

**Dr. Hachiro Yuasa** from Japan, in reading a reference to holiday hospitality in the current issue of "Unofficial Ambassadors," was reminded of his experience as a graduate student years ago. He testified that spending Thanksgiving Day in a Christian home reminded him of his own Christian home in Japan. This re-established his faith and led him into Christian service.

**Dr. Homer Loh**, General Secretary of the Chinese Students' Christian Association, explained the program of that organization as it serves the Chinese students in North America.

In conclusion, Dr. Young commented on the effective way in which the church groups of Miami had worked with the Chinese technical trainees there, leading to the baptism of seven in different churches on a single Sunday last spring.

## *Mandate from the Master*

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We give you the theme, "Mandate from the Master." As I interpret it at the end of March in this year of grace, 1946, His mandate is: "Hold on to hope!" Yes, the mandate from the Master is to *hold on* to hope.

Now there are plenty of excuses for letting go. We could spend several hours enumerating reasons why it seems impossible for the Christian movement to hold on to hope any longer. Let us look at a few of them.

The two wars, through which most of us have lived, have solved no fundamental human problem. Look at any nation under God's sun and tell me if what obtained in its life in terms of thwarting, before the wars, does not still obtain. Japan—still insular, still petty, still anachronistic, still frustrated. China—poor as ever, if not poorer, and even more hopelessly divided than she was at the beginning of the century. Her divisions have been magnified. The whole nation is conscious of them now in a way that it never was in the past. India—famine-fraught and torn asunder by internal strife. Hers is an intense wistfulness that increases with every year. She still pleads for the time when unfettered she may work out her own destiny. Egypt—reaching with greater and greater eagerness toward the day when she, too, may have her independent place in the family of nations. Greece—suffering from the contagion of Russian influence that she does not at all want. Germany—broken beyond the capacity of human hands and hearts to rebuild. France—petulant, leaderless. Italy—still longing for the flesh pots of crown appointments and yet wondering how out of the chaos that has been left by the war she can ever develop a constitutional democracy. And Africa—the whole of her a gigantic grab bag for the puny little peninsula called Europe. South American lands—writhing in the travail of the birth of democratic institutions and repressed by clericalism. Our own North American continent—still as materialistic as ever, still as trustless as ever of the power of the spirit really to conquer.

Wherever one looks there is evidence that the two cataclysms through which our world has come in our time have not in basic ways solved any human problem anywhere. To look at that fact objectively is to be forced to say, "Well, there does not seem to be much reason this morning to *hold on to hope*." Where can we find the grace or the adequacy of spirit to obey that mandate of the Master?

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Again, few of us believe that the ascending red star is a star of hope, an encouragement to accept the mandate of the Master. Few here think that the classless society that would be forced on the nations by Sovietism is at its root anything but anti-God. I have some fresh evidence on this subject, received from those who have been involved in allied military government in three different areas. Each area reports the contamination of atheistic communism. Each of them says: "Let no man deceive you; Sovietism is still as definitely concerned to rob people of their Christian faith as it ever was."

But worse than all this is the trust of our time in the capacity of the poor human heart detached from the source of its real power to accomplish the purposes of Jesus Christ. We talk glibly about world brotherhood, but do not practice it in North America—nor can we until deeper Christian motives control us. What new spiritual dynamics we must trust and release if brotherhood is ever *really* to be the portion of the peoples! I would cite this as the most dangerous and most difficult of all the obstacles we have to overcome if we are to obey in our time the mandate of the Master. Our age continues to trust in a bootless humanism.

But we dare not confront the nations with the prospect of a just and durable peace apart from the grace which is bestowed by the Prince of Peace. How can we ever hope to *detach* people from the very engine that draws them on toward God (if one may so speak) and expect the progress uphill to be at all discernible. Looking at the present scene through the eyes of an objective reporter, one is warranted in asking with Emily Dickinson in "Morning":

"Will there really be a morning?  
Is there such a thing as day?  
Could I see it from the mountains  
If I were as tall as they?"

Looking in one direction, there comes screaming out of every valley in all the world, "No!"

A friend of mine was in a community in Germany within walking distance of the city of Schweinfurt. In the railroad station of this place there were some 500 people, most of them women and children, huddled on the floor. Windows of course were bombed out, but there was some protection from the wind, if not from the rain, as they lay there on the terrazzo floor. In the corridor was a grandmother, mother and a little child. This friend of mine said to the mother: "Why don't you go indoors; you will at least have a little comfort there?" She pointed to the baby and said: "No, disease, contamination are in there. We would rather stay out here than subject the baby to that danger." And then her face lit up and she

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said: "We are refugees from Upper Silesia. Tomorrow we will be in Schweinfurt. There we are sure a schoolteacher friend of mine will take us in. Oh for tomorrow!" You will remember that Schweinfurt was a center of the roller bearing industry of Germany. It had one saturation raid after another. Dr. Ralph H. Long, who tells this story, said that if it had been the last thing he had to do in this life, he could not have commanded the courage to say to her: "There is no Schweinfurt; and consequently there is no tomorrow." Yes, we have the right to ask:

"Will there really be a morning?  
Is there such a thing as day?  
Could I see it from the mountains  
If I were as tall as they?"

And there are enough reasons to answer this morning: "No, there is no tomorrow, no point in *holding on to hope*."

But there is a marvellous word in the vocabulary of Christians, a conjunctive adverb, which has expressed the hope of the hopeless. It is the word that marks the fact that the human spirit under the control of Christ has tremendous rebound and resilience. It is the word "*nevertheless*."

All of us were impressed by that profound story told by Dr. A. L. Warnshuis when he came back from Europe. He related how he met a Christian leader from Eastern Europe at the meetings in Geneva. This man said: "Whenever I hear you Americans talking in the counsels of the Church, I have two strong reactions. First I think you consummate fools. You talk so hopefully about a coming age of peace. You seem to think we can build a world which war cannot scourge again. I wonder at your folly. But I have a second reaction, quite as intense and pointed as the first. I love you with the whole soul of me for that hope. We in Austria and Hungary have expected, and take for granted, that the juggernaut of war will roll over us time and time again, generation in and generation out. We take it for granted that wars will *always* be our tragic portion. Yet how glorious it is to know that somewhere in the world there are people who dare to believe that war can be conquered. For our sakes *hold on to that hope!*"

We are grateful to Mr. Winston Churchill for many an encouraging aphorism and many evidences of the gigantic height to which the human spirit can rise when beset by heart-stopping dangers. You remember how in one of the war's darkest hours he said: "Poland is defeated, France lies prostrate, The Netherlands and Norway are overrun, and now we stand alone." An almost unforgivably long pause followed,—then tossing back his head defiantly, he continued, "Nevertheless I find it rather *exhilarating*."



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I think the mood the Master wants you and me to be in this morning is the mood of those who move on dauntlessly under the mandate to *hold on to hope*—those who find exhilaration in towering obstacles.

If there are mountain-high reasons for letting go, there are also reasons that are impressively important why we should hold on and not fail. You will *not* be finding them, I fear, in your financial statistics. I have been a little disturbed in the sessions I have been privileged to attend here, to hear recurring mention of “twenty millions of dollars as our annual North American expenditure for world missions.” In the face of the need, that amount is piffle, picayune, almost purposeless. In 1944 the American nation spent 194 billions of dollars; of that amount \$1,600,000,000 represented the outlay of our nation for everything that might in the remotest manner have some relationship to Christian charity, Christian evangelism, Christian missions. The relationship of our total spending to our redemptive spending is 194 to 1.6. *There is not much hope in that.* Let us keep the twenty million dollar figure dark. It does not at all represent the driving energy that our Church in this continent needs to release into global missions, and no one is going to be too greatly impressed by that figure.

But there *is* reason for hope in the new demonstrations of the unshakeable courage of the Christian Church. Look at and listen to the roster of the heroic churchmen of our time: Damaskinos in Greece; Hlond in Poland; DeJong in Holland; Fabritius and Kaj Munk in Denmark; Van Roey in Belgium; Marc Boergner in France; Martin Niemoller and Bishop Wurm in Germany; William Temple in England; Eyvind Berggrav in Norway. (Modesty would keep us as Americans and Canadians from adding to the list representatives of our countries. There are such.) These are names that you could append to the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. These names are in demonstration of the fact that all the glowing and glorious promises of Christ to uphold, strengthen and be the stay of those who put their trust in Him, are true. These are harbingers of hope in a time which, without them, could be thought hopeless. In an apostate age these are names that fire and lure us forward.

And there is reason for hope in the new consciousness of our Christian cohesiveness. I fear that we are wont to exaggerate and promote beyond proper proportions the coming World Council of Churches. No one outruns me in gratitude and enthusiasm for it, but we in the Christian enterprise have a way of anticipating festivals. It is not yet time to ring the bells nor to fly the banners. But I still think it is very impressively important when men and women can sit down together, when the noise of bombing has scarcely died away, and say, as they did at the recent Geneva meeting: “*The bond essen-*

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*tial* still holds." The implications for our time of the fact that the Geneva conferees found their way into each other's arms (the Archbishop of Canterbury all but embraced Martin Niemöller) are much more significant than the fact that a Russian representative took a walk out of a UN session recently. In this new unity lies a hope for the future as I see it. Here is the reason to hold on to hope under the mandate of the Master. This newly expressed Christian fellowship is far more hope-giving than anything that is happening at Hunter College, New York, just now.

I would impress on you the importance of the new facilities that we have for the doing of the job the Lord Christ has given us to do. They give us another reason to *hold on to hope*. I have had a tingling joy over the fact that our own church in Sweden has acquired a four-motored plane and is shuttling back and forth the representatives of the Great Commission from the homeland to the mission fields. I hear the rustle of angels' wings in the whirl of those four motors. They are symbolic of the whole new capacity of the Kingdom to appropriate the very best in communications, promotion, and publicity. In this use of new materials and methods is revealed the determination of the warm-hearted to express to those whose hearts are still cold, the radiance of Christian spirit and the hope that is in Christ.

And yet, all this, if lacking the most significant reason for hope, means little. I believe, and I think you will agree, that our generation, having gone the bitter way of wars and shattering disillusionment, has all but been thrown into the arms of Christ—has almost been forced to trust the dynamics of the gospel.

In 1923 Tokyo and Yokohama were shaken to their foundations by a devastating earthquake. It was not only the first force of the earthquake that caused the calmness of the Japanese to be shaken apart, but it was the tremors following which wrecked their typical stoicism. Finally, we are told, they fled to the hills in utter despair. After a while that interest which gets into humans who have been driven from home magnetized them. They were possessed by the desire to go back home. Those in command seemed to know that if they came back there would be grave danger, so they sent out the word, "No one dares re-enter the cities who does not bear with him at least a handful of rice and a candle." If we are to hold on to the Master's mandate, which is "Hope!", certainly it is supremely important for us to demand of each other that no one dare go into this atomic age in His name or as His representative who does not bear with him at least a handful of the bread of courage and the light of the full promises of Jesus Christ. After all our examinations to determine fitness, all our personnel committees, and all the machinery

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that we have set up to determine who shall go, have done their best, the last and by all means the most important test must be: "Would you go? Let us see your hands. What is in them? Bread? A candle?"

Kenneth Scott Latourette, in Volume VII of his history of the Christian enterprise, has a summary chapter in which he looks across the centuries in a very objective way. He sees us making admirable progress in the so-called age of the martyrs. From the Commission to 500 A. D., he observes a great driving energy in the church. Then a recession from 500 to 950 A. D. Then a resurgence of the power of the Church from 950 to 1350. Then a back-tracking of a serious sort, perhaps the most serious in all our history, from 1350 to 1500. Under the spell of the Reformation and the counter-Reformation, another great drive forward took place until 1700. Then from 1700 to 1815, when most observers felt that we were again backsliding, there came a period of quiet gathering of energy and drive like the building up of a great head of steam in a tremendous locomotive, for from 1815 Christian missions were to leap off to their destiny beyond every horizon. From 1815 to 1914 came the great century when this thing that we represent today overleaped every barrier of class and caste, distance and disease, and established itself literally over all the earth. From 1914 to 1944, as Dr. Latourette sees it, there was preparation for another great advance. Will it be made by those whose hearts fail them for fear of things to come? Or will it be made in the spirit of those who ask with Charles Sumner Hoyt:

"Is this the time, O Church of Christ, to sound  
Retreat? To arm with weapons cheap and blunt  
The men and women who have borne the brunt  
Of truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground? . . .  
No! Rather strengthen stakes and lengthen cords,  
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,  
And to the kingdom come for such a time!  
The earth with all its fullness is the Lord's,  
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect,  
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime."

(From "Is This the Time to Halt?" in *Poems for Life*, compiled by Thomas Curtis Clark. Used by permission of Willett, Clark & Co.)

The mandate of the Master is: "Hold on to hope!" Those who obey it can never forget the words of holy Paul: "Tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts."

## “PEACE, GOODWILL AMONG MEN”

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### *Report of the Committee of Reference and Counsel and of Representative Committees and Other Agencies for the Year 1945*

The year 1945 may well prove to be the most significant single year since the beginning of the Christian era. If so, it will not be because it has brought acknowledged defeat for the countries which initiated the long years of World War II and has marked the beginnings of a period of peace which thinking men view with hope although without strong confidence in its abiding stability, welcome as these facts have been. It will not be because the year has seen the birth and progressive implementation of the United Nations Organization, with other political and economic agreements aimed at the avoidance of future conflicts. It will be rather because mankind in it used for the first time the key to the atomic energy which has been locked up since the creation of the universe and found itself possessed of awesome power which demanded character essentially Christian for its safe control in the interests of civilized life. In one day, it came to realize that it stood at the fork of a dilemma: Christ or chaos.

During this historic year, the Foreign Missions Conference has been engaged in putting into effect the far-reaching plans and reorganization which have been in the making during the war years. Increased staff has made it possible to strengthen and develop the work of the Representative Committees on Africa, East Asia, India and Work Among Moslems, as well as on World Literacy and Christian Literature. This step was taken not a moment too soon, in the light of the rapid developments. Every member of the expanded staff has been working full steam ahead and has still hardly been able to keep abreast of the times. The following pages outline the story of how the Conference has been trying to meet its responsibilities in this year of destiny.

### *Actions of the Committee of Reference and Counsel*

At the February meeting of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, it was found that the enlarged administrative budgets for the four Representative Committees which were to become financially autonomous for the first time and the normal budget for general services had been underwritten to the extent of 92.6%, a more favorable percentage than usual with smaller budgets in earlier years. The com-

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mittee therefore voted to put the reorganization into effect in accordance with the instructions of the Annual Meeting to do so "as soon as financial support is assured and the personnel secured." The new budgets went into effect on April 1, 1945, and most of the newly elected officers took office on that date. It was September 1, however, before the entire staff, listed elsewhere, was actively at work. At the same meeting the revised By-Laws of the Committee were adopted and the following officers were elected: Chairman, Robert M. Hopkins; Vice-Chairman, George W. Sadler; Recording Secretary, Miss Ruth Ransom; Executive Secretary and Chairman of the Secretarial Council, P. H. J. Lerrigo; other Executive Secretaries: Emory Ross, Miss Sue Weddell; Associate Executive Secretary, Joe J. Mickle. Mr. Mickle soon resigned from office to accept the presidency of Centenary College of Louisiana.

The status of the Congo Inland Mission was changed from affiliation to that of full membership by vote of the Committee.

During the year, the Committee voted: "That retirement for secretaries serving in general administration be optional for either party at sixty-five years or thereafter, and compulsory at seventy years; and that a similar policy be commended to the Representative Committees of FMC for consideration." It adopted a salary scale of \$4,500-\$6,000 per year for men secretaries and \$3,000-\$4,200 per year for women secretaries; and has authorized a participating retirement plan for all whose salaries are included in the General Services Budget and who may desire it, recommending the adoption of the same plan by the Representative Committees. It also voted to charge the Chairman of the Secretarial Council with so administering the by-law concerning meeting the expenses of travel of members of the Committee that a maximum attendance of all members at all meetings may be secured.

Bishop James C. Baker and Miss Sue Weddell attended the sessions of the United Nations Conference on International Organization at San Francisco as representatives of the Foreign Missions Conference, and as associate consultants courteously appointed by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America were able to take part in the processes of modification which resulted in a charter much nearer to the desires of the churches of the United States and Canada.

The meeting held May 31-June 1, 1945, was concerned mainly with plans for more effective carrying out of the reorganized committee plans and for the establishment of a joint Missions Public Relations Office with the Home Missions Council. Progress in both these matters has been made during the year. It is hoped that there will be sufficient underwriting of the Conference share of the Public Re-

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lations Office budget before April 1, 1946, so that it can begin to function as of that date. At this meeting, regretful farewells were said to Dr. and Mrs. P. H. J. Lerrigo, retiring after years of constructive service to the Conference.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee in June, it was decided not to have the 1946 Annual Meeting in January 1946, because of travel and accommodation restrictions, and also in the hope that visits of members of the committee and staff to individual boards might secure comparable results in an intelligent understanding of and participation in the work of the Conference. The fortunate early termination of hostilities made it possible to set the Annual Meeting for March 27-29, 1946, and to dispense with the visits. Dr. M. Edwin Thomas was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements in place of Dr. Elmer A. Fridell who was obliged to leave the country on board service.

On September 28, 1945, Miss Henrietta Gibson was elected Treasurer of the Foreign Missions Conference, thus happily filling a vacancy of several years' standing.

During the year, there has been an increasing interchange of fraternal visits between officers of our Conference and those of Great Britain and the Continent. Dr. Emory Ross was absent for three and one-half months in Europe, mainly concerned with conferences on matters of planning for missions in Africa, but with many other contacts on matters of common concern. The Conference welcomed to North America Rev. Norman Goodall of the International Missionary Council's London office, and Rev. W. Dudley Dixon, Associate Secretary of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland. The committee has authorized the Chairman of the Secretarial Council, Dr. Fairfield, to accept the invitation to attend as a visitor the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council at Geneva, Switzerland, February 16-20, 1946, with visits in London and the Continent en route; and Miss Weddell to accept the invitation of the British Conference to visit Britain in the spring of 1946 for conference on common India problems and also on special women's interests. It has invited the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council to hold its next meeting in North America.

At its December meeting, the committee declined to sanction the formation of a Representative Committee on Christian Education and referred to the Secretarial Council responsibility for finding ways and means to accomplish the same objectives without forming a new committee.

The committee has authorized the Secretarial Council to make certain ad interim appointments on behalf of the Conference; and

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has confirmed the action of the Secretarial Council in electing Miss Weddell its Vice-Chairman. It has also appointed a committee to study applications for membership and in general to study the privileges and responsibilities of various types of relationship to the Conference, including full membership.

WYNN C. FAIRFIELD, *Secretary*

### *Africa*

A significant educational study was made in parts of West Africa from September 1944 to February 1945 by Dr. Jackson Davis, Associate Director of the General Education Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, Mr. Thomas M. Campbell, Field Agent, Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, and Miss Margaret Wrong, Secretary of the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa. They visited Liberia, the Gold Coast, Belgian Congo, French Equatorial Africa, French Cameroun, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. These specialists in education, agriculture and literacy and literature were peculiarly fitted to make such a study in Africa where most of the people live in rural areas and where mass education and literacy training are so urgently needed now. The study was financed by the General Education Board.

The report of that study, "Africa Advancing," should have immediate and long range usefulness. It is especially timely this year when Africa is the country being studied by mission classes.

Miss Wrong has, in addition, written a most interesting account of her experiences during the study trip, "For a Literate West Africa." It and "Africa Advancing" are available through the Africa Bureau and the Friendship Press, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

One of the most difficult problems the committee continues to have to deal with is that of religious freedom in some areas. A major American board has been able to get missionaries into Portuguese areas in Africa only after five years of intensive effort. Others have secured visas for only a few of their staff members. The Africa Committee and the Congo Protestant Council are still concentrating on the task of securing equality of treatment of all missions in the Belgian Congo.

The Executive Secretary spent fourteen weeks during the spring of 1945 in Britain, Belgium, France and Portugal, conferring with mission and government personnel on a variety of Africa matters and on religious liberty and other questions connected with the world mission of the Church.

At its meeting on September 26, 1945, the Africa Committee studied three projects which it determined to present to boards and

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related bodies for consideration and implementation in the days immediately ahead. The first of these three steps is in Africa, the second is in Africa and Europe, the third must be taken in Africa and the world.

### I. *Regional Conferences*

The proposal, maturing after three years of study in Africa, in Britain, on the Continent and in North America, is the holding of regional conferences in Africa: East, South, West Central and West. The date of the first has been fixed: West Central Africa, at Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, July 13-24, 1946. It will include French Equatorial Africa and the Cameroun, Belgian Congo and Portuguese West Africa. Representatives of the Christian Councils of West Africa plan to meet at Achimota in September 1946 to consider plans for a West Africa Conference. A small meeting to deal with a few specific problems may be held in East Africa in January or February 1947. No definite plans have been reported for a conference in southern Africa.

North American missionary personnel and investment are larger in West Central Africa than in any other section of Africa. Therefore the shared responsibility there with Africa and Europe is heavier upon North America than in the case of any other proposed regional conference.

### II. *International Mission Action Centers in Europe*

No longer can we concentrate our efforts so nearly exclusively within the continent of Africa and reap the maximum results. Africa is also a part of One World. Many decisions affecting Africa are at present taken in Britain, Belgium, France and Portugal. Canadian and United States influence upon African policies may be more pronounced. Public opinion has great importance; the churches have reason for helping shape that opinion. New interchange is necessary for doing this in and between the six countries named. In North America we need to receive more work visits from missionary leaders of the other four countries. In Britain we require to expand relationships already long begun. In France, Belgium and Portugal it has been agreed as a principle that mission action centers should be internationally created and maintained, in Paris, Brussels and Lisbon, for four purposes: (1) to receive and aid in the language and other preparation of foreign missionaries; (2) to work with the national missionary forces in strengthening the missionary vision and service of the churches of the three countries and to get reciprocal aid from them in Britain, Canada and the United States; (3) to work toward desirable cross-appointment of suitable missionary



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staff personnel abroad—French, Belgian and Portuguese members on British, American and other staffs, and reciprocal appointments where desired; (4) to help reduce suspicion and opposition and increase understanding and acceptance in the churches, the public and the governments of Protestant missionary services regardless of nationality in overseas territories, and of wisest international coöperation in all matters affecting the lives of the people to whom Protestant missionary service is devoted.

### III. *Dependent Area Policies*

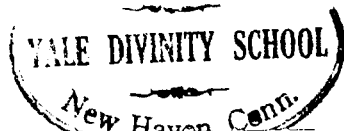
The Africa Committee urges the churches in North America concerned with work in Africa and dependent areas to inform themselves and the public of the meaning of trusteeship as written into the United Nations Charter, and of the part the United States and Canada must take. No foreign influence in Africa has more effectively contributed to the mental, moral and spiritual advancement of the African peoples than the Christian missionary service. It has thereby helped start the climb which can be expected in the light of the history of the rise of man eventually to lead peacefully to self-government or to bitter conflict. Trusteeship as now for the first time internationally defined and approved gives some promise of the general and peaceful attainment of self-government. North American churches which for a hundred years with churches from other countries have been directly and indirectly contributing to this conception of trusteeship should now share in its further support and realization by all our churches. A major contribution to lasting world peace will thus be made.

EMORY ROSS, *Secretary*

### *East Asia*

#### *China*

Postwar planning has been going on in China for the past two years. Studies both functional and geographical are being made. Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, Chairman of the China Committee, arrived in Chungking early in October and will be in China until March. The Executive Committee of the National Christian Council meets in Shanghai the latter part of January 1946, at which time these postwar studies will be considered. Parallel studies have been made in North America, with conferences of missionaries, board secretaries and Chinese leaders. These have dealt with the centrality of the Church, Christian rural service, medical work, rehabilitation, and student evangelism. The Provinces of Fukien, Hopei and Shansi have been considered in area conferences of the missions concerned.



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On September 30, 1945, there were the smallest number of Protestant missionaries in China of any time since 1889, when there were about 1,035. There were not more than 23% of the number of missionaries in China in 1936. This means that we are at the beginning of a new era. It is a time, therefore, for very careful thinking and planning of policy and program and the type and number of missionaries wanted, with the Chinese Church making the final decisions.

Urgent requests from the National Health Administration, the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Association (CNRRA), the National Christian Council and individual missions, and the changed conditions in China started the flow of missionaries back in the fall. Beginning with October, returning missionaries began to reach China in increasing numbers and over eighty American missionaries will have returned before the end of the year. The return of missionaries has been in line with the policy of first sending Priority "A" missionaries so that the resumption of work could be done in a united, efficient, and Chinese-Church-directed way.

Significant trends in Christian work in China are these: (1) Closer coöperation among the denominations as evidenced in postwar planning and a Board of Strategy to implement these plans and the United Clearing Board, which has handled the transmission of funds for all of the religious bodies and the large relief agencies in the United States; (2) the united approach to the Chinese Government on property matters, with Mr. Plumer Mills representing the NCC in this capacity; (3) area coöperation, as in Shansi Province where the two American missions are pooling their resources in plant and personnel; (4) functional coöperation in such agencies as the United Christian Publishers, Christian Rural Service Unions, the China Christian Educational Association and the Commission on Student Evangelism in Isolated University Centers.

The National Christian Council and the mission boards are coöperating more closely with the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students in an effort to reach with the Christian message the increased number of Chinese students and trainees who are in North America. *The Christian Farmer* and the weekly *Tien Feng (Heavenly Wind)* are published regularly. Christian bookstores are to be opened in many of the large cities.

Coöperation with the Chinese Government will be increased. The Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Association has urgently requested the return of missionaries to work in their former areas and institutions and has promised full coöperation in the providing of relief materials. The National Health Administration has asked for the return of medical personnel and has offered a fine basis of coöperation enabling the hospitals to carry on under Christian aus-

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pices while assisting the Government in its health program. The Ministry of Education has requested the coöperation of qualified missionaries for part-time supervision of English teaching in neighboring government and private middle schools.

The Chinese staff of the National Christian Council will be given refresher periods and increased in number. The following missionaries are being added to the staff: Ernest Ikenberry of the Church of the Brethren Mission as Director of Relief, the Rev. C. F. Johannaber of the Methodist Mission for middle school education, and Dr. Arthur O. Rinden of the American Board for visual education.

Plans are under way to reopen the College of Chinese Studies by the autumn of 1946, which will make possible the resumption of the study of the Chinese language and cultural subjects in Peiping in an institution with the same standard of scholarship for comparable recognition in the highest institutions of learning in China and abroad. The curriculum will provide for a minimum of a two-year course. It is recommended that new missionaries take an intensive course in the Chinese language and background studies in the United States for a period of four months before going to China.

### *Japan*

After peace was declared with Japan, preparations were begun at once through the Riverside Fellowship to renew spiritual contact with the Japanese Christians. The Japan Committee coöperated with the Federal Council of Churches in sending a deputation of the following four men to Japan:

The Rev. Douglas Horton, D.D., Chairman, American Committee for the World Council of Churches;

The Rev. Bishop James Chamberlain Baker, D.D., LL.D., Chairman of the International Missionary Council;

The Rev. Walter W. Van Kirk, D.D., Executive Secretary of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America;

The Rev. Luman J. Shafer, Litt.D., Chairman of the Japan Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference.

They traveled by plane and were in Japan from October 24 to November 16. They found an amazingly friendly attitude on the part of the Japanese Christians and the populace generally. A communion service with about thirty of the Japanese church leaders exemplified the tie that still binds our hearts in Christian love. Upon their return, they reported that: there is a great need for New Testaments in Japa-

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nese and English, for hymn books and for ministers' libraries; there is a need for a church relief program for critical particular situations; the Church is in the midst of fundamental readjustment so the sending of an administrative deputation should be postponed at least until the spring of 1946; it is evident that there will be opportunity for large missionary service in the new situation.

The American Bible Society, the Church Committee for Relief in Asia and the Japan Committee are coöperating to meet these needs. The mission boards in the Japan Committee have agreed on six missionaries to be sent out as soon as this can be arranged. One missionary will be responsible for developing a relief program, one to serve at church headquarters, one to work with Christian women leaders, several as area liaison men, or in other special capacities. Requests for missionaries in educational work will be made through the education section of the Japanese Church where the schools are under church jurisdiction, or for particular institutions to the boards concerned, but in either case boards are asked to clear with the Japan Committee before sending out educational missionaries.

A woman representative of the Foreign Missions Conference is joining Mrs. Harper Sibley, President of the United Council of Church Women, in a joint mission of fellowship to the Christian women of Japan as soon as it is possible for women to make this visit.

### *Korea*

The insistent request for the return of missionaries to liberated Korea has come from Korean Christians of all denominations, from chaplains of the United States Army and from General Hodge himself. Negotiations are going forward to send a team of ten picked men from six North American boards. They will work as a united group, bringing spiritual aid, assistance in relief and rehabilitation and help in reopening hospitals, schools and churches. Priority lists of missionaries are being prepared and it is expected that twenty more missionaries will be leaving early in 1946. The Korean Church has suffered terribly during the past decade but is eagerly pressing on into the new day. With the other two countries of East Asia it heartily welcomes, as Kagawa puts it, "the right kind of missionaries."

ROWLAND M. CROSS, *Secretary*

### *Europe*

The Committee on Europe has held a sort of "watching brief" for Europe. The relationships of denominations and foreign mission

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boards in North America to the churches of Europe are extraordinarily complex. To some denominations, the Continental evangelical churches represent the "older churches" to which they themselves stand in the relationship of "younger churches"; to others, relationships are entirely on an ecumenical basis; while to still others, the unchurched peoples of Europe are as much a mission field as those in Asia or Africa. The churches related to this last group are in general minority churches in contrast with the state churches; and at times there has been considerable tension between the two groups.

During the past year, the Committee on Europe has met twice to exchange information and experiences, and to consider ways and means in which their fellowship with their related sister churches in Europe could be made real. Its members shared in the series of conferences last May when Dr. Visser 't Hooft, Dr. Marc Boegner and the Bishop of Chichester were in this country. It has maintained liaison with the Commission for World Council Service in the field of church reconstruction and material aid, and in trying to create a public opinion in this country which will support an enlightened and wise government policy as regards providing food for the population of former enemy countries.

Present concerns include not only such material relief, but also the problem of refugees from the Baltic states whom Russia is seeking to have returned to their homes against their will; the problem of renewing contacts and services in areas under Russian control or dominant influence; the problem of religious liberty for evangelicals in Roman Catholic countries; the problem of reestablishing Christian fellowship and renewing helpful relationships with related churches in Europe and wisely assisting in rehabilitating their ministry; and certain proposals made by the Africa Committee for establishing Protestant missionary action centers in certain capitals of the Continent.

WYNN C. FAIRFIELD, *Secretary*

### *India*

The daily press makes clear the growing interchanges of experience between India and the United States. It is a two-way traffic. The war greatly increased the number of Americans who have gained first-hand acquaintance with India. Now scientific, economic and industrial leaders are coming here for special missions and hundreds also of young students and "trainees," many of them on government scholarships. A good proportion of these visitors come from the Christian community.

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The Church in India and Ceylon has enriched the Church here by the visits of representatives like Miss Nora Ventura of the YWCA; Dr. Eddy Asirvatham, serving on the faculty of Boston University; Miss Manorama Powar, the Rev. Samuel Devrapagasam, and the Rev. Sabapathy Kulandran, participating in the International Seminar; Dr. B. P. Hivale of Bombay; Dr. Augustine Ralla Ram of the Student Christian Movement; Miss Zillah Soule, distinguished educator, and Divakar S. Modak, Christian layman in government service. Dr. and Mrs. Manikam of the National Christian Council have been invited to this country and the Reformed Church expects a deputation from the South India United Church.

Many American missionaries have gone back to India after furloughs during which they made rich contributions to the India Committee. The Bryces have returned to Indore, Dr. B. C. Oliver to the Christian Medical Association of India, and Dr. Ida Scudder, principal emeritus of the expanding Vellore, to serve as acting principal during the absence of Dr. Robert Cochrane. Dr. Murray Titus has assumed his post in the secretariat of the National Christian Council. Dr. and Mrs. William Wiser are initiating in the United Provinces a rural betterment program, India Village Service, which it is hoped may serve as a model for all India. The visits of Dr. Decker of the International Missionary Council and of a number of denominational board secretaries to India have also served to keep the India Committee in touch with developments there. All these contacts have given a new sense of Christian fellowship and of mutual responsibility.

Frequent conferences with Norman Goodall of the International Missionary Council, Secretary of the India Committee of the British Conference of Missionary Societies, during his stay in America have emphasized the close working partnership between the British and American Committees.

### *Indian Leadership*

In a nationalistic India a fully prepared Indian leadership is imperative. Christian forces are seeking to utilize the opportunities to develop this leadership at an accelerated rate. Increasingly, qualified Indians are being placed as heads of institutions. The India Committee has given study to the government plan for large scale compulsory free education (the Sargent Scheme), with its implications for Christian institutions and its opportunities in the field of literacy education, teacher training, specialization in agricultural and rural development. The committee has followed with interest the study of better and more coöperative theological education for the

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future leaders of the Indian Church. The printed report on the survey is now available.

### *Economic Welfare of the Church*

The centrality of the Church and its importance for India's future make attention to its economic welfare a priority. The National Christian Council has added two staff members to give special attention to this matter, to stress self-support, to reintegrate service men, widening their social and economic opportunities, and to lift up the Church as a spiritual and reconciling factor in community life.

It is largely among the socially and economically underprivileged that Christianity in India is becoming established. Christian missions can perform two unique services to the rehabilitation of village India—trained workers and demonstrations of effective village improvement programs which will serve as patterns for government and private agencies.

### *Surplus War Supplies*

Through the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc., the India Committee has been able to keep the boards informed on possibilities for purchasing war surpluses and has been influential in securing the services of Ralph Kaufmann and Dr. W. P. Pledger to expedite such purchases in New Delhi.

### *The Trend Toward Coöperative Work*

A significant development is the fuller coöperation and unionizing of institutions. The Vellore Christian Medical College Board now unites over fifty coöperating boards in Great Britain and North America behind its plan, rapidly being realized, for the first All-India Christian Medical College for both men and women. Allahabad Agricultural Institute has expanded from a Presbyterian school into an all-India union enterprise of great import for rural India and the Henry Martyn School of Islamic Studies is receiving new support and encouragement. Other institutions similarly look forward to union backing and large and forward-looking plans for theological education are in the making.

### *Interpreting India to North America*

Promoting understanding of India in this country is one of the primary concerns of the India Committee. It has sought to secure

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the admission of Eastern-Hemisphere Indians to citizenship in the United States. India will be the foreign study theme of the Missionary Education Movement for 1946-47 and the texts and materials now in preparation promise to be very helpful.

SUE WEDDELL, *Secretary*

### *Cooperation in Latin America*

The forces of democracy and freedom seem to have made progress in Latin America during recent months. Dictatorships were replaced by more democratic regimes in Guatemala and Ecuador. Free elections were held for the first time in Cuba and Peru and a more liberal government came to power in Venezuela through revolution. The resurgence of democratic forces does not mean that fascism and reaction are at an end. In Argentina and Mexico they are making powerful efforts to control the government. In each case the Roman Catholic Church is on the side of authoritarian reactionary groups. Mexican liberals have opposed vigorously the idolatrous celebrations of the Catholic Church in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the coronation of the Virgin of Guadalupe.

In some countries at least Protestantism is faced with overwhelming opportunities. In spite of the continent-wide campaign of the Catholic hierarchy against the Protestant movement—and perhaps because of it—more and more people are looking to the latter for an answer on some of the great issues of the day.

Writing about his visit to the Argentine in the spring of 1945 Dr. E. Stanley Jones said, "The Roman Catholic Church was being identified with reaction and fascism and the evangelical movement was being identified with freedom and democracy."

The time is ripe for a great forward movement particularly in the field of evangelism. Dr. George P. Howard, special religious lecturer under the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, reports crowded meetings everywhere and an eagerness on the part of the people to know what the gospel message is about.

The Committee on Cooperation in Latin America is sending the editor of *La Nueva Democracia* through South America. Plans are being completed for Dr. John A. Mackay and Dr. T. Z. Koo to visit Latin America. These and other outstanding leaders will interpret Christianity to students, the intelligentsia, as well as the growing membership of our churches. The Committee on Cooperation in Latin America has also presented to its member boards a comprehensive plan to increase evangelical broadcasting in Latin America in the near future.



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The production of Christian literature continues to meet a very real need in Latin America. Dr. Howard's book, "Religious Liberty in Latin America?" has gone into second editions in both English and Spanish and has had a wide influence on public opinion. Religious freedom is still a very live issue.

W. STANLEY RYCROFT, *Secretary*

### *Work Among Moslems*

Political developments in Moslem lands give much concern to the Committee on Work Among Moslems, since the welfare and even the possibility of missionary work will depend upon the degree of religious liberty permitted. In recent months attention has focused upon the disturbances in Iran, Syria and Palestine.

As to Palestine, the committee has endeavored to help the American Church form an unbiased opinion. Eighteen thousand copies of a bulletin on the "Dilemma in Palestine" have been distributed. Steps were taken to counteract the impression given by the World Christian Conference for Palestine that all Christians support political Zionism. Wide circulation was given to a statement adopted by the Committee of Reference and Counsel entitled "The Palestine Question—a Christian Position."

The Literature Committee of CWAM again reported substantial grants to provide literature for Moslems in Iran, Syria, China, Turkey and India, as well as a special grant for use by the Near East Christian Council.

Word was received from the Conference of British Missionary Societies that a Moslem Committee has been organized in Great Britain.

In September Dr. Giora Wysner, Secretary of CWAM, began a trip of some months to Moslem countries in North Africa and the Middle East. This visitation will provide vital information for CWAM and enlarge its opportunities for service.

Plans have been made for a Conference on Moslem Work at Princeton in June 1946. A major objective will be the deepening of interest in missions to Moslems throughout the North American churches. It is already evident that the conference will attract a notable series of papers and speakers and it should mark a new milestone in taking the gospel to Moslems.

WILLIAM N. WYSHAM

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### *The Philippines*

The Philippine Committee had spent two years in preparation for the liberation. Thus when its secretary arrived in Cebu he had definite postwar proposals to discuss with Filipino churchmen.

The Christian task in the Philippines stands out in sharp outline against the wreckage of war. What are the conditions in which the Church must work?

The people are homeless and hungry. The loss of a billion dollars worth of buildings among a population of eighteen million indicates the extent of their homelessness. Their hunger has caused physical malnutrition and nervous depletion. Both their bodies and their spirits bear the scars of war but the loss of moral ideals is worse than the loss of possessions. The task of restoring them involves a new philosophy of education.

The Filipino people are torn by contentions and embittered by hatred. Conflict between "collaborators" and "patriots" continues. Moreover, Filipinos hate the Japanese. Prisoners of war must be guarded from them. The people are confused and frustrated. Social unrest, political uncertainty, economic insecurity and religious controversy contribute.

This description of conditions is both inadequate and partial. There are exceptions. A minority group—the Protestants—are the major exception to the psychological factors. They rose from war's dust with a sense of destiny. Their faith and loyalty stood the test. Their sense of destiny springs in part from convictions born in suffering and in part from a realization that they belong to the World Church.

The Church is dealing with the immediate job of relief and rehabilitation. The Church is also helping to reconstruct social and political life. A disproportionate number of Protestant men and women occupy responsible positions in national and provincial governments. Plans are under way to provide educational facilities under Protestant auspices from kindergarten through junior college in many villages and towns where there are no adequate schools.

Coöperative agencies and union institutions are functioning. The Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches and the Philippine Committee of Christian Education were well launched on vital services to the churches by mid-August of 1945; the Union Theological Seminary of the Philippines had plans to offer courses beginning in January 1946.

The Philippine Committee made its contributions to Protestantism in the Philippines by (1) collecting 100,000 used books for church and school libraries, (2) helping the Church Committee for Relief

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in Asia raise \$75,000 and secure supplies to send to the Philippines, (3) the visit of its secretary, (4) releasing to the Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches and the Philippine Committee of Christian Education \$8,000 of accrued funds for staff salaries, literature production and the printing of hymnals at a time when the Philippine churches had no money to finance these important projects, (5) approving in principle for reference to the boards recommendations from the field for (a) an association of evangelical schools in the Philippines, (b) a united board of education in America, (c) a single Protestant headquarters building in Manila, (d) union medical work in the capital city, and (e) the organization of a special course of study for candidates for the Philippines and missionaries on furlough.

The committee's further postwar program includes (1) the appointment and financing of a commission to survey education in co-operation with nationals and missionaries on the field, (2) assistance in selecting a missionary secretary to serve with a Filipino secretary on the staff of the Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches, (3) the preparation of an emergency budget to submit to the boards, (4) aid in the purchase of surplus war materials, and (5) the appointment of four couples for specialized types of work to serve interdenominationally under the direction of the Federation.

E. K. HIGDON, *Secretary*

### *Associated Mission Medical Office*

With the coming of peace one notices an easement in the mental and psychic strain so many have been suffering. The thought that danger and death is always imminent for some loved one increases tensions, and many among the 4,000 in the Associated Mission Medical Office family showed those tensions. Often work was more strenuously assumed in order to smother the anxiety that was tugging at the heart. We found longer rest periods were necessary for furlough recuperation but were not easily enforced.

Some of the boards have supported AMMO's policy of annual examinations for all missionaries on prolonged furlough. We have followed up such examinations, which sometimes could not adequately be done by local physicians. The marked shortage of doctors in the country during these war years and the overload that those who are here are carrying have hindered the complete effectiveness of our plans in some cases.

There were some tragedies among the scores of released prison camp internees. During 1944 we welcomed home some released

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from China imprisonment. During 1945 we received the Philippine prisoners. We were "alerted" on March 1 and again March 12 concerning their expected arrival. The list contained 174 names belonging to the AMMO family. For forty-five of these the health condition was stated: 29% were in "good" health, 64% in "fair" health and 7% in "poor" health. This is a fair sampling of conditions as we actually found them, but we have not yet been able to make any accurate survey of our health studies on this group.

They were a brave uncomplaining lot. Their morale was superb. The indignities and humiliations they had suffered were extreme. How they survived as well as they did on starvation fare is hard to understand. They must have had manna from heaven.

In considering the question of nervous tension as a health factor, high blood pressure, to a certain degree, is a measure. The findings of our studies of 1,279 missionaries several years ago are interesting at this point. These missionaries showed up very well indeed by the hypertension test, as compared with the general U. S. white population.

China and India missionaries showed definitely higher percentages of hypertension than did the missionaries of Africa and other fields. It will be interesting when we complete our studies concerning the health of the missionaries arriving on furlough during 1940 to 1944, to note how many of these who have been under war strain show hypertension.

Last year AMMO cared for 1,066 examinations, 1,677 health conferences and 539 treatments in our offices and 532 examinations through other doctors. The work included an outgoing correspondence of over 2,300 letters.

J. G. VAUGHAN, M. D., *Director*

### ***Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work***

The Christian Medical Council at the end of its seventh year had fifty-nine supporting member societies. These societies draw increasingly on the Council for advice to the medical missionaries.

The Council takes active part in the deliberations of the Christian universities in China on medical and nursing education. Since St. John's University in Shanghai has joined the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, the number of medical colleges and nursing schools in China with which the Council is in touch has increased to five. The building up of the new All-India Christian Medical College at Vellore has opened a new door of opportunity. The Council has been in touch with every one of the medical schools

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in the United States and Canada, seeking to secure urgently needed faculty members for Vellore.

At the request of a number of societies, a conference was held in Washington with the personnel officers in the Surgeon General's office in both Army and Navy. It is more difficult to secure release of medical officers from the Navy because their staffs have not been up to full quota. The Army, however, expects to release missionary doctors making personal application through their local commanding officer. They are asked to lay stress upon their desire to return to medical missionary service.

The urgent requests received from the National Health Administration of China have been laid before the societies. The Chinese Government desires the continuance of mission hospitals and all possible increase in medical missionary staffs. Missions may be grateful for the appreciation given their services.

The fifteenth Conference of Medical Missionaries was held at Riverdale, New York, in June 1945. The sixty-one doctors and nurses attending represented many areas. One of the most significant discussions during the three days centered around the issue of religion and health. Another important discussion dealt with preventive medicine.

Twenty-five non-medical missionaries enrolled in a course in the rudiments of medicine and hygiene under Dr. Douglas N. Forman. The course meets once weekly for thirty-six sessions.

At the annual meeting of the Council, September 28, 1945, the Recording Secretary read a letter from Dr. Hume indicating his desire to resign as a Secretary of the Council on May 31, 1946, because "the leadership of the Council should now pass to younger hands."

EDWARD H. HUME, M.D., *Secretary*

### *Rural Missions*

During the year the Committee has coöperated in the fifteenth annual Cornell School for Missionaries, the extension education workshop provided by the Agricultural Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, the Scarritt College short term course for missionaries at Crossville, Tenn., the six weeks' seminar in home and family life education at the Merrill-Palmer School, Detroit, the six weeks' short course on relief and rehabilitation at Cornell and the special one-year rural training course for missionaries also at Cornell. The total enrollment in these six courses was 180. The enrollment of forty missionaries in the 1945-46 one-year course at Cornell was larger than that of any previous year.

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About ten missionaries are enrolled in the combination two-year course, which combines a study of the Chinese language and the special rural training courses.

The recent purchase of an apartment building in Ithaca by one of the missionary boards fills a pressing need.

An important development in connection with the missionary training courses at Cornell has been the organization of a nursery school for the children of missionaries to be carried on by the missionary mothers under the supervision of a member of the Department of Child Guidance and Family Relationships in the College of Home Economics. The nursery school has an added advantage in that a number of missionary mothers will be free to take additional work in the college.

Discussions are now under way to have two courses in child guidance and family relationships offered as a part of the Cornell University Summer School for 1946. These will be designed especially for both men and women missionaries. The plan has already been approved by the Foreign Missions Conference Committee on Missionary Personnel.

"The Christian Mission Among Rural People" was published in December 1945. More than 2,000 copies have been purchased by the mission boards in North America and Great Britain for distribution to their missionaries. This study project was initiated in 1943 by the Rural Missions Cooperating Committee, with the services of seven outstanding rural missionaries made available by their boards, and a sum of \$1,700 for the expenses of the study contributed by the members of the committee. This study was greatly needed and should stimulate the whole Christian enterprise to more effective service to rural people.

JOHN H. REISNER, *Secretary*

### *Treasurers*

The Treasurers Committee, in addition to assisting the boards in arranging travel and transportation and securing passports, spent considerable time consulting with kindred organizations concerning the sale of U. S. dollars in China through the United Clearing Board which operates in Chungking, China.

Since the end of the war the possibility of purchasing war surplus material has been continuously before us. Many hours have been spent conferring with the American Committee of Voluntary Organizations for Foreign Service regarding the possibility of setting up a joint procurement office to serve all charitable, religious and edu-

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cational agencies desiring to purchase war surplus goods. Considerable progress has been made and before the year 1945 is ended it is expected that the joint office will be established or the idea abandoned.

The committee has started to study the changes that might be desirable in reopening the Associated Mission Treasurer's office in Shanghai.

D. M. PATTISON, *Secretary*

### *Passports and Transportation*

A Washington office opened May 1 was maintained through December 1945. The time of the secretary was divided between New York and Washington in order to keep up necessary contacts in both places. Twenty-eight round trips were made in nine months.

All air and sea transportation, except by neutral facilities, was under government control on priority basis until September 15, when restrictions on travel by ship were removed. Priority applications for the mission boards were handled in Washington and possibilities for travel to various areas explored.

Of the areas for which military permits were required, China proved the most difficult. Efforts expended on the China problem were practically devoid of results until about September 1, when permits began to be issued for a special group of fifty missionaries representing twenty-two boards. Many of this group were able to secure transportation and return to coastal China soon after the cessation of hostilities.

A military permit and transportation were secured in June for Dr. E. K. Higdon, secretary of the Philippine Committee, followed by about twenty others.

Negotiations were carried on to secure transportation for a large number of missionaries stranded in India, many of them evacuated from western China several months earlier. Among some 1,500 passengers landed in New York, August 2, by the *S. S. Gripsholm* were 600 missionaries. Assistance was given this group on hotel accommodations and rail travel.

Reentry of missionaries to Korea, Japan and Siam is still under negotiation. Burma, Malaya, the Dutch East Indies and some Pacific areas are, in the main, still closed.

Statistics on missionaries leaving for the fields include only cases in which service has been rendered on transportation, passports and visas.

Children, for whom transportation and passport service was nec-

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essary, are listed; also a number of representatives of the churches proceeding to Europe.

Cases completed—left U. S. for various fields .....	902
Cases pending, Dec. 31, 1945:	
Passports secured, awaiting completion of transportation arrangements .....	148
Other cases in process .....	182
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Total cases pending .....	330
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Total cases for nine months, April 1-Dec. 31, 1945 ..	1,232

Service of the secretary has been provided by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.; other operating expense has been shared by the boards on a per capita basis.

RALPH M. WHITE, *Secretary*

### *World Literacy and Christian Literature*

The missionary enterprise in North America was ready for the 1943 proposal that the International Missionary Council Committee on Christian Literature (North American unit) be combined with the World Literacy Committee, forming one FMC Representative Committee. Today this committee's membership of eighty-one includes official representatives of thirty-seven denominations. Last year twenty-nine of these denominations paid into the committee for allocation through Area Committees to projects in foreign fields \$35,230.37. By January 1946 three years' allocations will have exceeded \$70,000. So have the boards met the challenge of the original Methodist grant of \$5,000 annually for five years.

These grants have helped greatly in the coöperative work of the church. The Union Publishing House in Buenos Aires has more than doubled its production and distribution. Funds sent to *The Christian Farmer* in China played a large part in saving it from suspending publication. In Guatemala Paul R. Winn's literacy campaign has received government coöperation. New titles have appeared in the Africa Home Library.

### *Four Emphases—Four Manuals*

The work of the committee is built around four emphases, literacy, material for new literates, a literature program to serve overseas churches and personnel training. This program is being implemented by four manuals; on personnel training the Student Volunteer Move-



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ment is coöperating in providing a fifth. An experimental edition of 5,000 copies of *Streamlined English Lessons* by Frank Laubach is being used in test classes. *How to Conduct a Literacy Campaign* by Frank Laubach will appear later in the year. *The Story of Jesus* and *How to Write for New Literates* by Frank Laubach will also be used in literacy campaigns. A leaflet in *The Question Box* series, by Mrs. Paul Erdman of the Student Volunteer Movement, will inform missionary candidates on qualifications and available training facilities for workers in literacy and literature.

### *Looking Ahead*

In several American cities small groups of interested persons, "Literacy and Literature Associates," are being organized to keep the ideals and activities of the parent committee before the local community. Dr. Laubach and others of the committee's specialists will help in training missions workers at three, five or six-day institutes at Cornell, Hartford and Scarritt. Dr. Laubach's speaking engagements include two weeks with the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies.

A program of coördination and collaboration is being worked out with other groups so that funds given for literature may not overlap or compete. The American Christian Literature Society for Moslems was merged into the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature.

The Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields, Inc., which disburses World Day of Prayer funds, and the Literature Committee of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, are checking askings and allocations with the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature to make sure that the best use is made of all Christian literature funds.

ALFRED D. MOORE, *Secretary*

### *Anglo-American Churches*

Many of the churches aided through the Committee on Anglo-American Churches in years past have been in Japan and in areas occupied during the war years, such as Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Seoul, Peiping, Shanghai and Manila. The church buildings in four cities were destroyed or badly damaged, but in most of the cities services are now being held. The committee is making an effort to help in the resumption of work in these Oriental cities.

Information has been gathered regarding a number of other communities, mostly in South America, where union churches for English-

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speaking groups need assistance, or at least a central clearing house and source of information such as our committee offers.

The committee feels the need of wider publicity to acquaint our communions at home and union church communities abroad with the importance of its work not only to the congregations served but to foreign missions. It is hoped to secure this through the preparation of leaflets to be placed at the disposal of the denominations represented in countries served by these Anglo-American churches, also by articles in religious journals and denominational organs. A statement of policy regarding the granting of aid to churches is being drawn up by the committee as it looks toward a period of intensified and enlarged work.

The committee has about \$4,000 on hand to meet emergency needs as they arise. It has submitted a budget of only \$1,795, which has been its budget in former years, but will be looking to mission boards to support increased askings in the light of increased needs and opportunities.

ROWLAND M. CROSS, *Secretary*

### *The Study of the Christian Home*

A notable book under the title "The Family and Its Christian Fulfilment" will shortly be off the press. The Committee on the Study of the Christian Home was most fortunate in having available as Work Committee an unusually well qualified group of missionaries on furlough: Dr. L. Winifred Bryce, India (Social Anthropology and Sociology), The Board of Overseas Missions of the United Church of Canada, Chairman; Mrs. Martin S. Engwall, Congo Belge, (Home Economics and Anthropology), American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; Dr. Irma Highbaugh, China (Family Relationships), Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church; and Dr. William H. Wiser, India (Sociology and Education), and Mrs. William H. Wiser, India (Nutrition), Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. This committee was instructed to undertake a fundamental study that would serve as the basis for the development of programs of education for Christian home and family life in any land. Its preliminary report was submitted to a group of about fifty consultants for their criticism and suggestions, after which the manuscript was completed.

The mission boards concerned provided the services and travel expenses of the Work Committee. A number of mission boards met additional expenses of travel, typing and editing. The Committee

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is especially grateful for a generous contribution made by the Committee on Special Program and Funds FMC.

The book deals with the following matters: (1) The Significance of the Family, (2) Family Culture Patterns, (3) Family Relationships, (4) The Development of a Home, (5) Health and Growth, (6) Personality, (7) Deep Roots, (8) The Christian Fulfillment and (9) The Challenge. Appendices provide detailed information about the Christian home movement in India and in China. The book can be secured from the Foreign Missions Conference of North America for \$1.00.

JOHN H. REISNER, *Secretary*

### *Finance and Headquarters*

The Committee met in September and reviewed the budget for the General Services, making the following recommendation which was adopted by the Committee of Reference and Counsel, September 28, 1945:

"That the budget for Administrative Expense and Other Organizations, totaling \$85,807.50, and based upon the expectation of receipts of \$78,617.50 from the member Boards and Agencies, be approved for submission to the member Boards and Agencies in the Coördinated Budget; and that the member Boards and Agencies be requested to appropriate for this purpose one-half of 1% of their overseas expenditures (excluding home base administrative expense and non-recurring items overseas) for their fiscal years ending in the year 1944 in accordance with the principle already adopted by the Conference."

This recommendation was made with the expectation that the Finance and Headquarters Committee would have an opportunity to review the returns from the Boards and to make recommendations for final action at the time of the Annual Meeting in March, 1946, just before the beginning of the new fiscal year for which the appropriations were being asked.

WYNN C. FAIRFIELD, *Secretary*

### *International Relations and World Peace*

The committee arranged for "A Statement of Some Spiritual Consequences of the War" which was adopted by the Committee of Reference and Counsel on June 1, 1945 and circulated, and which the Chairman was glad to be able to quote when he visited Japan as a member of the Christian Deputation of Fellowship in October 1945.

After consultation with this committee, the Conference arranged

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to have Bishop James C. Baker and Miss Sue Weddell represent FMC at the UNCIO sessions in San Francisco. By courtesy of the Federal Council of Churches, they were appointed also Associate Consultants for the Federal Council and were able to share in the consultations which resulted in the recognition of human rights at various points in the Charter and in the inclusion of most of the other revisions proposed by the Cleveland Conference in January 1945. The contacts established in this way have been followed up by these representatives and others connected with the committee; and the conference has been offered liaison facilities at the Assembly of the United Nations in London in January 1946. In accordance with the vote of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, the Committee accepted "responsibility for taking definitive action in support of the Charter when completed and for working out relationships with National Christian Councils in the process of implementing it."

A major development in the work of this committee during the year has been a restatement of the functions of the committee. They now include not only the original functions of making clear the important contributions which foreign missions make to world peace, developing among foreign missionaries an intelligent and active interest in the development of a Christian world order, and representing FMC in coöperating in the study and support of effective steps toward world peace, including influence on the international policies of the United States and Canada; but also the functions of facilitating and strengthening the approaches of Area Committees and member boards to governments, acting with such committees and boards when they so desire it, and developing contacts on selected subjects with government and public bodies in consultation and coöperation with relevant FMC committees.

To facilitate carrying out these functions, it was agreed that the secretaries of Area Committees should become *ex officio* members of the committee and serve as an executive group with the Chairman of the Secretarial Council serving as executive secretary.

WYNN C. FAIRFIELD

### *Missionary Personnel*

At no point is united planning and coöperative effort more imperative than in the selection, recruiting and training of missionaries. The Committee on Missionary Personnel therefore works closely with various groups within and without the FMC.

At the committee's request the Student Volunteer Movement prepared leaflets designed to interest high school and college students. Arrangements were continued for special training, Scarritt College

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for Christian Workers offering courses particularly for Latin America, the Kennedy School of Missions for India and Africa and Princeton Theological Seminary and Kennedy School for those interested in Moslem fields. There has been coöperation with the Rural Missions Cooperating Committee in its courses at Cornell and other centers, the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature in adult literacy institutes, the Church Committee for Relief in Asia in lectures on relief and rehabilitation and child welfare, and the Department of Social and Economic Research of the International Missionary Council.

The committee held two-day meetings at Yale and at Cornell studying available courses in Chinese languages, child care, etc. A three-day Outgoing Missionary Conference brought together seventy-six missionaries of fourteen denominations, headed for varying types of service in sixteen fields on four continents. A similar conference is planned for June 11-15, 1946. Plans are also under way for a comprehensive six weeks' summer course.

A study of the use of Negroes in foreign missions service by Mrs. Paul Russell is being made available to the boards. Nineteen boards are using the uniform candidate blanks.

RUTH RANSOM, *Chairman*

### *Missionary Research Library*

In surveying its library at "156," to see which documents to keep and which to dispose of, the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions sought the consultative aid of the Research Library. Through this coöperative piece of work the Presbyterian Library has gained space for current materials and the Research Library has been enriched by documents transferred there.

For years the library has stored Chinese documents acquired by gifts. It has never been the library's policy to retain much material in the vernaculars of the various fields. The documents were offered to the Library of Congress, which is building an outstanding Chinese section; the result was the purchase of the group as a whole.

The sale of duplicates and the enlarged budget voted by the Committee of Reference and Counsel has made possible a survey of the problem of preserving unbound serial files. The money from sales has been applied to binding and other preservative measures.

The circulation from January 1 to November 1, 1944 was 4,157 items and for the same period in 1945, 7,378 items. This increase is due to normal growth, greater emphasis on missions in Union Theological Seminary summer school and the fact that for several months an Office of Strategic Services worker almost daily consulted the

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files of printed serials, finally borrowing 775 periodicals for photo-static reproduction of pictures.

Two issues of *Missions and Postwar Planning* were released. The mailing list of *Book Notes* has grown steadily. The National Missionary Council of Australia has asked for fifteen copies monthly.

The curator of the library made a six weeks' trip to the far west and south, in the autumn, to visit certain important theological and university libraries. The result has been enhanced opportunities for service on the part of this library, including exchanges of materials, additional requests for missionary duplicates offered for sale by the library, and, possibly most important, insistent requests coming from various quarters for guidance in mission acquisitions.

HOLLIS W. HERING, *Librarian*

### ***Public Relations***

The main attention of the newly-created Committee on Public Relations, and that of the member of the General Services staff whose responsibilities include public relations, Mr. Winfred P. Elson, has been given to laying the foundation for the Missions Public Relations office to be operated jointly by the FMC and the Home Missions Council, which will have specific responsibilities in publicity for the entire missionary movement at home and abroad. An office is being set up in New York City with a proposed total budget of approximately \$40,000, under competent direction with skilled technical help in the fields of news and feature writing, radio, and motion picture. It will be a major purpose of this office to stimulate the creation and dissemination of publicity by all member boards of both parent organizations with improvement of publicity techniques and contacts as an important by-product.

As a matter of record, the FMC has taken membership in the newly established Protestant Film Commission, in which boards and agencies of the denominations, together with certain interdenominational agencies, propose an integrated program of producing and stimulating the production of motion picture presentations suitable for church use, and advisory service to producers of theatrical pictures in which reference is made to religious ideas or personages. The FMC is represented on the board of directors and the administrative committee of this new organization.

The committee has continued responsibility throughout the year for maintaining contacts with related interdenominational groups and agencies, assisting in planning for the usual summer conferences elsewhere reported, cooperating with various representative committees

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of FMC in news coverage, and discussing plans for motion picture and radio presentations.

Pending the actual establishment of the Missions Public Relations Office, our office has handled various newspaper and church paper releases for FMC and its committees.

WINFRED P. ELSON

### *Conferences*

The Committee on Conferences, now a subcommittee of the Committee on Public Relations, has continued with its share of the planning (with other interdenominational agencies) for the Silver Bay, Midwest and West Coast Conferences and the designated week at Chautauqua.

The action of the Committee on Reference and Counsel on June 1, 1945, was to support these existing conferences and to survey additional areas with a view to initiating conferences there also.

A most important "National Adult Work Planning Conference" is projected for the week of July 28 to August 4, 1946, at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, in which the total presentation of great Christian causes to the adults in each congregation will be reviewed by selected representatives of denominational boards and interdenominational agencies. Out of the conference, it is anticipated, will come a well-rounded program which denominational boards and local congregations will find most helpful in planning their promotion of church causes.

WINFRED P. ELSON

### *General FMC Publications*

Unique in its field is "Christian World Facts," the digest of missionary articles and illustrations culled from all sources which is now in its twenty-sixth annual edition. The circulation has been increasing rapidly from year to year, the current one running to 58,000 copies. Of the 123 boards and agencies affiliated with the FMC, eighty-three ordered this publication in quantity, fifteen of them using their own imprints. The Methodist Church sent out ten thousand copies to its ministers and is distributing over five thousand more through other channels. The Church of England in Canada has joined the ranks of the denominations which supply all their clergymen with a copy and the Reformed Church in America this year added the presidents of its women's missionary organizations. Augustana Synod ordered 1,600 copies to place in missionary packets.

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The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky and other seminaries, colleges and schools of missions have been good customers. The Student Volunteer Movement uses the digest to show prospective missionaries the character and scope of missions today. The United Lutheran Publication House at Philadelphia listed the booklet in its catalogue for general use and Christmas giving. The Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies will sell it at all its centers. Heavy use at summer conferences is expected.

The National Missionary Council of Australia ordered fifty copies and Dean James F. McKinley of the Theological Seminary at Silliman University, Manila, carried one hundred copies back with him "to bring the ministers up to date." Copies have gone to the National and Provincial Christian Councils of India and to Christian leaders in various parts of Latin America.

"Christian World Facts" placed special emphasis on Africa, as the interdenominational mission study theme; next year India will be highlighted but all fields will again be included. Denominations are invited to send their choicest "pen pictures" of missionary work for consideration for the next edition.

Four issues of "You'll Want to Know," a newsy bulletin of interdenominational activities and trends also unique in its field, are published between October and June of each year. Begun primarily for women board secretaries, this bulletin has now become the FMC house organ, thirty-four boards placing standing orders in quantity to send to their board members, missionaries, program chairmen and others whom they wish to keep informed. Its use by a larger number of boards would make possible a reduction in the present quantity rate of two cents per copy.

FLORENCE GORDON, *Editorial Assistant*

### ***Religious Liberty and Missionary Freedom***

The Joint Committee on Religious Liberty was originally appointed by the Federal Council of Churches and the Foreign Missions Conference to study the issues of religious liberty in their historical, philosophical and contemporaneous implications. In January of 1944, the parent bodies empowered the Committee to study and to recommend appropriate action in the field of religious liberty and to help in the promotion of such action as might be agreed upon by the parent bodies.

A line of effective contact was established between these two assignments with the publication of "Religious Liberty: An Inquiry," by M. Searle Bates. A first edition of 5,000 copies was issued for the



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committee by the International Missionary Council, Harper & Brothers assuming responsibility for the sale of 500 copies. This first edition was quickly exhausted. Copies have been strategically located with leaders in churches and in government. A second edition will be printed by Harper & Brothers. Negotiations are under way for translations into a number of foreign languages.

The parent bodies at their respective meetings a year ago recommended to government that a Commission on Human Rights be set up under the Economic and Social Council of the proposed world organization. The committee sought to enlist wide support for this proposal and to win acceptance for it by delegates to the United Nations Conference. Its secretary was an associate consultant at San Francisco representing the Federal Council of Churches. The Charter ratified by the United Nations specifies that one of the major purposes of the Organization shall be "to achieve international coöperation . . . in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion." It further requires the Economic and Social Council to set up a Commission on Human Rights.

The need for continuing effort to make the Charter provisions meaningful is apparent. The committee submitted to the Department of State an analysis of the functions which the Commission on Human Rights may reasonably be expected to undertake. It communicated to the United States delegation at the United Nations Educational and Cultural Conference in London its view that the Constitution of this agency should indicate the relationship between international coöperation in education and international coöperation to promote the observance of human rights. The committee endorsed the proposal that human rights be safeguarded in the treaties with Italy, Finland, Rumania and Bulgaria. It urged that similar provisions be made a part of the treaties with all ex-enemy states and that these provisions be regarded as a forerunner of an international declaration or bill of rights.

The committee is assembling current information on the issues of religious liberty. This information is classified and filed, and made available for study in the office of the committee.

Religious freedom can be adequately promoted only through the combined efforts of Christian people throughout the world. The committee is seeking to devise some plan for regular exchange of information. To initiate this procedure, it addressed a communication to 130 leaders in sixty-five countries. Cover letters explained the committee's connection with the parent bodies, and the relevance of its work to the interests of the FMC and the World Council of Churches was made known.

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The committee is increasingly aware of innumerable opportunities and urgent need for action. It appreciates the generous support which has made its work thus far possible. It frankly admits that the resources at its disposal are inadequate for the immensity of its task.

O. FREDERICK NOLDE, *Executive Secretary*

### *Southeast Asia*

The members of the Southeast Asia Planning Committee were united in the wish that a full-fledged Area Representative Committee might be formed, to include the Philippine Islands as well. This did not materialize and even the status of this committee has remained uncertain, but it has been able to do certain things.

In preparation for the 1944-45 season, during which Southeast Asia was the mission study topic, the committee gathered lists of study materials and made available new materials prepared by committee members.

An attempt was made to prepare a coördinated literature program for this whole area, and in the matter of "grants-in-aid" it was agreed that the various missions should approach the governments concerned with the proposal that such subsidies be resumed during the postwar reconstruction period of about ten years, and that five years after the war the whole matter should be reconsidered in the light of the facts at that time.

This committee coöperated with the Church Committee for Relief in Asia in the purchase of drugs and other supplies and in locating personnel to be sent into the various areas to carry out the program. The doors have been very slow to open for this group to get to their task.

The committee has voted to recommend the setting up of a Southeast Asia Christian Council as soon as possible.

PAUL E. EAKIN, *Secretary*

### *Special Program and Funds*

One of the most satisfying responsibilities of the Committee on Special Program and Funds is the overseas correspondence regarding the World Day of Prayer which is observed around the world the first Friday in Lent. It makes vivid the bond which unites Christians of all races and nations to receive accounts of the observances, differing in form but alike in spirit and petition, from Mexico and Australia, Brazil and New Zealand, Iran and the Belgian Congo.

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Advance copies of the program for March 8, 1946, "The Things That Make for Our Peace," by Mabel Shaw of Rhodesia, were sent to forty-six different fields, among them five European countries inaccessible last year, Korea and the Philippines. Thirty-eight National Christian Councils and many denominational groups are assisting in the distribution of the program. A correspondent in Norway states that the day was observed with increasing interest during the war years although it was not possible to receive the uniform program. Another in Manila expresses the pleasure there at being in touch again with the worldwide church as it observes this significant day.

Relations with the Christian women of Japan were renewed through a letter of friendly concern and fellow-feeling carried to them by the deputation of four Christian leaders which represented the FMC and the Federal Council. A copy of the World Day of Prayer program accompanied the letter.

Offerings of the 1945 World Day of Prayer observances in the United States for the two foreign projects, Christian literature and the eight union Christian colleges for women in the Orient, total \$92,000, an increase of \$20,000 over last year. Two new leaflets, "Not by Bread Alone" and "Women Are Citizens," have been prepared to acquaint church women with the way in which these funds are administered.

The committee works closely with the United Council of Church Women, aiding it to keep the important issues within the World Mission of the Church before interdenominational groups of church women throughout the land. Foreign mission articles are supplied for the United Council of Church Women official publication, *The Church Woman*. Speakers have been secured for several local Councils of Church Women. Coöperation with the United Council of Church Women is planned in a series of small fellowship deputations of goodwill and Christian fellowship to women of other lands.

Mrs. O. A. Sardeson has retired as chairman of the Committee after several years of helpful and efficient service and has been succeeded by Mrs. Albert E. Beebe.

SUE WEDDELL, *Secretary*

### ***More Effective Consultation with Christian Leaders from Other Lands***

Eight Christian leaders from Sierra Leone, Honduras, India, Ceylon and the Philippines have been participating in the first International Seminar. Three months have been spent at the Chicago

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Theological Seminary, studying the subject, "How can we strengthen the witness of the church to its community anywhere in the world?" Three days of each month ten American leaders have joined the group for intensive work along the same lines.

Now the group is holding "Little Seminars" in various sections of the country, carrying on the discussions with delegates from the locality and in each center arranging for at least one interdenominational meeting of a more popular type.

The experience of fellowship and interchange of ideas have been most fruitful. The findings of the Seminar will be made available. Participating in it have been representatives of the Evangelical and Reformed, United Brethren and Congregational Christian Churches.

RUTH I. SEABURY, *Chairman*

### *Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students*

The Foreign Missions Conference in January 1945 designated the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students as its service agent in this field. Results: some additional financial assistance from mission boards and contributions of valuable personnel.

Through a special gift, FMC has once more made available, for half-time service, Mrs. Charles K. Roys. The Division of Foreign Missions of The Methodist Church has contributed the half-time service of Dr. Everett M. Stowe. The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. has assigned Miss Grace Darling, on furlough from educational work in China, as "Traveling Counselor." For the same type of service, the Woman's Board of the Reformed Church in America has made available Miss Doris A. Wells, on extended leave from India. Personal guidance to foreign students on campuses and the building up in communities of groups to render friendly services to the students from overseas are the objectives of these Traveling Counselors.

For these additional staff members, the committee has had to provide operating budgets. To meet part of this demand, a generous grant from the Committee on Special Program and Funds of FMC has been allocated. It also made possible the publication of a booklet, "Living in the United States," the value of which to newly arrived students is attested by the order for one thousand copies from the Division of Cultural Cooperation of the Department of State.

As the committee attempts to meet the opportunities presented by the rapidly increasing numbers of potential leaders from all over the world at the very time when the fate of the world depends on the

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establishment of better understanding across all barriers of race and nationalities, it gratefully acknowledges the assistance rendered thus far by mission boards and individuals and faces the future in the faith that the significance of its work in relationship to missionary effort abroad is being more clearly recognized.

MABEL M. ROYS, *Secretary*

### *Closer Relationships of Interdenominational Agencies*

The Committee on Further Procedure is charged with the responsibility for arranging for the further consideration of the plans for closer relationships between the eight interdenominational bodies which have been studying the matter for more than five years. The Conference representatives on it were asked at Chicago in January, 1944, to submit the redrafted constitution of the proposed National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. to the "member boards and agencies to give opportunity for their continued study of it and for additional consultation and formulation of opinion, with the request that they give indication of trends of opinion, including the major arguments for and against, for the information of the Committee on Further Procedure and of the Committee of Reference and Counsel." This was done in the autumn of 1944, with very inconclusive results; and the same instruction was continued for the present year. It is expected that the conference representatives on the committee will have a report ready for the Annual Meeting in March 1946.

WYNN C. FAIRFIELD, *Secretary*

### *Inter-Council Field Department*

Through this department seven nation-wide interdenominational agencies present a unified approach to the local community and carry on in coöperation any projects in which all or several of these groups are engaged. The agencies joining in this growing coöperative program are:

- The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
- The Foreign Missions Conference of North America
- The Home Missions Council of North America
- The International Council of Religious Education
- The Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada
- The United Council of Church Women
- The United Stewardship Council

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The coördination of field visits and activities and the clearing of dates has helped to avoid confusion and overlapping and has lent strength to each agency's efforts.

A joint literature program is a part of this coöperation. "The Plan Book, American Cooperative Christianity," now in its second edition, briefly describes each of the coöperative groups, tells how they work together and lists topically and in detail the various services offered by them. To "The Plan Book" have now been added the following booklets in the Church Cooperation Series: "Guidance Materials for Interdenominational Ministerial Associations," "How to Organize a Local Council of Churches," "How to Finance a Local Council of Churches" and "Churching the Community Cooperatively."

SUE WEDELL

### *Relief in Asia*

V-J Day created opportunities unexpected so soon in the program of the Church Committee for Relief in Asia. Already nearly complete liberation of Burma and the Philippines had led to the organization of relief committees in Burma under the leadership of Dr. Gordon Jury, Baptist missionary in government service, and U Hla Bu, president of Judson College; in the Philippines under William H. Fonger, American Bible Society secretary, and liberated missionaries.

In China the Government has assigned to the American Advisory Committee, agency of CCRA, a large responsibility in implementing the entire national program of relief and rehabilitation. An official appeal has been made to AAC to secure the return of the maximum number of missionaries for general relief and medical service. At least thirty missionaries interested in relief work have already departed for China. Sixteen thousand Christmas packages and 1,800 pairs of shoes have been shipped by CCRA.

In India the program continues with less emphasis upon relief and more upon rehabilitation. Seven mobile medical units are being maintained, each serving as many as 275 patients per day. A special work relief project includes building of boats for fishermen whose means of livelihood were taken away when invasion threatened.

Three full-time workers, H. Roy Bell of Silliman University and John D. Bigger, M.D., both loaned by the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., and Miss Bertha Odee, R.N., loaned by the Methodist Woman's Division, reached Manila early in October. The provisional committee has been expanded to include leading Filipino Christians.

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Dr. E. K. Higdon, a representative of the boards with work in the Islands and a member of CCRA, shared in making a wide survey covering the principal islands. A detailed program is being formulated. Eleven thousand dollars worth of miscellaneous items have been purchased and shipped. Eight thousand Christmas packages will reach Manila before Christmas. Other items including large consignments of donated hospital supplies have been sent. Cotton cloth and clothing are direly needed.

Definite plans for aid to Siam (Thailand) were consummated in conference with the Siamese Minister in Washington. The chief need is medical supplies and CCRA is purchasing \$25,000 worth for shipment after the opening of the American Legation and the return of missionaries from America and India.

Korea and Japan present undetermined needs and opportunities, pending the report of the deputation to Japan, and of a group of ten going to Korea probably in early December. Full-time executives have been secured by loan from their boards, Dr. G. Ernest Bott of the United Church of Canada for Japan and Dr. Bliss W. Billings, Methodist, for Korea. Appeals for worn clothing have already been made for Korea.

FRED ATKINS MOORE, *Director*

### *Overseas Relief and Reconstruction*

The major change in the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction has been the setting up of a subcommittee on material aid. The Church Christmas Package project was its initial venture; nearly 150,000 of these individual gifts are being distributed in eleven countries. The original warehouses for receiving supplies for overseas shipment are those started by the Brethren Service Committee at New Windsor, Maryland and at Modesto, California; others are being prepared.

The Methodist Crusade for Christ secured over \$25,000,000 for the current quadrennium. The other denominations are seeking between ninety and one hundred million dollars for periods ranging from two to five years. More than fifty million dollars of these funds will be used in Europe and Asia.

It fell to the responsibility of CCORR to send the first church visitor to the churches of Europe. Dr. A. L. Warnshuis went to Geneva by way of London and Paris in the fall of 1944. Those first contacts have proved of inestimable benefit to all the planning and activities of the past year.

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Mrs. Elsie T. Culver spent three months visiting work going forward in Holland, Belgium, France, Czechoslovakia and Germany.

Representations have been made to various officials and to Congress to maintain and increase the public support for the UNRRA program. Efforts have also been made to stir response for relief efforts in Germany and Japan.

LESLIE B. MOSS, *Executive Director*



# COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

APRIL 1, 1944 TO MARCH 31, 1945

### INCOME

Mission Boards .....	\$71,113.94	
Less—Exchange on Canadian Checks .....	479.80	
		\$70,634.14
Individuals .....		19.00
Miscellaneous .....		126.77
From Sales .....		1,248.93
Committee on Special Program and Funds .....		4,212.26
Foreign Missions Conference .....		1,268.81
Mission Boards—Applicable to 1943-44 .....		74.00
Balance as at April 1, 1944 .....		925.06
		\$78,508.97

### EXPENDITURES

Committee of Reference and Counsel:

Salaries:

Secretaries .....	\$13,850.00
Clerical and Stenographic .....	13,619.22
Retirement Fund Premiums .....	3,671.27

Office Expenses:

Rent .....	3,249.25
Stationery, Supplies, Miscellaneous Office Expenses .....	875.43
Postage, Telegraph and Cables .....	901.48
Telephone .....	1,570.57
Mimeograph Supplies and Upkeep of Machine .....	634.94
Travel of Secretaries .....	2,151.93
Contingent .....	448.68
Equipment .....	1,131.42
Foreign Missions Conference .....	1,542.99
Missionary Research Library .....	3,100.00
International Missionary Council .....	23,522.00
Coöperation with Other Organizations .....	1,240.26
Committee on Special Program and Funds .....	4,212.26
Extra Expense .....	2,000.00

Total Expenditures .....	\$77,721.70
Balance as at March 31, 1945 .....	787.27
	\$78,508.97

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT MARCH 31, 1945

ASSETS

Bank Balance as at March 31, 1945 .....	\$112,479.94
Petty Cash and Unused Postage .....	392.93
Deposit with United Air Lines .....	425.00
Accounts Receivable:	
Passports and Transportation .....	\$276.54
Personal Retirement Premiums .....	523.24
Mission Boards—Delayed Contributions .....	2,905.80
Miscellaneous .....	2,485.35
Expense Advances to be accounted for .....	356.77
	6,547.70
Deferred Charges 1945-46 Budget .....	377.71
	\$120,223.28

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES

Funds:	
Transmission Funds .....	\$4,618.29
Africa Committee .....	15,752.93
Committee on East Asia .....	8,461.24
Philippine Committee .....	13,210.40
Committee on Work Among Moslems .....	2,689.80
Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature .....	14,898.16
India Committee .....	8,714.42
All-India Christian Medical College, Vellore, South India .....	27,966.74
Other Funds .....	8,340.34
	\$104,652.32
Accounts Payable:	
United States Treasury Department, Withholding Tax .....	\$474.90
Miscellaneous .....	1,783.91
	2,258.81
Deferred Credits 1945-46 Income:	
Contributions—Mission Boards .....	\$7,220.16
Miscellaneous .....	65.00
Committee on Special Program and Funds .....	489.72
	7,774.88
Working Capital Fund .....	3,000.00
Reserve Funds:	
Retirement .....	\$750.00
Literature .....	1,000.00
	1,750.00
Total Funds and Liabilities .....	\$119,436.01
Balance as at March 31, 1945 .....	787.27
	\$120,223.28

Audited September 14, 1945.

Ross M. BACON,  
*Certified Public Accountant.*

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PROPOSED BUDGET—CRC GENERAL SERVICES

APRIL 1, 1946 TO MARCH 31, 1947

PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENSE:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
		<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expendi-</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
<i>Item</i>		<i>1944-45</i>	<i>tures</i>	<i>1945-46</i>	<i>Budget</i>
			<i>1944-45</i>		<i>1946-47</i>
A. 1. <i>Deficit brought forward</i> .....		None	None	None	None
B. <i>Administrative Expense:</i>					
<i>Salaries:</i>					
2. Secretaries .....		\$15,200.00	\$15,850.00	\$13,700.00	\$13,900.00
3. Assistants .....			1,960.00	3,460.00	4,960.00
4. Clerks and Stenographers .....		15,000.00	11,659.22	12,244.00	14,664.00
5. Retirement Plan ...		4,700.00	3,671.27	2,951.00	2,890.00
Total .....		<u>\$34,900.00</u>	<u>\$33,140.49</u>	<u>\$32,355.00</u>	<u>\$36,414.00</u>
<i>Office Expense:</i>					
6. Rent .....		\$3,400.00	\$3,249.25	\$3,260.00	\$3,060.00
7. Printing, Supplies, etc.		1,050.00	875.43	950.00	1,000.00
8. Postage, Cable, Telegraph .....		1,500.00	901.48	1,050.00	950.00
9. Telephone .....		1,300.00	1,570.57	1,000.00	1,250.00
10. Mimeographing ....		850.00	634.94	600.00	850.00
11. Insurance .....		30.00	.....	30.00	230.00
12. Equipment .....		700.00	1,131.42	600.00	500.00
Total .....		<u>\$8,830.00</u>	<u>\$8,363.09</u>	<u>\$7,490.00</u>	<u>\$7,840.00</u>
<i>Other Expense:</i>					
13. Travel .....		\$1,750.00	\$2,151.93	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00
14. Contingent .....		500.00	448.68	500.00	1,500.00
Total .....		<u>\$2,250.00</u>	<u>\$2,600.61</u>	<u>\$2,050.00</u>	<u>\$3,050.00</u>
Total Admin. Expenses .....		<u>\$45,980.00</u>	<u>\$44,104.19</u>	<u>\$41,895.00</u>	<u>\$47,304.00</u>
C. <i>Related Organisations and Programs:</i>					
15. Special Program and Funds .....		\$4,090.00	\$4,212.26	\$4,090.00	\$3,775.00
16. Missionary Research Library .....		3,100.00	3,100.00	5,000.00	5,000.00

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Item</i>	<i>Budget 1944-45</i>	<i>Expendi- tures 1944-45</i>	<i>Budget 1945-46</i>	<i>Proposed Budget 1946-47</i>
17. International Mission- ary Council . . . . .	\$23,522.00	\$23,522.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
18. Coöperation with Other Organiza- tions . . . . .	300.00	1,240.26	300.00	500.00
19. FMC Annual Meet- ing, net . . . . .		274.18		
Total Related Or- ganizations ..	<u>\$31,012.00</u>	<u>\$32,348.70</u>	<u>\$37,390.00</u>	<u>\$37,275.00</u>
Total Expendi- tures . . . . .	\$76,992.00	*\$76,452.89	\$79,285.00	\$84,579.00
Balance . . . . .		787.27		
		<u>\$77,240.16</u>		
<b>PROPOSED BUDGET OF INCOME:</b>				
<i>Item</i>	<i>Asked for 1944-45</i>	<i>Paid in 1944-45</i>	<i>Budget 1945-46</i>	<i>Proposed Budget 1946-47</i>
E. <i>From Mission Boards</i> ...	\$72,652.00	\$70,634.14	\$74,945.00	†\$76,904.00
(Less exchange on Canadian checks)				
F. <i>To Be Raised Otherwise:</i>				
1. Other Contributions. . . . .		19.00		300.00
2. Special Program and Funds . . . . .	4,090.00	4,212.26	4,090.00	5,275.00
3. Sales and Miscella- neous . . . . .	250.00	1,375.70	250.00	1,000.00
4. Payments for Serv- ices . . . . .				1,100.00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$76,992.00</u>	<u>\$76,241.10</u>	<u>\$79,285.00</u>	<u>\$84,579.00</u>
G. Balance from previous year . . . . .		925.06		
From Mission Boards ap- plicable to previous year . . . . .		74.00		
Total . . . . .	<u>\$76,992.00</u>	<u>\$77,240.16</u>	<u>\$79,285.00</u>	<u>\$84,579.00</u>

\* The totals for 1944-45 for both expenditures and income are less by \$1,268.81 than those shown in the audited report, because this budget shows only the net cost of the Annual Meeting, whereas the audited statement shows receipts of \$1,268.81 and expenses of \$1,542.99.

† Detailed Allocations for 1946-47: The amount which must be secured from Boards to meet this budget is \$76,904.00. The actual amount allocated to the Boards in the request sent then comes to \$109,894.00. This is on the basis of one-half of 1% of total expenditures for their year ending in 1944, exclusive of home administration expenses, and is the basis on which many Boards are now giving. It will be realized that it is always necessary to provide a certain margin for shrinkage between askings and contributions. This margin must be considerably increased in view of the fact that a few Boards with substantial income have not yet felt they could contribute the full askings made of them by CRC.

## *International Missionary Council*

It is hoped that the year 1945 will be remembered by the world as marking the close of the extensive military phase of World War II and the beginnings—hardly more—of the restoration of peace. As it comes to an end the fact is highlighted, as never before, that scientific developments have far outrun spiritual controls and that mankind faces the inexorable demand to find a new moral and political unity or to go on to self-destruction. In such an hour any ecumenical Christian organization such as the International Missionary Council must find its imperatives more compelling than ever to play its part under God in bringing to birth one redeemed humanity. We are stripped of complacency, oppressed by our insufficiency, but God helping us we must keep our faces to the front to which He calls us.

### *Reestablishing Contacts*

The year has been notable for the resumption of contact and fellowship which had been interrupted by war. In general this process has been marked by an unspeakable joy. Difficulties there have been, but it can truthfully be said that our hopes rather than our fears have been justified. A refreshing trickle of ecumenical visitors, from parts of the world inaccessible to us during wartime, has begun to flow and promises to swell: Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft from Geneva, Dr. Marc Boegner from France, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Hoekendijk from Holland, and Dr. T. Z. Koo from Occupied China. Recent visitors to Germany have brought back first-hand reports both sobering and encouraging.

The IMC has reestablished contact, informal or official, with a number of its national constituents. In Europe correspondence has been resumed with the national conferences of Denmark, Holland, Norway, and perhaps others, and letters have been exchanged with important missionary leaders in Germany. The Federation of Evangelical Churches in the Philippines is operating again and we are in correspondence with its secretariat. At this writing final reports are not yet in from our chairman, who is visiting Japan and has written of his heartwarming reception there, or from Mr. Hoekendijk, who is in the Netherlands Indies. The IMC officers have been in close touch with the Continuation Committee of the Burma Christian Council (composed of missionaries, largely in India), and we may shortly expect the resumption of the operations of the Council in Burma itself. Preliminary steps have been taken to get in touch with the Christian leaders of Korea, and there has been correspond-

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ence with the National Christian Council personnel which has been cut off in Shanghai.

It would be premature to attempt now any estimate of the situation revealed in our constituencies but enough has been revealed to give us confidence and hope in spite of dangers and difficulties present and to come.

### *Travel of the Officers*

The chairman, Bishop James C. Baker, attended the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, where he was one of the consultants representing the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. In October he went to Japan as a member of the four-man joint deputation of the Foreign Missions Conference and the Federal Council of Churches, a project which the IMC aided in financing from its Postwar Fund.

Dr. Wu Yi-fang, vice-chairman of the Council, came to the United States in the spring as a member of the delegation of the Chinese Government to the San Francisco Conference. She will shortly be returning to China, and meantime New York headquarters has often profited by her presence and advice. She was also able to confer here with Mr. Goodall.

Dr. J. W. Decker was absent from New York for the period October 7, 1944 to May 7, 1945, visiting Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, India and China. Dr. Conrad Hoffman was in Britain during April, May and June 1945.

Rev. Norman Goodall went to Sweden early in the year and to France and Switzerland in May. He spent two months at the close of the period under review in an extensive visit to North America. In Mr. Goodall's absence from London Miss B. D. Gibson and Dr. Godfrey Phillips attended a meeting of the German Conference held in Hermannsburg beginning November 14. Miss Margaret Wrong was in West Africa from September 1944 to February 1945, studying literacy and adult education, as a member of a team sponsored by the General Educational Board of the Rockefeller Foundation. She has been in North America since July, primarily for the preparation of the report of the team.

It will be seen from the above that the year has been notable for the extensive travel and wide contacts of the staff. In all this travel two main objectives have been pursued: the first, cultivation of ecumenical Christian fellowship, understanding and cooperation in a war-shattered world; second, conference and cross-fertilization in the interest of sound postwar planning and action by all concerned.

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### *Postwar Planning*

As noted above, this has been one of the major items in our total program. The officers have striven to promote and to coördinate sound planning to meet the revolutionary situations in prospect for the World Mission of the Church. It is an extremely difficult task to select out of endless discussions and voluminous material of unequal worth the valuable thinking which is often hidden there, the principles and the major policies which must govern the future if we are to achieve maximum success. The unexpectedly early end of the war in the Pacific caught the missionary forces not as far advanced in this as they should have been. We do not have blueprints, which in the very nature of the case are not desirable, but the roads ahead are becoming more or less discernible, and it remains to walk therein. Most encouraging of all is the wish and the will which we find widespread to act intelligently and in a coördinated and coöperative fashion.

At this point we should refer to *The International Review of Missions*. On January 1 Rev. Norman Goodall became editor. This has brought great satisfaction to those who have sensed the keen quality of his mind, his high literary skill, and his devoted Christian spirit. The *Review* is giving the major part of its space to postwar planning and is indispensable for those who want to benefit by the best experience of the past and the keenest thinking about the future.

### *Religious Liberty*

Notable has been the publication by the IMC, acting for the Foreign Missions Conference and the Federal Council, of Dr. M. Searle Bates' book, "Religious Liberty: An Inquiry." This work has met with an enthusiastic reception and promises to be recognized as the standard reference book of the Protestant world for our time. The IMC takes pride in the fact that Dr. Bates was brought into this undertaking in his position as consultant of the Council, began his work with the extensive files of the IMC, and in the study had the full collaboration of our staff. We must exploit the outstanding service which Dr. Bates has rendered by making sure the book is *seen and read* by key people the world round.

Vigorous joint committees (of national organizations) on religious liberty are now active in London and New York, with both of which the staffs of our two offices collaborate. In this fluid postwar period strong backing is available and will be needed for the efforts required to maintain and to extend religious liberty.

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### *Finances*

A word should be added to supplement the tabulated report on the current financial operations for 1944 and the budget for 1945, which appear on page 47. Increased demands on the staffs and rising costs have inexorably demanded a substantial increase in our budget beyond the total of \$36,500 set in 1939 at Hemmen. We have been compelled to make this increase in the confidence that our constituents would respond to the appeal for increased allotments to us. The Foreign Missions Conference has granted us an increase of 19% and the Swiss Council one of 25% for 1946. These actions have brought us great encouragement. Other constituents, some of whom face economies prostrated by war, have not felt they could do so. Still others are yet to be heard from. The Council must and will live within its income and is confidently requesting that its constituents keep its needs in mind as they allocate their financial resources.

### *Orphaned Missions*

From November 1, 1939 to October 31, 1945, over \$4,250,000 has been contributed from all known sources and we continue to learn of local aid to Orphaned Missions not hitherto reported to us. The full story will constitute a record of achievement unique in missionary history. Only the long future can reveal how important it has been to maintain European missionary work, both for the sake of the younger churches *and* the continental churches, each faced with unprecedented demands in the postwar era.

Our immediate concern is lest the close of the war should create the erroneous impression that Orphaned Missions is a completed responsibility. This could result in the worst kind of failure, neglect to finish the task in an orderly and responsible manner. The facts are that while the Continental missionary societies continued to collect money and generally managed to safeguard their funds, recovery in the occupied countries has been so slow that in most cases the value of the currency and exchange rates have not been decided and permission to send funds abroad has not yet been granted. In the case of German missions it will require months for the home societies to resume their responsibilities and years to secure permission from colonial and mandate governments for the resumption of missionary work.

We are getting in touch with Continental societies as rapidly as possible to arrange the earliest resumption of support and are working to assist the German missions in the solution of their problems. This calls for sympathetic understanding and loyal support on the



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part of churches and mission boards in North America, the British Commonwealth and elsewhere.

Moreover, while our needs will gradually decrease in relation to French and Scandinavian missions, there are several areas where we face added responsibilities for some time. The Berlin Mission in South Africa, with thirty-four missionaries in active service, twenty-four pensioned and eight interned, has carried on with income from their farms and local gifts by paying their workers about £10 each per month. Even so they have accumulated a crippling debt. Learning of their need, we recently sent £500 to help them. The work in Syria, where living costs are soaring, calls for ever increasing expenditures, an increase of \$12,000 in 1945 over 1944. Exchange rates in China have taken an unfavorable turn. The situation in the Netherlands East Indies is ominous. We have advanced \$3,750 to Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Hoekendijk, and the National Missionary Council of Australia has advanced £500 to them and their party. They have made a survey of conditions in New Guinea, the Celebes, Java and Sumatra. Missionary casualties in Java have been serious and the plight of the large Christian constituency in the Indies is a matter of grave concern. Help is urgently needed and we must meet it until the Dutch societies can assume the responsibility.

In all of these cases it is necessary for us to go "the second mile" and we rely on our constituency to support us in so doing. Meanwhile there is every indication that the Continental societies are grateful for past help and eager to resume their responsibilities just as quickly as possible.

### *Department of Social and Economic Research and Counsel*

During 1945 the department has concentrated on two main activities, the writing and publication of a handbook, "New Buildings on Old Foundations," and the leading of seminar discussions for furloughed missionaries and candidates. The handbook is for the use of missionaries, candidates, board secretaries, national pastors and students of missions and is based upon field studies of the Younger Churches in twenty countries. It deals with various aspects of the problem of stabilizing the indigenous church in its environment including its unique role in changing the cultures of non-Christian peoples, the use and adjustment of the Church to its environment, the problem and place of self-support in the expansion of the Christian movement and the missionary, church pastor and layman for the expanding role of the Church. The book is included in the IMC series, "Studies in the World Mission of Christianity," and will appear in January, price \$1.75 cloth (paper \$1.25), with the usual discount to distributing agencies.

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Round-table discussions, totaling fifty hours, on the stabilization of the Younger Churches in their environment have been conducted at Kennedy School of Missions, the Canadian School of Missions, the Canadian Inter-Church Conference on Missionary Education and at conferences with mission boards.

Early in January the director will go to England to confer with the British missionary societies, to lecture at Selly Oak Colleges in Birmingham and in London and to confer with the British office of the IMC regarding the future of the work of the department. Mr. Davis will continue in his present position throughout 1946.

### *International Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jews*

Growing anti-Semitism, intensive agitation and activity of the political Zionists and increasing popularity of tolerance and goodwill movements are outstanding characteristics of the present time. The continued plight of the 1,600,000 survivors of Hitler's anti-Semitism in Europe remains a concern of all Christians. Fully 5,700,000 Jews were liquidated, leaving not more than 10,000,000 Jews in the world today. One of every two Jews in the world is now in the U. S. A. and one of every three or less in Russia.

Our vice-chairman, Rev. Birger Pernow, is visiting colleagues in Norway and Denmark and has been able to send a worker to France to collaborate with the Comité Inter-Mouvements Auprès des Evacués (CIMADE); another worker is due to leave shortly for Vienna. Robert Smith, associate director, is now in Czechoslovakia and hopes to visit Austria and adjoining territory. Relief food parcels are being sent to a number of colleagues and refugee friends in Holland, Denmark and France.

There has been further development and progress with the parish approach to the Jews. Special seminars for such have been held in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Philadelphia. Others are contemplated in Atlanta, Georgia, and Baltimore as well as in Montreal, Canada. In Manchester and other cities in Great Britain Mr. Kosmala has been holding special conferences, and in Glasgow a special project is now under way.

Dr. Conrad Hoffman visited Great Britain in the late spring of 1945 to confer with British colleagues and to renew contacts with the different Jewish missionary societies there.

A significant statement regarding Palestine and Zionism has been prepared by a committee made up of appointees from the Federal Council of Churches, the Foreign Missions Conference and the Home Missions Council of North America. This has now been approved

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for circulation by the three constituent bodies and the Foreign Missions Conference is already giving wide publicity to the statement.

The Christian Institute for Jewish Studies, established in Great Britain, is now functioning and the *News Sheet* appears regularly. To overcome the spiritual isolation of Continental European colleagues, model libraries of current literature regarding Jews and Jewish-Christian questions are being prepared and are to be sent to them. A consultation of North American Christian leaders to consider church responsibility to the Jews is being planned for March 1946.

Reorganization of the committee and rehabilitation of the work interrupted during the war, as well as an increased budget to make possible the necessary expansion, must now be considered if the committee is to function effectively and take advantage of the present emergency and need.

### *International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa*

Miss Wrong spent late 1944 and early 1945 in travel and study in West Africa and from mid-summer on in the United States and Canada, writing, traveling, lecturing and reporting to the boards which support her work. A summary of her observations includes the following items:

There are great opportunities for spreading Christian literature in Africa today. Missionaries are more and more alive to the need, literacy is increasing, and many colonial governments show willingness to cooperate in supplying good teaching matter. One result is that the demands being made on the committee necessitate a senior assistant to the secretary who might eventually take over the secretaryship; and the office staff, depleted by the war, requires strengthening. In the field there is need in each National Christian Council for a literature department. This involves training literature workers. One missionary society has attached a candidate-in-training to the London office of the committee for a year's experience. Other possibilities of training should be investigated. The British section of the committee has arranged for scholarships for two Nigerians at the London School of Oriental and African Studies as a preparation for literature work in Nigeria and has offered support for five years for a full-time literature worker to be attached to the National Christian Council there.

The drafting of adequate literature programs is recognized as necessary both for the newly literate and for educated people. Groups are studying the literature requirements and considering the English lessons prepared by Dr. Laubach with a view to their use in Africa and to the preparation of literature in the limited vocabulary used.

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The need of good periodicals for educated people and the newly literate is urgent. In this sphere competent journalists with a Christian vocation are needed and financial support for the founding of periodicals is also required. Distribution must be developed to meet the needs of the people both for periodicals and for books. The return of soldiers from service and new experiences, including literacy and training of various kinds, involves fresh challenges to missionary work with the promise of new allies in the struggle for education, health and livelihood for Africans.

### *First Postwar Meeting of Ad Interim Committee*

A considerable amount of time has been given to plans for the first postwar meeting of the Ad Interim Committee. This gathered last at Hemmen in 1939 and no official constitutionally authorized meeting of any sort has been possible since. The committee is now called to meet at or near Geneva, Switzerland, February 16-19, this meeting to be followed by a similar gathering of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches.

Since the Ad Interim Committee was appointed at Madras in 1938, death and changed circumstances have made serious inroads on its personnel. Most important of the things to be done will be the resumption and cementing of fellowship across the lines which have divided us. Beyond this it is proposed that there be full reports on the wartime conduct of the Council including Orphaned Missions; action on matters requiring immediate attention; and arrangements, including preliminary consideration of major matters on the agenda for a 1947 meeting of the larger committee of the Council, which is directly representative of the constituent organizations. On special invitation the British Conference of Missionary Societies and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America are sending their principal secretaries as visitors, this because of the exceptionally heavy responsibilities these Conferences have had to bear in wartime. There will be a number of other visitors.

### *Program of Postwar Conferences*

A program of postwar national and regional conferences is being steadily developed. A meeting was held in London in March, attended by Dr. Emory Ross of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, to consider regional conferences in Africa. As a result a conference for West Central Africa will be held at Leopoldville July 13-24, 1946. A West Africa conference is being actively planned, probably for 1947, and a limited one for East Africa early that year. A special meeting of the Near East Christian Council is

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set for the spring of 1946. India is ready to go ahead with a special national meeting late in 1946, if there is sufficient interest among mission board secretaries to synchronize their visits to attend. A deputation from India to the West has been postponed on account of travel difficulties and will probably come in 1947. China plans an inclusive national conference which should fall in 1947, followed by a biennial meeting of the National Christian Council, again with the hope that many mission board secretaries will attend. Plans are well advanced for a South Pacific regional conference at Suva in Fiji about June of 1947.

All of the above involves a very taxing and not inexpensive program of travel for the IMC staff and others. If these meetings are to be of the widest possible value, there must be ample arrangements for cross-fertilization with neighboring regions.

### *The Postwar Fund*

The plans outlined above highlight the needs of the Council of a minimum of \$100,000 for our Postwar Fund. Britain has already contributed in cash \$32,000 and will possibly add to this in lieu of increased support to the current budget. North American boards have so far paid in \$23,500 and others will definitely contribute amounts which are being negotiated. We sincerely hope no single board will finally leave this need out. Payments have already been made from this fund (e. g., to aid in the deputation to Japan and to enable Mr. Coxill of the Congo to attend the London consultation of last spring) and commitments entered into. We are confident the fund will prove a good investment in the development of world-wide effort and strategy.

In closing, the task we face is an impossible one, but with God all things are possible. We thank Him for His mercies during the world conflict, for special opportunities for service in that period of unspeakable agony and for the measure of peace which has been vouchsafed our world. As we face the uneasy days ahead, we realize that we probably shall not see full peace in our time; nevertheless we should be recreant if we did not work in the confidence and hope which His promises inspire.

J. W. DECKER, *Secretary*

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REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES IN 1944  
AND BUDGET FOR 1945

INCOME

	<i>Actual for</i> 1944	<i>Budget for</i> 1945
Balance as at January 1 .....	\$2,176.61	\$4,250.24
Contributions from Constituent Bodies		
On Account of 1943 .....	350.00	.....
On Account of 1944 .....	37,172.63	CCLA } 250.00 Mexico } 25.00
On Account of 1945 .....	.....	43,856.07
From Orphaned Missions for Administration ..	3,979.60	4,000.00
Miscellaneous .....	51.50	50.00
Interest on Deposit Accounts (London) .....	938.91	900.00
	<u>\$44,669.25</u>	<u>\$53,331.31</u>

EXPENDITURES

Salaries of Secretaries and Assistants .....	\$13,937.87	\$17,800.00
<i>Ex gratia</i> Mrs. William Paton .....	567.00	.....
Stenographic and Clerical Services .....	9,451.73	12,000.00
Share of Business Office .....	1,768.80	2,040.00
Office Rent, etc. ....	5,767.94	6,500.00
Miscellaneous Office Expenses .....	3,303.23	4,000.00
Travel, Secretaries and Committee Members ..	1,989.54	2,650.00
Chairman's Office .....	300.00	800.00
"Quarterly Notes" and Miscellaneous Pamphlets	260.75	600.00
Contingencies .....	455.63	1,800.00
Library .....	.....	100.00
Audit .....	40.00	40.00
Retirement Fund Premiums .....	2,176.41	2,300.00
"The International Review of Missions"		
Subsidy .....	\$445.10	\$450.00
Pension Fund .....	442.74	450.00
	<u>887.84</u>	<u>900.00</u>
Asia Office .....	.....	500.00
	<u>\$40,906.74</u>	<u>\$52,030.00</u>
Less Difference in Exchange .....	(487.73)	(400.00)
	<u>\$40,419.01</u>	<u>\$51,630.00</u>
Balance .....	4,250.24	1,701.31
	<u>\$44,669.25</u>	<u>\$53,331.31</u>

## MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

*The special sessions of the Conference set aside for the transaction of business were Wednesday afternoon when the organization of the meeting took place, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. A number of items were considered, however, at other sessions. The minutes as here given cover all the business transacted during the Conference.*

The Fifty-Second Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America was held at The Inn, Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, March 27-29, 1946. The sessions were presided over by the Right Reverend Jesse H. Arnup, Chairman, assisted by the First Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Leslie E. Swain.

There were 111 delegates and 215 visitors and staff members registered as in attendance, a total of 326.

### *Wednesday Afternoon, March 27*

The Conference was called to order at 2:30 p. m. by the Chairman, Dr. Arnup. The worship services throughout the meeting were led by Dr. Douglas Horton, Minister of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches of the U. S. A. After the singing of a hymn, Dr. Horton read the fifth chapter of II Corinthians, from the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. This was followed by his message, a hymn and prayer.

1. *Program.* The program was presented by the Chairman of the Secretarial Council, Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, in the absence, because of illness, of Dr. M. Edwin Thomas, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, and upon motion, it was approved.

2. *Report of the Nominating Committee.* The Chairman, Miss Elizabeth M. Lee, presented for nomination the two Committees which would be working throughout the Conference, as follows:

*Business Committee:* Jesse R. Wilson, Chairman; Mrs. Albert E. Beebe, John Thompson Peters, Luman J. Shafer, Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor.

*Findings Committee for Promotional Sessions:* Charles T. Leber, Chairman; Winburn T. Thomas, Vice-Chairman; James Carman, Lucy Eldredge, E. K. Higdon, Mrs. Christine S. Smith, C. C. Stoughton.

Upon motion, it was VOTED to adopt the report and to approve the election of the members of the committees.

3. *Introduction of Fraternal Delegates and Guests.* In introducing these fraternal delegates and guests, the Chairman asked that each one should rise as his or her name was read:

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### *Fraternal Delegates:*

- Mrs. Ruth Mougey Worrell, United Council of Church Women  
Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America  
Dr. William W. Williams, Missionary Education Movement  
Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, International Council of Religious Education  
Dr. Harry S. Myers, United Stewardship Council

### *Guests from Other Countries:*

- Miss Mary Barger, YWCA leader, The Netherlands  
Dr. Helen Kim, President, Ewha College, Seoul, Korea  
Dr. Homer Loh, General Secretary, Chinese Students' Christian Association  
Miss Priobala Mangatrai, Professor, Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore, India; graduate student, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.  
Rev. Toru Matsumoto, Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans  
Miss Pavla Molnarova, YWCA leader, Czechoslovakia  
Dr. H. C. Rutgers, General Secretary, Netherlands Bible Society; Vice-Chairman, Missionary Council of The Netherlands  
Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, New York Church Committee for Japanese Americans  
Miss Flora Zarco, teacher, Silliman Institute, Manila, Philippine Islands.

### *Missionaries:*

- Lynn Blickenstaff, India—Church of the Brethren  
Mrs. R. L. Crook, China—Northern Baptist Convention  
Rev. Carl Doermann, India—American Lutheran Church  
Dr. M. L. Dolbeer, India—United Lutheran Church  
Rev. Darley Downs, Japan—Congregational Christian Churches  
Dr. Irma Highbaugh, China—The Methodist Church  
Dr. Carl D. Kriete, Japan—Evangelical and Reformed Church  
Miss Lima Lehmer, Kenya—Church of God  
Mrs. Peter Matson, China—Evangelical Mission Covenant  
Rev. W. Don McClure, The Sudan—United Presbyterian Church  
Miss Daisy Maiden, China—Church of God  
Rev. and Mrs. Victor Macy, Portuguese East Africa—Free Methodist Church  
Rev. Thaddeus Neff, Egypt—Church of God  
Miss Mabel R. Nowlin, China—The Methodist Church  
Miss Marion Potts, Japan—United Lutheran Church  
Miss Esther B. Rhoads, Japan—The Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity  
Rev. Albert H. Smit, China—Christian Reformed Church  
Miss Edna Smith, China—Northern Baptist Convention  
Rev. Joseph Smith, China—Disciples of Christ  
Mrs. Carolyn Winslow, China—Free Methodist Church  
Earl Zigler, India—Church of the Brethren

Dr. Fairfield read a letter of greeting from Dr. Mitsuru Tomita, Moderator of the Church of Christ in Japan, as follows:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST IN JAPAN  
6 Itchome, Nishiki-cho,  
Kanda-ku, Tokyo.  
January 22, 1946.



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To Foreign Missions Conference of North America  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Christian Friends:

We greatly regret that many days have elapsed since we received with deep emotion your greetings, your sympathy and your love at this our hour of suffering—a time the like of which Japan has never before experienced. We Christians are believing that our land will be uplifted on this cross and that we will be given new vision, power and love for all those who suffer in like manner.

But this cannot be brought about unless many thousands more come to know Christ as their Saviour. The bringing in of the Kingdom of God here and all over the world is the great task in which we can all join hands and work and pray together. This is our only hope for a lasting peace. Because we have been brought to repentance we will be blessed if we endure.

We are looking forward to the time when again we can be brought together through a free exchange of Christian workers, letters, etc. At this present hour in Japan we need your earnest prayers for the spiritual and material support of our pastors who are now suffering intensely for the want of even the very necessities of life, so that the Church of Christ may once more be resurrected into new power and life both spiritually and materially. Also we need those who are called by God and who will understand our needs and work with us to root out those things that hamper and will encourage the things that strengthen and bring about His Kingdom.

You ask for our prayers. We will indeed join hands and pray for each other. Pardon this unavoidable delay and our inability to tell you how your wonderful letter brought us encouragement, hope and joy!

Yours in His service,

(Signed) MITSURU TOMITA,  
Church of Christ in Japan.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, the members of the Conference rose to express appreciation of this letter.

4. *Items of Business.* Dr. Fairfield presented the following items of business: (a) A communication from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America concerning the establishment of a Christian university in Japan and (b) Resolutions proposed by the Committee on International Relations and on World Peace.

It was VOTED that these matters be referred to the Business Committee to be presented by it to the Conference. It was also VOTED that all other matters requiring action by the Conference should be submitted directly to the Business Committee without presentation to the Conference.

5. *Printed Report of the Committee of Reference and Counsel: "Peace—Goodwill Among Men."* Dr. Fairfield presented this report, copies of which had been sent through the mail to all delegates. He called especial attention to the report of the various committees, and to the actions of CRC which had been taken in the interim. It was VOTED that the report be accepted.

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There followed a series of presentations, by recordings and in person, of the impressions about foreign missions gathered by "The Roving Reporter" in casual interviews, by a number of chaplains and other service personnel, and by a newspaper editor. A summary of this session appears on page 8 of this Report.

Before adjournment, Florence Gordon, Editorial Assistant, called attention to the exhibits in hallways and rooms on the lower lobby floor, including the usual exhibit of new books and a special exhibit of promotional materials, both assembled by the Missionary Research Library; and also to the list of publications of the Foreign Missions Conference and its committees and of the International Missionary Council, with special reference to the five new books, additions to "Studies in the World Mission of Christianity," which had been prepared under the auspices of the committees of the Conference.

Dr. Fairfield stated that the docket of business to be transacted during business sessions of the Conference and the material concerning the 1946-47 budget of the Conference would be handed to those in attendance as they left the auditorium.

The session closed at 5:00 p. m.

### *Wednesday Evening, March 27*

After the singing of a hymn and prayer by Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, the Chairman introduced Dr. E. K. Higdon, Executive Secretary of the Department of Oriental Missions of the United Christian Missionary Society, who spoke on "The World Mission of the Church—Today." (See page 10.)

The session was closed with a period of devotion led by the Chaplain, Dr. Horton.

### *Thursday Morning, March 28*

The session opened at 9:00 a. m. with a period of devotion led by the Chaplain, Dr. Horton. Mrs. Leslie E. Swain, President of the Northern Baptist Convention and First Vice-Chairman of the Conference, presided throughout the morning session.

The morning was devoted to a consideration of the topic: "The Contribution of the Foreign Missions Conference to Promotion of the World Mission of the Church" under the leadership of Dr. Charles T. Leber. Brief presentations of present programs and future possibilities were made as follows:

The Missions Public Relations Office, Winfred P. Elson  
Joint Promotion Pieces, Stanley I. Stuber  
United Promotion Plans of the Foreign Missions Conference and the Home Missions Council, Wynn C. Fairfield  
Approach to the Young People, Lucy M. Eldredge  
Approach to the Laymen, John Thompson Peters  
Advancing Christianity Through Literacy, Frank C. Laubach

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After the first three presentations and at the close of the presentations, there was opportunity for questions, comment and further suggestions. All this material was then turned over to the Promotion Work Shop under the leadership of Dr. Winburn T. Thomas, which was held in a parallel session with the business session in the afternoon. Its findings as shaped by the Findings Committee for Promotional Sessions were presented to the session of the entire Conference on Friday morning.

The session adjourned at 12:00 noon.

### *Thursday Afternoon, March 28*

The session was opened at 2:00 p. m. with prayer by Dr. Leslie B. Moss.

6. *Report of the Treasurer.* Miss Henrietta Gibson, Treasurer, presented the audited financial report of the Conference for the year 1944-45, as printed on pages 65-66. It was VOTED to accept the report as presented by the Treasurer.

7. *Budget for 1946-47.* Miss Gibson presented the budget for Administrative Expenses and Other Organizations which had been approved by the Committee of Reference and Counsel and distributed to the delegates the preceding day and asked Dr. Fairfield to answer any questions not covered by the attached sheets of explanation. It was VOTED: That the revised budget of \$84,579.00 for Administrative Expenses and Other Organizations and Programs for the fiscal year 1946-47 recommended by the Committee on Finance and Headquarters, with an estimate of \$76,904.00 to be expected from member boards, be approved and adopted; and that toward this budget the member boards be asked to contribute an amount equal to one-half of one per cent ( $\frac{1}{2}\%$ ) of their overseas expenditure (exclusive of home base administrative expenses and non-recurring items overseas) for their fiscal year ending in 1944, in accordance with the principle already adopted by the Conference.

8. *Applications for Membership.* Dr. Fairfield presented applications for membership in the Foreign Missions Conference from the following organizations:

The Armenian Missionary Association of America  
The Metropolitan Church Association  
The Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario West  
The Oberlin Shansi Memorial Association

He stated that information concerning each organization and the recommendation of the Committee of Reference and Counsel that they be received into membership had been circulated to all member boards. He read a letter from one board raising questions concern-

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ing two of the organizations and the reply of the Committee on Applications for Membership to the questions.

Separate consideration was given to each application and in each case it was VOTED unanimously to receive the organization into membership in the Conference.

9. *Closer Relationships of Interdenominational Agencies.* Dr. Fairfield presented the report of the FMC members of the Committee on Further Procedure with regard to the Closer Relationships of General Interdenominational Agencies, and it was VOTED:

That the Conference request the member boards to continue their study of the proposal for the closer relationships of general interdenominational agencies looking toward a final vote at the 1948 Annual Meeting of the Foreign Mission Conference.

It was stated that the Committee planned to issue an explanatory report to the boards and to secure from them further comments on the basis of which it would prepare for circulation to member boards the fairest possible statement of reasons for and against the proposed merger.

10. *Report of the Committee of Eleven on the Integration of Church Relief Agencies.* Dr. Fairfield presented this report as follows:

The Committee of Eleven was appointed by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the American Committee for the World Council of Churches and China Famine Relief Inc. to study the wisdom and possibility of a reestablishment on a unified basis of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction (CCORR), the Church Committee for Relief in Asia (CCRA) and the Commission for World Council Services (CWCS). It prepared and presented to the Special Meeting of the Federal Council held in Columbus, March 5-7, 1946, five recommendations which were adopted by the Federal Council, to take effect when adopted also by the Foreign Missions Conference and the American Committee. It is expected that the American Committee will take favorable action at its meeting on April 2, 1946.

The recommendations are as follows:

1. That a single agency be constituted, if possible by May 1, 1946, to carry on the functions and fulfil the responsibilities for Christian overseas relief and reconstruction now assigned to the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, the Church Committee for Relief in Asia and the Commission for World Council Service and to operate through an integrated administration with suitable divisions for Europe, Asia, material aid, promotion and finance;

2. That this agency be composed of representatives appointed by the Federal Council of Churches, the American Committee for the World Council of Churches, the Foreign Missions Conference and the denominational relief and reconstruction committees, five representatives to be appointed by each of the three bodies mentioned and, in the first instance,

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one each by such denominational committees as desire to participate, with the understanding that the agency when constituted will adopt its own name and necessary by-laws, subject to approval by the three constituting bodies first mentioned;

3. That the Federal Council, the American Committee and the Foreign Missions Conference be asked to approve this proposal and appoint their representatives at the earliest possible opportunity;

4. That these fifteen representatives with such representatives of the denominational committees as are appointed by April 30, 1946, constitute the initial committee with authority to proceed with the organization and to adopt by-laws, subject to approval by the three constituting bodies first mentioned;

5. That the United Council of Church Women be asked to appoint five representatives to this agency when it is constituted, such representatives to be approved by their denomination or communion.

It was VOTED:

That the Foreign Missions Conference of North America adopt the five recommendations of the Committee of Eleven on the integration of church relief agencies for the better administration of the united program of foreign relief supported by the Protestant churches and mission boards of the United States; and that the Nominating Committee be asked to present to the Annual Meeting in its report the names of the five representatives of the Conference on the united agency, to take office when the agency is constituted.

11. *Report of the Committee on Staff Adjustments.* Dr. Fairfield read a report of the Committee on Staff Adjustments prepared by Miss Mabel Emerson, its chairman. The report included a summary of developments since the Annual Meeting at Toronto in January 1945, and requested that, since the Committee had completed the work for which it was created, it be discharged. It was VOTED that the report be accepted with deep appreciation, and that the Committee be discharged.

12. *Report of the Committee on the Study of the Christian Home.* Miss Hazel F. Shank presented the report of the Committee to Study the Christian Home Around the World, stating that the Committee had secured a Work Committee of missionaries consisting of Dr. L. Winifred Bryce, chairman, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Wiser, Mrs. Martin S. Engwall and Dr. Irma Highbaugh. With the advice and help of the faculty of the Merrill-Palmer School, Detroit, and about fifty consultants, the Work Committee had prepared the manuscript of "The Family and Its Christian Fulfilment" which had been published by the Conference and was now on sale in cloth and paper editions.

13. *Report on Geneva Meeting of the International Missionary Council, Including Memorandum A.* Dr. Fairfield expressed appreciation for the privilege afforded him in attending the meeting of the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council at Geneva, February 16-20, 1946, and for the opportunity it gave to get

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acquainted with the work and personnel of some of our sister conferences on the continent of Europe. He had been able to visit mission headquarters in London and Paris and to confer with other leaders of the missionary movement who were in attendance at the meeting. He spoke especially of the sense of unbroken fellowship between members of the Ad Interim Committee coming from countries recently at war.

He reminded the Conference that at Toronto on January 8, 1945, the Conference had taken action requesting its officers through the International Missionary Council to endeavor to secure the deletion from the document known as Memorandum A of the pledge which requires the Foreign Missions Conference and its associated societies to declare "that all due obedience and respect should be given by its members to the lawfully constituted Government, in whatever part of India/Burma they may be, and that, while carefully abstaining from political affairs, it is its desire and purpose that its influence, insofar as it may be properly exerted in such matters, should be so exerted in loyal coöperation with Government, and that it will only employ agents who will work in this spirit." This document constitutes the legal basis on which "alien missionaries or employees of any missionary society or organization recognized by the Government of India or the Government of Burma for the purposes of this Memorandum" are granted visas for India or Burma.

At Geneva, exploratory inquiries already made in London by the IMC office and in India by the National Christian Council were reviewed. There was a real division of opinion on the best procedure in this matter between this Conference on one hand and the Conference of British Missionary Societies on the other. All were agreed that the decisive factor should be the bearing of any action taken now upon the status of missionaries going to India after independence had been attained. The resulting action was as follows:

That the Committee receives the resolution of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America (January 1945), the India NCC Executive (February 1945) and the Conference of British Missionary Societies (June 1945) regarding Memorandum A. It instructs the officers to consider further the bearing of this whole procedure on the status of missionaries of whatever nationality in a self-governing India. In particular, the Committee asks for renewed consultation with the NCC of India, both in regard to immediate action and any steps which it may prove wise to take towards the safe-guarding of missionary freedom in the framing of India's new Constitution.

Some discussion of the matter followed, but no action was taken. Dr. Hopkins called attention to the fact that the New York Secretary of the International Missionary Council, Dr. J. W. Decker, was absent because of illness resulting from his trip to Europe. It was

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VOTED that the Secretary be asked to send a message of regret to Dr. Decker that he was not able to be present and of hope that he would soon be well.

14. *Treasurers Committee.* In the absence of the chairman, Forrest Smith, a report of the Treasurers Committee was presented by Clarence A. Steele, a member of the Committee. Mr. Steele stated that it was the ruling of the United States authorities that no money at the present time can be sent into Korea with a returning missionary, or into Japan. The only possible way to get money into these countries is through the army and at the army's official rate of 15 to 1. In connection with the problem of getting funds into Korea for the support of the missionaries now going out and also for relief purposes, in accordance with his suggestion, it was VOTED:

That the Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel appoint a special committee to make representations to the proper authorities in Washington asking their coöperation in meeting the need for support of missionaries going into Korea and in providing for the entrance of relief funds and supplies, either through the authorization of an agency similar to the United Clearing Board for China or through other means.

(The Committee so appointed was: Daniel M. Pattison, Chairman; Rowland M. Cross, Fred Atkins Moore, George S. Sutherland.)

15. *Surplus Properties.* Mr. Steele further reported on what he had observed in his recent trip to Manila and summarized the problems facing the Treasurers Committee in arranging for a procurement mission, including a recent decision to place surplus commodities in the Pacific area entirely at the disposal of UNRRA. He suggested that the Committee of Reference and Counsel be asked to follow through on this matter with the Washington authorities and use every effort to secure a reversal or adjustment. It was VOTED that this matter be referred to the Treasurers Committee to report back to the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

16. *Report of the Nominating Committee.* Miss Elizabeth M. Lee, Chairman, presented to the Conference the following nominations of officers, committees and representatives of the Conference:

### *Officers:*

Chairman—Mrs. Leslie E. Swain  
First Vice-Chairman—Carl Heinmiller  
Second Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Christine S. Smith  
Recording Secretary—Merle L. Davis  
Treasurer—Henrietta Gibson

### *Secretaries for General Services:*

Winfred P. Elson  
Wynn C. Fairfield  
Sue Weddell ( $\frac{1}{8}$  time)  
Gloria M. Wysner ( $\frac{1}{2}$  time)

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### *Members of the Committee of Reference and Counsel:*

To fill the term which expires the end of 1947 caused by the appointment to the chairmanship of a standing committee of a member of this class:

Ruth Ransom

To constitute the class whose term expires the end of 1948 replacing the class whose term expired the end of 1945:

Dana M. Albaugh  
Leland S. Brubaker  
R. W. Caldwell  
Mabel E. Emerson  
Fred J. Fiedler  
Robert M. Hopkins  
E. H. Johnson  
Dalton F. McClelland

*Nominees to the International Council of Religious Education for election as members of the World Council of the World's Sunday School Association. In the class whose term expires the end of 1947 to replace those whose term expired the end of 1945:*

Avis Harvey  
Willis C. Lamott  
John A. Reuling  
Gloria M. Wysner

*Foreign Missions Conference Representatives on the Committee of the International Missionary Council:*

J. H. Arnup  
R. E. Diffendorfer  
Fred Field Goodsell  
Charles T. Leber  
F. M. Potter  
Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman  
Jesse R. Wilson

*Committee on Nominations for the 53rd Annual Meeting:*

Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman, Chairman  
Margaret E. Forsyth  
Theodore P. Fricke  
Elmer A. Fridell  
E. K. Higdon  
G. W. Sadler  
Winnifred Thomas  
Herrick B. Young  
Florence A. Partridge  
A. D. Stauffacher

By a unanimous vote, the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the persons named; and they were declared elected.

17. *Report of the Business Committee.* Dr. Jesse R. Wilson, chairman, presented the report of the Business Committee in the form of certain resolutions which after discussion and amendment were adopted as follows:



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### **a. *A Proposal to Establish a Christian University in Japan***

WHEREAS, Christian leaders of the city of Richmond, Virginia, have proposed that there be erected in Japan a suitable institution to symbolize the abiding goodwill of the Christian people of America toward the people of Japan in spite of the devastation inflicted on that land by the military measures employed to bring the war to a speedy end; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has approved the proposal that the American people be given an opportunity to provide the funds for a Christian university and has invited the Foreign Missions Conference to join with it in requesting certain persons to form a committee for that purpose; now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Foreign Missions Conference has received with cordial interest the communication from the Federal Council of Churches proposing the establishment of a Christian university in Japan. The Conference joins heartily with the Federal Council in asking the members of the recent delegation of Christians to Japan, Messrs. Horton, Baker, Van Kirk and Shafer, together with the Rt. Rev. Frederick D. Goodwin, Mrs. Harper Sibley and Sue Weddell, to invite representative Christian leaders of America, ministers and laymen, men and women, to form an ad hoc committee to make arrangements for the perfecting of the objective, a financial appeal, and the necessary administration to achieve the purpose mentioned above and its relations to other appeals and undertakings, with the understanding that this committee will report back to the Foreign Missions Conference through the Committee of Reference and Counsel the result of this study and their recommendations as to procedure.

### **b. *A Visit of Christian Scholars to Japan***

From time to time in the past, Japanese Christian leaders have suggested that outstanding Christian scholars and preachers from abroad visit Japan for a series of lectures, addresses and conferences. The value of such visits was emphasized again by the Japanese leaders in conferences with the deputation to Japan in the autumn of 1945. Plans for such a visit at this time should be made only when the Christians in Japan urge it but at this meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference we desire to record our willingness to cooperate in planning such a visit by a group of Christian men and women from abroad, recognized as outstandingly competent in their own fields of scholarship or endeavor and capable of making a convincing and persuasive presentation of the Christian faith. If and when the Japanese Christians indicate that the opportune time has come for such a visit, the Conference requests the Japan Committee to take responsibility for dealing with the matter.

### **c. *Civilian Control of Atomic Research and Its Use***

WHEREAS, A commission of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has made an exhaustive and challenging study of the relation of atomic warfare and the Christian faith which is available for the study of all members of our Conference;

WHEREAS, By so doing it has provided material for prolonged consideration and discussion upon the basis of which each individual must determine his own attitude in this complex matter;

WHEREAS, Nevertheless, there is substantial agreement that research fraught with such possibilities should be controlled in the light of all potential uses; and

WHEREAS, The attitude taken on the control of atomic research by the governments of the United States and Canada will be widely interpreted as

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reflecting the attitude of the Christian majority of citizens in our two countries; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the judgment of the Conference that ultimate control of atomic research and the use of its results should be assigned to civilian, not military agencies; and that the officers of the Conference be instructed to convey this conviction to the Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada and the President of the United States as well as to the members of the respective legislative bodies.

### ***d. Enlisting Christian Support for the Effective Development of the United Nations Program***

WHEREAS, The United Nations has now been established and its various divisions and functions are developing; and

WHEREAS, All churches and missions have a vital concern in its success because it recognizes in its Charter great affirmations of the Christian faith—the value of the individual; respect for primary human rights, regardless of race, creed or color; religious liberty for all; justice and fair dealing for all as a necessary goal—failure to work sincerely and successfully to fulfil which will mean defeat of many human hopes and despair for countless millions; be it

*Resolved*, That the Committee on International Relations and on World Peace, acting in the name of the Conference, be requested to discover and use every effective method so that the foreign missionary movement in North America may take its share, and that the sister organizations of the Conference overseas, including the national leaders and their missionary colleagues, may take their share also in supplying a solid foundation of understanding and goodwill for the development of the United Nations and in arousing their members as Christian citizens to a vital concern in the whole-hearted participation of their respective countries in efforts to ensure its success.

### ***e. United States Policy Concerning Trusteeships and Korea***

Be it

*Resolved*, That the Foreign Missions Conference of North America associate itself with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in urging that all colonial powers speedily give more tangible evidence of their purpose to discharge the "sacred trust" which they have acknowledged under the Charter of the United Nations, viz., to promote the well-being of dependent peoples, to ensure their economic and social advancement, to develop appropriate forms of self-government and to assist the progressive growth of their free political institutions. This Conference strongly supports the position of the American delegation at the London meeting of the General Assembly, that states members of the United Nations seek to vitalize the provisions of the Charter with respect to non-self-governing peoples to the end that their aspirations for self-government, recognized as desirable by the Charter, may be fully realized.

In order that the United States may demonstrate its own sincerity, this Conference calls upon that government to commit itself at an early date to apply the principles of trusteeship to such areas as may be detached from Japan, including the areas heretofore held by Japan under a League of Nations mandate; and also to give every possible assurance to the people of Korea that the inter-allied division and control of that country will be terminated at the earliest possible moment.

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18. *Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students.* The report of this Committee was made the order of the day for the last twenty minutes of the session. It took the form of a panel led by Dr. Herrick B. Young, the chairman, and participated in by Miss Flora Zarco, Emilio Stevanovitch, Miss Doris Wells, Miss Priobala Mangatrai, Dr. Hachiro Yuasa and Dr. Homer Loh. (A summary of the panel will be found on page 20.)

The session adjourned at 5:40 p. m.

### *Thursday Evening, March 28*

The evening session took the form of a symposium on "The World Mission of the Church—Tomorrow," under the leadership of Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, which is summarized on page 19 of this report.

### *Friday Morning, March 29*

The session was called to order by Dr. Arnup. Dr. Frederick Epling Reinartz, Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, New York City, addressed the Conference on the topic, "Mandate from the Master." (See page 22.)

Immediately at the close of the address by Dr. Reinartz, Dr. Horton led the Conference in a period of worship, taking his message from the sixth chapter of Ephesians which, he said, "comes as a footnote to what Dr. Reinartz has said." This was followed by a period of intercession in which the United Nations, the India situation and the nations of the world that have been torn by war, were remembered.

The *Report of the Business Committee* was resumed, Dr. Luman J. Shafer presenting this in the absence of the chairman, Dr. Jesse R. Wilson. After discussion and amendment the proposed resolutions were adopted as follows:

#### **f. *Sharing Our Food***

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America has received reports of famine arising from widespread food shortages in India, China and Japan, which threatens the lives of tens of millions of those who should be our allies in building a new world based on peace and justice. These shortages arise out of a situation which is world-wide and are inescapably linked with starvation in various countries of Europe. We must not allow hunger and privation to become the first steps toward unrest, chaos and further war. It is our positive Christian duty to do our utmost to feed the hungry.

It is reported that a minimum request of four million tons of wheat for India is to be answered with only two million tons. This will mean the certain death of at least ten million people in that land. There is no relief agency in this country to cope adequately with the situation.

In the case of China, her richest rice bowl is devastated by drought and UNRRA is calling for one and a half million tons of rice to provide food.

Japan's need should be met by the army of occupation. It is reported that General MacArthur has called for three million tons of food for im-

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port into Japan. To date no official indication has been given that such allocations are to be made.

We believe that this situation must be met by both immediate and long-range measures. We would urge the government to remove from the domestic market sufficient amounts of grain at the source to provide for immediate shipments in the greatest possible volume to meet the desperate situation in other lands. Moreover, after the harvests this summer the total volume of food will still be far short of meeting the needs of the starving overseas. We therefore urge the United States government to take immediate steps to re-institute such a rationing program as would assure the minimum supplies for our share of the quantities and kinds of food required overseas for the next year. Among the drastic steps which we would support are: (1) reduction of supplies of wheat to the millers; (2) enforcement of a wheatless day weekly; (3) temporary reduction of normal wheat reserves; (4) further reduction of the use of grain for alcoholic beverages; (5) measures to reduce the feeding of grain to animals and poultry; and (6) utilizing government stockpiles of food at various points in the Pacific area.

It is generally recognized, however, that even with all governments can do, they will still fail to meet the total need. We therefore call upon our member boards:

1. To urge the members of their churches to make sacrificial contributions to the relief funds of their denominations to be used for the purchase of such concentrated foods as dried milk, fats and oils, etc., to be shipped by our official church relief agencies to assist in meeting the relief programs carried on by churches and church agencies in the famine-stricken countries; and

2. To emphasize to their church people the serious emergency which faces humanity, and to propose to them definite measures in each household for savings in the critical food items. (Simple cards are being prepared by the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction indicating for housewives the items to conserve and those to be more freely used.)

We are glad to learn that the Canadian Council of Churches and the Canadian Overseas Missions Council are caring for these matters in the Dominion of Canada.

### ***g. Church Responsibility in Relief and Reconstruction***

In addition to efforts to help provide for the needy people of the world minimum supplies of food, it is the responsibility of the churches, their mission boards and their relief agencies to undertake other ministries:

1. It is imperative that we help the churches in Europe and Asia to resume the creative services which constitute their Christian obligation. They must have assistance in preaching the gospel to the many new hearers the war has created in Europe, in training a new and younger leadership for churches drained of young life during the war years, in supplying urgently needed Bibles and life-giving Christian literature, and in carrying through other measures which will meet promptly the needs of their communities.

2. In addition to the need of money for the above purposes, there is also the urgent need for funds to purchase foods and other essential supplies and for processing and shipping all gifts in kind.

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3. Beyond these money gifts, the churches should contribute clothes, bedding, shoes and similar items for those who have had no replacements of these things for four or five years. Christian homes, women's societies and churches must open the channels by which these supplies can be given to save life and prevent severe suffering while these shortages exist. Many of the supplies cannot be purchased. Only as they are given can they be made available in the great quantities needed. These supplies should be sent to our church warehouses for processing and shipment.

We urge the boards to appeal to their church members to give freely and to their appropriate denominational relief or postwar agencies to enlarge their goals for funds by at least \$50,000,000 in addition to present goals so as to provide a total of \$125,000,000 for postwar relief and reconstruction overseas.

We also urge the boards to request from their denominational funds appropriations of at least two million dollars immediately, over and above present commitments for the current year, to our church relief agencies to be used in a program of material aid including purchases of concentrated foods to supplement, as from the churches, the government relief program.

And finally, the Committee of Reference and Counsel is instructed to prepare a comprehensive program of interdenominational rural rehabilitation in Asia. This program should include the training of leaders to improve the conditions of life for those peoples who are now on a subsistence or lower than subsistence level.

### ***h. Refugees and Displaced Persons***

WHEREAS, There are millions of refugees and displaced persons in Europe who lack homes, food, fuel and an adequate religious ministry; the transfer of populations in Europe have resulted in great hardship, suffering and even death to many; and many refugees who have taken refuge in neutral areas live under the threat of forcible removal to the lands of their origin; be it

*Resolved*, That the Foreign Missions Conference while protesting in principle against the whole system of enforced transfers of populations from their centuries-old homes to new locations not of their own choosing, urge the government of the United States to use its influence through the proper channels:

1. To guarantee the long established right of asylum for political and religious refugees guilty of no crime and to ensure that they be not repatriated forcibly;
2. To effect all transfers of populations in an orderly and humane manner as provided by the Potsdam agreement, such transfers to be undertaken only with proper means of transport, personal protection, adequate food supplies, suitable advance arrangements for the reception of the deportees, and United Nations oversight of new homes;
3. To permit an adequate religious ministry to the displaced persons, with the understanding that this will involve fellowship with leaders outside the immediate area of occupation;

and further instruct the Committee of Reference and Counsel and its officers to keep in touch with the situation concerning proposed closing of refugee camps in Europe and to take proper measures to oppose such a step until fully adequate arrangements for the refugees concerned can be made; and be it further

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*Resolved*, That the United States and Canada be encouraged to lower the immigration bar, in order that the churches of these lands may demonstrate their Christian concern by providing new homes and new life for a considerable number who find it impossible or undesirable to return to the lands of their origin.

### **i. Justice to the Philippines**

The Conference had before it the following report of action taken by the Philippine Committee:

The Philippine Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America feels deeply conscious of the moral obligation of the United States, particularly as a result of the war and its setbacks, to be most generous in any readjustments of present trade relations with the Philippines and in provisions for compensation for war damages. We must ensure that this great experiment in translating our democratic ideals to an Oriental Christian environment be carried through to a successful conclusion. Our ideal is economic as well as political freedom.

We realize that other, and especially Oriental, nations are closely watching us; that they have regarded our Philippine policy as a liberal, almost an ideal *colonial policy*. The successful conclusion of that liberal policy will pay generous dividends. The Christian conscience of America supports a generous policy.

Having carefully considered and discussed recent proposals of this nature which are before Congress, we respectfully urge the following:

1. That preferential trade concessions be granted the Philippines for a period of not less than thirty years;

2. That a duty-free quota of 850,000 long tons of sugar be granted them for a substantial period of years as essential to restoring financial stability to the Philippine government and the restoration of public education, public health and similar services. We have been informed that the sugar industry cannot be restored to an export basis before about 1950. For this reason, in order to make this provision truly beneficial to the Philippine government and its services, we strongly urge a duty-free quota for sugar of 850,000 long tons until 1960, to be followed by decreasing rates of preference until 1976;

3. That the restrictions on Philippine coconut oil and copra be made no more onerous, at least, than on palm and palm kernel oils. We regard proposals to restrict their use to inedible purposes as unfair, unjust and contrary to the public interest in the United States as well as in the Philippines. At a time of desperate, world-wide shortage of foodstuffs, including fats and oils, we feel as Christians an urgent need of encouraging the production of fats and oils for human consumption. We also deplore any measure which would destroy food values by making Philippine coconut oil inedible, since it is a valuable potential ingredient for margarine. We further deplore obnoxious restrictions on its use when dictated solely by selfish domestic interests;

4. That the sum for the compensation for war damages—for the purposes set forth in *S. 1610*\*—be \$500,000,000 in view of the \$800,000,000 of estimated losses. We urge that primary attention be given (under this Title) to the needs of rehabilitating public

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properties and services and to restoring a sound and prosperous economy. If it is necessary to attain these larger ends, we are willing to forego the possibility of compensation for damages to all church properties;

5. The adoption of proposals to dispose of surplus property of the United States in the Philippines to the Philippine government, especially since this would help restore schools and hospitals. But we urge the appropriation of not less than \$100,000,000 for this purpose.

6. The extension of the provisions—in Title III of *S. 1610*—for the training of Filipinos in the United States in specialized fields to include—in addition to deep sea fishing, merchant marine and public health work, including doctors, nurses and dietitians—a substantial number and in such fields as: rural reconstruction, adult education, general education (all classes and grades), social work, engineering, business management and public administration.

7. That the provision in *H. R. 5185\** relating to immigration and naturalization privileges of Filipinos in the United States be retained. We applaud and enthusiastically endorse this provision because it will create a feeling of Christian brotherhood and goodwill.

8. That the provisions which assert for Americans special rights as to ownership of property and trade be reconsidered. We seriously question on moral grounds the wisdom of these provisions.

*Resolved*, That the Conference, having heard the careful and explicit resolutions adopted by its Philippine Committee on policies of the United States government with regard to the Philippines, endorses the general purport of the resolutions, viz., that the United States has a moral obligation to carry through to a successful conclusion the great experiment in the Philippines in implementing democratic ideals in an Oriental Christian environment, and that this clearly requires a most generous attitude on the part of the United States government in all readjustments of present trade relations with the Philippines and in provisions for compensation for war damages; and that the Conference urges its Philippine Committee to make every effort to implement these resolutions and calls upon member boards to use all measures available to them to reinforce the Philippine Committee in this task.

### ***j. Effective Implementation of These Resolutions***

That with regard to all of the foregoing resolutions which involve action by the government of the United States, the member boards of this Conference be urged to take appropriate measures to impress upon their constituencies the importance of letters from individual Christians to their senators and representatives and other responsible government agencies, so that the attitude of these constituencies may be credited with its full weight in any appraisal of public opinion in the United States on these matters.

### ***k. Expressions of Appreciation***

1. We, the members of the Foreign Missions Conference, desire to express to Mr. Gillam, the management and staff of The Inn, our sincere thanks

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and appreciation for the excellent accommodation, unflinching courtesy and gracious service afforded us during the sessions of the Conference. The helpfulness of the management and staff has been evident at every point in caring for our personal comfort and in providing facilities for the smooth running of the Conference and these have contributed greatly to the enjoyment as well as the success of our meetings.

2. This Conference wishes to place on record its deep appreciation of the work of the Committee on Arrangements and especially of Miss Sarah S. Lyon in preparation for these days of meeting. The task was carried out under difficult circumstances, including the illness of the chairman of the Committee and the absence of the regular secretary of the Committee from this country. Great thanks are due Miss Lyon and the Committee for the able manner in which the program has been arranged and carried out.

The Chairman expressed thanks and appreciation to the Business Committee for its services.

18. "*We Bear Witness.*" Announcement was made that the motion picture "*We Bear Witness*" shown on Thursday evening had been produced by the Department of Visual Education of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church under the direction of Rev. Harry C. Spencer, and that persons wishing to secure copies of the film can do so from that board at a cost of \$100.00 per copy. It was VOTED that the Conference express sincere appreciation to the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church for this very excellent piece of work on its behalf.

19. *Report of the Findings Committee on the Promotional Sessions.* Dr. Charles T. Leber, chairman of the Findings Committee, presented a report with recommendations which, as amended in discussion, was adopted as follows:

The World Mission of the Church, undertaken today in the midst of physical destruction and spiritual desolation, is three-fold: to change individual life; to transform community conduct; to teach the ethic, to instill the culture and to create the atmosphere essential to a new world order. These three are so interwoven that one cannot be separated from the others without destroying the whole fabric.

Men changed by the power of Christ, integrated into the Church for effective community service and conscious of God's will for the world can build a new order. In this task every Christian is important and the Church is indispensable. It is the only organization competent to lay the foundation upon which such structures as the UN can long endure.

This Conference has a solemn sense of responsibility to help lift the world out of destitution and despair. The Church has both the experience and the compassion for this task. The gospel gives man power to transform destitution to abundance, disease to health, ignorance to enlightenment, falsehood to truth, despair to hope, evil to righteousness, and hate to love.

We call upon all Christians to realize the centrality of the world task of the Church. Millions have assumed that foreign missions is the obsession of a few, something that can wait until pressing matters have been attended to.



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We proclaim to a desperate and frightened world, to people who seek hope, who look for a plan, who ask for something to do that the Church in the gospel of Christ has the fundamental and final answer to peace on earth and goodwill among men.

The fulfilment of this world Christian mission calls for the best efforts of all connected with the Conference both in their work through individual boards and in their activity in coöperation through the Foreign Missions Conference and its committees. Undergirding all this activity must be a program of promotion both immediate and long-range. As steps toward meeting the Conference's share in that program, the following actions are taken:

### I.

The Conference heartily approves the action of the Committee of Reference and Counsel in establishing, in coöperation with the Home Missions Council, a joint Missions Public Relations Office with the functions outlined in the agreement for its establishment. The Conference instructs its Public Relations Committee to take steps to develop a more inclusive agency with these functions.

### II.

The Conference commends the policy of the Public Relations Committee in proposing to coördinate interdenominational promotion of support for both home and foreign missions and requests that Committee to study and report to CRC ways and means of making that co-ordinated promotion effective.

### III.

Taking full cognizance of the value of denominational promotional pieces, the Conference recommends that the Public Relations Committee explore the possibility of coöperative issuance of certain publications, prepared by well qualified specialists, and also that the Committee study the advisability of publishing a monthly missionary journal.

### IV.

The Conference recommends that the Public Relations Committee in coöperation with the Home Missions Council and existing city and state councils of churches and church women undertake such interdenominational, inter-city and intra-state projects in missionary promotion as a study of the conditions may warrant.

### V.

The emphases of the United Christian Youth Movement in the area of Christian world citizenship and the interest of youth in world affairs and in coöperative Christian action lead to the belief that there is a strategic opportunity today for interdenominational promotion of foreign missions in Christian youth councils and other coöperative youth groups.

The Conference therefore recommends that the Committee of Reference and Counsel arrange for a conference with representatives of the United Christian Youth Movement, the Student Volunteer Movement and the Youth Committee of the Missionary Education Movement to consider methods of coöperative promotion in youth groups, literature for youth on coöperative work in mission lands and a joint financial

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project for youth support, implementing the findings as soon as possible through appropriate action by the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

### VI.

The Conference recommends that the Public Relations Committee appoint a special committee to study the question of the missionary promotional approach to laymen and to report to the next meeting of the Conference; and that in the interval this special committee experiment with representative promotional projects designed to interest laymen in missions.

The Conference rejoices that the Laymen's Missionary Movement is to observe the fortieth year of its founding; it extends its congratulations to Dr. Arthur H. Compton, its general chairman and all his associates, especially the general secretary, Mr. Fred J. Michel, who has served so ably and faithfully for many years; and the Conference recommends to the churches of all communions every possible coöperation in the activities of the Movement, including an increasingly effective observance of Men and Missions Sunday.

The Conference requests the Missionary Education Movement to create attractive missionary literature expressly designed to set forth the facts of the world mission enterprise and to interpret to the men of the Church its relevancy to present world needs.

### VII.

The Conference recommends that the Public Relations Committee investigate immediately the relation of veterans, men and women, to missions in order to advise churches concerning (1) the utilization of veterans in connection with missionary promotion, (2) the drawing together of veterans on the basis of missionary interest and experience, for fellowship and certain functional purposes, and (3) the provision of channels and the publicizing of the same through which veterans can contribute to such missionary projects and the support of such individual missionaries, irrespective of denominational affiliations, as veterans may designate.

### VIII.

The Conference endorses in principle and refers to the Secretarial Council for further consideration and such implementation as may be feasible the statesmanlike and urgent proposal of Frank Laubach, presented in the Thursday morning session of the Conference, for analyzing the world's needs, gearing the missionary program to meet them and utilizing the idea of peace bonds to secure greatly increased support for this program.

### IX.

Recognizing the rising concern of the Church in America that its overseas personnel be made representative of America's ethnic groups, the Conference urges the Missionary Personnel Committee to continue its effort to secure the appointment by the related boards of missions of an increasingly larger number of non-Caucasians to the various mission fields.

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### X.

The Conference recommends that the Public Relations Committee confer with Dr. John Finley Williamson, President of the Westminster Choir College, regarding the development of the ministry of music on the mission fields and the possibility of organizing an overseas goodwill mission, utilizing the ministry of music and enlisting ministers and laymen potentially interested in missions, and report on the matter to the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

### XI.

The Conference recommends that the Public Relations Committee issue a brochure on the World Mission of the Church, so designed in its presentation of policies and plans that it may be used for promotional purposes in North America and likewise be suitable for translation by overseas churches for the purpose of emphasizing the ecumenical aspects of the promotion of the Christian world mission.

### XII.

The Conference recommends that the Public Relations Committee in cooperation with the Inter-Council Field Department explore the possibility of creating territorially representative permanent home base committees of the Foreign Missions Conference for the consideration of interdenominational field promotion of a type appropriate to the situation in the cities and states involved.

### XIII.

The Conference recommends that the Public Relations Committee create a related consultative group consisting of promotional personnel for the sharing of promotional ideas and the development of such interdenominational projects as may be approved by the Public Relations Committee.

### XIV.

The Conference recommends that the speech of Grove Patterson, editor of the Toledo, Ohio, *Blade*, made by transcription at the Wednesday afternoon session, be mimeographed and circulated to editors throughout Canada and the United States.

### XV.

The Conference instructs its officers to edit and coordinate the preceding findings and the resolutions already adopted upon recommendation of the Business Committee into a statement for the secular and the religious press in order to call to the attention of both the church constituency and the general public the imperatives and the projections of the Christian world mission today and tomorrow.

It was VOTED that the Secretarial Council study the relationships between the report of the Business Committee and that of the Findings Committee and their relation to the program of the Foreign Missions Conference as a whole.

20. *Memorial Minutes*. The Secretary presented to the Confer-

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ence the names of those associated with the Conference who had passed away since the last Annual Meeting and was authorized to include in the Annual Report the Memorial Minutes concerning them.

On motion by Dr. Hopkins, the chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, it was VOTED that the Conference express deep appreciation to Dr. Fairfield for the good work he has done in this his first year as chairman of the Secretarial Council.

With the singing of the hymn "O God of Love, O King of Peace," and the pronouncement of the benediction, the Fifty-Second Annual Meeting was adjourned.

MERLE L. DAVIS, *Recording Secretary.*

## In Memoriam

**Dr. Enoch Frye Bell**, secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, served as a missionary to Japan from 1902 until 1905. From then until 1921 he was associated with the Foreign Department of the Board, and from that year until 1943 editorial secretary of the Board and editor of *The Missionary Herald*. Dr. Bell died at Clifton Springs, New York, June 10, 1945.

**Mrs. James Stewart (Vera Scott) Cushman**, who died on February 1, 1946, in Savannah, Georgia, was the first president of the New York City YWCA. In 1906 she became a charter member of the National Board of the YWCA, retaining her membership on it throughout her life. For twenty years she was the American vice-president of the World's Committee of the YWCA. She was active in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

**Mrs. Frank J. (Effie Jamieson) Day** first served as general secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Canada Congregational Church, and after the establishment of the United Church of Canada became general secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of that church until 1932. In 1943 she was elected president of the Dominion Board of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada. Mrs. Day passed away on September 10, 1945.

**Dr. John R. Edwards** was a corresponding secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church from 1924 until 1936. Upon retirement he was called to be associate minister of the Foundry Church, Washington, D. C., and his last sermon was a missionary address given in that church. He died February 18, 1945. Prior to his connection with the Board of Foreign Missions, Dr. Edwards served churches and districts in the Baltimore Conference.

**Dr. Morris Wellington Ehnes**, for forty-five years a missionary executive in New York and Chicago, died in Englewood, N. J., on July 3, 1945. He and Mrs. Ehnes were the first American Methodist missionaries in Southern Rhodesia. Dr. Ehnes served on the staff of the Student Volunteer Movement and later that of the Missionary Education Movement. From 1924 until his retirement in 1943, he was treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of its successor, the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church.

**Dr. Brownell Gage**, for twenty-one years a member of the Board of Trustees of Yale-in-China Association, died in February 1945. Dr. Gage went to China in 1904, before the Yali Preparatory School was started, becoming head of the school when it was only of preparatory grade. When it attained college rank, he became dean of the college and chairman of the Governing Board. His classmates at Yale, Class of '98, established the Gage Fellowship Fund in his honor at their thirty-fifth reunion. From 1924-1939 Dr. Gage was headmaster of Suffield Academy in Connecticut.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Dr. Sidney Lewis Gulick** was for twenty-six years a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Japan. He then served for twenty years as secretary of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, inaugurating close relationships with the Foreign Missions Conference in the field of international relations.

**Dr. and Mrs. William Bancroft Hill** were members of the Reformed Church in America, but many in other communions also counted them as friends, for they had a lifelong interest in union enterprises, particularly Christian schools and colleges. Dr. Hill was a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America from 1914 to 1937, serving as its president for two years. Mrs. Hill was for many years a member of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the same denomination. Dr. Hill died on January 23, 1945 and Mrs. Hill on January 10, 1946, at Poughkeepsie, New York.

**Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes**, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, died on April 6, 1945. Mrs. Hughes became the president of the organization in May, 1944 at the uniting of the two women's organizations of the A. M. E. Church, the Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

**Dr. H. E. Stillwell**, chairman of the Foreign Missions Conference in 1939, for twenty years secretary of the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died in Toronto in September, 1945. Shortly after his graduation at McMaster University, Dr. Stillwell went to India as a missionary. He returned home in 1914. For five years he was treasurer of the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board and subsequently its general secretary until his retirement in 1939.

**Dr. S. Earl Taylor** died in California on October 21, 1945. Dr. Taylor served as a secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, the International Committee of the YMCA, and the Young People's Department of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was one of the organizers of the Missionary Education Movement and a founder of the Silver Bay Association. As executive secretary of the Open Door Emergency Fund Commission he pioneered in missionary education through visual aids. In 1912 he was elected a corresponding secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**Mr. C. Rogers Woodruff**, for ten years an assistant and an associate treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, died at Maplewood, N. J., April 28, 1945. Largely under his leadership, the Board in recent years reorganized its pension system for officers and for missionaries.

Comrades all in the service of the King, these men and women are held in grateful remembrance by the Foreign Missions Conference as it carries on the common task in the interests of the Kingdom.

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Applegarth, Margaret T., visitor, Federal Council of Churches  
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Arnup, J. H., United Church of Canada; Chairman, FMC

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Barger, Mary, visitor, YWCA of the Netherlands  
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# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA

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## PREAMBLE

Organized missionary coöperation in North America began in 1893. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America and its Committee of Reference and Counsel are the developing instruments of that coöperation, dedicated to the spread of the Christian evangel throughout the whole world.

## ARTICLE I. NAME AND ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization is the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, hereinafter referred to as the Conference, having as members mission boards, societies and agencies of the United States and Canada which are engaged in Christian service overseas. Such member organizations are hereinafter called Boards.

## ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

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

SEC. 2. The functions of the Conference are:

- (a) To provide for conferences of representatives of Boards for consultation and for the presentation and discussion of topics concerning their work;
- (b) To provide for the investigation and study of missionary problems;
- (c) To foster and promote a science of missions;
- (d) To perform specific tasks as agreed upon by Boards;
- (e) To facilitate coöperation by two or more Boards in any missionary endeavor in which they may desire united action;
- (f) To represent the Boards, or any of them, as may be directed by their representatives, in consultations and coöperative relations with other committees, councils and agencies of the churches, with social, philanthropic and other voluntary groups, and with governments.

SEC. 3. 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 shall have authority:

- (a) To regulate its own proceedings in accordance with its Constitution and Act of Incorporation;
- (b) To make By-laws in harmony with its Constitution and Act of Incorporation;
- (c) To elect the necessary officers and members of its staff, to remove them for cause and to fill vacancies;
- (d) To buy, acquire, or receive, by gift, devise or bequest, property, real, personal and mixed;
- (e) To hold, sell and dispose of property;
- (f) To secure, appropriate and administer funds for its work;
- (g) To sue and be sued.

SEC. 2. The Conference represents Boards in the sense of possessing through direct representation unique opportunity for knowing the mind and the policies of the several Boards. 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.

SEC. 3. The Conference being a purely voluntary association of Boards, neither it nor any of its parts has authority to commit Boards to any position, policy or course of action, except as such Boards may request or authorize the Conference so to act and then only within the bounds of such request or authority.

#### ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The Conference shall hold an annual meeting, and may hold special meetings, at such times and places as the Conference or its Committee of Reference and Counsel (Art. IX) shall designate.

SEC. 2. The meetings of the Conference are not held for the purpose of exploiting or endorsing the work of any organization or society; therefore, the time of the meeting shall not be taken up for this purpose, except as may be called for by specific action of a particular meeting of the Conference.

#### ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

SECTION 1. Any organization desiring to apply for membership in the Conference shall with its application supply a statement of its objectives and principles, a copy of its constitution and by-laws, its articles of incorporation, if any, its latest official report and its financial reports for the five years immediately preceding. The Committee of Reference and Counsel shall examine the application and papers to form a judgment as to whether the objectives and principles revealed are in harmony with those of the Conference, and shall then make in writing to the Conference Member Boards recommendation for action on the application. Not earlier than three months after the date of such recommendation the Conference may, in annual or special meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, admit the applicant to membership in the Conference.

SEC. 2. Boards shall be entitled to representation in the Conference on the following bases:

- (a) From each Board, one elected representative;
- (b) From each Board which includes women's work and which has an annual expenditure for foreign missions exclusive of home base and administrative expense in excess of \$100,000, one additional elected representative;
- (c) From each Board, or from each group of two or more Boards serving a single denomination, one additional elected representative when such Boards' or groups' total annual expenditure for foreign missions exclusive of home base and administration expense is successively in excess of each of the following figures: \$250,000; \$500,000; \$1,000,000.

SEC. 3. A woman's foreign missionary organization which is auxiliary to the general missionary organization of its church shall be entitled to membership and representation in the Conference as provided respectively in Sec. 1 and in Sec. 2 (a) and (c) of this Article.

SEC. 4. Boards of management organized in North America for Christian institutions of higher learning in the mission field, whose interests are not otherwise represented in the Conference, shall be eligible for membership as provided in Sec. 1 of this Article, and as Boards shall each be entitled to have one elected representative in the Conference.

SEC. 5. Organizations, such as interdenominational agencies which serve the common interest because of their close relation to foreign missionary work, shall be eligible for membership as provided in Sec. 1 of this Article, and as Boards shall each be entitled to have one elected representative in the Conference.\*

SEC. 6. Members of the Secretarial Council (Art. XII) shall be *ex officio* members of the Conference without vote.

#### ARTICLE VI. INCORPORATION

The Conference shall be incorporated as it may determine.

\* Boards in this category in 1944 are: (1) The Missionary Education Movement; (2) The Student Volunteer Movement; (3) The Laymen's Missionary Movement; (4) The American Tract Society; (5) World's Sunday School Association; (6) National Council Student Christian Association; (7) National Student Council Y. W. C. A.; (8) Student Christian Movement of Canada; (9) Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students.

## ARTICLE VII. ASSEMBLY

The Conference from time to time shall call a foreign missionary assembly of delegates appointed by Boards and of visitors invited by the Conference for the consideration of missionary issues and interests and for the development in the churches of a deepening concern for the missionary enterprise. The assembly's programs shall be arranged by the Conference. These assemblies shall have no legislative functions.

## ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of the Conference shall be a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, one or more secretaries and such other officers as may be required. Their duties shall be those customarily performed by such officers.

SEC. 2. These officers shall be elected by the Conference at the close of its annual meeting upon nomination as provided in the By-laws, and shall serve until the close of the following annual meeting or until their respective successors are elected.

## ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL

SECTION 1. The Conference shall have a Committee of Reference and Counsel, hereinafter called the Committee, which shall be composed of (a) the officers of the Conference (not including its salaried secretaries); (b) the Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen of Representative Committees (Art. X) and of Standing Committees (Art. XI); and (c) twenty-four (24) additional members to be elected by the Conference from among its members.

SEC. 2. Members of the Secretarial Council shall be *ex officio* members of the Committee without vote.

SEC. 3. The Committee shall as a rule have quarterly meetings, and may have special meetings, at such times and places as the Conference or the Committee shall determine.

SEC. 4. The Committee shall have such powers of the Conference *ad interim* and shall perform such other functions as the Conference may authorize.

## ARTICLE X. REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Conference may authorize the creation, alteration or discharge of Representative Committees organized for the purpose of forwarding the Boards' interests in different areas or in particular aspects of mission work, or may recognize as Representative Committees groups already functioning in this respect.

SEC. 2. A Representative Committee shall have full liberty to act within the framework of the Conference in accordance with mutually accepted relationships. Participation in the Conference as a Representative Committee carries with it the obligation for mutual consultation on all major matters which directly involve essential interests of the Conference as a whole, or involve those of other Representative Committees, the final responsibility resting with the Conference.

SEC. 3. Representative Committees shall be of two general types: those which are concerned with special geographical areas to be known as Area Committees, and those which are concerned with special types of service to be known as Functional Committees. Each Representative Committee shall seek to provide opportunities for Boards to counsel and act together on missionary problems pertaining to its particular area or function. It shall consider and seek to forward by appropriate action such coöperative or united work as the participating Boards approve, including any necessary financing and administration both for its basic service and for such special projects as may be undertaken.

SEC. 4. Each Board desiring to participate in the work of a Representative Committee shall designate to serve upon it one or more representatives for such

periods as it may wish, subject to the conditions of membership of the Representative Committee. Additional members may be coopted by a Representative Committee according to its rules and procedures, not to exceed in number, however, one-third of the total membership. A Representative Committee so desiring may admit to membership representatives of organizations not members of the Conference. Secretaries of Functional Committees shall be *ex officio* members without vote of Area Representative Committees, and secretaries of Area Committees shall have the same relationship to Functional Committees.

SEC. 5. Activities of Representative Committees shall be reported to the Conference or to its Committee from time to time so that such activities may be known to all Boards and may be correlated by the Conference in all policies affecting the work of the Boards as a whole.

#### ARTICLE XI. STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Committee shall appoint such Standing Committees and Special Committees of the Conference as may be required for carrying on its work, and shall fix their duties and procedures. (Standing Committees to be listed in By-laws.)

#### ARTICLE XII. SECRETARIAL COUNCIL

SECTION 1. The Conference shall have a Secretarial Council composed of its secretaries, the secretaries of its Representative Committees and the secretaries resident in North America of the International Missionary Council. On vote of the Council, secretaries of Standing or Special Committees of the Conference shall be included in its membership, for such periods as it may determine. The Chairman of the Secretarial Council shall be designated annually by the Committee.

SEC. 2. The Secretarial Council shall be responsible for reviewing and for advancing in such ways as it may deem desirable the program of all committees of the Conference; for coördinating related elements of their work; for formulating and proposing new work which it believes desirable; and for advising the Conference and its Committee.

#### ARTICLE XIII. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

SECTION 1. The annual budget of the Conference shall include all receipt and expenditure items for the work of (a) the general services, (b) the Representative Area Committees, (c) the Representative Functional Committees, and (d) the related agencies in the support of which the Conference shares.

SEC. 2. All Member Boards shall be expected to share in the financial support of the work of the Conference, except that in the case of Representative Committees only those Boards appointing representatives to any given committee shall be expected to participate in the financing of that committee. Contributions may be sought by the Conference and its committees from other sources if desired.

#### ARTICLE XIV. QUORUM

Twenty-five voting members shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meetings of the Conference. Nine voting members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Committee.

#### ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed at any annual meeting of the Conference or at any meeting of the Committee. Two months' notice in writing of proposed amendments must be given to all Member Boards before action is taken. Subject to this provision, proposed amendments may be adopted at the next annual or special meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.



# 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 Pepper, 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 corporation shall receive, or be entitled to receive, any pecuniary profit from the operations of such corporation, except that reasonable compensation for services may be paid to employees for services rendered in effecting the purposes of the corporation.

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, }  
STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

*Revision presented and adopted January 8, 1945*

### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the Committee shall be the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Committee.

### ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Committee is to aid and promote the work of foreign missions represented by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, hereinafter referred to as the Conference.

### ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of the Committee shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, one or more secretaries, and such others officers as may be required, of whom the secretaries and the treasurer may be chosen from outside the membership of the Committee, and when so chosen shall be *ex officio* members of the Committee without vote. Officers shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualify.

### ARTICLE IV. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. The Standing Committee on Nominations shall present at the annual meeting of the Conference a list of nominees for officers of the Conference, for membership on the Committee, and for such other positions as are to be filled by the Conference.

SEC. 2. The Standing Committee on Nominations shall present at the first meeting of the Committee following the annual meeting of the Conference a list of nominees for officers of the Committee, for Chairman of the Secretarial Council, for members and officers of Standing Committees, and for those of Special Committees.

### ARTICLE V. 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 shall be responsible for the safe custody of all funds of the Conference and its committees and for the disbursement of these funds in accordance with regulations established by the Committee. Funds of the

Committee available for investment shall be invested by the Treasurer under the direction of the Committee.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall present an annual financial statement at the first meeting of the Committee after the close of the fiscal year (March 31) and interim statements when requested by the Committee. The annual financial statement shall be audited as the Committee may direct.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall give bond in such sum as the Committee may require, the expense therefor to be met from the funds of the Committee.

## ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

### SECTION 1. *Standing Committees.*

A. The Committee shall appoint Standing Committees for carrying on the work of the Conference.

B. There shall be the following Standing Committees:

- (1) Executive
- (2) Nominations
- (3) Finance and Headquarters
- (4) Arrangements for the Annual Meeting
- (5) Public Relations
- (6) Missionary Personnel
- (7) Anglo-American Churches
- (8) International Relations and World Peace
- (9) Missionary Research Library
- (10) Special Program and Funds

C. Other Standing Committees may be created as the Committee deems desirable.

D. Standing Committees shall deal, under the direction of the Committee, with such matters as their titles suggest, and with other matters that may be referred to them by the Committee.

### SEC. 2. *Representative Committees.*

A. There shall be the following Representative Committees:

(a) Area: (1) Africa Committee; (2) Committee on East Asia; (3) Committee on Europe; (4) India Committee; (5) Committee on Cooperation in Latin America; (6) Committee on Work Among Moslems; (7) Philippine Committee.

(b) Functional: (1) Associated Mission Medical Office; (2) Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work; (3) Rural Missions Cooperating Committee; (4) Treasurers Committee; (5) The Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature.

B. The Conference may authorize the creation, alteration or discharge of Representative Committees as provided in Article X of the Constitution.

C. *Officers.* Each Representative Committee shall elect its officers and appoint its subcommittees according to its rules and procedures. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman, as may be determined by each Representative Committee, shall be its *ex officio* member of the Committee and with its secretary shall be responsible for presenting such matters as should properly come from it to the Committee.

### D. *Finances.*

(a) Each Representative Committee shall be responsible for financing all phases of its work, including secretarial oversight, administrative expense, and work projects. It shall prepare an annual budget covering all classes of expense.

(b) Each Representative Committee shall report to the Committee by September 1st of each year its proposed annual budget for the next fiscal year for approval, coördination and presentation to the Boards in the annual coördinated budget of the Conference by October 15th.

SEC. 3. *Special Committees.* The Committee may appoint from time to time for periods to be determined by the Committee, Special Committees to deal with particular subjects.

## ARTICLE VII. EXPENSES OF MEETINGS

The expenses of members of the Committee in attending all regular and special meetings of the Committee may be paid out of the treasury of the Committee upon presentation of bills by the members.

## ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These By-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Committee.

A. By a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, notice of the proposed amendment having been given in the call for said meeting or at the preceding meeting of the Committee; or

B. By unanimous vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the Committee.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

## 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.  
National Christian Council of China.  
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.  
Near East Christian Council.  
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 Rio de La Plata  
National Christian Council of Siam.  
Christian Council of South Africa.  
Suomen Lähetyksneuvosto.  
Svenska Missionsrådet.  
Association of Missionary Societies in Switzerland.

\* 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.

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 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 coördinate 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 Missions* 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 .....	1
National Christian Council of China .....	2
Conseil Protestant du Congo .....	1
Dansk Missionsraad .....	1
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 Zendingraad .....	1
Netherlands India .....	1
National Missionary Council of New Zealand .....	1
Norsk Misjonsråd .....	1
Foreign Missions Conference of North America (United States and Canada) .....	7
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.

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.

## 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.

## 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

	1943	1944
Number of boards reporting .....	74	71
Number of boards which sent new missionaries .....	35	43
Total number of new missionaries sent .....	223	359
Married men .....	81	142
Single men .....	15	19
Married women .....	75	97
Single women .....	52	101
With college degrees .....	145	224
With graduate or professional degrees .....	94	124
Total on short terms .....	10	34
Average age at appointment .....	30	30

### *Nature of Work*

Ordained missionaries .....	95	135
Medical doctors .....	8	17
Nurses .....	21	32
Educators .....	49	65
Agriculturalists .....	11	5
Evangelists .....	99	158
Wives of missionaries not otherwise classified .....	27	20
Miscellaneous .....	8	62

### *Country to which appointed*

	1943			1944		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Africa .....	19	28	47	46	69	115
Near East .....	2	1	3	16	22	38
India and Burma .	6	8	14	26	26	52
China .....	6	8	14	5	8	13
Korea .....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Japan .....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Philippine Islands.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Latin America ...	63	73	136	63	65	128
Europe .....	1	..	1	..	..	..
Miscellaneous ....	5	3	8	6	7	13
	102	121	223	162	197	359



## INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF BOARDS AND SOCIETIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1944

BOARDS AND SOCIETIES	INCOME			EXPENDITURES									Expenditures and Grand Totals
	From Living Donors	From Other Sources	Total	Africa	North Africa and Near East	India Burma Ceylon	China	Korea	Japan or Far East	Philippines, Formosa & Malay States	Latin America	Europe, Fields Not Designated and Misc. Expenses	
Canadian Baptist .....	\$220,041	\$11,911	\$231,952			\$144,000					\$33,126		\$177,126
Woman's Baptist, E. Ont. & Que. ...	10,195		10,195			8,035					255		9,290
*British and Foreign Bible Society ...	382,112	25,758	407,870										3,890
Church of England in Canada .....	80,643	93,323	179,966			\$2,100	\$24,221					\$73,290	78,290
Church of England in Can., Women	52,604	694	53,298			100	44,537					3,890	74,743
Presbyterian Church, Canada .....	59,589	41,668	101,257				35,588	8,955				250	44,893
Presbyterian Church, Can., Women	52,556		52,556		\$150	325	25,854	3,570			23,003		7,073
United Church of Canada .....	390,000	85,053	475,053		30,646		38,588	4,175			6,945		50,133
United Church of Canada, Women ...	323,741	21,517	350,258		35,310		93,900	259,914	\$2,485		43,549	5,934	436,534
Y. W. C. A. Nat'l Council, Canada.	3,719	3,444	7,163				70,463	169,484	1,934	\$3,231	30,675	19,160	326,257
American Advent .....	8,247	1,357	9,604				4,278	500			2,459		7,267
American Advent, Women .....	22,295	609	22,904				15,356						5,368
Seventh-day Adventists .....	2,610,123		2,610,123	311,693	185,503		393,790	614,867			930,639	173,641	2,610,123
American Baptist .....	631,876	412,662	1,044,538				317,435	201,061				164,694	771,465
American Baptist, Women .....	294,267	45,825	340,092				135,353	73,638			7,720	\$28,377	270,432
Cameroons Baptist										2,865	5,896		
Lott Carey Baptist .....	51,770		51,770	12,000		200					25,247		37,447
National Baptist Convention													
Seventh Day Baptist .....	10,834	4,359	15,193					3,716			3,000	1,289	8,095
Seventh Day Baptist, Women													
Southern Baptist Convention	1,883,907	1,580,184	3,464,091	144,631	9,433			304,599		1,679	469,727	272,151	1,202,220
American Bible Society .....	614,011	786,189	1,400,200	3,399	47,183		15,073	18,564		944	178,711	73,015	335,829
Brethren in Christ Church .....	53,300	236	53,536				19,247	15,759					35,006
Church of the Brethren .....	293,738	47,083	340,821				75,416	52,808				2,500	199,522
Hephzibah Faith .....	4,850	1,962	6,812				2,142					2,527	4,669
United Brethren in Christ, D. F. F.	24,422	2,000	26,422								1,316		13,627
United Brethren in Christ, Women													
United Brethren in Christ (Dayton).}													
Un. Br. in Christ (Dayton), Women.}	231,670	29,522	261,192										
American University at Cairo .....	50,506	43,222	93,728										79,143
Church of God .....	162,302	8,442	170,744										10,730
Church of God, Women .....				9,078			16,455	2,171				35,098	2,626
Churches of God .....	35,684	28,973	64,657				17,991						37,591
American Bd. of Com. for F. M. ...	582,190	443,866	1,026,056				198,248	221,090					797,903
Woman's Bd. of Miss., Pacific Is.				131,274	151,402								
United Christian Missionary Society	398,706	82,537	481,243				99,078	48,671					
*Prot. Episcopal, Nat. Council .....	1,157,332		1,157,332				6,500	239,091					239,091
*Prot. Episc., N. C., Woman's Aux.}				44,262	24,459								
Reformed Episcopal Church .....									1,070	3,095	86,861	66,781	\$79,261
Evangelical Church .....	79,018	23,954	102,972										42,098
Evangelical & Reformed Church .....				13,051									7,878
Evangelical & Ref. Ch., Women ...}	420,174	52,281	472,455				86,233						127,352
							172,250						365,831

\* Complete figures not provided; those given involve some estimates.

† Expenditures totals do not include non-recurring items nor headquarters administration expense.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF BOARDS AND SOCIETIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1944 (Continued)**

BOARDS AND SOCIETIES	INCOME			EXPENDITURES									Expenditures and Grand Totals
	From Living Donors	From Other Sources	Total	Africa	North Africa and Near East	India Burma Ceylon	China	Korea	Japan or Far East	Philippines, Formosa & Malay States	Latin America	Europe, Fields Not Designated and Misc. Expenses	
Evangelical Mission Covenant .....	182,177	12,548	194,725		55,140		53,391					44,120	152,651
American Friends .....	56,730	13,921	70,651	8,028	4,743						6,461	12,987	32,217
Friends, Africa, Gospel Mis., Kansas .....	20,534		20,534	7,812									7,812
Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting .....													
Woman's Miss'y Union of Friends .....													
Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity .....													
*National Holiness Miss'y Society .....	154,263		154,263	40,298		13,828	11,284						110,433
Pilgrim Holiness Church .....	157,648	8,000	165,648	14,905		922					45,023		73,770
American Mission to Lepers .....	403,513	122,024	525,537	43,703	3,817	52,555	38,412				11,302	15,000	159,214
Lutheran, Augustana Synod .....	190,000	82,000	272,000	107,000		8,000	110,000					9,395	261,000
Lutheran Free Church .....													
American Lutheran .....	184,512	3,618	188,130			106,766						56,556	163,322
American Lutheran, Women .....	101,913		101,913			13,600						2,000	15,600
Norwegian Lutheran .....	394,242	52,510	446,752	46,274	76,113		103,691				13,900	6,382	246,420
United Lutheran Church .....	721,051	82,050	803,101	74,163		820,840	30,993		7,895			27,324	621,495
United Lutheran Church, Women .....													
American McAll Association .....	29,707	8,674	38,381									3,000	3,000
Mennonite of N. A., Gen'l Conf. .....													
Mennonite Bd. of Miss. & Charities .....	161,365	99,862	261,227	4,094		49,051	953				54,131		108,229
Mennonite Brethern, Pa. Conf. ....	25,610		25,610									25,610	25,610
Mennonite Breth. in Christ .....													
Congo Inland Mission .....	51,389		51,389	36,296									36,296
Methodist, Division of F. M. ....	2,435,233	442,392	2,877,625	178,629	13,650	292,968	244,084	28,973	38,309	61,416	324,733	281,809	1,464,651
Methodist, Wom. Div. of C. S. ....	1,662,046		1,662,046	79,445	24,920	463,834	356,437	91,230	101,677	45,618	198,470	270,735	1,632,366
African Methodist Episcopal .....	38,728	3,050	41,778	2,250								1,473	4,613
African Meth. Episcopal, Women .....	40,796		40,796	3,475	3,114						10,296		16,885
African Methodist Episc., Zion .....													
African Meth. Episc., Zion, Women .....													
Free Methodist of N. A. ....	319,221	33,946	353,167	39,253		14,451	36,635				20,833	50,722	161,794
Methodist, Wesleyan .....	90,296		90,296	19,067		12,130					23,750	2,797	57,744
Missionary Bands of the World .....													
Moravian .....													
Church of the Nazarene .....													
Assemblies of God .....	1,081,798	15,693	1,097,491	160,118	74,609	161,832	71,002		3,833	2,184	186,481	134,139	794,269
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. ....	2,438,145	1,152,674	3,590,819	170,802	277,813	530,630	656,213	76,224	43,178	201,480	448,780	34,452	2,429,672
Presby. Church in the U. S., Women .....	1,019,522	155,122	1,174,644	189,601			56,165	81,049	5,335		224,670	330,471	857,291
Associate Reformed Presby. Church .....	28,000	2,500	30,500			21,360					6,875	2,100	30,335
Cumberland Presbyterian Church .....	70,505	2,133	72,638				4,504				20,696		25,200
United Presbyterian Church .....	261,108	33,193	294,301		111,195	102,044						10,283	223,522
United Presbyterian Church, Women .....													

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† Expenditures totals do not include non-recurring items nor headquarters administration expense.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF BOARDS AND SOCIETIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1944 (Concluded)**

BOARDS AND SOCIETIES	INCOME			EXPENDITURES									
	From Living Donors	From Other Sources	Total	Africa	North Africa and Near East	India Burma Ceylon	China	Korea	Japan or Far East	Philippines, Formosa & Malay States	Latin America	Europe, Fields Not Designated and Misc. Expenses	Expenditures and Grand Totals
Reformed Church in America .....													
Reformed Church in Am., Women. }	397,778	47,076	444,854		95,309	89,822	68,916		9,564				263,671
Christian Reformed .....	33,513		33,513	7,323			11,845						19,168
St. Christopher's Training College .....													
Scandinavian Alliance .....													
Schwenkfelder Church .....	3,534		3,534									3,296	3,296
Com. on Friendly Rel. Am. For. Stu. American Tract Society .....													
* Universalist Int'l Church .....		1,482	1,482										
Asso. of Universalist Women .....	2,629		2,629										
Yale-in-China .....	66,009		66,009				59,776						59,776
Y. M. C. A. Int'l Committee .....	810,761	90,429	901,190		53,053	36,654	87,724		6,261	4,358	75,206	84,350	347,606
Y. W. C. A. National Board .....	96,895	463,544	560,439		89,491	11,912	809,642				18,369	74,898	604,312
Brethren Church .....													
Ceylon and India General Mission .....	19,965		19,965			17,729							17,729
Christian Miss. in Many Lands .....													
Church of God (Holiness) .....	12,281		12,281			1,852					4,168		6,020
Friends, California Meeting .....													
South America Indian Mission .....	60,363		60,366								56,478		56,478
Lingnan University .....	27,160	127,614	154,774				135,034						135,034
Evangelical Luth. Synod, Ohio, etc. Church of the Lutheran Brethren .....	340,843		340,843			148,569	125,935					45,129	319,623
Lutheran Orient Mission Society .....	8,602		8,602		8,602								8,602
Women's Christian College, Madras .....													
Mennonite Brethren Church .....	86,553	411	86,964	6,330		21,083	4,997				2,062		86,072
China Mennonite Miss. Society .....	4,435		4,435				3,653						3,653
Primitive Methodist Miss. Society .....	9,242		9,242								8,934		8,934
Synod Reformed Preby. Church .....													
Sudan Interior Mission .....													
United Free Gospel .....	7,313	275	7,588	827		1,270	2,170				200		3,973
Miss. Med. College, Women, Vellore .....	16,427	25,231	41,658			41,658							41,658
Woman's Union Missionary Society .....	15,697	29,845	45,542			31,033	1,357		488				33,478
World's Christian Endeavor Union .....													
	\$25,507,556	\$6,985,403	\$32,492,958	\$2,221,050	\$1,458,692	\$4,473,694	\$5,124,663	\$231,895	\$316,423	\$510,028	\$4,039,775	\$2,529,527	\$20,899,752

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