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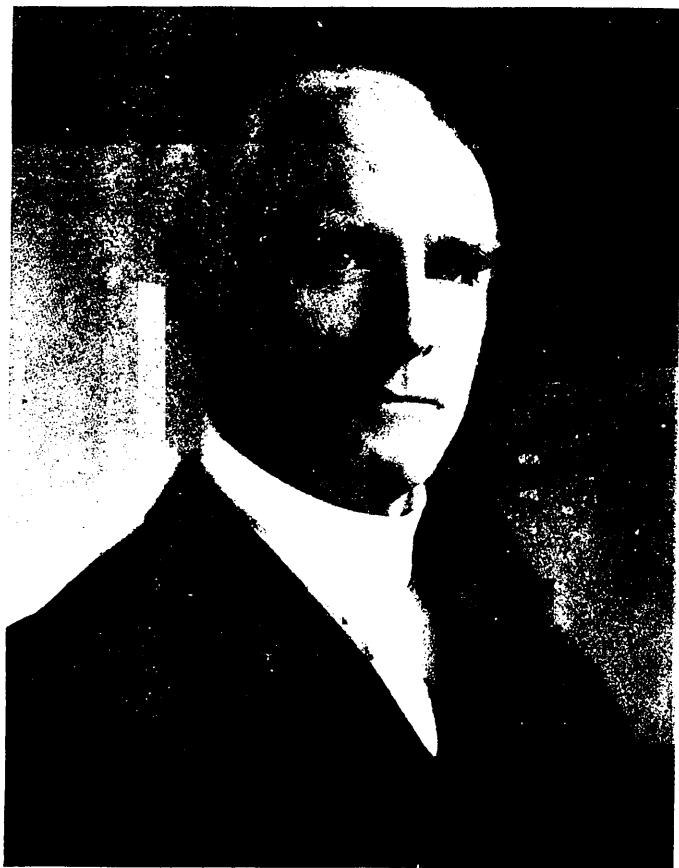


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ROLL OF MEMBERS

Chentu District

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	MISSIONARIES	CONFERENCE
1891	Harry L. Canright, M. D.	Chentu Qr. Conf.
1891	Mrs. M. M. Canright	
*1899	Joseph Beech	New York East Conf.
*1899	Mrs. M. D. Beech	
1900	Johan A. Johanson	Foochow
1903	John W. Yost	Chentu Qr. Conf.
1904	Mrs. E. B. Yost	
1904	Raymond C. Ricker	Chentu Qr. Conf.
1906	Elrick Williams	Illinois

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	W. F. M. S.	BRANCH
1891	Clara Collier	New England
1903	Dorothy Jones	Northwestern
1905	Frances H. Hitchcock	Des Moines
1905	Mary Simester	New England

Native Preachers

DATE ADMITTED	UNORDAINED	CONFERENCE
1904	Yang Deh Yuen	Foochow, on trial 3d yr
1907	Fung Lin Yuen	„ „ „ 1st „

LOCAL PREACHERS	STUDIES	LOCAL PREACHERS	STUDIES
Bu Shiao Lan	Studies of 1st yr	Ho Wun Gwe	Studies of 1st yr
Du Deh Jin	„ „ „ „	Ho Dsen Shiang	„ „ „ „

* On furlough in U. S.

EXHORTERS	STUDIES	EXHORTERS	STUDIES
Tsen Pei Tien	Completed	Yang Deh Ngan	Studies of 2d yr
Pun Juin Liang	Studies of 4th yr	Yang Shin Tsen	" " " "
Fung Yuin Sen	" " 3rd "	Yang Tswen Sen	" " " "
Jung Dsi Bin	" " 2nd "	Tao Fu Tsen	" " 1st yr
Wu Hung Bin	" " " "		
Wu Li Wun	" " " "		

Chungking District

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	MISSIONARIES	CONFERENCE
1890	J. H. McCartney, M. D.	Kiang Peh Quar. Conf.
1894	Mrs. S. K. McCartney	
1892	J. F. Peat	Illinois
1892	Mrs. E. M. Peat	
1893	Q. A. Myers	Northwest Indiana
1893	Mrs. C. L. Myers	
1903	W. M. Crawford	Institute Quar. Conf.
1905	Mrs. M. L. Crawford	
1906	C. W. Freeman	
1906	Mrs. Freeman	
1906	R. L. Torrey	South Kansas
1907	Mrs. K. W. Torrey	

DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	W. F. M. S.	BRANCH
1894	Helen R. Galloway	Des Moines
*1901	Agnes M. Edmonds, M. D.	" "
1905	Annie M. Wells	" "
1905	Mary Ketring, M. D.	Cincinnati
1906	Winifred Stout	Northwestern

* On furlough in U. S.

Native Preachers

DATE ADMITTED	UNORDAINED	CONFERENCE
1904	Den San Si	Foochow, on trial 3d year
1907	Hwang Jin Tin	" " " Ist "
1907	Ngai Dan Dsi	" " " " "

LOCAL PREACHERS	STUDIES	LOCAL PREACHERS	STUDIES
Pen Dsen Yuen	Studies of 1st yr		

EXHORTERS	STUDIES	EXHORTERS	STUDIES
Ho Shiang Fu Lo Hwei Pin	Studies of 3d yr " " " "	Lu Ngen Pu Shu Swei Tu Ho Yuin Lin Jung Kwen Ngai Liu Dsen Tai Li Jien Dsang Shu Bao San Tao Fu Tsen	Studies of 2d yr. " " " " " " Ist "

Suiling District

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	MISSIONARIES	CONFERENCE
1894 1894	James O. Curnow Mrs. M. J. Curnow	Philadelphia

Native Preachers

LOCAL PREACHERS	STUDIES
Li Tien Yuen Fu De Gen	Studies of 4th yr " " 2d "

EXHORTERS	STUDIES	EXHORTERS	STUDIES
Dsang Wan Ho Jiang Sao Ngan Lo Hwei Ngan Chin Hung Sen	Studies of 3d yr " " " " " " " " " " 2d "	Dseo Pei Lin Li Hao Ran Liu Mei Sen	Studies of 2d yr " " 2d " " " 1st "

BIBLE-WOMEN	STUDIES
Gao Dsang Si	Completed

Tsicheo District

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	MISSIONARIES	CONFERENCE
1892 1893	W. Edward Manly Mrs. F.B. Manly W. F. M. S.	Upper Iowa
1899 1907	Ella Manning Alice Brethorst	Branch Des Moines Minneapolis

Native Preachers

LOCAL PREACHERS	STUDIES	LOCAL PREACHERS	STUDIES
Dsang Fa Go	Studies of 1st yr	Shiao Yuin Shiang Shuei Dsi Fang	Studies of 1st yr " " " "

EXHORTERS	STUDIES	EXHORTERS	STUDIES
Dsen Shi Sao Liu Sang Gang Ngeo Yang Jiu Ngan	Studies of 4th yr " " 3d " " " " "	Ho Jin Tin Pun Jien Pin	Studies of 1st yr " " " "

BIBLE-WOMEN	STUDIES
Tsen Yang Si	Completed

ANNUAL MEETING OFFICERS

President, Bishop Henry Spellmeyer D.D., LL. D.

Secretaries:—

English:—JOSEPH BEECH

Chinese:—HWANG JIN TIN

Assistant Secretaries:—

WALTER M. CRAWFORD

LI TIEN YUEN

Statistical Secretaries:—

English:—JOHN W. YOST

Chinese:—SHÜ SWEI TU

Assistants:—

RAYMOND C. RICKER

TANG YIN HEO

Interpreters:—

QUINCY A. MYERS

W. E. MANLY

COMMITTEES

Social and Moral Customs:—

Joseph Beech
Yang Deh Yuin
Li Ke Dsung
Fu De Gen
Shiao Yuin Shiang
Hwang Jin Tin
Tang Yin Heo

New Work:—

Johan A. Johanson
Tsen Pei Tien
J. F. Peat
Shu Swei Tu
Liu Sang Ngang
Mrs. F. B. Manly

Visiting:—

W. M. Crawford
Wei Liang Si
Mrs. F. B. (Yost)
Ho Shiang Fu
Miss Hitchcock
Ho Dsen Shiang
Gao Dsang Li

Characters of Preachers:—

J. F. Peat
W. E. Manly
J. A. Johanson
J. Beech
Li Tien Yuin
Den San Si
Ho Wen Gwe
Jiang Sao Ngan
Ngai Da Dsi

Fraternal Letters and Resolutions:—

Q. A. Myers
Mrs. E. M. Peat
Dsang Fa Go
Bu Shiao Lan

Music:—

J. W. Yost
Ho Wen Gwe
Dorothy Jones
Mary Simester

Nomination of Committees:—

W. E. Manly
J. F. Peat
Joseph Beech
J. A. Johanson
Yang Deh Yuin

APPOINTMENTS

CHENTU DISTRICT

Presiding Elder and District Supt. of Day-schools Chentu College, President Vice-President Teachers Student of the language and teacher Principal of Intermediate and Primary Schools Physician-in-charge of Chentu General Hospital and Medical Work Chentu Church and Circuit Ba Tang Tibet and Dsao Dsen Circuit Lo Dsi Circuit Hwai Dseo Circuit Jien Dseo Circuit Lo Shi Circuit Lung Chien I Circuit Si Sen Circuit Assistant Preachers on the District	Johan A. Johanson. Joseph Beech. John W. Yost. Raymond C. Ricker. Harry L. Canright. Hu Wun Gwe. Yie Deh Min. Jung Dsi Bin. Elrick Williams. (See Women's App'ts). Harry L. Canright, M.D. Raymond C. Ricker. Yang Deh Yuin. Bu Shiao Lan. Tsen Pei Tien. Ho Dsen Shiang. Pen Juin Liang. One to be supplied. Fung Lin Yuen and Fung Yuin Sen. Tao Fu Tsen. Du Deh Jin. Wu Li Wun, Yang Shin Tsen. Yang Deh Ngan. Yang Tswen Sen.
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CHUNGKING DISTRICT

Presiding Elder, Mission Treasurer, and District Superintendent of Day-schools Superintendent Chungking Institute and Biblical Training Schools Teachers in Biblical Training School. Chungking Institute, Principal.	Jacob F. Peat. Quincy A. Myers. Hwang Jin Tin. Den San Si. Walter M. Crawford.
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Teachers	{ (See Women's Appt's.) Den San Si. Li Yui Chin. Dsen Fan Chin. Liu Din Chien.
Chungking Boys' Day-school	
Student of the language and Principal	{ Ray L. Torrey.
Teacher	{ Yu Tsen Jien.
Superintendent of Hospital for Men at Chungking and in charge of Medical work of the Parent Board in Chungking and Kiang Peh	{ J. H. McCartney, M.D.
Student of the language and assistant-in-charge	{ C. W. Freeman, M.D.
Matron, Hospital for Men at Chungking	{ (See Women's App). Ho Yui Lin. Dseo Sao Tsen. Shü Yüen Jiang. Lo Hwei Pin.
Hospital Evangelist	{ Jacob F. Peat.
Beh Bi Circuit	{ Tang Yin Heo.
Beh Si I Circuit	{ To be supplied.
Bi San Circuit	{ Quincy A. Myers.
Chungking Church	{ Hwang Jin Tin.
Chungking Circuit	{ To be supplied.
Dsen Jia Ngai Church	{ J. H. McCartney, M.D.
Dsen Jia Ngai Circuit	{ Pen Dsen Yui.
Fu Chi Ho Circuit	{ Li Jien Dsang.
Jin Gwan Tsang Circuit	{ Ngai Da Ssi.
Kiang Peh Circuit	{ J. H. McCartney, M.D.
Lan Bi Circuit	{ Liu Dsen Tai.
Lin Swei	{ Tang Del Chuen.
Mu Er Circuit	{ Ho Shiang Fu.
Ngan Lung Circuit	
Yui Chuan	

SUILING DISTRICT

Presiding Elder and District Supt. of Day-schools	{ James O. Curnow.
District Evangelistic Work, and Principal of Rogers' Day-school.	{ (See Women's Appt's).
Da Ho Ba Circuit	{ Liu Mei Sen.
Dsi Tung Dsen Circuit	{ Lo Hwei Ngan.

Ho Dseo Circuit	Fung Si Jin.
Ngan Shi Circuit	Dsang Wan Ho.
Ngan Yo Circuit	Fu Deh Gen.
Si Er Dung Chiao Circuit	Li Hao Ran.
Suiling	{ To be supplied.
	{ Jiang Sao Ngan.
	{ Dseo Pei Lin.
Yuen Keo Circuit	Chin Hung Sen.

TSICHEO DISTRICT

Presiding Elder	Wilson E. Manly.
District Supt. of Day-schools	(See Women's Appt's).
Teacher in Intermediate and Day-schools at Tsicheo	} Wang Chin Fu.
District Evangelistic Work and Girls' Day-school	} (See Women's Appt's).
Dsi Yang Shien Circuit	Liu San Gang.
Lo Chuen Jin Circuit	Shue Dsi Fang.
Lui Jiang Circuit	Li Tien Yuen.
Lung Tsang Circuit	Ho Jin Tin.
Shin Lung and Yuin Tsang Circuits.	Pen Jien Pin.
Tien Gu Chiao Circuits	Dsen Shi Sao.
Tsicheo Circuit.	Dsang Fa Go.
Left without Appointment to attend school	} Shiao Yuin Shiang.

Women's Appointments

CHENTU DISTRICT

Sub-Treasurer and Supt. of Building	Clara Collier.
District Evangelistic Work	" "
City Evangelistic Work	{ Mrs. Margaret Canright.
	{ Mary Simester.
Principal Girl's Boarding School	Dorothy Jones.
Assistant Principal Girls' Boarding School	} Frances H. Hitchcock.
Principal Girls' Day-school	Mary Simester.
Principal of Women's School	" "
Principal of Boys' Intermediate and Primary Schools	} Mrs. Edna B. Yost.

CHUNGKING DISTRICT

W. F. M. S. Treasurer	Helen R. Galloway.
District Evangelistic Work and Supt. of Women's and Girls' Day-schools	} Anna M. Wells.
District Evangelistic Work	Dai Dsang Si.
Kiang Peh Circuit Evangelistic Work	} Mrs. Saddle K. McCartney.
Dsen Jia Ngai Circuit Evangelistic Work and Teacher in Chungking Institute	} Mrs. Cora L. Myers.
Teacher in Chungking Institute and Student of the language	} Mrs. Mabel L. Crawford.
Student of the Language	Mrs. Kate W. Torrey.
Medical Work among women	{ Mary Ketring, M.D. A. M. Edmonds, M.D. (home on furlough).
Supt. of William Gamble Memorial Hospital	} Helen R. Galloway.

SUILING DISTRICT

District Evangelistic Work and Principal Rogers' Day-school	} Mrs. Mary J. Curnow.
Evangelistic Work in Suiling and District	{ Gao Dsang Si One to be supplied.

TSICHO DISTRICT

Sub-Treasurer and Supt. DeWitt Memorial Training School for Women	} Ella Manning.
District Evangelistic Work and Girls' Day-school	{ Ella Manning. Mrs. Florence Manly. Tsen Yang Si.
Student of the Language	Alice Brethorst.

DAILY JOURNAL, 1907.

First Day, Wednesday, January 23.

The sixteenth Annual Meeting of the West China Mission opened in the Chapel of the new Chentu hospital, at Chentu, on Wednesday, January 23, at 8.30 a.m., Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, D.D., LL.D., presiding. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to those present by Bishop Spellmeyer, the Presiding Elders assisting.

Roll Call.—The roll was called by last year's secretary, the following persons answering to their names: Jacob F. Peat, Mrs. E. M. Peat, Quincy A. Myers, Walter M. Crawford, Dorothy Jones, Frances H. Hitchcock, Harry L. Canright, Mrs. M. M. Canright, Joseph Beech, John W. Yost, Mrs. E. B. Yost, Clara Collier, Mary Simester, Johan A. Johanson, James O. Curnow, Mrs. M. J. Curnow, Wilson E. Manly, Mrs. F. B. Manly, Raymond C. Ricker; Den San Si, Hwang Jin Tin, Ngai Da Dsi, Ho Wun Gwe, Yang Deh Yuin, Li Tien Yuen, Ho Dsen Shiang, Fu Deh Gen, Ho Shiang Fu, Lo Hwei Pin, Shuei Dsi Fang, Tang Deh Chuen, Pen Dsen Yuen, Tang Yin Heo, Shu Swei Tu, Jiang Ho Jiu, Pen Juin Liang, Du Deh Jin, Bu Shiao Lan, Dsang Wan Ho, Lo Hwei Ngau, Chin Hung Sen, Gwe Yin Ngan, Jiang Sao Ngan, Liu Mei Sen, Liu Ho Yuin, Tao Fu Tsen, Dsen Shi Sao, Ho Jin Tin, Liu San Gang, Dsang Liu Si, Tsen Yang Si, Gao Dsang Si.

Secretaries.—Joseph Beech was chosen English Secretary on motion of J. F. Peat, and nominated Walter M. Crawford as his assistant and he was elected. Hwang Jin Tin was elected Chinese secretary, on motion of Li Tien Yuen, and Li Tien Yuen was chosen as his assistant.

Statistical Secretaries.—On nomination of J. A. Johanson, John W. Yost was elected statistical secretary, and Raymond C. Ricker was chosen as assistant. Shü Swei Tu was elected Chinese statistical secretary, and on his nomination, Tang Yin Heo was chosen as assistant.

Interpreters.—Quincy A. Myers was chosen interpreter on motion of W. E. Manly; on motion of J. F. Peat, W. E. Manly was also appointed as interpreter.

Time of Sessions.—On motion of Li Tien Yuen, the time of sessions was fixed at 9.30 a.m. for the opening, and 12.30 noon for closing.

Bar of Conference.—On motion of J. F. Peat, the Bar of the Conference was fixed at the third seat from the rear of the chapel.

Committee Reports.—The report of the Committee on Nomination of Committees was presented by Yang Delh Yuin and the following committees elected: Committee on Social and Moral Questions, Committee on New Work, Committee on Examination of Preachers' characters, Committee on Visitation, Committee on Fraternal Letters and Resolutions, Committee on Music. (For names see List of Committees elsewhere).

Introductions.—Ray L. Torrey, of the South Kansas Conference and Mrs. K. W. Torrey, also Elrick Williams, of the Illinois Conference, newly arrived missionaries, were introduced to the Conference; James O. Curnow and Mrs. M. J. Curnow, returned from furlough, were also introduced; the Conference arose to receive them.

Additions to the Roll.—The following Exhorters were introduced: Tsicheo District—Shiao Yuin Shiang, Dsang Fa Go, Yang Yu Ru, Pen Jien Pin, Dsen Hwai Tswan, Yang Jiu Ngan; Chungking District:—Liu Dsen Tai, Dseo Sao Tsen, Lu Ngen Pu, Dseo Yien Tsen, Jung Kwen Ngai, Shu Yuen Jiang, Shu Bao San; Bible-woman:—Dai Dsang Si; Suiling District:—Shiao Yung Kai, Dsen Shien Shiang, Tang Shin Ngan, Liu Ren San, Wang Sen Tai, Dsang Ho Sen, Jiang Hwang Dsang, Li Hao Ran, Yang Yu Kwen, Ren So Tai, Liu Jin Yuen, Dsang Dsi Yuen, Din Shu Wu, Dsen Bin Shuen, Dsang Tswen Yuen; Chentu District:—Yang Delh Ngan, Dseo Pei Lin, Yang Tswun Sen, Wu Li Wun, Jung Dsi Bin, Wu Hung Bin, Yang Shin Tsen. The following District Stewards were also introduced: Wang Shin Fu, Dsen Shi Sao.

Reports:—The report of J. F. Peat, Presiding Elder of Chungking District was called for and presented. The following workers in the Chungking District also presented reports: Den San Si, Hwang Jiu Tin, Tang Delh Chuen, Jiang Ho Jiu, Lo Hwei Pin, Ho Yuin Lin, Ngai Da Dsi, Shuei Dsi Fang, Pun Dsen Yuen, Dseo Sao Tsen, Lu Ngan Pu, Dseo Yien Sen, Tang Yin Heo, Shü Swei Tu, Jung Kwen Ngai, Shü Yuen Jiang, Ho Shiang Fu, Dsang Liu Si.

The report of J. A. Johanson, Presiding Elder of Suiling District was called for and presented. The following also reported: Lo Hwei Ngan, Liu Ho Yuin, Jiang Sao Ngan, Chin Hung Sen, Tao Fu Tsen, Shiei Yung Dseo, Gwe Yin Ngan, Liu Mei Sen, Gao Dsang Si.

The report of W. E. Manly, Presiding Elder of Tsicheo District was called for and presented, also the reports of the following: Tan Shiei Wu, Dsang Fa Go, Dsen Shi Sao, Liu San Gang, Fung Lin Yuen, Shiao Yuin Shiang, Yang Jiu Ngan, Pun Jien Pin, Yang Yu Ru, Dsen Hwai Tswan, Tsen Yang Si. Mrs. F. B. Manly and Raymond C. Ricker, missionaries of Tsicheo District also presented reports.

Adjournment:—The announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

Second day, Thursday, January 24.

The session began at 9.30 a.m, with Bishop Spellmeyer in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by W. E. Manly. The Journals of the previous day were read, corrected, and approved.

Reports:—The report of Joseph Beech, Presiding Elder of Chentu District, was called for and presented, and the following Chentu District preachers also reported:—Yang Deh Yuin, Ho Wun Gwe, Pun Juin Liang, Du Deh Jin, Bu Shiao Lan, Tsen Pei Tien, Dsang Wan Ho. The report of Ho Dsen Shiang, of the Suiling District, was read. The report of James H. McCartney, M.D., in charge of Chungking General Hospital and Chungking and Kiang Peh Medical work was presented. The report of Q. A. Myers, superintendent of Chungking Institute and Biblical Training schools was presented. The report of Dorothy Jones, in charge of a Girls' Boarding School was presented. The report of Annie M. Wells was presented. J. W. Yost, teacher in Chentu college, and Principal of Intermediate school also presented a report.

Recommended for Deacon's Orders:—The name of Den San Si was called, his character was passed, his studies were reported, and he was recommended for admittance to Conference in full connection and for Deacon's Orders. The name of Yang Deh Yuin was called, his character was passed, his studies were reported and he was recommended for Deacon's Orders, and admittance to Conference in full connection.

Recommendations to Conference on Trial:—The names of Hwang Jin Tin, Ngai Da Dsi, and Fung Lin Yuen were called, their characters were passed, their studies reported, and they were recommended to Conference on trial in studies of the first year.

The names of J. H. McCartney, W. M. Crawford, Ray L. Torrey, H. L. Canright, and J. W. Yost, were called, their characters were passed, their studies reported, and they were recommended to Conference on trial in studies of the first year. The name of R. C. Ricker was called, his character passed, his studies reported, and he was recommended to Conference in the studies of the second year upon completion of his studies.

Members of Home Conferences:—The names of J. F. Peat, W. E. Manly, Q. A. Myers, Joseph Beech, J. A. Johanson and J. O. Curnow were called ; their characters were passed.

Character of Preachers:—The following names were called, and they were granted Local Preachers' licenses or continued as Local Preachers :

Shü Yuen Jiang	character passed,	license recommended,	in 1st year studies
Shüei Dsi Fang	" "	" "	" " " "
Pun Dsen Yuen	" "	" "	" " " "
Tang Yin Heo	" "	" "	" " " "
Li Tien Yuen	" "	renewed	" 4th " "
Ho Dsen Shiang	" "	" "	" 1st " "
Fu Deh Gen	" "	" "	" 2nd " "
Ho Wun Gwe	" "	renewed	" 1st " "
Du Deh Jin	" "	recommended,	" " " "
Bu Shiao Lan	" "	" "	" " " "
Dsang Fa Go	" "	" "	" " " "
Shiao Yün Shiang	" "	" "	" " " "

The names of those continued as exhorters were called and the following action taken :

Ho Shiang Fu,	character passed,	license renewed,	in studies of 3rd year
Lo Hwei Pin,	" "	" "	" " " "
Tang Deh Chuen	" "	" "	" " " "
Fung Yün Sen	" "	" "	" " " "
Liu Sang Gang	" "	" "	" " " "
Ngeo Yang Jiu Ngan	" "	" "	" " " "
Dsang Wan Ho	" "	" "	" " " "
Lo Hwei Ngan	" "	" "	" " " "
Jiang Sao Ngan	" "	" "	" " " "
Shie Yiung Dseo	" "	" "	" " " "
Dsen Shi Sao	" "	" "	" " " 4th "
Pun Jün Liang	" "	" "	" " " "
Tsen Pei Tien	" "	" "	" " " "

Shü Šwei Tu,	character	passed,	license	renewed,	studies	of	2nd	year.
Dseo Sao Tsen	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Lu Ngen Pu	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ching Hung Sen	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Gwe Yin Ngan	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Liu Jin Yuen	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wang Sen Tai	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Jiang Dsi Yuen	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Jiang Hwan Dsang	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Li Hao Ran	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wu Yu Tin	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wu Li Wun	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Dseo Peh Lin	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Yang Deh Ngan	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Jung Dsi Bin	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Yang Tswen Sen	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wu Hung Bin	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Yang Shin Tsen	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Yang Yu Kwen	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Jiang Ho Jeiu	"	"	"	"	"	"	ist	"
Liu Dsen Tai	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Dseo Yien Sen	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Jung Kwen Ngai	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Shu Bao San	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Li Jien Dsang	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Liu Mei Sen	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ho Yuin Lin	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Tao Bu Tsen	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pen Jien Pin	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Yang Yu Ru	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Dsen Hwai Tswan	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ho Jin Tin	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

Gwe Yin Ngan and Ho Jin Tin were called before the Conference and reprovod for improper conduct, and promised to amend before their licenses were renewed.

Bible-women:—The names of Dsang Liu Si, Dai Dsang Si, Gao Dsang Si and Tsen Yang Si, were called, their characters passed, and their licenses were renewed.

Missionary Collection:—On motion of J. F. Peat, amended by W. E. Manly, it was ordered that the Missionary collection be equally divided between Home and Foreign missions and that the Presiding Elders and preachers in each district be a committee to distribute the collection in their district.

Introductions:—Mrs. Spellmeyer was introduced, the Conference rising to receive her.

Adjournment:—After the announcements and the singing of the Doxology, the meeting adjourned at expiration of time, with the benediction by Q. A. Myers.

Third Day, Friday, January 25.

The session began at 9.30 a.m., Bishop Spellmeyer in the chair. J. F. Peat conducted the devotional exercises.

Journal.—The English and Chinese Journals were read and approved.

Committee on Character.—On motion of Ngai Da Dsi it was ordered that J. F. Peat, Tang Yin Heo, and Pen Dsen Yuen be appointed a committee to examine into the affairs of Ho Yuin Lin.

Introductions.—R. J. Davidson, of the Friends' Mission, was introduced. The conference rose to receive him. He made a brief address. On motion of J. F. Peat, he was invited to sit within the bar of the Conference.

Reports.—The report of Dr. H. L. Cairright, in charge of Chentu medical work, was called for and presented. The report of the Chungking W. F. M. S. medical work was called for and presented. The report of Mrs. E. B. Yost, in charge of Chentu Girls' Day-school, was presented. The report of Clara Collier in charge of Chentu Girls' Boarding school, was presented. The reports of Dai Dsang Si and Li Jien Dsang were presented.

Music.—A male quartet consisting of Ho Wun Gwe, Dsang Fa Go, Jung Dsi Bi, and Ko Da Len, sang "Oh, Galilee."

Fraternal Delegate.—Rev. O. L. Kilborn, M.D., Fraternal Delegate from the Canadian Methodist Mission, was presented to the Conference, the Conference standing. He addressed the Conference in English and in Chinese, speaking especially of the cordial relations our missions have always enjoyed, of our mutual helpfulness, and he expressed the hope that a closer union might be cemented in the near future. On motion of H. L. Cairright, he was invited to a seat within the bar of the Conference.

Transfer.—On motion of J. F. Peat, the Bishop was requested to transfer Yang Deh Yuin and Den Sau Si, preachers on trial in the second year, South Japan Conference, to the Foochow Conference.

Report Blank.—W. E. Manly moved that J. F. Peat, Dsang Fa Go and Tang Yin Heo be appointed a committee to prepare a blank form for the report of preachers to the Annual Meeting.

Dropped.—Liu Ho Yuin, Dsang Min I, Lu Ji Min, Liu Shi Hwa, Tan Seo Sau, Dwan Tin Shuen, Shiang Juin Tsen, Tan Shie Wu were dropped from the roll.

Question 13.—Where shall the next conference be held?

Answer.—By a rising vote of 63 to 19 Tsicheo was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Announcements.—After the announcements the meeting adjourned, on motion of J. F. Peat, with the singing of the Doxology, and the benediction by Rev. O. L. Kilborn of the Canadian Methodist Mission.

Fourth Day, Saturday, January 26.

The session began at 9.30 a.m., Bishop Spellmeyer presiding. The devotional exercises were conducted by J. O. Curnow. The Journals of the previous day were read, corrected, and approved.

Report on New Work.—The report of the Committee on New Work was presented in Chinese by J. A. Johanson. On motion of J. F. Peat, the report was ordered to be read also in English. (See reports). After considerable discussion and the singing of "On to Tibet", the report was adopted on motion of Li Tien Yuen.

Vote of Thanks.—A motion of J. F. Peat to thank Joseph Beech for a guarantee of money sufficient to support one of two native preachers to open Ba Tang, on the border of Tibet, was carried.

Volunteers for Tibet.—In response to the call for men willing to open work on the borders of Tibet, thirty days distant from Chentu, Bu Shiao Lan, Tsen Pei Tien, Pen Juin Liang, Yang Delh Ngan, Fu Delh Gen, and Yang Delh Yuen expressed themselves as ready to go into that difficult field.

Report on Social and Moral Customs.—The report of the committee on Moral and Social Customs was presented by Joseph Beech. On motion of W. E. Manly the report was accepted and the committee were requested to prepare a poster containing the substance of the report.

Music.—A Chinese quartet, consisting of members of the Chungking Institute Brass band, rendered a selection of music.

Auditing Committee.—Report of the Auditing Committee was presented by Q. A. Myers, who stated that the treasurer's books had been audited and found correct. Moved by J. F. Peat that Q. A. Myers and R. L. Torrey be appointed Auditing Committee for the ensuing year.

Mission Conference Resolution.—A resolution was presented by J. F. Peat on the advisability of organizing a Mission Conference in West China next year. He moved that we request the Bishop for authority to organize such a Conference. The motion was tabled, on motion of W. E. Manly, until Monday.

Fraternal Letter.—The secretary announced the receipt of a Fraternal Letter from Rev. Spencer Lewis, of the Central China Mission, and on motion of Li Tien Yuen, it was read to the Conference. W. E. Manly moved that the Committee on Fraternal Letters be requested to prepare a suitable answer. Q. A. Myers made some statements to the Conference from the letter of Kwang Wun Swen, written to the Bishop, expressing his willingness to enter the mission as a preacher.

Introduction.—Rev. G. E. Hartwell of the Canadian Methodist Mission, was introduced, the Conference rising, and he addressed the Conference, on the invitation of the Bishop.

Statistical Report.—The statistical report was presented by J. W. Yost. The total membership reported was 3,330, a gain of 672, or 20% during the year. On motion of Yang Delh Yuin the Chinese statistical report for each circuit was read to the Conference.

Famine Collection.—W. E. Manly made a statement in regard to the famine in the provinces of Ngan Hwei and Honan and on his motion it was ordered that a collection should be taken at the Love Feast on Sunday morning for the famine sufferers.

Advisory Board.—J. F. Peat was appointed as our representative on the Advisory Board for the ensuing year, on motion by Q. A. Myers.

Committee on Examinations.—It was moved by J. F. Peat and carried that the Presiding Elders constitute an examining committee for the Local Preachers and Exhorters and that Q. A. Myers constitute a committee to examine the Chinese preachers in the Conference course of studies, and that the Committee appointed last year to examine missionaries in the Conference course of studies be continued, with J. O. Curnow as substitute for Joseph Beech.

China Central Delegate.—On motion of J. F. Peat, Joseph Beech was appointed our delegate to the China Central Conference at Shanghai. Dr. Agnes M. Edmonds was on motion elected as lay delegate.

Examinations.—Mrs. F. B. Manly reported that R. C. Ricker had completed a satisfactory examination in Mateer's Lessons 50—100, the Gospels and Acts, and in the written characters of Sacred Edict, Chapter 2, thus completing most of the second year's work.

Adjournments.—Announcements were made, Doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. G. E. Hartwell of the Canadian Methodist Mission.

Distribution of Licenses.—At the close of an address to the preachers on Sunday afternoon, the licenses of Local Preachers and Exhorters were presented to the preachers by Q. A. Myers, speaker of the afternoon meeting.

Fifth Day, Monday, January 28.

Session opened at 9.30 a.m., Bishop Spellmeyer in the chair. Q. A. Myers conducted the Devotional Exercises. The Journals of Saturday morning were read and approved.

Mission Conference.—The motion to request the Bishop to organize a Mission Conference in West China was taken from the table and after much discussion, a motion made by W. E. Manly to defer the whole question until next year prevailed by a vote of 61 to 11.

Report of Examinations.—Joseph Beech reported that J. W. Yost had completed St. John's Gospel, that Mrs. E. B. Yost had completed Baller's Lessons entire, that Mary Simester had completed Baller's Lessons entire, the written characters in Chapter 1 of Sacred Edict, and St. John's Gospel, and that she had finished the entire course of the first year satisfactorily. Q. A. Myers reported that Annie M. Wells had completed Baller's Lessons entire, St. John's Gospel; and that Frances H. Hitchcock had completed Baller's 20 Lessons, the geography of China and St. John's Gospel; and that W. M. Crawford had completed Matthew and St. John's Gospel.

Organization of Epworth League.—On motion of Den San Si, and amended by J. F. Peat, the Bishop was requested to appoint a committee to report at the next Annual Meeting on the advisability of organizing Epworth Leagues throughout the Mission. The Bishop named W. E. Manly, J. F. Peat, Deh San Si, Hwang Jin Tin, and Li Tien Yuen as the committee.

Hospital Collection.—A motion by J. A. Johanson that a collection be taken for the Chentu General Hospital was carried. On motion of J. Beech, Fung Lin Yuen and Den San Si were appointed a committee to receive the collection. They reported that \$168 Mex. had been subscribed.

Report Blank.—Dsang Fa Go presented, as the report of the committee to prepare a report blank, a blank form of report to the Annual Meeting, and moved that next year's reports be made in writing. It was also ordered on motion of J. F. Peat that the statistical secretary should distribute the Blank Reports.

Church Customs.—The committee appointed to prepare a poster setting forth the moral and social evils against which the church is contending presented their report and it was adopted. On motion of J. F. Peat, it was also ordered that each Presiding Elder prepare a poster for use in front of the churches, the same to be in essential agreement with the report of the committee.

Statistical Secretary.—On motion of J. F. Peat it was ordered that J. W. Yost continue to act as statistical secretary for the ensuing year.

Music.—A vocal quartet was rendered by Ho Wun Gwe, Jung Dsi Bin, Dsang Fa Go, Ko Da Len.

Conference Questions.—The following questions were asked by the Bishop and answered by the secretary :

QUESTION 1.—Who are on trial in studies of the first year ?

Ans.—James H. McCartney, Harry L. Canright, John W. Yost, Walter M. Crawford, Fung Lin Yuen, Hwang Jin Tin, Ngai Da Dsi. (The above recommended by this Annual Meeting). Elrick Williams, Elder, Illinois Conference, Ray L. Torrey. South Kansas Conference.

QUESTION 2.—Who are on trial (a) in the studies of the 2nd year ?

Ans.—Raymond C. Ricker (Recommended by this Annual Meeting). Joseph Beech, Elder, New York East Conference. (b) In studies of 3rd year ?

Ans. Yang Deh Yuin, Den San Si, Foochow Conference. (Recommended in full connection).

QUESTION 5.—What Travelling Preachers have been ordained Deacons ?

Ans.—Yang Deh Yuin, Den San Si, (Recommended by this Annual Meeting).

QUESTION 9.—Was the character of each preacher examined?

Ans.—The character of each preacher amenable to this meeting was strictly examined and called in open session.

QUESTION 10.—What is the statistical report.

Ans.—(See tabulated statements).

QUESTION 11.—What is the aggregate of the Benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference?

Ans.—Missionary collection \$272. 44 Mex.

QUESTION 12.—Where are the preachers stationed?

Ans.—(See appointments).

Official Journal.—On motion of J. F. Peat, it was ordered that the English Journal should be the Official Journal of the Conference.

Printing of the Minutes.—W E. Manly moved that the Chinese minutes be printed provided that sufficient money could be raised to cover the expense. The motion prevailed. It was moved by J. F. Peat and carried that the English minutes should be printed if sufficient money be pledged and that the secretaries and statistical secretaries should constitute a committee to have the matter in charge.

Time of Adjournment.—On suggestion of the Bishop it was agreed that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 7.30 p.m. in the Hospital Chapel.

Examiners.—On motion of J. F. Peat, Q. A. Myers was appointed to examine the missionaries in Chinese studies at Chungking. On motion of J. W. Yost, H. L. Canright was appointed examiner for Chentu. On motion of R. C. Ricker, Mrs. F. B. Manly was appointed examiner for Tsicheo.

Dr. Canright expressed his thanks for the generous donation to the Hospital fund.

Bishop for China.—The following resolution was presented by J. F. Peat: Inasmuch as the China Central Conference will discuss the question of Missionary Bishop for China, be it resolved, that we request our delegates to that Convention to favor the return of Bishop Bashford as resident Bishop of China. The resolution was adopted unanimately by a rising vote.

Return of Missionaries.—On motion of Liu Deh San, Rev. Spencer Lewis was unanimously invited to return to the West China Mission, and on motion of J. O. Curnow, H. O. Cady was invited to return to West China, his health permitting.

Adjournment.—The Doxology was sung and the meeting adjourned on expiration of time with the benediction by Yang Deh Yuin.

EVENING SESSION

The session began at 7.30 with Bishop Spellmeyer in the chair. Fung Lin Yuen led the devotional exercises after which the Journals were read and approved. Bishop Spellmeyer announced that J. A. Johanson, elder, also Den San Si and Yang Deh Yuin on trial in the 2nd year in South Japan Conference, were transferred to the Foochow Conference, and he requested the secretary to notify said Conferences.

Committee on Nomination of Committees.—On motion of J. F. Peat, the Presiding Elders, and the pastor of the church where the next Annual Meeting is held, were constituted a committee on Nomination of Committees.

Date of China Central Conference.—J. A. Johanson moved that this Conference favor the 7th of May as the date for the China Central Conference.

Committee on Resolutions Report.—Resolutions appreciating the services of Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, also resolutions welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Curnow and the new missionaries to the field, Dr. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Torrey and Mr. Williams; also resolutions of thanks to Dr. Canright for the use of the Chentu Hospital, and to Dr. McCartney for the pictures of the last Annual Meeting, were presented by the chairman of the committee, Q. A. Myers, and were adopted by a rising vote.

Vote of Thanks.—Moved by Joseph Beech and carried by a rising vote that as a mission we express our hearty thanks to Dr. J. F. Goucher for a gift of \$2,500 gold, and to Bishop J. W. Bashford for a gift of \$1,000 gold, both for Chentu College.

Collection to Enter Tibet.—On motion of J. Beech, the Conference decided to take a collection to open work at Batang, on the border of Tibet. In a few minutes' time a collection of \$500 Mex. was realized, everyone entering into the proposition heartily, after which our battle song "On to Tibet" was sung with a ring of victory. Moved by J. F. Peat and carried that the Chinese secretaries prepare a list of the contributors and give a copy of the same to each Presiding Elder. On motion of Hwang Jin Tin, the preachers were requested to solicit contributions from all the churches.

Adjournment.—Moved by J. F. Peat and carried that after reading of Journal and appointments, that the Conference adjourn without day. The Journal was read and approved.

The appointments were read in Chinese by Q. A. Myers, at the close of which the two brethren appointed to Tibet, Bu Shiao Lan and Tsen Pei Tien, were called forward and spoke briefly to the Conference. The "Glory Song" was sung, after which a telegram was received from the Baptist Mission in session at Suifu, conveying greetings of that Mission to our Conference. The telegram was received with thanks and a reply ordered. The Doxology was sung, and the sixteenth Annual Meeting of the West China Mission adjourned without day, with the benediction by Bishop Spellmeyer.

(Attest.)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the proceedings and by authorization of the Meeting is made the official journal of the Conference.

(SIGNED.)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Spellmeyer".

Bishop.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Beech".

Secretary.

VI.—DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1907

1.—*Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

None.

2.—*Who have been Readmitted?*

None.

3.—*Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

4.—*Who are on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of First Year.

Erick Williams (Elder), Illinois Conference,
Ray L. Torry, South Kansas.

(Recommended) James H. McCartney, Harry L. Canright,
John W. Yost, Walter M. Crawford, Tung Liu Yuen,
Hwang Jin Tin, Ngai Da Dsi.

(b) In Studies of Third Year. None.

5.—*Who are on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of First Year None.

(b) In Studies of Second Year.

Joseph Beech (Elder), New York East Conference.
(Recommended) Raymond C. Ricker.

(c) In Studies of Third Year.

Yang Deh-yüin, Deu San-si, Foochow Conference.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year. None.

6.—*Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

7.—*Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. None.

8.—*What Members of Conference are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) (Recommended) Yang Deh-yün, Deu San-si, Foochow Conference.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. None.

9.—*What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

None.

10.—*What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.

11.—*What traveling Preachers have been Ordained?*

(a) Recommended for Orders, Yan Deh-yün, Den San-si.

(b) Under Missionary Rule, None.

(c) Under Seminary Rule, None.

12.—*What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) As Local Deacons. None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule. None.

(c) Under Seminary Rule. None.

13.—*Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*

The character of each preacher amenable to this meeting was strictly examined and called in open session.



14.—*Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

Bishop Henry Spellmeyer announced the transfer of Johan A. Johanson, Elder in South Japan Conference,— and Yang Deh-yüin and Den San-si, South Japan Conference, on trial in studies of second year, to Foochow Conference.

15.—*Who have Died?*

None.

16.—*Who have been Located at their own Request?*

None.

17.—*Who have been Located?*

None.

18.—*Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19.—*Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20.—*Who have been expelled?*

None.

21.—*What other personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22.—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

None.

23.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

None.

24.—*Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

None.

25.— *What is the Statistical Report for this year?*

See tabulated statement.

26.— *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

Missions, Home and Foreign, \$272.44 Mexican.

27.— *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

None.

28.— *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

None.

29.— *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See list of Appointments.

30.— *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

Tsi-cheo.

V.—REPORTS

Chentu District

PRESIDING ELDER'S REPORT

District.—The Chentu District comprises the city, the eastern half of the plain, and a large number of villages beyond the mountains, comprising about 3000 sq. miles with a population of about two millions. It is divided into five circuits with five quarterly conferences, so located that nearly every important village is within reach of the circuit preacher, and in most of them we have members or enquirers. There are nearly twenty regular preaching places with eleven churches or preaching halls.

Supervision.—It has been impossible for me to give the supervision which so large a field demands, because the college claims the major part of my time. But, by utilizing every school holiday and examination period and some of the Sabbaths in hurried trips to different parts of the field, I have managed to direct and keep in fairly satisfactory touch with the work. Three well attended District Conferences, one this year and two last, afforded opportunity for close personal contact with the members, and improved the spirit of the church as well as increased its membership.

The Churches. — The District has 144 members, 168 probationers, 1,020 enquirers, 8 Sunday-schools with 334 scholars, and collections aggregating \$369.50. Figures, however, are very doubtful evidences of spiritual values, for the prospect of some immediate gain holds not a few in the church, opens their purse strings, and inspires them to the study of the Scriptures and other Christian books. But despite all faults and imperfections, I am glad to state that in all the churches there is an elect company who belong to the Master and are treading the way of eternal life. Some genuine conversions have taken place and whole families have come into the church.

Preachers.—The main burden of the evangelistic work has rested on the Chinese preachers who have proven themselves fairly equal to the task despite many temptations and trials. Most of them have been on the road a large share of the time, preached from four to ten times each week, and in many ways shared the responsibility of their charge. I believe most of them

have grown in capacity for work, depth of knowledge, and intensity of evangelistic fervor, and have also attained a higher ideal of the church and a keener conception of their duty to God.

Work of Missionaries.—The District work also includes the medical work under Dr. Canright, the Chentu College, the middle school under the direction of Mr. Yost, the primary school in the care of Mrs. Beech, and two other schools in the outstations, the W. F. M. S. Girls' Boarding School and Women's School under Misses Collier and Simester, and the Girls' Day-school in the care of Mrs. Yost; in all, eight schools with 249 students taught daily, 61 patients seen each day except Sunday, also building work, property purchases, and innumerable incidental activities. There are eight missionaries in the district, including three missionaries' wives and two W. F. M. S. workers. It is not necessary to say that they have worked hard and faithfully.

Material Advance.—During the three years that I have been on this district, marked advances have been made in material prosperity. Doctor Canright has bought property and erected a stately \$10,000 hospital which is undisputably the finest building west of Shanghai; the Chentu College has been started, the College buildings fitted up, and gifts amounting to \$5,500 gold have been received for property; several plots of ground have recently been purchased by the W. F. M. S. ladies at an expense of several thousand dollars for the erection of their new school. Five hundred dollars is in hand for the purchase of church property in the villages, including \$375 contributed by the Montclair Church.

I wish to thank all who have made the work possible by their generous contributions, to express a deep sense of obligation to my fellow-laborers for their kindness and co-operation during the three years I have been in this district, and to praise God for all that has been done.

JOSEPH BEECH.

STATISTICS

Year									
1906	Missionaries	8	Preachers	14	Members	144	Probationers	168	
1905	"	7	"	7	"	98	"	136	
Gain	"	1	"	7	"	46	"	32	
1906	Sunday School	Scholars	334	Teachers	10	Students	249	Collections	\$369.50
1905	"	"	296	"	6	"	152	"	\$440.00
Gain	"	"	68	"	4	"	97	Loss	\$ 70.50

Chentu Intermediate School

JOHN W. YOST.

The year which has just ended being my first year in charge of a Chinese school I have felt keenly a lack of experience, and have therefore tried hard to profit by both the failures and successes that have been met. The one barrier that seemed to me almost insurmountable was to see that the Chinese Classics were properly taught. In fact I entrusted this portion of the work almost entirely to the faithfulness and care of the Chinese teacher during the first half of the year, my time being nearly all taken up with teaching at the college.

The first half year's work was very unsatisfactory however, and at the beginning of the fall term I was obliged to employ a different Chinese teacher, whose work, with more careful watching, has been much more satisfactory to say the least. We look with great longing to the time when we, like our sister missions in southern and eastern China, may have all these places filled with Christian men who are graduates of our higher institutions.

Arithmetic, Geography, and English have been taught in the afternoons by some of the more advanced students of the college, these young men receiving as pay, part of their support at the college.

I have personally given the boys from twenty to thirty minutes drill each day, and with the aid of Mrs. Yost and Mr. Yang, the preacher of the Chentu church, a daily chapel service of one half hour has been conducted. Mr. Yang deserves great credit for the very acceptable manner in which he has explained the Scriptures to the boys.

Some time has also been given to teaching the boys to sing the more familiar hymns of the church, with a marked improvement in the music in our regular church services as a result. Attendance at the Sunday services has been optional, but there have been usually from fifteen to twenty of the school boys present for both Sunday school and preaching. Three of the boys have joined the church on probation during the year.

We have had a total enrollment of forty-five during the year, some of whom have remained in the school but a few months, but we have had an average attendance of about twenty-five throughout the year.

The daily chapel service has been held in the Chentu church, and it has been our endeavor in this service to teach the boys respect for the house of God, and divine worship as well as the Gospel truth.

The students take part in the service also by repeating the Lord's Prayer and portions of Scripture in concert. We are thus trying to make the boys useful to the church during their school days as well as to train them to be useful men in after life.

May the blessed Holy Spirit be ever with us to direct our feeble efforts, and to influence these young hearts to accept the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

Annual Report, 1906

It gives us special pleasure to be able to welcome the Annual Meeting to our new Hospital Chapel. May this first meeting in the new building be but the forerunner of many blessings to come to all who may gather here in the future.

As most of you know, this *Hospital* building has occupied my chief thoughts and actions since the last Annual Meeting, which was held here in Chentu about four years ago. Very soon after that meeting closed, I commenced to make plans for this building. A year passed before they were completed and presented to Bishop Moore. After receiving his approval of the plans, workmen were engaged and work on the building was begun. The foundations were commenced in the spring of 1904, and the corner-stone was laid on the 9th. of September that same year. The masons only finished their work about two months ago and the carpenters are still at work. At present stairs and inside painting are about all that remain to be finished. The total cost to date (Dec. 31, 1906) has been Tls. 12,682.42. Of this amount something over eight thousand taels has been received, leaving a balance of over four thousand taels which the physician-in-charge is still carrying. A careful analysis of all the work and cost of each will be kept for future reference. No one who has not had a similar experience in building, can form any adequate idea of the immense task it has been to put up this great building here in the heart of Asia, with the materials and workmen at our command. Practically all the work has been done by coolie labor. There have been no carefully trained workmen. I was obliged to personally watch every detail and insist on it being done right, even at the expense of doing it over two or three times.

But I will not dwell on these difficulties. The building now stands here as a monument to faith. We have been cheered by many generous gifts without which the building would have been impossible. I have also been encouraged by many compliments

about the building, especially the kind words of Bishop Bashford.

I desire to most sincerely thank each and every one for these helps by the way.

A year ago now I determined that the building work should relegate to second place, and the medical work resume its first place in my thoughts and efforts. I believe our records will prove that this has been carried out. I think I can safely characterize this as the best year's work in our history.

At the *Dispensary* we have seen patients as usual six days a week. There has been an average attendance of sixty-one (61) patients at each of the two hundred and seventy-six clinics held during the year, making a total of about seventeen thousand for the year. 2,620 (12%) were women, and in the new building we have planned for that proportion of beds for women. All these thousands of patients have heard the gospel every time they came to our guest halls, and each Friday night a preaching service has been held in the Dispensary waiting rooms.

Since the tower was built many more patients come from outside cities, for it is talked about far and near. When we get the clock and bell it will be a real help.

Professional visits to the homes have not been numerous, but those made have been satisfactory, and several resulted in cures for which the patients were truly grateful. Opium suicides are still far too numerous, and some few are resorting to even more serious methods by which to throw off the burden of life in the service of Satan. Accident cases and fractures are coming to us more than ever before.

There have been many chronic cases wishing to enter the new hospital, but we have been obliged to turn them away or ask them to wait until it is finished. I know of several who are so doing.

The most bitter disappointment of the year is the fact that my order for beds was lost before it ever left the province, and I did not know it until five months afterward, when I should have been receiving word of the beds coming. This loss will unavoidably delay our work a whole year.

My best missionary work during the year has been done in the daily morning prayers, with the hospital servants and patients, and in the Sunday-school. In these services I have constantly and prayerfully tried, by God's help, to lead and aid men on the way to Christ, and I am sure from the witness in my own heart that this has not been in vain.

In His service,

H. L. CANRIGHT.

STATISTICS, 1906
Chentu General Hospital

In-Patients (men).	118
Suicides (14 Opium, 1 Phosphorous, 2 Cut Throat)	17
Labor Cases	5
Other Visits	33
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Total Visits	53
First Visits to Dispensary	4,408
Return Visits to ,,	12,412
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(2,619 Women and 14,210 men)	Total 16,991
Pay Visits to Dispensary	206
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	Total 17,197
Received from the Missionary Society	Tls. 355.00
Received from Self-support, Board	,, 742.30
Received from Self-support, Drugs	,, 350.66
Received from Donations	,, 121.47
Received from other sources	,, 110.00
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	Total Tls. 1,679.43
H. L. CANRIGHT.	

Chentu Girls' Boarding School

The past year has been one of progress for the W. F. M. S. in Chentu. For eight years the Board had but one worker here. This year there have been three, Miss Simester and Miss Witte, while they have been hard at work on the Chinese language, they have taught English, music and physical culture in the school. It was a great grief to us to part with Miss Witte, but she will do good work wherever she goes.

We have succeeded in securing land on which to erect a school building. We are most grateful to Dr. Canright for his kind assistance in this difficult task. It is hoped that the money for the new building will be provided this year. When we had ten girls we thought our small quarters crowded, now we are obliged to stow away twenty-three in the same space.

The class work of the school is constantly interrupted on account of my having to be called away to attend to other duties. But in spite of disadvantages our girls have made good progress. We have been most fortunate in having Mr. Ho, a teacher in the Boys' School, to teach the advanced class in arithmetic, and two of our girls have done excellent work as pupil teachers. Four of the girls have joined the church on probation during the year.

We had no idea of opening a Women's school, but the women came, anxious to study, and we could not turn them away. Miss Wang, who has studied in Chungking, consented to teach them and she has done most faithful work. Of these women who knew absolutely nothing about the Christian religion when they came, three have since joined the church on probation.

Although I was not appointed to itinerate, the need of such a work has pushed me out and I have been able to make several trips to outstations. I find the women at these places eager to learn and it is to be hoped that this year there will be some one to go to them oftener.

The classes for women in the city have been conducted by Mrs. Cairight and Mrs. Beech. While there has not been a large increase in numbers, there has been a deepening of spiritual life among those already in the church.

CLARA COLLIER.

Chentu Girls' Day-school

E. B. YOST

On hearing of my appointment to take charge of the girls' day-school in Chentu, I was rather frightened, for it seemed like a very difficult thing when I thought of my limited ability to express myself in Chinese. At the same time I was very glad to have been given some work and especially since it was among the children.

In a short time a teacher and schoolroom were procured. The room is not more than twenty feet from our living rooms, and it was therefore quite easy for me to have a good idea of

what was being done by the children most of the time. I soon learned to know that they were not doing much studying unless a full chorus of voices could be heard.

In response to the advertisement that a day-school would be opened, charging ten cents tuition per month, two girls appeared the first morning. At the end of the month, fourteen were enrolled; during the second, sixteen, with an average attendance of eleven; third month, twenty-six, fourth month, thirty, with about the same percentage of attendance. During the last half of the year twenty-three were enrolled with about the same percentage of attendance. In order to secure regular attendance, gifts of small value were offered to each who attended school every day of the month. About the same children would respond to this offer every month, varying in number from five to eight.

I have taught them arithmetic and calisthenics myself every day, and because of their visible interest in these two subjects, what might have been a task became a pleasure. The San Dsi Jin, a poetical arrangement of the Gospel in lines of three characters each, has been taught every day in addition to other Chinese books. The girls also attend a religious service each day along with the other day-school pupils of the mission. Here they learn something of singing and we trust enough of the Gospel to eventually bring them to a knowledge of Christ as their personal Saviour. Further, may we not hope that the message of Christ's love to mankind will be carried by these little ones into their homes and there bear fruit.

In learning to know the children, their various needs and wants are forcibly brought to one's notice. Some are easily met, for they are pleased and satisfied often with what would be considered a very trifling thing by the children in the homeland. For instance, the colored plates as seen in the seed and flower catalogues are very satisfying to the children if they may but possess such a picture. Other needs are not so easily met.

Peculiar to the customs of the country, is early engagement. It is desirable for the girl to be engaged quite young, and it is a deplorable thing never to be married. For many years the custom has been to bind the girls' feet, but we are glad to say that this custom is now beginning to lose favor. One little girl with unbound feet came to us recently in very sad straits. Because she had unbound her feet her mother was now unable to secure a husband for her. So she came to us hoping that in some way we might help her to secure a husband. Though we could not promise to do this she was admitted into the school, and we hope to be able to give her a good Christian education—though we may not be able to fill the demand for a husband.

Chungking District, 1906

JACOB F. PEAT, P. E

This year on the Chungking District has been one of success in many ways. There has been no defection from our preaching ranks at all. A year ago seventeen Chinese preachers were appointed to proclaim Christ to their brethren. They are all here to report or are detained by the work and are all asking that the New Year will bring enlarged opportunities of preaching the Gospel. Nearly every man deserves honorable mention, but we will not enter into detail.

Beginning on the north end of the district, Brother Ngai has acceptably and enthusiastically filled one of our most difficult appointments. He is seventy miles from Chungking, and while I have not been able to visit him and his work as frequently as I had hoped, the work has gone steadily forward.

Dr. McCartney with Bros. Ho and Pen as assistants, have done good work at Jiang Beh, both in the city and the country. In October we held there our district convention which was largely attended and much appreciated. With a membership of 146 they contributed over \$80 for the work of the year. Two nice little chapels have been built and dedicated.

The work of the Chungking church has largely been carried on by the assistant pastor, Bro. Tang, while carrying on his full work at the Training School. The church work is not the power for godliness it ought to be, but we have there many loyal followers of our Lord.

We rejoice to say that at Pi San we have, after three years of effort, secured a piece of property as a home for the church. No little difficulty was encountered, but now we hope for better things in that center. Bro. and Mrs. Lo have done good work there and we are encouraged to continue the work there with renewed vigor. Some repairs and changes in the property will need to be made, but when these are completed, we will have a church property in each of the five walled cities and the eight villages of the district.

The church at Yuen Tswan has entirely paid their church debt, and property has been bought and they are planning to build two village churches during 1907. They have there 265 members and probationers and 11 preaching places. Bro. and Mrs. Ho have a whole county as their field and are loyally working it.

Those of our brethren who are laboring on the country circuits have been doing faithful and some very hard work. One reports that he has travelled 144 and another 148 days during the year. I am sure that those walks for the Lord will not have been in vain. These men have a grand opportunity to make their influence felt for righteousness in a large field, and we thank God for their light in those dark places.

The day-school work on the district is not what it ought to be. The school at Jiang Peh is the banner school in point of attendance and receipts from tuition. We are now in a position to have a school at Pi San and arrangements are being made for one for the year to come. This will give us a school in each of the five walled cities.

Statistically, we have to report a gain of 72 members or 13 1-2%, and 39 probationers for the year. This gives us for the district 1,154 members and probationers. We have now 21 native preachers and 46 preaching places.

Kiangpeh Report for 1907

We are glad to report that there has been a steady increase in the membership both in the city church and the circuit which contains four preaching places, in two of which we have two as pretty preaching places as are to be found in any place in West China. A few years ago the mission had only rented places, not worthy the name of churches, and the name of the church was in disrepute all through the whole district. Thank God this is all changed now, and we are respected everywhere. I believe this has been brought about by having more respectable places of worship. If we do not respect our God, and the place where we worship Him, how can we expect the heathen about us to do it? We have in Gu Lu Pin a church building, the pride of the village, which only cost less than \$100 gold. In Shin Long Chang we have a fine property with a new building which has been turned into a church, and which in appearance resembles a house of worship. There should be at least two more villages on this circuit opened this year, which, if done, would cover the territory very well. We have a very good day-school open all the year in the city. The only difficulty was that the building was not large enough. The year opened with an enrollment of twenty-four names and closed with twenty-three—one having been promoted to the high school at Dsen Jia Ngai.

STATISTICS

Church-members.	84
Probationers	62
Baptized.	14
Infants Baptized.	4
School fees	56,100 cash
Church collections.	32,760 „
Education .	3,925 „
Missions	10,432 „
Poor	4,206 „
Oil.	5,205 „
Miscellaneous .	21,000 „
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Total	133,628 „

Report of Annie M. Wells

A little over a year has elapsed since we arrived in Chungking, December 27th, 1905. It has been the most joyful year of our life, for we have had the sweet consciousness of being in the field which God himself has chosen for us. We had expected trials and loneliness, but not such multitudinous blessings and so many true friends both native and foreign. We praise God for health. With the Psalmist we exclaim, "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness."

The year has been devoted to study and the following examinations in Chinese taken ; Baller, Geography, the Gospels of John and Mark, and the first fifty lessons in Mateer.

We have not been able to complete the English books to be read on account of inability to secure the same, "Martin's Cycle of Cathay" has been read and the following books substituted : "John Livingston Nevius," "Chinese Characteristics", "Village Life in China," "Through Hills and Valleys of Western China," and "Pastor Hsi."

We appreciate the responsibility which God has placed upon us, and desire that our lives may be spared to glorify him in this needy, benighted land. May the coming year be one in which God's richest blessing shall rest upon us as a mission, and flow through us to Christ's purchased but perishing ones.

"China's Millions, China's Millions, speed the day when they can sing, Jesus is *our* blessed Savior, glorious Lord, and coming King."

The Chungking Institute

Q. A. MYERS

As everyone familiar with conditions in China at the present time knows, educational work has its peculiar disadvantages here. The country is in the midst of transitions from the old civilizations to the new, and nowhere is this more manifest than in the schools. With all the drawbacks, however, that come from the peculiar conditions under which we labor, the Institute has kept moving steadily forward with its work and has had one of the most successful years in its entire history.

The total enrollment for the past year is seventy-one students. This is an increase of twenty over the number enrolled last year. As one might expect, with the larger number enrolled, more have been transient and have stayed but a short time in school. But the number of these has been surprisingly small. The attendance for the entire year has kept up to the general average, and we have been able to hold the students up to the very day of closing with much better success than formerly.

Of the seventy-one students above noted, nine have been wholly supported by the funds of the Society, ten have received one-quarter of their support, and five have received half-support. From this it will be seen that only fourteen scholarships have been provided by the Missionary Society for the support of the school. Beside these, however, twelve boys receive their support from foreigners—mostly missionaries on the field who are familiar with the work—and these might be counted as having received help from missionary sources. But there are still forty-five students who pay their entire support themselves.

We are earnestly striving for the time when this school will be self-supporting. A good step in advance has been made this year. The sum of Mex. \$1,911.22 has been received in tuition and special support. Last year we only received Mex. \$1,342.24 from the same source. This shows an increase for this year of Mex. \$568.98. Last year we received from the Society for the support of students the sum of Mex. \$422.53. This year we received only Mex. \$369.27, showing a decrease of Mex. \$53.26 from this source.

At the close of the year four students graduated with the diploma of the Institute. They have all signified their desire to enter our church work. This brings the total number of Institute graduates up to twenty-three men, and most of them are now engaged in our own station and school work where they

are doing valuable service either as preachers or teachers. The temptations to go to outside schools are still great, but on the whole, we are able to hold our students for the work of the church very successfully.

By a special grant of the Society, we have received during the year some very much needed physical and chemical apparatus. But the school is poorly equipped still in this line.

We need more teachers, more apparatus, and more buildings to do the most effective work, and to enter the great door of opportunity at present open to us. But even with what we have at present, our work continues steadily successful and we pray God for another year in which to labor in this field.

The Biblical Institute

Q. A. MYERS

The work of training men for the ministry is the most imperative and the most important work that can be done here at the present time. In a sense all our missionaries are engaged in it. But this school has been organized and conducted with the hope that some special effort in this line will best serve the end to be attained. The work has its difficulties, and the effort must necessarily be a long continued one, because the Chinese Christians themselves have rather low ideals of the kind of men required, and the character of the work to be done. But not all fail, and we are glad to report at the close of another year that we have three more graduates who have finished the course of study required in the school, and are now ready to enter the conference as preachers.

During the year sixteen have enrolled as students, but four of them have been found incompetent to do the work required, and have had to resign before the close of the year. The twelve remaining have done good work and all give some promise of future usefulness.

Because many unqualified candidates were recommended to the school, it was thought best at the beginning of this year to require the payment of Mex. \$10 from every new man entering, as a guarantee for his expenses, during the period in which he was in a sense on trial. As this sum would serve to support him for a few months, if he failed the expense would be his own. If he was a success then we gave him the usual loan after his own

payment was exhausted. The plan has worked well in that it has brought us a smaller number of undesirable students and has saved much from our loan fund.

After the first year in school almost all students are able to secure work preaching in the Chungking District, and by this means are able to secure by their own efforts a sufficient sum to pay their board. They also secure valuable training in the practical work of spreading the Gospel.

All signs seem to indicate a much larger number prepared to enter this school for the coming year, and we look forward to more success and blessing in the work.

Chungking Institute

WALTER M. CRAWFORD

One of the interesting things that a new worker in the schools has to undertake is teaching English. This has been my share of the work in the Chungking Institute for the past two years.

There is a passion for learning English among the Chinese and if we would allow ourselves to cater to this and permit students to enter the school and study nothing but English, we could make enough money, I suppose, to pay the expenses of the whole school. But we do not encourage this line of study especially, and charge extra fees when it is demanded. Only twenty boys take the English work and they range in class work from the primer to geography botany, and interpretation.

A literary society has been formed in which only English is permitted. The boys conduct devotionals, and give a full program of readings, recitations, debates, speeches, conversational and dialogues in English. This is arousing great interest and the primer class have as their ambition to talk and understand like the advanced students.

The Chinese who understand English well enough to act as interpreters and teachers have great opportunities for big salaries in government positions, and it is a great temptation to them to leave the mission work, but nearly all have stayed by the church work.

Gymnasium work has been given more place than heretofore, both because the Chinese are becoming interested in it and also because it keeps the students in better health. A Chinese boy who aspires to being a student will not do manual work

because he would "lose face," and this makes it more important that we take up physical culture in the school. To this end a baseball club was organized and now the boys can put up a pretty good game of American baseball.

The noisest feature of the school is the brass band, which was organized a year ago by Mr. Myers and is led by him. There are eleven members and they all take great interest in the work. The band has appeared at several public gatherings in the city and made enthusiasm for two large anti-opium rallies that were recently held. They went to Chentu this year to assist in a Chentu College celebration. Besides the present pleasure, they receive a much needed idea of music, time and order.

Report of the Chungking Girl's Boarding School.

The record of the year now closing is on the whole most encouraging. We who are engaged in educational work cannot report the progress as those in medical and evangelistic work, yet we know that time spent in the school-room day after day, apparently accomplishing so little is not in vain, and praise God that He has counted us worthy to be co-workers with Him in this great and blessed work.

During the year, the average enrollment has been forty. Three of the older girls have been married, two to preachers. We trust they will be faithful in telling the story of Jesus and His love to their sisters who sit in darkness.

The school was closed for two months during the summer, and all the girls who could do so were sent to their own homes and board was secured for the others in Christian families.

During the summer, we decided, on account of so much illness among our pupils, to remove our school to Gwan Yin Liang, a house outside of Chungking, belonging to the Friends, until such a time as arrangements could be made to move the school to Chentu. We do not regret the step that was taken, though at times it has been hard to have the girls in the same house with us continually. The health of the girls has been almost perfect. It is far more satisfactory to write a check for rent than for Cod Liver Oil.

Messrs. Pen and Wang have both rendered good service in teaching mathematics and advanced geography. While Miss Hitchcock, at the last Annual Meeting, was not appointed to school work, she has rendered most valuable service in many

ways and has done most acceptable work in the language. We look forward with pleasure to her work in the school-room during the coming year.

My own time has been spent in teaching, overseeing the work of the pupil teachers, and attending to the multitudinous duties connected with such an institution as ours.

Before I close, I wish to thank the teachers and students of our Chungking Institute for the courtesy and respect which they have shown toward our students as we have met together in worship and on other occasions. May the time soon come when all shall say with Paul, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ."

Four of our girls have been admitted into the church in full membership and five on probation.

Our prayer is that those committed to our care may grow up to be pure Christian women, rooted and grounded in the love of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY JONES.

Annual Report, 1906

Since last annual meeting we have had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. C. W. Freeman to our staff. His coming has materially benefited the work already and we expect next year's report will show even a more marked improvement. He brings to the work the experience of a trained hospital superintendent and is just the man for the place.

Our expenditures have been more than any previous year, owing to the fact that we undertook to supply $\frac{2}{3}$ of Dr. Freeman's salary from the hospital receipts, together with at least $\frac{1}{4}$ increase in the number of in-patients. Although our expenditures have been more our increase in receipts has been correspondingly larger, and we close the year with a balance of over \$ 1,500 against \$500 last year. We have made no additions nor improvements to the property during the year, but our prayer of years has been answered by the gift of \$ 1,500 gold with which to purchase the property in front of the hospital which will increase its value at least 100%. The gift was from Mrs. and Miss Gouldy who had already given \$ 2,000 in memory of husband and father. We hope that during the new year we may be able to purchase and improve this property.

We are glad to report an awakening among the progressive Chinese with money, and this year one man, Mr. Yea, manager of China Merchants, has come forward and offered to pay all the cost in vaccinating the children of the city and surrounding country, and has billed the city over his own name, with posters setting forth the advantages of foreign vaccine over that of the native way, and urging the people to come to us to be vaccinated. This same man has endowed a bed by a gift of \$500. This is real progress in the right direction, and we believe there are others who will follow his example. He is now talking of opening a maternity hospital; there is nothing more badly needed and we shall give him all the encouragement we can to this end. As two Life Insurance Companies opened up for business in the city during the year, we derived considerable revenue from the examination of patients, several hundred dollars in all.

We have just received word from the missionary society that we are to have a trained lady nurse, since we have agreed to pay her salary. We have been expecting to hear of her appointment, but as yet no word has come. With someone to have their office in the hospital, we hope to be able to see that the discipline of both nurses and patients is observed, and that the nurses will be kept more strictly to their work.

The American Dispensary has had a very prosperous year, over \$12,000 and for the first time we paid into the hospital treasury \$800, a part of the profits. The aerated water plant is meeting with more and more favour from both native and foreigner, and during the year we sold about \$900 worth.

We have had more in-patients than any previous year (over 700), and this in spite of the fact that the German Government opened up a hospital where patients were taken for nothing. Our hospital receipts at the gate amounted to more than 1,500,000 cash. The receipts from patients have exceeded the expenditure by 400,000 cash.

There has been a considerable increase in the out-patient department also; over 13,000 visits were made to the city dispensary. The new German dispensary which has been opened only a short distance away does not seem to affect it. At the beginning of the year our fee for calls into the city has been doubled, but it does not seem to have lessened the number of calls.

Our evangelist has been kept busy in the hospital during the whole year. Four public services a week have been held, the Sunday service nearly every Sunday being conducted by myself. A large number of the patients have signified a desire to become Christians. Mr. Murray has kept a bookseller at the Si

Pan-kai dispensary, where he sells books and preaches to the people. We hope to put papers into the waiting-rooms at the dispensary for the use of the street people as a reading-room. We thank God for the success of the work and trust Him for greater things during this new year.

HOSPITAL STATISTICS.

Hospital In-patients,	722.	
Si Pan-kai dispensary.		13603
Itinerating.		1235
Kiang-peh 6 weeks		445
Visits other than the dispensary.		475
Labor cases		30
Opium suicides		59
Other ,,		4
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		Total visits 15,851.
Operations under anesthetic.	374	
" minor (dispensary)	545	
By Receipts,		\$8615.60
To Expenditures,		6909.45
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		By Balance, \$1,706.15
By sales of medicines and medical supplies,		\$12,000.

J. H. McCARTNEY.

Report of W. F. M. S. Medical Work.

We come to the close of this our fourth year in medical work among the women of West China with grateful hearts. The past year—thanks to a merciful Providence—has been a good one.

At the close of last year our hearts were gladdened by having Dr. Ketring join us in the work, so that this year we have been able to do much more for the women in the outstations than in former years. It has been possible to make several medical itinerating trips to the country stations which we heretofore have been unable to do, as there was but one physician in the work.

ITINERATING

The itinerating has brought large numbers to hear the Gospel who otherwise would not have come, for they came because of their bodily ailments, and we so arranged that they must first spend a time in the waiting-room, listening to the

Gospel before receiving medical attention. Mrs. Dai has accompanied us on these journeys and been instant in season and out of season, seldom losing an opportunity of telling of Christ and Him crucified. Quite a number seen on these journeys have since come to the hospital for further treatment. One woman walked from a village 190 miles away for an operation on her eyes. She came almost blind and went away seeing and correspondingly thankful and happy.

CLINIC

The clinic throughout the year has been well attended. It has been held, as usual, three mornings a week, excepting the latter part of July and August, when our work was closed on account of the heat.

HOSPITAL

In the Hospital there has been, as in former years, a steady increase in the number of patients. The cases have been varied and some quite interesting ones have come to us during the year. We have in our wards at present a case of considerable interest, upon whom we performed a Caesarian section a short time since. The mother is well on the way to recovery and the son is a promising child. The patients are from all classes from the official to the beggar, but it is the deserving poor that appeals most to the sympathies, those who, were it not for the free hospital treatment, would be left to suffer with nothing to alleviate their pains. A good number can pay for their board but can give nothing for their medicine.

OUT-PATIENTS

Despite the fact that the fee for our calls has been more than doubled this year, the number of out-patients has increased over former years and has admitted us into many homes that would otherwise be closed to Gospel influences.

NURSES

We have now in training four nurses who for faithfulness would compare favorably with nurses in the homeland, and are efficient helpers to a surprising degree, considering that less than four years ago not any of them knew anything whatever about the care of the sick. They, together with the matron, an educated, refined woman, have an excellent influence over the patients, and their bedside talks and exhortations often prove very helpful stepping-stones towards the light of the Gospel.

EVANGELISTIC

Morning prayers with the helpers have been conducted during the year by Miss Galloway, Dr. Ketring, Mrs. Deng, and myself, in which we have taken up the study of different portions of both Old and New Testament.

The clinic patients regularly hear the Gospel from Mrs. Dsang as they await their turn to enter the consulting room. She spends the afternoon with the Hospital patients giving bedside instruction, teaching all who desire to learn to read. This is the first opportunity most of them have ever had of learning to read and one which many of them seem to appreciate.

The evening prayers held in each ward by the nurse in attendance and the Sunday afternoon service led by Mrs. Dong, have not only received the respectful attention of the patients, but many of them look forward to the services with interest. Many have gone back to their homes with the avowed intention of not **only** themselves giving up idolatry and living for Christ, but doing all in their power to persuade their friends and relatives to do the same. Their constant attendance at the church services have proved that their determination to seek the better things had come not from the mouth only, but from the heart.

May God's blessing rest upon these who having been with us have learned the better way, but who having returned to their homes will meet with temptations, which in their own strength would be impossible to overcome. Let us pray that they may not trust in their own strength, but with the Psalmist may say, "The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress, and my Deliverer, in Him will I trust."

We wish to thank the friends who have aided us during the year financially and otherwise, and especially Drs. McCartney and Freeman, whose willing and efficient consultation and assistance, especially in surgery, has been a much appreciated help in the work.

STATISTICS :—

Hospital Patients.	240
Out-Patients.	377
Clinic Patients	5,840
Itinerating Patients	5,174
Major Operations.	83
Minor Operations.	166
Obstetrical Cases	38

Most lines of work become less irksome by being oft repeated ; but unlike all others of my experience, this of report making, becomes more and more difficult each year, and even after ten

years of experience in this line, I find myself less willing, as well as less able to tell what has been done. As I look back over the year, there is no one thing which stands out as worthy of special mention, and yet the days have been full, each one with its own particular hurry, and rush of work, always a pressure, so much so, that nothing seems to have been done as one should like to have done it, but purpose is never fulfilled by mortals, is it?

This rather gloomy introduction, does not mean that there has not been joy in the service, for there has been much of joy, as well as profound gratitude to God for permitting me to serve another year, so much happiness have I gained, and experienced, from doing the work my Father gave me to do, that I find in my heart a strong desire to serve another decade, if it be His will to permit me the privilege.

My appointment was to Hospital work, and the various duties there have occupied the greater part of my time, though it seemed necessary to take on many other odds and ends of work as well; such as treasurer's work, which occupies more or less time, as some of you know; but, to make a long story short, I have done, I believe to the best of my ability, the work which has fallen to my hands to be done, and I leave the results with God.

REPORT OF FINANCES

Chungking Currency
\$ Dr. \$ Cr.

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By Balances from all sources in 1905		1,888 40
„ Appropriations from W. F. M. S. 1906		2,610 00
„ Receipts from patients		696 86
„ Donations on field		414 56
To Total expenditures	3,775 30	
„ Balance to be applied on proposed addition	1,834 16	
	5,609 46	5,609 46

Rate of Ex. Gold to Ck. Tls. 142

„ Tls. to \$.71

H. R. GALLOWAY.

AGNES M. EDMONDS, M.D.

MARY KETRING, M.D.

Suiling District

PRESIDING ELDER'S REPORT

The work in the Suiling District for the year has made good progress. The Lord has been helping and blessing us in the work. In a few places we have had some opposition and trouble from the Roman Catholics, beside the trials of a new work. But God has been with us and he has caused the work to prosper.

We have had three Local Preachers, nine exhorters, one Bible-woman, three other helpers, two colporteurs, and nineteen school-teachers, at work in this field.

The Word of God has been preached, taught and scattered broadcast in the district through a great number of Holy Scriptures and other books sold.

The church membership has increased 73 1-2%. At present we have 401 members in full, and 793 probationers,—a total of 1,194. But alas, only about 7% of the membership is women. There are whole circuits including several preaching places without one woman member. We sadly need more evangelistic work among the women.

The number of adherents has greatly increased as well. Twenty-one new preaching places have been opened during the year. We have at present fifty. The district is arranged into ten circuits, but at least one of the circuits will soon have to be divided. Self-support has been kept in view all the time. The contributions on the field for the year amount to \$1,241.37 gold.

Nineteen day-schools, one for girls and eighteen for boys, have been carried on in the district. These schools are supported partly by the missionary societies and special gifts and partly by local contributions. The missionary-in-charge has not been able to give as much time and care to these schools as he would have liked, still nearly all of them have done good work.

Our great need in the district is money to help buy property for churches and schools in the walled cities of Ho Dseo, Ngan Yio, Lo Dsi, and Tin Yuen Shien, and in half a dozen of the bigger market towns. More workers, too, men and women, native and foreign, are needed as well for the evangelization of the Suiling District.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. JOHANSON.

Report of Tsicheo District

W. E. MANLY.

This district comprises six walled cities and three country circuits. Brother Ricker has done much to lighten my responsibility in the Tsicheo church and circuit in addition to his study of the language. He is now quite qualified to take full work as a missionary, though of course he must continue his language study.

Mrs. Manly will report for the school and women's department, both of which have made good progress.

Uin T'sang-shien has been faithfully served by Fung Uin-len. He has raised considerable money for a new location and the spiritual life of the church is good. More needs to be done in the villages surrounding, especially San Jeu-fang.

Shin Long circuit has been served by our oldest preacher, Ho Jin-t'ing. A convention for Bible study was held there in June, and we were greatly encouraged at the spirit manifested. God will give us permanent results if we labor for them.

Tsai Wen Long of Chentu, supplied Lung Ts'ang-shien. It is a weak church, but with a new street chapel secured this year, we hope for better progress.

The problems to be solved at Lui Kiang-shien are very difficult. It is a church strong in members and outside influences and inclined to trust to their sources for success. Tan Shieh-wu has done some good service notwithstanding certain mistakes, but now thinks he must give up preaching. Whoever is sent there to preach needs not only wisdom, but more than an ordinary degree of faith and endowment of power and perseverance.

We were glad to have Dhang Fah-go give up his temporal prospects in Chungking to come and care for the church at Tsicheo. There have been good results and I trust through faith and prayer, that the next year will show still better. The country circuit of Lo Tchwen-jin has had considerable oversight from Han Ū-gwang, who has had no salary. There should be a man especially appointed for this circuit.

Dzen Shi-san has supplied the Tien Ku-chow circuit. The village of Dan San-dzen has purchased new property at a cost of more than \$200 (two hundred dollars).

Liu Sang-gang left his school teaching this year to serve Ts Jang-shien. This church has done well and has a good building, but is weak in that no women at all attend the services. This weakness must be overcome if the church is to be permanent.

Fung Lin-yuen at Jieu-cheo has succeeded in raising about \$250 to apply on the new property just dedicated by Bishop Spellmeyer. The church and school are well built and suitable for present needs. The school work is promising. The circuit about Jieu-cheo is so large, extending ninety li on both sides of the Great Road that it requires another preacher. The country work has suffered this year.

More preaching must be done in the villages if we are to do any good there in the future.

As for myself, I thank God for the year and pray for more grace to live and power to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The number of members has increased by twenty-four and the probationers by thirty-eight. The total collections are \$1,110.

Report of Raymond C. Ricker, Tsicheo, for 1906.

While the year has not seen the addition of great numbers to the church at Tsicheo, we believe it has been one of spiritual progress and that the people are seeing more and more the high standard of Christianity.

The particulars concerning the church will be reported by Mr. Dsang, who has assisted me and borne the larger portion of that work.

I have completed all but a small portion of the year's studies in Chinese and taken a portion of the preachers' course of studies in English—all that time has permitted. Beside the work in Tsicheo church I have made six trips in the country circuits.

We are planning to conduct a Sunday-school teachers' meeting each week and to start a library and reading club this year. We feel a great need for a street chapel on one of the more frequented streets and a man in charge to conduct daily services.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND C. RICKER.

Report of Committee on New Work.

I.—Whereas a large part of the population of the territory of the Methodist Episcopal Mission in West China is still unreached by the gospel, though great advances have been made in the past few years ;

Be it recommended that we press forward in the opening up of the numerous towns and villages still without preaching places, while exercising the greatest care in regard to sincerity of believers joining and cleanness of money subscribed.

II. — Whereas many of our churches are attended by men only and others have a very small percentage of women, and whereas we strongly believe that there cannot be a true church until the family as a whole are brought into the fold ;

Be it recommended that in *all* our chapels suitable places be provided for accommodation of women ; and also that the acceptability of men candidates for entrance into the church be to some extent judged by the efforts they are making to lead their wives and families to Christ ; and further that the more intelligent and earnest women connected with the church be urged to attend the Woman's Training School to be opened in Tsicheo, that they may be prepared for service among their sisters.

III. — Whereas the Chinese officials are offering inducements to emigrants to settle in and around Batang, and whereas this gives us an unprecedented opportunity to approach Thibet ;

Be it recommended that efficient and consecrated men be appointed to labor among these colonists, and that they be such as can acquire the Thibetan dialect and adjust themselves to the new conditions to be met, doing the work of evangelist and teacher. Because of the great distance, it is recommended that there should be a period of five years' service before returning.

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Resolutions

1. Whereas:— Bishop and Mrs. Spellmeyer have braved the perils and endured the privations of the long river journey, under very trying circumstances, and also the tedious overland journey from Chungking to Chentu to be with us at this meeting :—

Resolved, that we express to them our hearty appreciation of their interest and helpfulness in our work, and that we wish for them a safe and pleasant journey home, and trust that they may meet with great success in presenting our various needs as a mission-field in the homeland.



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2. Resolved, that we express to Mr. and Mrs. Curnow a hearty welcome upon their return to their field of labor ; also a hearty welcome to the new missionaries, Dr. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Torrey and Mr. Williams, and trust that they may be spared for many years of useful service.

3. Resolved, that we express our sincere gratitude to the Chentu missionaries and the native church for the royal manner in which we have been entertained ; also that we express to Dr. Canright our thanks for the use of the hospital chapel as our place for meeting.

We also wish to extend to Dr. Canright our hearty congratulations on the near completion of his beautiful and well planned hospital. It shows great thought and taste in every detail, and we hope that it may be the means of not only relieving bodily suffering but that it may also be the means of bringing healing to many sin-sick souls

4. Resolved, that a vote of thanks be extended to Dr. McCartney for the pictures of the last annual gathering which he has so kindly distributed among the members of the Annual Meeting.

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS OF WEST CHINA MISSION

NAMES OF SCHOOLS	No. Schools		No. Teachers, Foreign		No. Teachers, Native		No. Scholars	Total Expense Mex. \$	Appropriations Mex. \$	Special Gifts Mex. \$	Other Receipts Mex. \$	Repairs and Furnishing Mex. \$	Tuition Mex. \$	Grounds and Building Mex. \$
	No. Schools	No. Schools	No. Teachers, Foreign	No. Teachers, Foreign	No. Teachers, Native	No. Teachers, Native								
Chungking Institute	1	4	4	71	20	42.47	800.00	67.00					1864.22	4000.00
Biblical Training School	1	1	1	16	250.00	150.00	100.00							
Chentu College	1	2	4	82	2128.04		2129.87	4557.48	1266.60	2198.34	12536.62			
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS														
Chungking Girls' Boarding	1	2	4	40	1536.00	1440.00	80.00						40.00	3000.00
Chungking Intermediate Boys'	1	2	39	180.00	56.00	80.00							44.00	
Chentu Girls' Boarding	1	2	30	480.00										
Chentu Intermediate Boys'	1	1	5	266.00	200.00			14.08					51.92	
Tsicheo Intermediate Boys'	1	2	24	371.20	184.00			157.15	6.00				16.90	
PRIMARY SCHOOLS														
Chungking Boys' Day-school														
Jiang Beh Boys' Day-school	1			22										
Lin Swei Boys' Day-school	1			25										
Yiin Chuan Boys' Day-school	1			22										
Chentu Girls' Day-school	1			36	76.17	80.00		2.00					9.16	
Chentu Boys' Day-school	1			38	70.35			26.00					44.04	
Hwai Cheo Boys' Day-school	1			20										
Si Sen Boys' Day-school	1			28										
Tsicheo Boys' Day-school	1			38	85.74			85.74						
Tsicheo Girls' Day-school	1			36	89.10	89.10					4.50			
In Sang Dsen Boys' Day-school	1			12	34.00	17.00							17.00	
Jien Cheo Boys' Day-school	1			3	11	60.00	29.58		22.42				8.00	
Lui Jiang Boys' Day-school	1			22	54.58	29.58		25.00						
Pan Lung Boys' Day-school	1			22	21.30	14.80		6.50						
Tien Gu Chiao Boys' Day-school	1			13	29.80	14.80							7.50	
Yuin Lung Boys' Day-school	1			21	31.40	14.80		6.50						
Yuin Tsang Boys' Day-school	1			32	74.50	17.25							40.00	
Suiling Hiron's Boys' Day-school	1			22	41.40	12.00		9.40	10.00					
Suiling Rogers' Girls' Day-school	1			12	36.00									
Suiling Boys' Day-school	1			26	36.00	13.00	11.00	12.00						
Lo Dsi Boys' Day-school	1			14	25.00	12.00	10.00	3.00						
Lo Shi Boys' Day-school	1			24	22.00	12.00	10.00							
Ngan Yoh Boys' Day-school	1			24	61.40	12.00	10.00	39.40						
Ngan Shi Boys' Day-school	1			18	48.00	12.00	10.00	26.00						
Shuang Jiang Dsen Boys' Day-school	1			14	28.00	12.00	1.00	15.00						
Dis Tong Dsen Boys' Day-school	1			31	41.00	13.00	11.00	17.00						
Loh Kong Shan Boys' Day-school	1			12	13.00		1.00	12.00						
Tang Ba Tsang Boys' Day-school	1			18	20.82	7.00		13.82						
Da Ho Ba Boys' Day-school	1			36	21.00	12.00	9.00							
Ho Cheo Boys' Day-school	1			27	26.52	12.00	10.00	4.52						
Si Er Dong Chiao Boys' Day-school	1			14	23.00	12.00	11.00							
Yuen Keo Boys' Day-school	1			38	22.00	12.00	10.00							
Hwan Shan Chang Boys' Day-school	1			14	34.00	12.00	3.00	19.00						
Gwan Yin Tsang Boys' Day-school	1			12	20.00	10.00	1.00	9.00						
Gweh Hwa Yüin Boys' Day-school	1			18	33.70	13.00	2.00	18.70						
Tong Shan Si Boys' Day-school	1			26	22.00	12.00	10.00	12.00						
Totals	43	16	63	1145	7975.52	3816.91	2672.01	5028.57	1277.10	4341.08	19536.62			

MEDICAL STATISTICS OF WEST CHINA MISSION FOR 1906

NAMES OF HOSPITALS	In-patients		Women	Operations—Hospital	Operations—Dispensary	Suicides	Visits Made			First visits to Dispensary	Return visits to Dispensary	Received from Missionary Society. Mex. \$	Received from Self-support Mex. \$	Received from Donations etc.
	Men						Labor Cases	Other Visits	Total Visits					
Chungking General Hospital for men	722	722		374	545	63	30	475	568	13,603 Itinerating		12,000.00		
Chentu General Hospital	118	118				17	5	33	55	4,408, 12,530 Pay 206	500.00	1,540.00	171.00	
Chungking William Gamble Memorial Hospital	240		240	83	166		38	377	415	5,840 Itinerating 5,174	2,610.00	696.86	414.56	
Totals	1080	840	240	457	711	80	73	885	1038	42,996	3,110.00	14,236.86	700.56	