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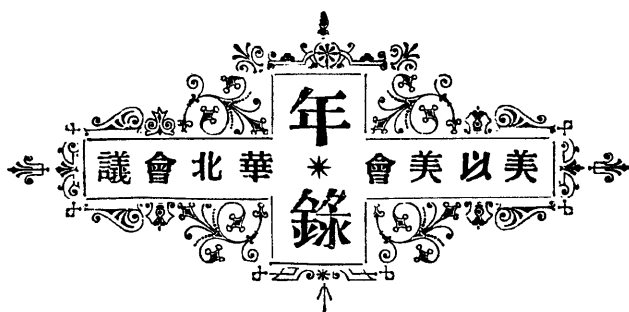
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◇ METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ◇

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◇ PEKING ◇

May 31st, to June 3rd, 1900.

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Conference Directory.

Elders.

ENTERED TRAVELLING CONNEC- TION OR DATE OF ARRIVAL IN CHINA.	NAME.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
1883	Brown, Frederick	Tientsin, China.
1870	Davis, George R.	" "
1881	Gamewell, Frank D.	Peking, "
1893	Hayner, J. Fred	T'ongshan, "
1890	Headland, Isaac T.	Peking, "
1882	Hobart, William T.	Tientsin, "
1886	Hopkins, N. S.	" "
1894	King, H. E.	Peking, "
1883	a. Longden, Wilbur C.	Tientsin, "
1867	a. Lowry, Hiram H.	Peking, "
1873	Pyke, James H.	" "
1880	a. Taft, Marcus L.	" "
1890	Verity, George W.	" "
1873	Walker, Wilbur F.	" "
1883	Ch'ên Ta-yung	Tientsin, "
1883	Tê Jui	" "
1891	Wang Ch'êng-p'ei	" "
1891	Wang Ch'ing-yün	" "
1892	Li Shao-wên	" "
1895	Liu Chi-lun	" "
1895	Yang Ch'un-ho	" "
1895	Liu Ma-k'e	Peking, "
1894	a. Wang Ch'ing-yü	Tientsin, "
1893	Sun Chiu-kao	" "
1895	P'an Chen	" "
1895	Ch'en Hêng-tê	Peking, "
1895	Chou Hsüeh-shen	Tientsin, "
1895	Chang Pai-lin	" "
1895	Ch'in Lung-chang	Peking, "
1896	Kung Te-lin	" "

Deacons.

1895	Liu Ming-ch'üan	Peking, China.
1895	Wang Yüeh	Tientsin, "
1895	Ch'en Wei-ping	Peking, "
1895	a. Yang Ch'ang-fa	" "
1895	Chin Ch'eng	" "
1895	Hou Tien	" "

Probationers.

ENTERED TRAVELLING CONNEC- TION.	NAME.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
1896	Yang Ch'ao	Tientsin, China.
1896	Wang Mao-yin	" "
1896	Ch'en yü-shan	" "
1896	Liu Tê-hsien	" "
1896	Chang Yü-ch'eng	Peking, "
1898	Wang T'ien-hsiang	Tientsin, "
1898	Liu Chi-hsien	" "
1898	Tseng Kuo-chih	" "
1898	Liu Kuang-ch'ing	" "
1898	Wang I-heng	" "
1900	Kuo Ying	" "
1900	Chai Te-jung	" "
1900	Liu Fang	" "
1900	Chang Tzu-sheng	" "
1900	Wang Chih-p'ing	" "
1897	Li Tê-jen	" "
1898	Wu Ch'i	" "

Medical Missionaries.

1886	Hopkins, N. S.	Tientsin, China.
1893	Ts'ao, Y. K.	Peking, "
1894	Lowry, George D. N.	" "

Instructors in Peking University.

1894	Mrs. H. E. King	Peking, China.
1894	Lowry, Edward K.	" "
1894	Terrell, Alice	" "

Treasurer.

1900	Martin, J. V.	Tientsin, China.
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In Memoriam.



"Not dead, but gone before."

NAME.	ARRIVAL IN CHINA.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.	CONFERENCE RELATION OR CALLING.
Leander W. Pilcher	1870	Nov. 24, 1893.	45	Effective.
La Clede Barrow.	1893	July 24, 1894.	31	"
J. F. Scott.	1892	May 28, 1896.	—	Physician.
Hattie E. Davis.				Teacher.



Annual Meetings of the North China Mission OF The Methodist Episcopal Church.

NUMBER.	TIME.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
Organized	Sept. — 1869	Peking	Calvin Kingsley	H. H. Lowry
1	Aug. 28, 1872	"	L. N. Wheeler	" "
2	Sept. 1, 1873	"	William H. Harris	L. W. Pilcher
3	Aug. 31, 1874	"	H. H. Lowry	" "
4	Sept. 8, 1875	"	" "	W. F. Walker
5	" 7, 1876	"	G. R. Davis	J. H. Pyke
6	Oct. 30, 1877	"	Isaac W. Wiley	L. W. Pilcher
7	Sept. 9, 1878	"	H. H. Lowry	J. H. Pyke
8	" 1, 1879	"	" "	L. W. Pilcher
9	" 20, 1880	"	" "	O. W. Willits
10	" 29, 1881	"	Thomas Bowman	L. W. Pilcher
11	" 7, 1882	"	H. H. Lowry	" "
12	" 4, 1883	"	Stephen M. Merrill	" "
13	Oct. 1, 1884	"	Isaac W. Wiley	J. H. Pyke
14	Sept. 10, 1885	Tientsin	H. H. Lowry	Marcus L. Taft
15	Oct. 7, 1886	Peking	G. R. Davis	" "
16	Sept. 26, 1887	"	Henry W. Warren	" "
17	Oct. 10, 1888	"	Charles H. Fowler	W. T. Hobart
18	" 15, 1889	"	Edward G. Andrews	" "
19	June 10, 1890	"	H. H. Lowry	" "
20	May 13, 1891	"	Daniel A. Goodsell	" "
21	April 27, 1892	"	H. H. Lowry	L. W. Pilcher
22	Sept. 30, 1892	"	Willard F. Mallalieu	" "
23	" 28, 1893	"	Randolph S. Foster	Marcus L. Taft

NORTH CHINA CONFERENCE.

SESSION.	TIME.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1	Sept. 29, 1893	Peking	Randolph S. Foster	Marcus L. Taft
2	Oct. 1, 1894	"	William X. Ninde	I. T. Headland
3	Sept. 20, 1895	Tientsin	John M. Walden	" "
4	" 23, 1896	Peking	Isaac W. Joyce	" "
5	" 15, 1897	"	" "	" "
6	Oct. 5, 1898	"	Earl Cranston	" "
7	May 28, 1899	Tientsin	" "	" "
8	" 31, 1900	Peking	James H. Pyke	J. Fred Hayner

Officers of the Conference.

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James H. Pyke,
President, Tientsin, China.

J. Fred. Hayner,
Secretary, Tientsin, China.

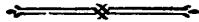
N. S. Hopkins, M.D.,
Assistant Secretary, Tientsin, China.

P'au Chen,
Chinese Secretary, Tientsin, China.

W T. Hobart,
Interpreter, Tientsin, China.

Alice Terrell,
Statistical Secretary, Peking, China.

F. Brown,
Treasurer, Tientsin, China.



Standing Committees for 1901.

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<i>Missions</i>	H. E. King, Tsêng Kuo-chih.
<i>Tract and Bible Societies</i>	F. Brown, Sun Chiu-ka.
<i>State of the Church.</i> ...	N. S. Hopkins, Ch'en Hêng-tê.

<i>Self Support</i>	W. S. Walker, Liu Chi-lun.
<i>Education</i>	H. H. Lowry, P'an Chen.
<i>Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues</i> ...	} G. W. Verity, Liu Ming-ch'uan.

Conference Board of Examiners.

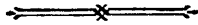
F. D. Gamewell, Li Shao-wên.
James H. Pyke, Ch'ên Hêng-tê,
F. Brown, Chou Hsüeh-shên,
J. Fred Hayner, P'an Chên,
G. W. Verity, Liu Ma-k'ê.

To Examine Missionaries in Chinese Language.

First Year: Mrs. C. M. Jewell, J. Fred Hayner.

Second Year: G. R. Davis, F. D. Gamewell.

Third Year: W. T. Hobart, N. S. Hopkins.



Special Committees.

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<i>To Print Minutes</i> ...	The Secretaries.
<i>Official Correspondent</i>	J. H. Pyke.
<i>Nominations and An- niversary Program</i>	} G. R. Davis, Wang Ch'ing-yün.
<i>Conference Church Extension</i>	} J. H. Pyke, N. S. Hopkins, F. Brown.
<i>Conference Tract Society</i>	} G. R. Davis, W. T. Hobart F. Brown.
<i>Fraternal Correspondent</i>	H. H. Lowry.
<i>Committee of Adjustments</i>	} J. H. Pyke, F. D. Gamewell, N. S. Hopkins.

Visitors to Educational Institutions:

Presiding Elders and those whom they shall appoint.

Anniversary Program for 1901.

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SUNDAY.

- 9.00 a.m., *Love Feast* W. T. Hobart.
 10.30 a.m., *Sermon* Bishop Moore.
 6.00 p.m., *Revival Meeting* ... J. H. Pyke, W T. Hobart.

FIRST DAY.

- 8.30 a.m., *Prayer Meeting* ...
 9.00 a.m., *Communion* ...
 4.30 p.m., *Self Support* ... W F. Walker, Liu Chi-lun.
 7.30 p.m., *Revival Meeting* ...

SECOND DAY.

- 8.30 a.m., *Prayer Meeting* ...
 4.30 p.m., *Education* H. H. Lowry, P'an Chen.
 7.30 p.m., *Revival Meeting* ...

THIRD DAY.

- 8.30 a.m., *Prayer Meeting* ...
 4.30 p.m., *Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues* ... } G. W. Verity, Liu Ming-ch'üan.



Course of Study for New Missionaries, Methodist Episcopal Mission.

FIRST YEAR.

- Gospel of John.
 Mateer's Mandarin Lessons—50 Lessons.
 Recognize Characters in 50 Lessons.
 Write 500 Characters Martin's Shuang Ch'ien-tzü.
 Names of 18 Provinces and Capitals in character.
 Courses of Yang-tzü and Yellow River and Grand Canal.
 Bounds of China proper and of each of 18 Provinces.
 " Chinese Etiquette "—Christy.

SECOND YEAR.

Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

Mateer's Mandarin Lessons—50th to 100th Lesson.

Pilgrim's Progress, Part I.

Evidences of Christianity, Part I (Mandarin).

Write 500 more Characters in Dr. Martin's Shuang Ch'ien-tzü.

Fu cities of Chih-li Province in character.

Titles of chief civil and military officers of Chih-li Province.

15 Minutes Conversation in Chinese.

THIRD YEAR.

Complete New Testament ; Genesis, Psalms.

Mateer's Mandarin Lessons—100th to 200th Lesson.

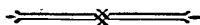
Sacred Edict—Mandarin.

Martin's Evidences of Christianity—Part II.

Pilgrim's Progress—Part II.

Write 500 more Characters in Shuang Ch'ien-tzü.

Shang Lung-yü.



Journal.

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FIRST DAY.

Peking, China, May 31st, 1900.

The North China Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in its Eighth Annual Session in Asbury Church, Peking, Thursday, May 31st, 1900, at 9 o'clock a.m.

James H. Pyke took the chair and conducted the devotional services. J. Fred Hayner called the roll.

Organization.—Attendance at the General Conference preventing the arrival of the Bishop, on motion J. H. Pyke was unanimously elected president of the Conference. The other officers, the standing and special committees were then elected, also by acclamation. (See Officers and Committees).

The Bar.—The Bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first six rows of seats.

Program.—The Program for the services of the week, prepared by the Program Committee, was adopted as the official program of the Conference.

Thirteenth Question.—The Thirteenth Question was called: “*Was the character of each preacher examined?*”

The character of the following Presiding Elders was passed and they read reports of their Districts: George R. Davis, Frederick Brown, George W. Verity, Wang Ch'ing-yün, Tê Jui, and J. Fred Hayner. (See Reports).

The character of W. T. Hobart was passed and he read his report as Missionary in Charge of Shan-hai-kuan and Lan-chou Districts.

The character of the following Elders was passed and those having charges reported their collections and the state of the church: James H. Pyke, Ch'ên Ta-yung, Li Shao-wên, Wang Ch'êng-p'ei, Liu Chi-lun, Frank D. Gamewell, Isaac T. Headland, Wilbur C. Longden, Hiram H. Lowry, Marcus L. Taft, and Wilbur F. Walker.

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SECOND DAY.

Friday, June 1st, 1900.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30 a.m. The devotional services were conducted by W. T. Hobart.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the first day's session were read, corrected, and approved.

Roll Call of Absentees.—The names of absentees were called. None answered.

To Print the Minutes.—The Secretaries were appointed a Committee to print the Minutes.

Thirteenth Question.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed: "*Was the character of each preacher examined?*"

The names of the following Elders were called, their character passed, and they read their reports:

Nehemiah S. Hopkins, Harry E. King, Yang Ch'un-ho, Liu Ma-k'ê, Sun Chiu-kaio, P'an Chen, Ch'ên Hêng-tê, Kung Tê-lin, Chang Pai-lin, Ch'in Lung-chang, Chou Hsüeh-shên.

Case of Wang Ch'ing-yün.—The name of Wang Ch'ing-yün was called. His Presiding Elder, G. W. Verity, reported that charges had been brought against him and that he wished to withdraw under charges. G. W. Verity's motion that a committee of five be appointed by the President to investigate and report, was carried. G. R. Davis, W. T. Hobart, Ch'ên Hêng-t'ê, P'an Chen and Kung Tê-lin were appointed on this committee.

Eighth Question.—The Eighth Question was taken up: "*What members are in studies of third year?*" The following were passed in character, reported their collections, and were reported in the studies of the Third Year; as they had not passed their examination they were continued in the studies of the Third Year; Wang Yüeh and Chin Ch'eng.

Ninth Question.—The Ninth Question was taken up: "*What members are in studies of Fourth Year?*"

The following were passed in character, reported their collections, and reported in the studies of the Fourth Year; not having passed their examinations they were continued in the studies of the Fourth Year: Ch'ên Wei-p'ing and Hou Tien.

Yang Ch'ang-fa's Case.—His Presiding Elder, F. Brown, reported that Yang Ch'ang-fa had surrendered his Ordination Certificate and withdrawn from the ministry. On motion his resignation and Ordination Certificate were received.

Fifth Question.—“*Who have been continued on trial?*”
The Fifth Question was called.

(a.) In studies of the first year: Wang I-heng was passed in character, reported his collections, passed his examination, and was advanced to the studies of the second year.

(b.) In studies of the second year: The following passed in character and reported their collections: Liu Tê-hsin, advanced to studies of third year; Tseng Kuo-chih, Liu Chi-hsien, Liu Kuang-ch'ing and Wang T'ien-hsiang continued in the studies of the second year.

Committee on Resolutions.—W F Walker and Li Shao-wen were appointed committee on resolutions.

T'ung Jen Hospital.—The report of Doctors G. D. Lowry and Y. K. Ts'ao was read by Dr. G. D. Lowry.

Tientsin Intermediate School.—F. Brown read his report of the Tientsin Intermediate School. (See Reports).

Conference Stewards.—W F. Walker, F. Brown, Tê Jui and Ch'ên Ta-yung were appointed Board of Conference Stewards.

Committee on Self-Support.—The Report of the Committee on Self-Support was read by Liu Kuang-ch'ing and was ordered printed in the Chinese Minutes.

Conference Treasurer.—The Conference Treasurer read his report for the year. (See Reports).

Committee on Education.—The report of the Committee on Education was read by Liu Ming-ch'üan and was referred back to the committee for further discussion and report.

The Thirtieth Question.—The Thirtieth Question was called: "*Where shall the next Conference be held?*"

The invitation to convene at Peking was accepted.

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THIRD DAY

Saturday, June 2nd, 1900.

Opening.—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, the devotional services being conducted by G. W. Verity.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the second day's session were read and approved.

W F. M. S.—Motion prevailed inviting the Woman's Conference of North China to visit the Conference at 10 o'clock and report their work for the year.

Stewards.—F. Brown read the report of the Conference Stewards and moved \$100 gold be appropriated for Mrs. Pilcher, the widow of L. W. Pilcher. The motion unanimously prevailed.

The Fourth Question.—The Fourth Question was called: "*Who have been received on trial?*"

The following were introduced, the Board of Examiners reported their grades, their Presiding Elders represented them recommending their reception, and they were admitted on trial:—Liu Fang, Chang Tzu-sheng, Wang Chih-p'ing, Kuo Ying, and Chai Tê-jung.

Thirteenth Question.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed: "*Was the character of each preacher examined?*"

The Committee on Wang Ch'ing-yü's case recommended allowing him to withdraw under charges.

The time was extended, on motion, beyond the usual hour for adjournment.

Motion prevailed allowing Wang Ch'ing-yü to withdraw under charges, terminating his ministry and membership among us.

Report of W. F. M. S.—The women of the North China Woman's Conference having arrived, they were introduced to the Conference and Mrs. Mary Porter Gamewell read an epitome of their reports. The thanks of the Conference were extended to the women for their presence and their reports in a speech by the President, in which he showed our appreciation of the work done by the members of the Woman's Conference. On motion the epitome of their reports was ordered printed in our minutes.

Liu Ma-k'è on account of his child's sickness was excused from Conference.

Adjournment.—After announcements the doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by G. R. Davis.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened at 7.30 p.m. the devotional exercises being led by W. T. Hobart.

Question Twenty-four.—The Twenty-fourth Question was called: "*Who are the triers of appeals?*" On motion the President appointed W. F. Walker, N. S. Hopkins, G. R. Davis, W. T. Hobart, T'ê-Jui, Ch'ên Hêng-tê, and Wang Ch'ing yün.

Statistical Report.—The Statistical Report was presented by Miss Alice Terrell and the financial statistics by F. Brown. Both were adopted.

Committee on Resolutions.—The Committee on Resolutions read their report which was adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes. (See Reports).

Committee on State of the Church.—The Committee on the State of the Church read its report. On motion it was received and endorsed as the consensus of the Conference.

Home Missionary Society.—The report of the Committee appointed to consider the organization of a Home Missionary Society was read and adopted. (See Reports).

Nominations and Program.—The report of the Committee on Nominations and Anniversary Program was adopted.

Opening Day.—Motion prevailed that we request the Bishop next year to open Conference on Thursday.

Sunday Session.—Motion prevailed that when we adjourn we meet again on Sunday, June 3rd, at the conclusion of the Eucharist to hear the appointments.

Sunday-schools, Epworth League, Missions.—The reports of the Committees on Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues, and Missions were read and approved.

Conference Fund.—Motion prevailed that if during the year any money be received for the Conference Fund, it be turned over to the Conference Treasurer.

Minutes.—Two hundred copies each of the English and Chinese Minutes were ordered printed.

Tract Society.—W T. Hobart was appointed in place of M. L. Taft in Conference Tract Society.

Minutes.—The Minutes were read and approved.

Adjournment.—After announcements, the doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by W F. Walker.

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FOURTH DAY.

Sunday, June 3rd, 1900.

Opening.—Conference opened at 7.30 p.m., W T. Hobart leading the devotional services.

Motion to Adjourn.—On motion it was ordered that

after the reading of the Minutes and after such remarks as the President may desire to make and such devotional services as it may please him to conduct, and after the appointments are read, that we stand adjourned without day.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The President, J. H. Pyke, led in prayer, briefly addressed the Conference, and read the appointments, and after singing "God be with you till we meet again," the Conference adjourned without day, with the benediction by J. H. Pyke.

J. FRED HAYNER,
Secretary.

J. H. PYKE,
President.



Appointments of North China Conference.

LAN-CHOU DISTRICT.—Wang Ch'ing-yün, Presiding Elder
W T. Hobart, Missionary in Charge.

- Au-ko-chuang* Wang T'ien-hsiang.
Ch'ien-an Chang Tzu-sheng.
Chen-tzu-chen Yang Nien-ts'eng.
Ch'ien-ch'eng-ying... Supplied by T'ang Chên-pang.
Ch'ih-nieh Supplied by Wu Ch'i.
I-an Supplied by Wang To.
Lan-chou Liu Fang.
Lan-chou Ct To be supplied.
Lao-t'ing Ch'ên Heng-tê, Wang Mao-yin.
Lien-pei-tien Supplied by Cheng Chao-chên.
Pei-chia-tien Supplied by Liu Shên.
Pên-ch'eng Wang Yueh.
Ssu-chi-chuang Supplied by Wang Chao-k'ô.
Sha-ho-i Supplied by Wang Ho-han.

Lan-Chou Intermediate School :

Principal, Wang Ch'ing-yün, Liu-fang.

PEKING DISTRICT.—G. R. Davis, Presiding Elder.

- Ch'ang-p'ing-chou* ... Chang Yü-ch'eng.
Han-ts'un Yang Ch'ün-k'ô.
Huai-lai To be supplied.
Huang-ts'un Supplied by Liu Ch'eng-mei.
Ku-pei-k'ou Kung Te-liu.
Mi-yün Chou Hsueh-shen.
Pa-chou To be supplied.
Peking, Asbury H. H. Lowry, Chên Wei-p'ing.

- Peking, Feng-chen-t'ang* } Ch'ên Wei-p'ing, Li Shang-wên.
Peking, Huarh-shih. Ch'in Lung-chang.
Peking, Southern City. H. E. King and Liu Ming-ch'üan.
Tiao-ho-t'ou Supplied by Wei Kuo-shun.
Yang-ko-chang To be supplied.
Yung-ch'ing Liu Te-hsin.
Yen-ch'ing-chou Ch'ên Ta-yung (*killed*).

PEKING UNIVERSITY.

- H. H. Lowry, President,
 F. D. Gamewell and I. T. Headland, Professors, and
 Members of Asbury Quarterly Conference (In U.S.).
 H. E. King, Professor.
 G. D. N. Lowry, M.D., Tung-jên Hospital and Dispensary,
 and Professor in Medical College, Peking University.
 Y. K. Tsao, M.D., Tung-jeu Hospital and Dispensary, and
 Professor in Medical College, Peking University.
 Miss Alice Terrell, Professor in Peking University.
 Ch'in Lung-chang, Principal, Intermediate School, and
 Member of Asbury Quarterly Conference.
 John L. Hopkins, Memorial Hospital.
 N. S. Hopkins, M.D., Member of Asbury Quarterly
 Conference.

SHAN-HAI-KUAN DISTRICT.—Te Jui, Presiding Elder,

W T. Hobart, Missionary in Charge.

- Ch'ang-li* To be supplied.
Ch'ien-wei Wang Chih-ping.
Chu Tsao-ying To be supplied.
Fu-ning Ts'êng Kuo-chih.
Ko-po Supplied by Han Yin-t'ung.

- Niu-t'o-ai and Lin-chuang* } To be supplied.
Shan Hai-kuan To be supplied.
Shih-men-chai Liu Kuang-ch'ing.
Tai-ying Supplied by Ch'in Liu.

SHAN-TUNG DISTRICT.—G. M. Verity, P.E.

- An-chia* Wang Ch'eng-p'ei.
Chang-ch'eng To be supplied.
Chi-ning-chou Supplied by Kao Ch'üan-shu.
Fei-ch'eng Supplied by Yang P'ei-hua.
Hsia-chang Supplied by Liu Chi-hsiang.
Lai-wu To be supplied.
Ning-yang Supplied by Li Shao-hsien.
Tai-an Liu Chi-hsien.
Tung-ping-chou Li Shiao-wen.

TIENTSIN DISTRICT.—F. Brown, P.E.

- Ch'ing-Hsien* Supplied by Wang Pao-t'ang.
Li-tan Supplied by Chang Hsi-t'ung.
Nan-P'i Chin Ch'eng.
Tai-ch'eng To be supplied.
Tientsin, Wesley Chapel } J. H. Pyke and Liu Ma-k'o.
Tientsin, Yang Huo-chieh } Li Te-Jen and Liu Ma-k'o.
Tientsin West City... Sun Chiu-kaio.
Wang-chia-kou Hou Tien.
Wen-an Supplied by Liang Shih-t'sai.

Intermediate School.—Principal, F. Brown; Assistant, Li Te-jên.

Conference Evangelist, J. H. Pyke; Mission Treasurer and Business Agent., J. Victor Marten.

TSUN-HUA DISTRICT.—J: F. Hayner, Presiding Elder.

<i>Feng-jun</i>	Yang Ch'ao.
<i>P'o-ch'êng</i>	Chên Yü-shan.
<i>Ping-an-cheng-tzu</i> ...	Kuo Ying.
<i>Sha-liu-ho</i>	P'an Chên.
<i>Tang-yü</i>	Supplied by Chia Chün-ju.
<i>T'ieh-ch'ang</i>	Wang I-hêng.
<i>Tsun-hua</i>	W F. Walker, Liu Chi-lun.
<i>Yü-t'ien</i>	Chang Pai-lin.
<i>Ya-hung-ch'iao</i>	Chai Te-jung.
<i>Tsun-hua Hospital</i> ...	To be supplied.



8.—Disciplinary Questions.

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The North China Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Peking, May 31st and June 3rd inclusive, 1900; The Rev. J. H. Pyke, Presiding, J. Fred Hayner, Secretary; Post Office of Secretary, Tientsin, China.

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 have been Received on Trial? (a) In Studies of First Year. Liu Fang, Chang Tzu-sheng, Wang Chih-p'ing, Kuo Ying and Chai Te-jung. (b) In Studies of Third Year. (Dis., ¶ 165, § 2)? None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In Studies of First Year? None. (b) In Studies of Second Year? Wang

I-heng, Tseng Kuo-chih, Liu Chi-hsien, Liu Kuang-ch'ing, and Wang T'ien-hsiang. (c) In Studies of Third Year? Liu Tê-hsin, Liu Tê-jen, Yang Ch'ao, Ch'en Yü-shan, Wang Mao-yin, and Chang Yü-ch'êng. (d) In Studies of Fourth Year? None.

6. Who have been Discontinued?

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 are in Studies of Third Year? (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year. None. (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. Wang Yüeh and Chin Ch'eng.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? Ch'en Wei-p'ing and Hou Tien.

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 others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) As Local Preachers. (Dis., ¶ 165, § 1). None. (b) Under Missionary Rule. (Dis., ¶ 165, § 4). None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? (a) As Local Deacons. (Dis., ¶ 168, § 1). None. (b) Under Missionary Rule. (Dis., ¶ 168, § 4). None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined. Yes.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? None.

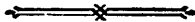
15. Who have Died? None.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request? None.

17. Who have been Located? None.

18. Who have Withdrawn? Yang Ch'ang-fa.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? Wang Ch'ing-yü.
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? W. F. Walker, N. S. Hopkins, G. R. Davis, W. T. Hobart and Te Jui.
25. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Statistical Table.
26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? Kung-fa Taels 946.45.
27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? Gold \$100.
28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied? None.
29. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See Appointments.
30. Where shall the Next Conference be held? Peking, Asbury Church.



Reports.

I.—PRESIDING ELDERS.

PEKING DISTRICT.

The outlook for a prosperous year's work was never brighter than at the beginning of this past year. The rainfall had been light during the summer. Early September found the roads in excellent condition for travel. The autumn crops were good. The people never more busy and content. The congregations at the various charges during both the first and second round of visitation were larger than ever before. A greater number anxious for baptism; more probationers and enquirers than usual so early in the year. On every hand were signs of promise. One Sabbath, in the Mi-yun-hsien charge, a number of well-to-do business and literary men expressed a desire to attend our services and hear our doctrines. They were all attentive listeners. Surely there will be a bountiful harvest we all thought.

Alas! now all is changed. Everywhere doubt, fear and trembling, with persecutions unto death in some places. No one would be bold enough to predict the immediate future of the churches in these Northern regions. Early in September I visited the Northern group of circuits. At Huai Loi and Yen-ching-chou I found things in a most prosperous condition. At our services in the latter place, I noticed that many of the members were armed with great knives; on enquiry, I found the region infested with wolves; they had come down from the surrounding hills, and hiding in the thickly standing groins near the roads and paths would spring suddenly

upon the passers by. Many lives had been lost, especially among children. The whole region was in a state of terror. Later, when the crops were cut down, they disappeared. Our third quarterly Conference was held there on the 24th and 25th of February. On Sabbath, the little room used for Sabbath worship was crowded. The door leading into the court had to be taken down. The preacher stood in the open doorway talking to the people, many of whom were compelled to sit in the open court with the snow falling on them. Some of these men had come 20 miles over the mountains to attend that communion service. It seemed to us it was absolutely necessary for our work in that important center, that we secure a larger and more suitable place for our worship and work. For several years our work there has been greatly hindered by the straitness of our locations. At our last quarterly Conference we found a very different state of affairs. The wave of persecution which has been slowly rolling over Northern China had just reached there. The members were in sore trouble. The larger place may not be required at once. Elsewhere in the district the promise in the early part of the year had not been fulfilled from the same cause. Everywhere vile slanders, threatenings, persecutions against the name of the Lord Jesus and his followers. Early in the year the mutterings of a storm were heard. At first it appeared to be local, but it has spread in every direction, and has now assumed most destructive proportions. The storm center was in Shan-tung. The persecutions, which there began against Catholics and Protestants by an organization known as the "Boxer or Big Sword Society," reached the southern part of this district, within the Pa-cho circuit, early last February. From there it has spread all over the district and the regions round about. I need not repeat the lying slanders used against foreigners and

all native Christians, which have maddened the populace against everything Christian and foreign. It is very difficult to understand this movement, unless we believe that it has been both secretly and openly encouraged by persons high in authority in the land, and is a part of a great conservative movement of the whole nation against everything foreign. The long drouth and threatening famine have excited and worried all classes. There must be a cause for the lack of rain; Heaven has been offended. Designing men have attributed it to the presence of the foreigner, his customs and religion, and to those natives who have become his dupes. In their ignorance and superstition this people readily believe anything.

Of old it was written "that judgement must begin at the house of God." The Churches are being sorely tried. Many members have fallen away. Many cannot be made to understand why the foreigner does not at once deliver them out of their reproach and trouble. There has been too much trusting to the power of the foreign church. Too many have believed that behind the church was power, and this power could be brought to bear upon all their enemies; so they would be delivered from all their troubles no matter what the cause. In the past there has been too much needless litigation on the part of the churches. To-day, some churches are reaping punishment for their own wrong-doing. The many are compelled to suffer for the presumption of a few litigious spirits, both among preachers and laymen. These few, despite the most earnest admonition have sown to the winds. The whole church, Catholic and Protestant, is now reaping the whirlwind.

The Master had a lesson to teach his church in this land,—the meaning of his message, "Not by might, not by power,

but by my Spirit." Trust in God and not in the power of man. It is to be hoped that, the lesson having been taken to heart, He will use his restraining hand upon those who, ignorantly, would destroy His church and do despite to His name.

During the year the spiritual condition of most of the churches has been good.

The helpers or native preachers have been for the most part faithful, diligent and discreet. We have not had a case of litigation in the district. The church attendance has been larger. The collections, for nearly all purposes, better. No new places have been opened. No old ones closed.

Our schools have closed a most prosperous year. Each year shows development in this very important branch of Mission work. The schools are giving an ever-growing company of well-trained men and women to China and the Church,—a company, free from the miserable superstitions of the land.

The medical work has had great prosperity, the physicians being driven with work. Up until a few days ago, clinics and wards were crowded and out-calls more numerous than ever. The many rumours of late have given the physicians a little rest. The W.Y.M.S. have most suitable and handsome buildings for their work. Our Mission, on the other hand, has small, unsuitable and inconvenient buildings. We are glad to hear that certain friends in New England are interesting themselves in our medical work and the promise is, that soon we shall be equipped as we ought to be in this great city.

During the late winter a most gracious revival took place in our Asbury Church. These services were conducted by Bros. Pyke and Hobart. The Holy Spirit was poured out on the whole church as never before. The church members, the boys and girls in the schools, and many who were attracted to the meetings, were wonderfully blessed. This work of

grace was deeper and more powerful than any I have seen in this land.

The revival spirit spread to the other missions in the city, to T'ung-chou and Tientsin. Many members from country churches, hearing of this work of grace, came to the cities and shared in its blessings. At our last quarterly conference on the Han-tsun circuit, tho' held when the country was troubled by the "Boxers," and the attendance smaller than usual, the power of the Holy Spirit was unusually manifest during all our services. While the revival spirit has not been so manifest in all the churches, a more Christian spirit has prevailed among the members; everywhere there has been shown the desire to rid the churches of all unworthy members.

If the spirit of abuse and persecution is abroad in the land for the pulling down of the Church, the gracious Spirit of the Lord is present in his church for its strengthening, purification and building up. As we go to our conference, sad tales of the destruction of property, and most cruel murders of women and children are pouring in all the time. In one village, Shan Lai-Ying, Pacho circuit, the little church is wiped out, the men driven away, their families destroyed. Seven women and two children were murdered in the village. Chapels all over the country are being wrecked and defiled, the homes of many members destroyed, many lives lost; we beg the prayers of God's people everywhere in the behalf of the stricken churches of all denominations in the North China region.

The collections of the year were as follows:—

For self-support	...	...	...	Tls. 436.71
For Missionary cause	...	...	...	328.43
For other purposes	...	...	...	<u>167.94</u>
			Total	Tls. <u>933.08</u>

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. DAVIS, P. E.

THE TSUNHUA DISTRICT.

The Tsunhua District sends good news. Kind Providence has been on the giving hand answering many prayers.

God has given us rest from the troublesome litigations in which the church had been unwillingly involved.

Although sixty-six adults have been baptized, the number of members reported is forty-two less than last year. All but two of the helpers last year reported the baptized children as members in full. Correction of this error accounts for the apparent loss. Fully as many more were recommended for baptism, but a longer probation for more careful instruction seemed wise.

Ninety-five were received on probation. We trust these will pan out better than the eighty-eight whose names we cut off. Over a hundred more wanted to join on probation, but they remain as inquirers until we know them better and they know the Gospel better.

There has been a heavy demand for Christian books. Over ten thousand have been honestly sold.

The collections show some increase. There were given, entirely by native members, for Church Extension, Tls.6.00, for the Missionary Society, Tls.109.00, and for Self-Support, Tls.302.00. These three sums together, Tls.417.00, make an average gift from every member and probationer of 440 actual cash (30 cents gold).

The foreign missionaries contributed towards these three objects, Tls.112.00. For church building and repairs, and for other local benevolences, Tls.534.00 were given. Of this the natives gave Tls. 154.00.

THE SCHOOLS.

All the schools have prospered. The Girls' Boarding School enrolled 76 pupils; one Day School for girls enrolled 16. The care of so many girls has been no small burden for Miss Croucher alone. She has done well.

The Tsunhua School for Boys enrolled 72 pupils. There was an average daily attendance of 57. Of these 20 boarded at home; the remaining 37 paid 49 % of the cost of their board in the school. Their food cost on an average 1,100 actual cash (75 cts. gold) a month for each boy. Friends of the school contributed Tls. 67.00 (\$46.00 gold). The balance was paid by the Missionary Society. Elder Liu Chi-lun, besides faithful work as pastor of the Tsunhua Church, was also principal of the school for four months. His gentle loving spirit has been a benediction to the church and school. Eight boys are ready for the Peking Preparatory School.

We have had 20 Day Schools with an average daily attendance of 161 boys. Two of these schools were entirely, five were partly, self-supporting. Eight graduates of the Intermediate School are popular teachers of Day Schools. They teach one year at half pay (\$ 10.00 gold a year) before going to Peking, thus passing on part of the kindness they received in the Intermediate School. These pupil-teachers are enthusiastic agents for the Intermediate School, encouraging in their primary pupils a healthful ambition for higher education. Besides their regular duties, they teach singing, drill the boys on the Sunday-school lessons, and frequently conduct prayer-meetings.

The *literacy* of our church members is encouraging. 35½ % of the members and probationers can read the New Testament. I rarely meet a strong Christian who can not read. In our

Sunday-schools the helpers are organizing classes for those who wish to learn to read. Many members are glad to take advantage of this opportunity to learn to read.

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY"

is printed in big letters on the walls of our chapels, but not on the hearts of many church members. For a majority of our members a neighboring fair with its good bargains outweighs Sabbath worship. There are signs, however, of improvement. Frequent talks with the helpers, stern rebukes of older members, and careful teaching of newer members, are bearing fruit. When returning from worship I meet some members on their way home from market, they act ashamed. Their consciences are at work. Two members of the same church had resolved to keep the Sabbath, but harvest time was too big a temptation. They stayed away from church to reap millet. Both were wounded with a sickle, laying them up for several days. They took it as a direct judgment from heaven. Since then they have faithfully observed the day. The Lord is prospering several members who keep the Sabbath, their gains in six days exceeding those formerly made in seven days. One farmer not only stops all work from Saturday to Monday, but also requires his hired men to attend church and learn to read. Several illiterate men who worked for him can now read the New Testament. Since beginning to keep the Sabbath he has nearly doubled the size of his farm, now owning 100 acres without a mortgage. A poor cooley, who was converted at one of the special meetings, hires a substitute every Sunday to work in his place, so that he himself may keep the Sabbath and attend worship. His heathen employer does not like this arrangement, but so far has prized his honest cooley too much to dismiss him. There has been a marked increase in the average attendance

upon Sabbath worship. This was noticed before the statistics told us that last year's 600 had increased to 767. One of the helpers nominated a steward, but the Quarterly Conference failed to confirm the nomination. The objection raised is that this member, though otherwise acceptable, does not regularly keep the Sabbath. Many signs like these give us hope that the fourth commandment will be better obeyed in the near future.

THE MAN WITH AN AXE TO GRIND

smiles divinely and would deceive the very elect. In spite of warnings I had several narrow escapes. One day in a village, I had pushed self-support. After the sermon the stewards came to me guaranteeing $\frac{3}{8}$ of the helper's salary this year and $\frac{1}{2}$ of it next year. These offers were promptly accepted. Then taking out an officially stamped deed they offered to give me a large new chapel on the busy street in a neighboring market-town. At first I thanked God because he had moved the people to be so generous, far beyond my weak faith; but my faith in man was weak too, and came to the rescue. "This is too good" I said, "I am afraid there is a snake in the grass." They pointed to the official's stamp on the deed; but I probed again asking "What lawsuit have you on hand?" Taken by surprise, the owner of the property blurted out "Who told you I had a lawsuit?" That man had an axe to grind, but I didn't turn the grindstone.

One day a prosperous farmer with three sleek mules and a wagon load of relatives drove to our compound to call. With glowing face and ardent manner he told how he had been converted while on a visit to Peking, produced a letter of recommendation from a brother missionary, and talked so glibly about the folly of idol-worship and the wisdom

of worshipping the true God, that he impressed me as a prize. I missed all testimony to personal blessing, but thought possibly that was an accident. He wanted to put his girls and boys in school, and start a Christian day-school at his home, offering to deed over a large brick and tile building for church purposes. When he had gone out, a school-boy said to me, "Pastor, look out, that man has an axe to grind." His village had brought suit against him for usurping public land. He had appealed the case to Peking and while there had decided to win the influence of the church in his favour. After this I kept both eyes wide open for axe-handles. I saw a great many, but our grindstone remained idle.

Several of our helpers have shown much skill as peace-makers, settling cases of persecution without appeal to the official. A large number of business men and farmers joined in presenting a handsome tablet to our helper Ch'ên Yü-shan at P'ing-an-ch'êng, in praise of his goodness and justice as a peace-maker.

Compared with other fields our district has suffered very little persecution. The Boxers were late in coming, but now are organizing in all the cities and large towns of the district, and beginning the wickedness that made them notorious in other places.

It has been delightful tracing the footsteps of brother missionaries who preceded me on the district. For instance at

Ho-nan-chai,

eight years ago there was not a single Christian within 25 miles of this village; now there are 198 members and probationers. In 1892, Bro. Pyke and a native helper came from Ch'ien-an and preached in the village. The village school-master was converted. The next year Bro. Pyke came

again. Chang Pao-t'ien, an influential farmer in a neighboring village, Shih-tzu-k'ou, was converted. This man lets his light shine. Many a Christian traces his conversion to Chang Pao-t'ien. His village is known as a Christian village. The influence of the Christians was strong enough to prevent the repair of the temple; later on it was torn down. There is a small church, the gift of the first convert. Chang Pao-t'ien is the Sabbath-keeping farmer to whom I referred. This year the members on this circuit began to support their pastor, paying his salary in full, 7,000 actual cash (\$4.00 gold) per month.

During the eight years since the first Christian was won, the mission has expended on this circuit for all purposes about \$450.00 gold; not an expensive seed-sowing considering the harvest reaped.

My colleague, Dr. N. S. Hopkins, is known and respected all over the district. This is no wonder, for he makes the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, and those all but dead are raised to life. The natives easily confuse the faces of foreigners, so oftentimes I am taken to be Dr. Hopkins and accordingly treated handsomely. In his country work he drives the buckboard to the busy market on fair days, and with a surging, curious, sometimes insolent crowd around, he alternates dispensing medicine and preaching short sermons for five or six hours to a class of people who otherwise would not be reached. The medical missionary is a blessed instrument in God's hands for melting down prejudice and hatred. Because his influence is largely indirect, the medical missionary's work is not encouraging. On this account I have listened with keen delight to the testimonies of several members who traced their conversion directly to the doctor's influence in the hospital. Our prosperous church at Lu-chia-

yü, which is half self-supporting and owns a valuable property bought largely by the members, started in the Tsunhua hospital where its first church member was converted.

In a similar way our sturdy little church at T'ieh-ch'ang, where two years ago there was not a single Christian but now there are over thirty, started in Dr. Edua G. Terry's hospital. An old lady, Mrs. Huo, came to doctor for healing. Her sons followed to bring their mother food and see how she was treated. They all were so influenced by the doctor's kindness, that the native helper who opened the new street chapel at T'ieh-ch'ang two years ago, easily won the whole family to Christ. The Huo family is the backbone of that church, which is already one-fourth self-supporting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

were held in four places. Every helper and school-teacher on four circuits was blessed, taking a right attitude before God and man. Quickly the members followed the example of the preachers. Several testified, "I have gotten my first real taste; now I know that the teaching of the Lord Jesus is good."

Not only the members, but many enquirers and some twenty raw heathen were blessed. The meetings were marked with deep conviction of sin. Without special urging many felt led to make public confession of sin. I have stood in the Mission Hospital watching our medical missionary treat the sickening sores and boils on the wretched patients crowding in, thanking God for the divine love in the doctor's heart. During the revival meetings when the Holy Spirit used his lance to open the hearts of those under conviction, letting out the corruption of sin through public and private confession, my soul, sickened and faint, learned sympathy for the Holy

Spirit in His work of cleansing and healing the abscesses of sin.

The revivals were timely, making the hearts of the members firm to endure the persecution now testing them.

The District is looking up with gratitude and pressing forward in hope.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRED HAYNER.

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REPORT OF PEKING UNIVERSITY.

In reporting the work of the past year, we draw largely from President Lowry's Report to the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers held January 22nd, 1900. The time of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers has been changed, as it seems desirable that the college year should correspond with the Chinese calendar.

Three members of the senior class were accorded their diplomas in January. Of this number two have entered the ministry, and one is teaching in a church school. The remaining member of the senior class, though passing his examinations satisfactorily, was not given his diploma, as we were not satisfied with his conduct, and wish to avoid bestowing our diploma unworthily.

Twelve students have been received from the Tientsin Intermediate School, and four from the Tsunhua Intermediate School. The success of our Institution depends very largely on the Intermediate Schools, and we would most earnestly urge that the various districts represented in the North China Conference emphasize the work of these schools, so far as possible. It is desirable that students come to us ready to enter the preparatory year. Our Intermediate Schools are

becoming better equipped. Those at Tientsin, Tsunhua and Lanchou now have the assistance of graduates of the University, and we hope that the influence of these schools will be increasingly felt. We also hope that, at the earliest opportunity, provision will be made to re-open the Intermediate School on the Shantung District. It should be borne in mind that these Intermediate Schools act as feeders to the University, and that the stoppage of any of these schools will affect the work in Peking through a number of years.

Eight students have completed a three years' course of study in the Bible, and we hope they are prepared for useful service.

Through the generosity of Dr. N. S. Hopkins and his brothers, provision has been made for the erection of one of the hospital buildings, as a memorial to their brother, John Hopkins, who died while attending the Boston University, preparatory to entering the Mission field. Desirable property has been purchased on Legation Street, and it is hoped the building will be erected during the coming year.

There has been urgent need for adequate hospital equipment for years, and we are grateful that the above provision has been made.

In the Medical Department ten students are enrolled who have signed an agreement not to practise medicine unless they pass their examination in the four years' course of study for medical students.

The new hospital will greatly increase the opportunities of the medical students. While in the United States, Dr. Lowry hopes to secure a Dental Surgeon, a project which has been under consideration for the past two years.

The Industrial Department, including the Press, the Carpenter Shop and the Tin Shop, has given employment to a number of students.

The Press has issued three thousand volumes of the Physical Geography translated by Dr. Pilcher, valued at \$1,500.00, and an edition of one thousand volumes of Scripture Geography, prepared by Rev. I. T. Headland. This latter volume meets an urgent need in the Conference course of study for native preachers.

It is especially desirable that the Industrial Department should have more thorough foreign supervision, and we hope arrangements may be made in the near future that will accomplish this desired end.

Increased attention has been given to singing during the past year, and there has been marked improvement. There is reason to suppose that in China, as in Western lands, our hymns open avenues for the access of the Gospel to the heart; and when we think of our students as going out into communities where Christian song is unknown, we think it important that singing be especially emphasized.

With few exceptions, the health of the students has been good, and in no year of our history has there been more steady, faithful work. Our young men are in earnest, and there has been but little occasion for discipline.

After ten years service, Rev. I. T. Headland returned to the United States in March, on furlough. Mr. Headland was authorized by the North China Conference to represent the University in connection with the Twentieth Century Fund, and we hope that his enthusiasm will arouse the interest of many to help us meet our pressing needs by an adequate endowment.

One additional Perpetual Scholarship of Five Hundred Gold Dollars has been received during the year, to be known as the Harriet A. Hobart Scholarship, the gift of Rev. Chauncey Hobart, D.D., of Red Wing, Minn., as a memorial to his wife.

The revival meetings led by Brothers Pyke and Hobart, beginning about the middle of February, and continuing for three weeks, were a great blessing not only to us, but to the other Missions in Peking, and to the North China College at Tung-chow. The earnest prayers of God's children everywhere, girdling the earth, for increased blessing upon the work of His representatives, have been richly answered in China during the past year.

Rev. H. H. Lowry, D.D., who was elected by the North China Conference as delegate to the General Conference, left for the United States toward the end of March. He is expected back by the opening of the Fall Term.

As we look over the list of our Conference, or during its session look over the faces of its membership, we thank God for the increasing number of young men who after years of patient work, and in the face of many difficulties, have completed their studies in the Peking University, and then, moved by the Spirit of God, have turned away from the many inducements of a temporal nature, to devote their lives to the Christian ministry, and the salvation of their fellow men.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. GAMEWELL.

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REPORT OF TIENTSIN DISTRICT.

The past year has been one of trial both for preachers and people. The faith and stability of the Church has been tested as never before. The "Boxers" have been busy on every circuit. Much wild talk has been indulged in, but up to this time little real harm has been done either Chapels, Preachers or People. On the

Li-tan

circuit the preacher was dragged out of his chapel and thrashed on the public street. Some progress was made during the early months of the year, and with limited ability the preacher has done his best. On the vote of the Past Conference we vacated the Yensan region, and turned over our premises and membership to the London Missionary Society, who have Missionaries living within ten miles of the outstation, and thus we secure a compact district to the West of the Grand Canal.

Ching-hsien

circuit has had a good year. We secured good premises and at once opened a day-school. Many have presented themselves as enquirers and we only wait the term of protection before receiving them into the Christian Church. Our chapel is nicely situated on the bank of the Grand Canal, and we trust to see a strong Church planted here in the near future.

Wang-chia-kou

circuit has had a hard time of it as Boxers have been particularly busy, and though we have done everything possible with the Local Official, no help has been given our poor people. The preacher has been very nervous but not more so than circumstances warranted. Some accessions were made during the early part of the year. One Sabbath as we sat around the Lord's Table to remember His death, one of the members was much overcome and cried bitterly; others rebuked him but he replied, "Remember that I have been a great sinner, have knocked my head 69,000 times on a hot brick before the idols in one night, how can I help being affected when I remember that Jesus died to save me."

Nan-pi

circuit has been in charge of Chin-cheng. Not very much has been done, but large numbers of Bibles and Christian tracts have been distributed,

Tai-cheng

circuit has been almost on a standstill, the opposition has been so marked. The preacher has been his five years and another man must be sent this Conference.

Tientsin Wesley

has had a steady, good year. The Chapel was renovated early in the year, which makes it one of the best chapels in the City. A revival was held, and many additions to membership were gained. The Missionary collection is double last year.

Tientsin West City

has not had a good year, owing to the fact that the preacher has been irregular in his work. Little advance has been made ; a change is necessary.

The membership of the District remains about the same as last year after deducting 36 members and 46 probationers transferred to the London Mission.

All the day-schools on the District have been supported by special gifts independent of Mission Funds.

We look back over the year regretting the smallness of our success, and yet, remembering the political and social conditions, we are not discouraged. The foundations of the Church are laid, but the testing storm is even now upon us, and is breaking with much force upon the company of believers we have gathered round us. May our Heavenly Father temper the storm to His sheep.

District Collection :—

Church Extension	...	...	...	...	Tls.	11.84
Missionary	...	...	...	...	"	154.40
School work	...	...	...	...	"	828.90
Other purposes	...	...	...	...	"	123.21
						<u>Tls. 1,118.35</u>

FREDERICK BROWN,

Presiding Elder.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, our Church in North China is passing through such perilous times :

Resolved that, as Christian ministers, we recognize in this a call for a fresh consecration of ourselves to God, a fuller baptism of the Spirit with increased zeal and wisdom in seeking the salvation of men and the upbuilding of the Church of God, which has been redeemed by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Resolved that we express our sympathy for those of our brethren who dwell in the districts where persecution abounds, and assure them of our prayers in their behalf.

W. F. WALKER, }
LI SHAO WEN, } *Committee on Resolutions.*

Resolved that the Conference express its thanks to the friends in Peking for their kind hospitality in the entertainment of its members and others in attendance on its sessions.

W. F. WALKER, }
LI SHAO WEN, } *Committee on Resolutions.*

Resolved that we express our thanks to our colleague and brother, Rev. J. H. Pyke, who in the absence of one of our Bishops, has so ably and courteously presided over the sessions of the Conference.

W. F. WALKER, }
LI SHAO WEN, } *Committee on Resolutions.*

REPORT OF TIENTSIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, 1900.

The past year has been a busy one for all in the school. The political changes have had an effect on our finances. Some of our best friends among the official class are nervous and are desirous of waiting developments. Secretly we have many who sympathize with us. One of the higher Tientsin officials sent a substantial subscription a few days ago, but for obvious reasons, we omit his name. "I am directed by to send you a cheque towards the educational funds of your valuable institution and he wishes great success may attend your useful work."

Twelve boys finished the school course and entered Peking University as students at Chinese New Year. Three-fourths of our students are Church members, and our plan is to build up a thoroughly Christian institution.

We have secured a building at Pei-tai-ho which will be a branch of our school here and meant for the boys of the villagers of the vicinity.

FREDERICK BROWN, *Principal.*

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REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY COMMITTEE.

Resolved, in view of the needs of the work, that the Missionary collection now taken in all the charges of the Conference be divided $\frac{2}{3}$ for Home Missions and $\frac{1}{3}$ for Foreign Missions; that the Presiding Elders and Missionaries in charge constitute a Board to receive and disburse the funds so collected, and that this Board shall elect its own officers annually, at or near the time of the meeting of the Annual Conference.

W. T. HOBART.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE OF NORTH CHINA.

Peking Girls' Boarding School.—Miss Young returned to the United States early in June. School closed June 20th, re-opening after three months' vacation. The total enrolment for the school-year has been one hundred and twenty-six pupils. This reduction of numbers over last year is because the usually entering class from T'sun-hua was retained there another year.

One girl has been dismissed during the year because her family betrothed her without the knowledge of the faculty.

The school has had two foreign and four native teachers ; also Mr. Gamewell has taught a large class in Physics and Mrs. Gamewell has taught singing in the Intermediate and High School Departments, and several High School girls have taught classes.

The older girls have taught in morning and afternoon Sunday Schools, and during the week have gone by turns to read to the Hospital in-patients.

A gracious revival visited us in the spring, quickening and deepening the spiritual lives of the majority of the pupils.

One of our girls who married a year ago has taken up Bible Woman's work.

The Chinese City Day-school closed for three months' vacation in the summer. It re-opened September 15th under its former teacher, Mrs. Wang, who is a most satisfactory woman.

The school has enrolled nineteen pupils this year. Twelve have been in constant attendance and have done nice work.

One little girl died of diphtheria. She told her mother the day before her death that a little friend of her's who had previously died had been to visit her "and," she added, "she

is coming again to-morrow and I am going with her. You need not put my ornaments on me for Jesus does not care for those. He looks at the heart."

The Tartar City Day-school was opened early in September. Twenty-nine pupils have been enrolled with an average attendance of thirteen. Three children were promoted to the Boarding School at the beginning of the year.

A child who was being cruelly beaten at home and was rescued by the Bible Woman, began her education here. She has now entered the Boarding School.

The effect of the revival this spring was felt even in the day-school. One little girl was inspired at that time with a desire to attend school.

Faithful work seems to have been done by both teacher and pupils.

PEKING MEDICAL WORK.

Amount of donations and fees \$305.77 gold.

No. Dispensary patients	...	...	2,199
" " treatments	...	...	6,214
" House patients	...	...	65
" Homes visited	...	...	200

PEKING TRAINING SCHOOL.

School opened November 1st, and closed after a term of five months.

There were eighteen regular pupils, and three Bible women recited daily. These Bible women assisted in the work of the school.

All of the women had unbound feet. Seven unbound their feet this year.

Several of the women will enter the Tientsin Training School next year, since the Peking School will be closed during Mrs. Gamewell's absence in the United States.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Mrs. Kuo and Mrs. T'ien have made tours of the stations on the district, and Mrs. Gamewell also visited some of the stations in October.

The Saturday class has been well attended. Once in four weeks the Missionary Society meets. It has raised, this year, ten dollars and ninety-two cents gold.

TIENTSIN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

School opened September 14th, 1899, with thirty-three pupils. Sixteen have since entered. Two left later on, leaving a roll of forty-seven.

The school has been preserved from serious illness, though malignant scarlet fever has raged in the neighborhood.

A beginning has been made in industrial work. Some instruction in singing has been given. Nearly all of the pupils were members of the church when they entered school. Seven joined on probation at the close of the revival.

TIENTSIN TRAINING SCHOOL.

Sixteen students have attended the Tientsin Training School. God has blessed the work of the year.

Mrs. Kuo completed the fourth year of the course of study. She has been a great help in the Girls' School.

Mrs. Chao has finished the third year. She will spend her vacation doing bible work.

DAY SCHOOL.

Fourteen pupils have attended the Tientsin Day School. One is ready to enter the Boarding School.

MEDICAL WORK : ISABELLA FISHER HOSPITAL.

Although the Boxers have not troubled us directly, the medical work has suffered on account of them, especially the country work, which has been discontinued since last October.

The Yang Huo-chieh dispensary has been closed and another opened outside the barrier. Though the clinics there are not large, the patients come from a very good class.

A Sunday School also has been opened in this same place.

Number of persons treated	...	...	...	4,541
„ „ dispensary treatments	...	...	...	13,282
„ „ patients treated in country	...	...	...	814
„ „ „ „ „ words	...	...	...	103
„ „ „ „ „ their homes...	...	...	...	814
Fees	...	...	...	Gold \$423.35

TSUN-HUA BOARDING SCHOOL.

There have been seventy-three pupils in the Tsun Hua Boarding School. The pupils have worked well and have been obedient and faithful.

Industrial work has prospered. There has been good spirit shown in efforts at self-support.

Small-pox has been in the midst, but God has spared the lives of the pupils, for future usefulness it is hoped.

To make way for building a new school house, school was closed in March.

DAY SCHOOL:

The average attendance of the Tsun Hua Day School for the year is twelve. The school has not prospered, because there were many changes of teachers, no good teacher being found.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Mrs. Hayner has visited from house to house, and held meetings for women and girls.

MEDICAL WORK.

A terrible epidemic of small-pox has swept the country. Many have died and many others are hopelessly blind as a result of the disease.

A woman wounded by the accidental discharge of a pistol, was treated in the hospital. She returned to her home rejoicing over her recovery, and possessed of new ideas concerning the foreigners and the religion they teach.

Dr. Terry was called to see a sick woman twenty *li* away. On arriving there she was told that the patient had gone away. The family were afraid to admit the foreigner.

Another patient was restored to life and her husband rejoiced because now there would be no funeral expenses to meet. Truly there is a difference between view points.

 T'AI-AN BOARDING SCHOOL

opened July 17th. Twelve pupils were enrolled. A former Peking School girl has assisted in the work. The girls have been faithful in their studies.

The school has three mills and the girls grind all the grain they consume. They also do their own cooking and take all the care of the school premises. Besides this, the school has an industrial department, the net proceeds of which, this year, are one dollar and twenty-five cents gold.

T'AI-AN EVANGELISTIC WORK

has been carried on by Bible Woman Mrs. Liu and a former Peking School girl. The very unsettled condition

of this region, especially since the murder of Mr. Brooks, has cut off most all itinerating work.

Mrs. Verity had to give up her plan for a Training School until more settled times. Mrs. Liu spent two months in Chi Ning teaching and preaching.

The native preacher's wife has taught some in the dispensary, and has had charge of the class-meeting for women.

Old Mrs. Wang has had another serious accident probably making her a cripple for life. She lives with her son and is still abundant in labor that comes within her reach. Through her, many women are hearing the gospel.

MEDICAL WORK.

During the winter the medical work was much hindered by disturbances caused by the Big Knife Society.

A small fee has been charged the dispensary patients, which has in part met the cost of drugs.

Dispensary patients	...	...	...	...	1,800
„ treatments	...	...	...	...	2,312
House patients	...	...	...	...	47
Treatments in homes	35
Country trips	2
„ patients	66
Donations and fees	Gold	\$84.37



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