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Minutes of a Conference on <u>Higher Christian Education</u> in the Fukien <u>Province</u>.

At the invitation of Rev. John F. Goucher D. D., who is on the Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh Conference, a meeting was held of those interested in the higher Christjan Education for men in the Fukien Province, at the residence of the Rev. John Gowdy D. D. on March 25, 1911.

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Rev. L. P. Peet 68	A. B. C. F. M.	Foochow
Dr. H. N. Kinnear	99	
Rev. L. Hodous		93
Mr. G. M. Newell		5 9
Rev. G. H Hubbard	27	99

Bishop Price was elected Chairman. Rev. L. Hodous was appointed Secretary. Bishop Bashford led in prayer. Then he made a statement in substance as follows: The last few years have witnessed a remarkable growth of State Universities in the United States. During the same period the small and weak denominational colleges have found it impossible to compete with the better equipped and better supported State Institutions and have been rapidly disappearing or taking the rank of secondary schools. Within a short period four such small colleges have disappeared in Ohio alone. establishment of Chicago University with its large endowment and superior equipment has endangered the life of all the small denominational colleges in the Mississippi Valley. When this fact was brought to the attention of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, he started a fund which has now reached the sum of sixty-two million gold dollars and will soon reach one hundred million gold dollars, for the purpose of studying the small denominational colleges, and assisting those which are strategically located. He realized that the denominational college supplies the religious motive which is lacking in a State University. Japanese educators have confessed the weakness of their State Institutions in the formation of character and in giving a passion for men, qualities which the small denominational colleges possess in a remarkable degree.

The small denominational colleges in China are face to face with a situation similar to that in America. The Government Institutions are growing rapidly in number and efficiency, and they have at their command great In a few years they will be superior to the majority of denomational colleges located in their vicinity. For example, the establishment of the Hongkong University within fifty miles of Canton Christian College will probably make it very difficult for the latter Institution to keep its students. The Home Boards, judging from their present resources, will find it almost impossible to supply funds to their respective colleges in China in sufficient quantities to keep them abreast of the Government Institutions. These Christian Colleges are absolutely necessary to the growth of the Christian Church in The only way now open is for the missions to unite on the Arts, Postgraduate, and Professional courses. Only in this way will they be able to hold their own against the stronger Government Institutions.

In view of this critial situation in China, there is a well founded hope that Mr. John D. Rockefeller and other wealthy individuals will turn their money toward China to assist well located Union Christian Universities. The Laymen's Movement, which has a Secretary in the field studying those problems, gives promise of large gifts towards the same purpose. The intention is to help Union Institutions having Arts, Professional, and Post-graduate courses. The primary, the higher primary, and the middle school work will

be left to the Missionary Societies.

In view of this critical situation, is it desirable to articulate our educational work? Is it essential to develop a Christian Union University? Is it wise to adopt a resolution requesting our respective Boards at home to favor such a matter? After discussion, the following Resolution was unanimously

passed:

That in order "to promote the welfare of China on a scale corresponding to her present needs, to disseminate the highest form of Western learning, and to enable China to achieve the highest form of national life," we consider that it is not only desirable, but essential to establish in the Province of Fukien a Christian Union University, in which all the Protestant denominations may join and which shall include Bachelor, Post-graduate, and Professional courses.

It was voted that a copy of the minutes of this meeting be sent to the local Secretary of each Mission working in the Fukien Province and Swatow, with a view to its being brought before the authorities in the field and at home.

The following Resolution was unanimously passed: Resolved, that we express to the Rev. John F. Goucher D. D. our great appreciation of his unselfish service for China in his long and laborious visit to this empire, our sympathy in his temporary illness, and that we request him to present the minutes of this meeting to the Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh Conference.

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Voted that each Mission concerned be asked to elect one respresentative to serve on a preliminary Committee which shall receive replies given by the Home Boards and the various Missions in the field in reference to the subject of the first resolution and take such steps as shall be necessary with the view of the further progress of this scheme.

It was voted that Bishop Price, or the representative appointed by the

Church Missionary Society, be the Convener of this Committee.

Dr. Gamewell led in prayer and the meeting adjourned.

Lewis Hodous, Secretary.

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Minutes of the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province.

(Resume.) At the invitation of the Rev. John F. Goucher, D. D., as a member of the Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh Conference, a meeting of those interested in higher Christian Education in Fukien Province, representing the six Missions at work in the province, was held in Foochow on March 25th, 1911. At that meeting the resolution was unanimously carried that "we consider that it is not only desirable, but essential to establish in the Province of Fukien a Christian Union University, in which all the Protestant denominations may join and which shall include Bachelor, Post-graduate, and Professional Courses." It was also voted "that each Mission concerned be asked to elect one representative to serve on a preliminary committee, which shall receive replies given by the Home Boards and the various Missions in the field in reference to the above resolution, and take such steps as shall be necessary with a view to the further progress of this scheme."

The six Missions duly appointed their representatives on such a committee, and these held their first meeting on Kuliang on August 11th and 18th, 1911. All the Missions were found to have expressed themselves as in sympathy with the proposal of establishing a University in Fukien Province. The Committee proceeded to draw up the following propositions to be submitted to the Missions.

- (a) The standard of admission to the University should correspond to the standard of London or Yale Universities.
- (b) The aim shall be to make Mandarin Chinese the medium of instruction, but for some time to come it may be necessary to teach some subjects in English.
 - (e) The location of the University should be at Foochow.
- (d) A series of proposals concerning the financial responsibility of the cooperating Missions was drafted.

A second meeting of the Committee was held in Amoy on February 11th, 1913. Replies from all the Missions were received, showing hearty approval of the first three propositions given above, and only slight amendments to the fourth proposition. As the scheme had not yet been formally submitted to the Home Boards, no Mission could definitely promise financial support at that time. The Committee then proceeded to draft a Constitution for the University, formulating definite propositions

regarding the financial basis of co-operation by the Missions in the province for the consideration of the Home Authorities.

This Constitution having been submitted to the six Missions and certain amendments having been proposed, the meeting, of which the Minutes follow, was called.

This resume is written by the Secretary, after the adjournment of the committee meeting. For an authoritative statement of the proposals made by the committee, and the action taken regarding these proposals by the various Missions, reference should be made to the Minutes previously printed. Additional copies of those minutes can be obtained by those concerned upon application to the Secretary. His address is Amoy, China.)

THIRD MEETING.

The Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province met on August 8th, 1913, on Kuliang, Foochow. Bishop Price presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Those present were—Right Reverend H. Mc C. E. Price, (C. M. S.,) Rev. J. Gowdy, D. D. (M. E. M.,) Rev. W. L. Beard, vice Rev. L. P. Peet, (A. B. C. F. M.,) Rev. L. G. Phillips, (L. M. S.,) R. A. Rogers, B. A., vice H. F. Rankim, Esq., (E. P. M.,) and Rev. A. L. Warnshuis, (R. C. A.) (Secretary.) The following named members of Missions in the province were also present:—Dr. B. Van S. Taylor, (C. M. S.,) Rev. W. P. W. Williams, (C. M. S.,) Rev. L. Hodous, (A. B. C. F. M.,) Rev. F. P. Beach, (A. B. C. F. M.,) C. M. Lacey Sites, Ph. D., (M. E. M.,) E. C. Jones, M. A., (M. E. M.,) and Rev. H. P. Boot, (R. C. A.)

It was agreed that in this meeting all those present should have equal rights of discussion, but that each Mission should have only one vote.

It was also agreed that each of the six Missions in the province should be asked to appoint three members as their representatives on this Preliminary Committee.

The printed Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

The Secretary read the following summary of correspondence received by him since the last meeting of the Committee.

From the Secretary of the Swatow Council of the English Presbyterian Mission, 25th Feb. 1913.

"Our meeting of Mission Council is just over, and we do not meet again till the summer. I shall circulate a copy of the minutes to the members; but our minute of last July has

already indicated that we are not likely to be active participants in the scheme, and I do not imagine that any delay in our reply will hamper the action of the committee."

From the Secretary of the Swatow Conference of the American Baptist Mission, March 3, 1913.

"Your communications re the Foochow University Scheme were received while our Conference was in special session with our Foreign Secretary from Boston. While no action was taken directly in regard to the representations made by your committee, the following may not be without interest as having a bearing, on the question Our Conference appointed a Commission of five who should make a careful and complete study of the problems of Mission Educational Work in order to formulate an educational policy for our Mission. Provision was made for the travel of the Commission to the North and South in order to confer with others in the same work. I feel sure that in time some members of the Commission will visit your Mission to talk over the plans made in your folder. At present all plans for further development in our educational work are held in abeyance, pending the investigations and report of this Commission."

From the Secretary of the Wukingfu Council of the English Presbyterian Mission, 8th March, 1913.

"I beg to enclose our Minute of Council, which is as follows:-

'Agreed to express our sympathy with the Foochow Christian University Scheme, and vote \$2 towards expenses.' We are not in a position to offer counsel or monetary help without consent of our home Committee, which we have not yet secured. We are of course in full agreement with you as to the necessity of such an institution, and wish it every success. I do not at present see the likelihood of our being able to take any appreciable part in its formation."

From the Amoy Mission, Reformed Church in America. "At a special meeting of the Mission on March 3rd, it was agreed that the Mission has no amendments to offer to the plan proposed in these minutes, and the matter of final approval is laid on the table till the regular meeting of the Mission in July."

From the Secretary of the Amoy Council of the English. Presbyterian Mission, March 27th, 1913.

"Our Mission has now, through its local Committees, considered the draft constitution of the proposed "Fukien University," and we find ourselves in agreement in giving a general assent to the constitution as drafted.

"I would only point out in detail that Article VI, section

3, paragraph 3 seems to be somewhat unfortunately worded, and that to paragraph four (4) of the same section, the words "within his department" should be added.

"Then as to the general question, we wish to point out the desirability of arriving at a definite arrangement with the Chinese Government Educational Authorities before spending large sums of money.

"Whilst willingly acquiescing in the request of the Preliminary Committee to express our opinion as to the proposed constitution, our so doing must not of course be taken as indicating any change in the policy of our Mission regarding the possibility of our taking an active part in the scheme."

From Rev. W. L. Beard, the official representative on the Committee for the A. B. C. F. M., Foochow, May 8th, 1913.

"The following minute was passed at the last business meeting of the American Board Mission in Foochow, relating to the Constitution of The Fukien University. This meeting was held May 1st, 1913.

"Voted, To adopt the Union University Constitution as a whole, with slight amendments."

From the Secretary of the Amoy District Committee of the L. M. S., May 22, 1913.

"At the recent meeting of our District Committee the draft of a constitution of the proposed Fukien University was considered and approved. There was only one criticism passed, namely that the mutual relations of the Executive Council and the University Council, and of the President to both are not defined with sufficient clearness, leaving room for the possibility of friction and collision between the several authorities.

"We did not feel that, as regards our participation in the scheme as proposed, we could alter our decision, arrived at with great regret, which I communicated to you in my last letter."

From the Secretary of the C. M. S. Committee, Foochow, June 3rd, 1913.

"I have been requested by our Committee to send you a statement of the suggested amendments to the proposed Constitution for the University, which were adopted at our Standing Sub-Committee on May 31st last."

From the Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, Foochow, June 6th, 1913.

"At a meeting of the Mission held here yesterday, only the resident members being present, the proposed constitution of the Fukien University was considered, and in general approved, with certain amendments and certain further suggestions. The action taken may be regarded tentatively as a consensus of the

Mission; but final action cannot be taken until the regular "estimate meeting," to be held early in July. We also wish to inquire concerning the relation of the Chinese Church to representation on the Board of Managers."

Contributions of \$5 each for the expenses of the Committee have been received from the E. P. M. Amoy, R. C. A., A. B. C. F. M., M. E. M., C. M. S. and L. M. S.

Representatives of the American Board Mission and of the Methodist Mission then made verbal statements, informing the Committee that these two Missions at regular meetings recently held, had voted to include in their "Estimates for 1914" items providing for their full participation in the establishment of the University.

The Committee then took up the various amendments to the Constitution that had been proposed by the Missions. After discussion, the Constitution, as amended, was adopted by the Committee, and is as follows:—

CONSTITUTION OF THE FUKIEN UNIVERSITY.

THE FOOCHOW CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY. (OR, THE FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY.)

(For a permanent name for the University, the Committee voted in favor of the name, "The Foochow Christian University," with the name, "The Fukien Christian University," as a second choice; and requested the Missions, in replying, to definitely indicate their preferences.)

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

ARTICLE II—PROPERTY AND TITLE TO THE SAME.

The property of the University shall consist of such land, buildings, apparatus, and other equipment, as may be secured by funds contributed by the co-operating Missions, or from any other source. The title to such property shall be vested in the Board of Trustees of the University.

ARTICLE III.—THE BOARD OF TRUSTERS.

SECTION 1. How Constituted.

The several Mission Boards or Societies above named, shall each, at the time of its formal approval of this Constitution, appoint three persons as its legal representatives in forming the Corporation. From the time of appointment, one of these persons shall serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. Thereafter, each of the cooperating Boards shall at its first succeeding regular meeting appoint some one for three years to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of service. Vacancies caused by death or resignation may be filled at any regular meeting of the Mission Board whose representative has died or resigned.

SECTION 2. Duties and Powers.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees:

- 1. To hold all the property of the University in trust for its use; to take appropriate steps for increasing the endowment and equipment of the University; to invest and control all endowment funds; to transmit to the Board of Managers hereinafter provided for, at stated times and in such manner as may be hereafter agreed upon by these two Boards, the income from all property in its possession, the interest of the endowment fund, and such other funds in whole or in part as the Trustees may deem expedient or as may have been donated for special purposes. The Board of Trustees shall have power to withhold the payment of any afore mentioned funds in case there shall be a departure on the part of the Board of Managers from the principles enunciated in the preamble of this Constitution; and if such departure shall continue, after written notification by the Board of Trustees, for more than one complete academic year, all property and funds shall be used anew by the Trustees for the accomplishment of the aims set forth in the preamble of this Constitution.
- 2. Upon election by the Board of Managers, to confirm the appointment of the president of the University.
- 3. If the president of the University, for any reason, be requested to resign by either the Board of Trustees or the Board of Managers, then the Board of Trustees shall have power to declare his place vacant and proceed in the ordinary manner to fill the vacancy so caused.

SECTION 3. Additions to the Corporation.

Any other Mission Board hereafter desiring to join the Corporation may, with the approval of the above-named founders, and upon complying with the provisions of this Constitution, be added to the Corporation, and shall have the right to appoint members on the above-named Board of Trustees, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the original incorporators. The representation upon this Board of Trustees shall be upon the basis of three (3) members for each coöperating Missionary Society.

ARTICLE IV.—THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Section 1.—Each of the coöperating Missions shall, upon meeting the conditions of representation described in Section 2 of this Article, be entitled to appoint four (4) members of the Board of Managers. In the first instance one shall be appointed for four years, one for three years, one for two years, one for one year, and the Missions shall annually appoint a person for a term of four years to fill the place of each retiring member, and shall fill vacancies whenever they occur. The persons so appointed shall form the Board of Managers of the University.

Members of any faculty of the University shall not be members of the Board of Managers, except under special circumstances and with the consent of this Board.

SECTION 2. Basis of Representation.

- 1. Each Mission entering the Union shall be entitled to full representation (i. e., by four members) on the Board of Managers upon meeting the following conditions:
- (a). Two missionary teachers, who shall be specialists in their departments, shall be provided, who may become members of the Faculty upon appointment by the Board of Managers.
- (b). An annual appropriation toward current expenses, of not less than \$3,000 Gold, shall be guaranteed until such time as these expenses, together with those arising from development, are so amply covered by endowment that such funds are no longer required for the maintenance and proper development of the University.
- 2. Any Mission which cannot meet all the conditions for full representation as stated in clauses (a) and (b) of paragraph one of this section, may secure partial representation as follows. By providing two missionary teachers and \$1,500 Gold for current expenses, a Mission may secure three representatives on the Board of Managers; for one missionary teacher and

\$1,500 Gold for current expenses, a Mission may have two representatives; for one missionary teacher, or for \$1,500 Gold for current expenses, a Mission may have one representative.

SECTION 3. Officers.

- 1. The officers of the Board of Managers shall be a chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer. These officers shall be charged with the duties usually pertaining to these offices.
- 2. The president of the University shall be ex-officio a member of the Board of Managers, with a vote.

SECTION 4. Accountability.

The Board of Managers shall be accounable to the Board of Trustees for the safe keeping and disposition of all funds received by them from whatever source.

Section 5. Duties.

The Board of Managers shall administer all funds received from the Board of Trustees; shall establish departments and approve courses of study; except in case of the president, shall appoint officers and instructors and determine the salaries of those who are not regular missionaries under appointment of the several Mission Boards; shall in the first instance, and whenever a vacancy occurs, elect a suitable person for president of the University, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees; shall provide suitable buildings and appliances; shall through the administrative offices of the University fix, collect, and disburse all tuition fees; shall confer degrees and perform all other duties necessary to the general administration of the University.

SECTION 6. Meetings.

The Board of Managers shall hold at least one meeting each year, at which a full report of the operation and condition of the University, and a statement properly audited of all receipts and disbursements during the year, shall be presented, and a copy of which report and statement shall be forwarded, with the Minutes of the Board of Managers, to the Board of Trustees, and also to the local governing bodies of the cooperating Missions for their information.

SECTION 7. Quorum.

Two-thirds of the Board of Managers, at least a majority of the cooperating Missions being represented, shall constitute a quorum. All matters shall be decided by a majority vote, which shall in no case be less than half the members of the Board.

SECTION 8. By-laws.

The Board of Managers shall have power to make for itself all necessary By-Laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.—AFFILIATED SCHOOLS.

The University will entertain proposals for the affiliation of professional or other schools under missionary auspices, giving credits for work done and receiving their students for available courses. The enrollment of affiliated schools shall be made at the discretion of the Board of Managers in consultation with the University Council. (See Art. VI.)

ARTICLE VI.—INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY.

SECTION 1. Constitution and Duties of the Senate.

- 1. The Senate shall consist of the president of the University, the deans of all departments, and the other members of the several faculties.
- 2. It shall decide upon all matters of government or discipline referred to it by the dean of any department.
- 3. It shall pass upon the estimates of expenses presented by each department and make its recommendations regarding the same to the Board of Managers.
- 4. It shall have under its consideration and control all of the various departments of the University, may plan for their development and expansion, and make recommendation to the Board of Managers regarding existing departments, or in regard to the establishment of new departments.
- 5. It shall do such work and have such powers as may from time to time be delegated to it by the Board of Managers, and in emergencies shall have power to take immediate action in matters not affecting the policy of the institution, such as the temporary employment of teachers, or other matters connected with administration, but shall make a full report of such action at the next regular meeting of the Board of Managers.

SECTION 2. Duties of the President.

- 1. To superintend and guard the interests of all departments of the University.
 - 2. To be the official representative of the University.
- 3. To exercise a general oversight of the property and business of the University.

- 4. To appoint and, for sufficient cause, discharge all employes whose appointment and discharge are not otherwise provided for.
- 5. To make an annual report of the University to the Board of Managers.

Section 3. Duties of a Dean.

The duties of the dean of a department shall be:

- 1. In the absence of the president to preside at meetings of the Faculty of his department.
 - 2. To superintend the teaching of his department.
- 3. To receive, and, upon consultation with the Faculty, dismiss when necessary the students of his department.
- 4. To maintain discipline and order within his department.
- 5. To inform the president of the University of all important matters relating to his department.

SECTION 4. The Faculties.

- 1. The Faculty of a department shall consist of the president of the University, the dean of the department, and all teachers in that department, regularly designated by the Board of Managers as members of the Faculty.
- 2. The Faculty of a department shall be under the direction of the Senate and shall be responsible to that body for the faithful performance of its duties.
- 3. The Faculty of a department shall suggest the course of study for its department, and submit the same to the Senate for its approval. (See Art. IV., Sect. 5.)
- 4. The Faculty of a department shall prepare annually a list of estimates of expenses, and present it to the Senate for its approval.
- 5. Any member of a Faculty may, for sufficient cause and after due notice, be dismissed by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended, due notice having been given at least six (6) months previously, at any regular meeting of the Board of Managers. Such amendments shall require a three-fourths (3/4ths) vote and must be ratified by the Board of Trustees.

In reply to the question of the Methodist Mission concerning the relation of the Chinese Church to representation on the Board of Managers, it was agreed to note that the Constitution in no wise limits the membership of that Board to any particular nationality.

In reply to the matter pointed out by the English Presbyterian Mission, concerning the desirability of arriving at a definite arrangement with the Chinese Government Educational Authorities before spending large sums of money, it was agreed that we note this important matter, and recommend that it be brought forward at a more opportune time.

Inasmuch as the six Missions in the province have agreed to the above Constitution in principle, and as their representatives have now with practical unanimity agreed to the amendments that have been made to the Constitution as previously submitted, it is agreed to authorize the various Mission Councils, who will now approve the Constitution as printed above, to submit the proposed establishment of this University and the articles of its Constitution to their Home Boards for their action. The Missions are requested to act upon this as soon as possible, and to inform the Secretary of this Committee immediately concerning their own action, and the replies of the Home Boards when these are received.

It was agreed to confirm, with slight amendments, the following action taken at the previous meeting of this Committee:—

As soon as this Committee has received notice of the approval of the Constitution and the appointment of representatives on the Board of Managers by three (3) Missions, it shall at once arrange for the convening of the Board of Managers.

This Preliminary Committee proposes that the aim should he to establish Courses in Arts and Sciences at the opening of the University.

This Preliminary Committee would also suggest that the University might be opened in the autumn of 1914 or spring of 1915, in temporary quasters loaned or leased by one of the Missions in Foochow, and it would respectfully ask the Methodist Episcopal Mission to consider whether or not it would be possible to make such temporary provision in some of their buildings.

For the permanent location and buildings, we look to the Board of Trustees to make provision as soon as possible, and we suggest that in securing a site, the effort should be made to secure fifty acres of contiguous land, and that in no case should any site be accepted unless twenty acres contiguous land can be bought. It is estimated that \$50,000 gold would be needed to buy fifty acres of land. The immediate needs of the University, in the way of buildings and equipment, were discussed, and the following was proposed as a basis for further discussion by the Board of Managers.

Land	Gold \$50,000
One Administration and Class-room Building,	30.000
Two Dormitories,	25,000
Six Foreign Residences,	24,000
Three Chinese Residences,	3,000
One Chapel,	25,000
Equipment,	18,000

Gold \$175,000

The Secretary was authorized to ask the Missions to share equally in defraying the necessary expenses of the Committee for printing, stationery, and postage.

It was agreed that Messrs. Gowdy (convener), Beard, Williams, Rogers, and Boot should be appointed as a sub-committee (1) to confer with the heads of schools in probable cooperating Missions as to adjusting the courses preparatory to matriculation, (2) to draft a tentative or suggestive course of study in Arts and Sciences, (3) and to consider and recommend the subjects in which each cooperating Missonis hould provide professors.

It was agreed to appoint Messrs. Hodous (convener), Gowdy, and Bishop Price, as a sub-committee on the Site of the University.

It was agreed to instruct the Secretary to make inquiries concerning the incorporation of the University.

With reference to placing all matters concerning the establishment of this University before the American Section of the Educational Commission of the Educational Commission of the Educational Commission of the Educational Committee, it was agreed to instruct the Chairman and Secretary, either in person or by proxy, to call upon Dr. Goucher when he visits China this year; and it was also agreed to invite those members of this Commission who may be in China next year to meet with the members of this Committee at such a time as they may appoint.

The meetings of the morning and afternoon were opened and closed with prayer.

The Committee adjourned to meet again upon the call of the Chairman.

(Signed) A. L. WARNSHUIS, Secretary.

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Minutes of the Preliminary Committee on

Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province.

A Meeting of the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province was convened by Bishop Price on August 11th, 1911, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of Rev. L. P. Peet on Kuliang, Foochow.

Those present were,-

The Right Reverend H. McC. E. Price, M. A., Bishop of Fukien, Church Missionary Society.

The Rev. John Gowdy, D. D., of the Foochow Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, U. S. A.

The Rev. L. P. Peet, of the Foochow Mission of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

The Rev. F. P. Joseland, of the Amoy District Committee of the London Missionary Society.

The Rev. A. L. Warnshuis of the Amoy Mission of the Reformed Church in America.

Bishop Price as convener, having asked the members of the English Presbyterian Mission, Amoy, present on Kuliang, if they could appoint one of their number to be present at the Committee Meetings, in the absence of their representative, Mr. H. F. Raukin, Rev. A. S. M. Anderson attended the meeting.

Rev. L. P. Peet was made chairman of the meeting, and A. L. Warnshuis secretary.

Bishop Price presented the following letters which he had received from the Missions in the province, informing the Committee of the action taken by these Missions with reference to the resolutions adopted by the Conference held in Foochow on March 25th, 1911.

From the Foochow Mission of the A. B. C. F. M., under date of June 2nd, 1911, signed by L. P. Peet, a copy of two resolutions, adopted by them, namely:—

"Voted, That Mr. Peet be our representative on the Union Committee" (of the proposed Union Christian University).

"Voted, That we authorize our representative on the Christian Union University Committee to unite with the members appointed by the other Missions in studying the Educational situation in Fukien and in formulating a tentative scheme for the proposed Christian Union University".

From the Amoy District Committee of the L. M. S., under date of July 22nd, 1911, signed by T. C. Brown, secretary, a statement to the effect that Rev. F. P. Joseland had been appointed as their representative on the Preliminary Committee.

From the Amoy Council of the English Presbyterian Mission, under date of July 28th, 1911, signed by G. M. Wales, secretary, a statement to the effect that Mr. H. F. Rankin had been appointed as their representative on the Preliminary Committee, and also a copy of a minute adopted by them, as follows:

- "I. Resolved, that we have read with much interest the minutes of a conference on Higher Christian Education in the Fukien Province which met in Foochow on March 25th, 1911, upon the invitation of the Rev. J. F. Goucher, D. D., of the Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh Conference, and that we hereby express our sympathy with the object of that Conference.
- "2. Resolved, that we transmit to our Home Board for its information, the resolution adopted by that Conference, namely, "That in order to promote the welfare of China on a scale corresponding to her present needs, to disseminate the highest form of Western learning, and to enable China to achieve the highest form of national life, we consider that it is not only desirable, but essential to establish in the province of Fukien a Christian Union University, in which all the Protestant denominations may join and which shall include Bachelor, Post Graduate and Professional Courses'.
- "3. Resolved, that before we can express any opinion regarding the above resolution, we deem it necessary that the plan be further elaborated, and we mention the following questions that should be answered before we can take further action, (a) What is to be the standard of admission to the University? (b) What language is to be the medium of instruction? (c) Where is the University to be located? (d) What would be the financial responsibilities of the cooperating missions?
- "4. Resolved, that in compliance with the request of the Foochow Conference we appoint a representative upon a Preliminary Committee which shall receive such replies as the various Missions and Home Boards may make with reference to this matter, and which shall is soon as possible submit to the Missions a more fully detailed plan including the items mentioned in paragraph 3 above and such other items as may seem necessary.

"5. Resolved, that we call the attention of this Preliminary Committee to the necessity of providing for Efficient Schools that shall prepare students for entrance to the University that is proposed, and for which larger financial support may well be solicited before there is laid upon the Missions the additional burden of undertaking their share in the establishment and maintenance of the proposed University".

From the Amoy Mission of the Reformed Church in America, a statement by their secretary, A. I. Warnshuis, to the effect that the Mission had appointed himself as their representative on the Preliminary Committee, and also that they had adopted the same resolutions as those quoted above.

From the Fukien Conference of the Church Missionary Society, a letter signed by Wm. Muller, secretary, transmitting a copy of the resolution passed by the Conference on August 8th, 1911, as follows.

"Re Fukien University Scheme.

- "(1.) That we have read with much interest the Minutes of a Conference on Higher Christian Education in the Fukien Province which met in Foochow on March 25th, 1911, upon the invitation of the Rev. J. F. Grucher, D. D., of the Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh Conference.
- "(2.) That we transmit to the Parent Committee for its information the Minutes of the Conference held on March 25th, 1911.
- "(3.) That we confirm the resolutions of the Standing Sub-Committee of the Fukien Conference (Min. 2. June 9th, 1911) requesting the Bishop to act as representative of the C. M. S. on the Preliminary Committee provided for by resolution of the Special Conference, and we hope that the Preliminary Committee will as soon as possible submit to the Missions a detailed plan including such items as (a) the standard of admission to the University, (b) the language to be used as the medium of instruction, (c) the location of the University, (d) the financial responsibility of the cooperating Missions."

From the Foochow Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a letter, signed by E. L. Ford, secretary, to the effect that the Rev. John Gowdy, D. D., had been appointed as their representative on the Preliminary Committee.

Mr. Joseland then made the verbal statement that the Amoy Committee of the London Missionary Society had also adopted the same resolutions as the other two Amoy Missions, and wished especially to inquire regarding the standard of the proposed University:

The Committee then proceeded to consider the questions that were asked in the resolutions of the Amoy Missions and the Church Missionary Society, and after considerable discussion the following answers were agreed to.

- (a) The standard of admission to the University should . correspond to the standard of London or Yale Universities.
- (b) The aim shall be to make Mandarin Chinese the medium of instruction, but for some time to come it may be necessary to teach some subjects in English.
- (c) The location of the University should be at Foochow.

 The Secretary was instructed to write to inquire whether or not the Swatow Missions would unite with the Fukien Missions in providing for Higher Christian Education, and to ask for their reply by telegraph before next Friday's meeting.

It was agreed to meet again in the same place on Friday, August 18th, at half past nine in the forenoon.

The meeting then adjourned.

(Signed) H. McC. E. PRICE, Br., Chairman,

A. L. WARNSHUIS, Secretary.

Pursuant to adjournment the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province met on August 18th, 1911, at half past nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Rev. L. P. Peet on Kuliang, Foochow.

Those present were Bishop Price, Rev. J. Gowdy, D. D., Rev. L. P. Peet, Rev. F. P. Joseland, Rev. A L. Warnshuis, and also Rev. A. S. M. Anderson who attended the meeting as on August 11th.

Bishop Price was made chairman of the meeting, and Dr. Gowdy led in prayer. A. L. Warnshuis was again made secretary

The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting on August 11th, and these were adopted.

The letter sent by the Secretary to the Rev. J. Campbell Gibson, D. D. of Swatow was read, and also the telegram in reply, which was to the effect that the English Presbyterian Mission in Swatow had not yet come to any definite conclusions whether or not to unite with the Missions in Fukien Province in Higher Christian Education, and regarded this still as an open question.

It was agreed to ask the Chairman and Secretary to meet representatives of the Swatow Missions to discuss with them this question of uniting with this Committee in planning for this educational work. The Committee then resumed the discussions of the previous meeting to answer the questions asked by some of the Missions.

- (d) In answer to the question concerning the financial responsibility of the cooperating Missions, the following series of propositions was agreed to.
- (1) It is proposed that the establishment of the University should be begun by establishing a General Arts Course, of which the first two years should be taken by all the students in the University, at the end of which there will be a University Examination, and after which the students will elect one of the special Courses, of which at the beginning there should be the following:—Chinese Literature, Medicine, Engineering, Science, English Literature, Theology, and General Arts continued. The General Arts Course for the four years would include Chinese Literature and Essay Writing, English, History, Mathematics, Science, Ethics, Psychology, Logic, Political Economy, and such other subjects as may be necessary.
- (2) In the General Arts Course, covering a period of four years, the cooperating Missions should all share, but in the Special Courses, the Committee recommends that the responsibility for each Course, including buildings, equipment, staff, and maintenance should rest with one Mission or in some cases with two or more Missions in union.
- (3) The University Site, Chapel, Library, Gymnasium, Administration Offices, and the Lecture Rooms of the General Arts Course should be provided for out of the general funds of the University. Each Mission or Chinese Church organization should provide and maintain the residences of its own representatives on the staff and such other buildings as may be required by their own organization, and should also be responsible for the Dormitory or Hostels that may be needed for their own students.
- (4) The general funds of the University shall be drawn from the following sources:—
- (a) A share of the fees of the students in the Special Courses should be contributed annually to the funds of the University, this share to be determined from time to time by the Governing Board of the University.
 - (b) Fees for matriculation, examinations, and graduation.
- (c) Contributions from the organizations participating in the union.

- (d) Special donations, subscriptions, and endowments.
- (e) Any interest that may be derived from the above.
- (5) The Committee suggests that at the beginning the following staff will be required:—

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For the General Arts Course. .... 10 Foreigners, 4 Chinese
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The Committee does not now venture to draw up a constitution, or even to suggest answers to some of the many questions that must still be answered. It has confined itself for the present to suggesting answers to the questions asked by the Missions, in the hope that this may be sufficient to give the Missions a basis for considering this plan of providing for Higher Christian Education in this province, and of securing advices from the Home Boards regarding the possibility of securing the needed funds, if the Missions unite in establishing a University.

In presenting these answers to the Missions for their consideration the Committee asks that the Missions vote definitely on the four points covered, namely, standard, medium of instruction, location, and financial responsibility; and with reference to the last, the Committee asks that the Missions, besides voting on the method of dividing the financial responsibility, should consider first whether they can undertake their share of the General Arts Course (for each Mission at least one man and one-sixth of the other expenses) and then whether they can undertake the responsibility for one of the Special Courses. The Committee suggests that if funds in any large sums are contributed from sources outside of the regular income of the Missionary Boards directly to the University, then one-half of these funds should be appropriated to the general funds of the University and one half to the funds of the Special Courses; and further the Committee frankly expresses the opinion that the financial burden on the Missions on account of the University, in addition to the maintenance of the necessary preparatory schools must be relieved by some such large contribution in order to make the realization of our hopes possible.

It was voted that copies of these Minutes should be distributed through the Members of this Committee as follows:—

C. M. S. 50 copies, M. E. M. 25 copies, A. B. C. F. M. 25 copies, L. M. S. 20 copies, E. P. M. 30 copies, R. C. A. 30 copies, E. P. M. Swatow, 5 copies, A. B. M. Swatow, 5 copies, World Missionary Conference Continuation Committee, 15 copies, Commission on Chinese Education of Conference of Officers of American Boards, 5 copies, Committee copies 40.

It was voted to ask the Mission to send to the Secretary of this Committee copies of their own action and also the replies of the Home Boards referring to this scheme; and that this Committee shall meet again to consider the above at the call of the Chairman.

It was vo ed to ask the six Missions concerned each to appropriate two dollars for the expenses of the Committee.

The Chairman, Rev. L. P. Peet, Rev. A. S. M. Anderson, and the Secretary were appointed a sub-committee to meet in the evening to consider the matter of a Board of Education for the province, as referred to this Committee by the Educational Association of Fukien province.

The minutes of the forenoon session were approved at the beginning of the afternoon session. The minutes of the afternoon session were referred to the sub-committee meeting in the evening for their approval. And it was agreed that the full minutes of August 11th and 18th should be circulated among, and signed by all the members of the Committee.

The Committee adjourned at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The sub-committee of the Preliminary Committee of Higher Christian Education consisting of the Chairman, Rev. L. P. Peet, Rev. A. S. M. Anderson and the Secretary met at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The Secretary reported that the following resolutions had been adopted by the Educational Association of Fukien province at its meeting on August 11th, 19:1.

"We express the hope that a Board of Christian Educatian for this province may soon be organized, as recommended by the Commission on Christian Education of the World Missionary Conference. (See report Page 113). In the formation of such a Board, we suppose that there will be due recognition of the fact that the field is distinctly divided into at least three parts, one of which centers in Foochow, another in Amoy, and the third in Swatow, if that be included within the territory covered by this Board, and that therefore the Board will be organized into three sections, which shall be united by means of correspondence and occasional joint meetings, but which shall also have their individual powers. We suppose also that qualified Chinese

educationists will be members of that Board. When that Board is organized, it will naturally provide our schools with guidance and other assistance in the determining of courses of study and the coordinating of our schools. We recommend that the Association ask the Preliminary Committee of the proposed Fukien University to consider this matter and to recommend to the Missions concerned such action as may seem desirable to them."

With reference to such a Board of Education for Fukien province as is proposed in the above resolution based upon the recommendation of the World Missionary Conference, the Committee agreed to recommend that such a Board should be organized, composed of two sections, one centering in Foochow and one in Amoy, each section being composed of missionaries, men and women, and Chinese e lucationists. As to the method of the appointment of these two sections, the Committee would suggest to the North Fukien Federation Committee that they draw up a plan for the appointment of the Foochow members to be referred to the three North Fukien Missions, and to the Continuation Committee of the Conference of South Fukien Missions to draw up a plan for the appointment of the Amoy members to be referred to the three South Fukien Missions. Further, the Committee recommends that the Chairmen and Secretaries of these two sections, when appointed, should prepare a plan by which these two sections could co-operate. The aim and purpose of such a Board would be to study the educational conditions of the field, to advise with regard to the curricula of schools, to superintend the working in this province of the scheme of Uniform Examinations, and to make such recommendations as will assist the Missions in the work of Christian Education in this province.

The minutes of the afternoon session of the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien province, and also the minutes of the sub-committee were read and approved.

The Committee then adjourned.

(Signed)

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L. P. Peet
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Minutes of the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province.

The Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province met on February 11th, 1913, at the house of the secretary, Kulangsu, Amoy. A letter from the Chairman, Bishop Price, was read, authorizing the secretary to call this meeting in his name on this date in Amoy. It was proposed and carried that the Rev. L. P. Peet should act as chairman pro tem., and the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Peet.

Those present were:—Rev. L. P. Peet, (A. B. C. F. M.;) Rev. J. Gowdy, D. D. (M. E. M.) Rev. G. M. Wales, vice H. F. Rankin, Esq., (E. P. M.,) Rev. L. G. Phillips, vice Rev. T. C. Brown, who succeeded Rev. F. P. Joseland, (L. M. S.), and Rev. A. L. Warnshuis, (R. C. A.) The following named members of Missions in the province were also present and were given all the privileges of free discussion without a vote, namely Rev. L. Hodous, Rev. R. A. Ward, H. J. P. Anderson, Esq., Rev. H. P. Boot, H. Renskers, Esq., and E. J. Strick, M. D.

The secretary read the letters that had been received from the various Missions, reporting their action regarding the former propositions made by this Committee, as given in their Minutes previously printed. These replies are as follows:—

From the Foochow Mission of the A. B. C. F. M.

- "Voted, that the Mission ask the Prudential Committee to approve the finding of a man to teach in the proposed Union Christian University of Fukien and also guarantee his salary and one sixth of the expenses of the University, about \$.........
- "Also voted that Mr. Hodous, Mr. Peet, and Mr. Beach be a committee to write to the Board concerning the proposed scheme.
- "Voted that Mr. Peet pay \$2 from the College Fund for the general expenses of the Committee on the Union University Scheme."

From the C. M. S. Fuhkien Conference, Dec. 14-21, 1911.

Minute 41. "The minutes of the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fuhkien Province, held on Kuliang, August 11 and 18, 1911, were reported, and the following resolutions passed:—

- - (a) That we agree that the standard of admission to the proposed University should correspond to the standard of London or Yale Universities.
 - (b) That we agree that the aim should be to make Mandarin Chinese the medium of instruction.
 - (c) That we agree that the University should be located in Foochow.
- (d) That we approve in general of the proposed method of dividing the financial responsibility, and recommend that this Mission should take up its share in the general Arts Course (one man and one sixth of the other expenses,) and further that we should set before us the aim of taking up the course in medicine.
- "That the above minutes be forwarded and recommended to the favourable consideration of the C. M. S. Educational Committee."
- (In an accompanying letter, Bishop Price adds this personal note:—
- "With regard to the Medical Course, our resolution should not be construed to indicate that we wish to give up our present policy of developing our Medical School into a Union Medical School. We would not wish the possibility of our being able to contribute the Medical Course to the University stand in the way of the nearer aim of establishing a Union Medical School")

From the Methodist Mission, Foochow.

- "Motion carried that Foochow is in our judgment the place where the Union University should be located.
- "Motion carried that we approve of the proposed standard of admission for the Union University, viz., to correspond with the standards of London and Yale Universities.
- "Motion carried that we approve of the suggestion of the Committee as to the medium of instruction, viz., that it be "Mandarin Chinese, but that for some time to come it may be necessary to teach some subjects in English;" but believing it is advisable in some subjects to use English in order to prepare men for post-graduate work, we favor it as a permanent medium in such subjects.
- "Motion carried that we favor the suggested plan for financial support but that we put ourselves on record as favoring union in all matters of instruction.

- "Motion carried that we notify the preliminary committee that we are ready to take our share of the financial responsibility for the General Arts Course.
- "Motion carried that we express ourselves as prepared to undertake the responsibility for one of the special courses.
- "Motion carried that we state our preference for organizing the Theological school as a union enterprise instead of as a department to be managed by one denomination."

From the L. M. S., Amoy.

This personal note from Rev. T. C. Brown, their Secretary, has been received:—

"We could not immediately pass the motion we had prepared re the University Scheme, but our recent letters from home give us no hope whatever of taking part in the Scheme, and we shall therefore ask in due time to be allowed to drop out of the preliminary discussions. This is not exactly official but it is inevitable. Our own local needs are so pressing and numerous that we could not press for help in the University Scheme till these are met, and that day steadily recedes into a nebulous very remote future."

An unofficial note was received from the A. B. F. M. S., Swatow, stating "That Canton was considered more favorably, if we are to unite with forces outside of Swatow."

From the R. C. A., Amoy, Sept. 11, 1911.

- "That we approve the Committee's recommendation with regard to the standard of the proposed University.
- "That we approve also their recommendation with regard to the use of Mandarin Chinese as the language to be used as the medium of instruction.
- "That we approve also their recommendation that the proposed University should be located at Foochow.
- "Regarding the financial responsibility of the co-operating missions in the University, the Mission approves the principle of dividing this as proposed by the Committee, namely, that all the Missions co-operating should share in the General Arts Course, and that the responsibility for each of the Special Courses, including buildings, equipment, staff, and maintenance, should rest with one Mission, or in some cases with two or more Missions in union.
- "We recommend to the Board that this Mission should at the beginning be enabled to share in this University as follows:—

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- "(a) One man for the General Arts Course, and his residence.
- "(b) A share in the other expenses of this Arts Course, the amount to be determined when we are provided with further details regarding the total amount of these expenses.
- "(c) As soon as the Mission has been enabled by the Home Board to share in the General Arts Course, we will then consider what recommendation we can make regarding our share, if any, in special courses.
- "The Treasurer is authorized to pay \$2 to the Preliminary Committee as the Mission's share in its expenses."

Further the R. C. A. Mission has received from its Home Board, the following reply to the above propositions:--

- "Action of the Executive Committee, December 13th, 1911.
- "Resolved that the Executive Committee record its sympathy with the movement among the Missions in South China looking to united action in providing higher Christian Education in Fukien Province, but reserves its acceptance of definite proposals, looking to co-operation in the plan, until it shall have developed further and the general attitude of other co-operating bodies is known."

From the Swatow Council, E. P. M., 31st July, 1912.

"The Council is on general grounds in hearty sympathy with the proposals now under consideration for the founding of a Foochow University, but from the point of view of the needs of the Swatow field is not able to recommend our Foreign Missions Committee to undertake on our behalf any large financial responsibilities in regard to it."

From the Amoy Council, E. P. M., 2nd February, 1912.

- "(1) That it approves the standard suggested by the Preliminary Committee.
- "(2) That the ultimate aim should be to make Mandarin the medium of instruction, but that during the initial stages it would seem necessary to employ English to a considerable extent.
- "(3) That Foochow as the Provincial Capital is the best location for the proposed University.
- "(4) As regards financial responsibility the E. P. M. Council regards the series of propositions drawn up by the Preliminary Committee as being on right lines and promises to

bring the scheme before the Home Board and ask for a careful consideration. But it is necessary to state frankly that the Council has difficulty in following the lead of the three Foochow Missions and the A. R. C. M. Amoy viz: — in definitely urging upon the Home Board the allocation of a Professor for the Arts Course with one sixth share of expenses, or the responsibility for the special course or both, and that mainly for the following two reasons:—

"(1) That the Council is not yet in possession of the mind of the E. P. M. Council Swatow on the subject and that our Home Board would very likely expect united action between our Amoy and Swatow Councils on such a subject, (2) that it would not be sound Mission policy on our part to press for a large outlay on a University scheme unless and until the immediate and pressing needs of our existing Educational establishments; which are to act as feeders to a university have been adequately met, and various extension schemes in respect of pastoral and evangelistic work lately entered upon have been duly provided for.

"The Hongkong University offers an excellent outlet for the pupils graduating from our Anglo-Chinese Colleges in Amoy and Swatow, the medium of whose education has been in English; but if the Home Board sees its way to fall in with the Foochow University scheme we should be glad of an outlet for our pupils the medium of whose instruction has been Chinese.

"The Council will take every means of bringing the University scheme clearly before the Home Board, but for reasons stated it is difficult for us to put forward any definite recommendation as to the amount of financial responsibility our Mission should undertake.

Agreed to vote two dollars to the Preliminary Committee towards expenses."

Further, from the same Mission Council under date of 23rd July, 1912, as follows:—

"Re the Foochow University scheme, our Council has asked me to send you the reply of our Home Committee, which is as follows:—

"It is manifestly the first duty of the Mission to meet efficiently its own Educational responsibilities. These are already larger than it is to be easy to satisfy, and an Anglo-Japanese College in Formosa should be added soon to the institutions to the support of which in whole or in part our church is committed.

"It is extremely unlikely that in any near future further serious financial responsibilities can be assumed for a University in Foochow. The Mission might be able to assist in the maintenance of its own students at the new University at Hongkong or at the Foochow University, if it be established, in hostels connected with one or other University."

The Committee proceeded to discuss the whole question of the establishment of a university in the light of the letters that had been read, and it was agreed that the Committee should formulate certain new propositions regarding the financial basis of co-operation in such an institution by the Missions in the province.

It was agreed that a sub-committee be appointed to draft a Constitution for the University, which should embody these new propositions. As such sub-committee, Messrs. Peet, Gowdy, and Warnshuis were appointed.

At the subsequent meeting of the Preliminary Committee, in the afternoon of the same day, with all the same members present as named above, this sub-committee presented the following Constitution. It is to be noted that the Name of the University was not discussed, but was left for later consideration.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FUKIEN UNIVERSITY.

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which shall be located in Foochow, and shall be governed by the provisions of this constitution.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this institution shall be "The Fukien University." In Chinese, the name shall be......

ARTICLE II -PROPERTY AND TITLE TO THE SAME,

The property of the University shall consist of such land, buildings, apparatus, and other equipment, as may be secured by funds contributed by the co-operating missions, or from any other source. The title to such property shall be vested in the Board of Trustees of the University.

ARTICLE III.—THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

ARTICLE 1. How Constituted.

The several Mission Boards or Societies above named, shall each, at the time of its formal approval of this Constitution, appoint three persons as its legal representatives in forming the co-operation. From the time of appointment, one of these persons shall serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. Thereafter, each of the cooperating Boards shall at its first succeeding regular meeting appoint some one for three years to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of service. Vacancies caused by death or resignation may be filled at any regular meeting of the Mission Board whose representative has died or resigned.

The above persons shall, as soon as possible after their appointment, incorporate under the laws of the, to be known as "The Board of Trustees of the Fukien University." Their articles of incorporation shall be framed in harmony with the spirit of this Constitution.

Section 2. Duties and Powers.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees: 1. To hold all the property of the University in trust for the use of the institution; to invest and control all endowment funds; to transmit to the Board of Managers hereinafter provided for, at stated times and in such manner as may be hereafter agreed upon! by these two Boards, the income from all property in its possession, the interest of the endowment fund, and such other funds in whole or in part as the trustees may deem expedient or as may have been donated for special purposes. That the Board of Trustees shall have power to withhold the payment of any aforementioned funds in case there shall be a departure on the part of the Board of Managers from the principles enunciated in the preamble of this Constitution, and if such departure shall and continue, after written notification by the Board of Trustees, for more than one complete academic year, all property and funds shall to used anew by the Trustees for the accomplishment of the aims set forth in the preamble of this Constitution.

- 2. To ratify elections to membership on the Board of Managers.
- 3. Upon election by the Board of Managers, to confirm the appointment of the president of the University.
- 4. To take appropriate steps for increasing the endowment and equipment of the University.

5. If the president of the University, for any reason, be requested to resign by either the Board of Trustees or the Board of Managers, then the Board of Trustees shall have power to declare his place vacant and proceed in the ordinary manner to fill the vacancy so caused.

Section 3. Additions to the Corporation.

Any other Mission Board hereafter desiring to join the Corporation may, with the approval of the above-named founders, and upon complying with the provisions of this Constitution, be added to the Corporation, and shall have the right to appoint members on the above-named Board of Trustees, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the original incorporators. The representation upon this Board of Trustees shall be upon the basis of three (3) members for each cooperating Missionary Society.

ARTICLE IV.—THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Section 1.—Each of the three (3) cooperating Missions shall, upon meeting the conditions of representation described in Section 2 of this Article, be entitled to appoint four (4) members of the Board of Managers. In the first instance one shall be appointed for four years, one for three years, one for two years, one for one year, and the Missions shall annually appoint a person for a term of four years to fill the place of each retiring member, and shall fill vacancies whenever they occur. The persons so appointed, shall form the Board of Managers of the University.

Members of any faculty of the University should not, if possible, be members of the Board of Managers.

Section 2. Basis of Representation.

- 1. Each Mission entering the Union shall be entitled to full representation (i. e., by four members) on the Board of Managers upon meeting the following conditions:—
- (a). Two missionary teachers who shall be specialists in their departments, shall be provided, who may become members of the Faculty upon appointment by the Board of Managers.
- (b). An annual appropriation toward current expenses, of not less than \$3,000 Gold, shall be guaranteed until such time as these expenses, together with those arising from development, are so amply covered by endowment that such funds are no longer required for the maintenance and proper development of the University.

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2. Any Mission which cannot meet all the conditions for full representation as stated in clause (a) of this section, may secure partial representation as follows. By providing two missionary teachers and \$1,500 Gold for current expenses, a Mission may secure three representatives on the Board of Managers; for one missionary teacher and \$1,500 Gold for current expenses, a Mission may have two representatives; for one missionary teacher, or for \$1,500 Gold for current expenses, a Mission may have one representative.

SECTION 3. Officers.

1. The officers of the Board of Managers shall be a chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer. These officers shall be charged with the duties usually pertaining to these offices.

2. The president of the University shall be ex-officio a member of the Board of Managers, without a vote.

Section 4. Accountability.

The Board of Managers shall be accountable to the Board of Trustees for the safe keeping and disposition of all funds received by them from whatever source.

Section 5. Duties.

The Board of Managers shall administer all funds received from the Board of Trustees; shall establish departments and approve courses of study; except in case of the president, shall appoint officers and instructors and determine the salaries of those who are not regular missionaries under appointment of the several Boards; shall in the first instance, and whenever a vacancy occurs, elect a suitable person for president of the University, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees; shall provide suitable buildings and appliances; shall through the administrative offices of the University fix, collect, and disburse all tuition fees; shall confer degrees, and perform all other duties necessary to the general administration of the University.

SECTION 6. Executive Committee.

The Board of Managers shall annually appoint an Executive Committee from among its members to assist and advise the president. The president shall be a member of this committee but shall have no vote. This Committee shall do such work and have such powers as may from time to time be delegated to it by the Board of Managers, and in emergencies shall have power to take immediate action in matters not affecting the policy of the institution, such as the temporary employment of teachers, or other matters connected with administration, but shall make a full report of such action at the next regular meeting of the Board of Managers.

SECTION 7. Meetings.

The Board of Managers shall hold at least one meeting each year, at which a full report of the operation and condition of the University, and a statement properly audited of all receipts and disbursements during the year, shall be presented, and a copy of which report and statement shall be forwarded, with the Minutes of the Board of Managers to the Board of Trustees,

SECTION 8. Quorum.

Two-thirds of the Board of Managers, at least a majority of the cooperating Missions being represented, shall constitute a quorum. All matters shall be decided by a majority vote, which shall in no case be less than half the members of the Board.

SECTION 9. By-laws.

The Board of Managers shall have power to make for itself all necessary By-Laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE V.—AFFILIATED SCHOOLS.

The University will entertain proposals for the affiliation of professional or other schools under missionary auspices, giving credits for work done and receiving their students for available courses. The enrollment of affiliated schools shall be made at the discretion of the Board of Managers in consultation with the University Council. (See Art. VI.)

ARTICLE VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Section 1. Constitution and Duties of Council:

1. The University Council shall consist of the president of the University and the deans of all departments.

2. It shall decide upon all matters of government or dis-

cipline referred to it by a dean of the Faculty.

- 3. It shall pass upon the estimates of expenses presented by each department and make its recommendations regarding the same to the Board of Managers.
- 4. It shall have under its consideration and control all of the various departments of the University, may plan for their development and expansion, and make recommendation to the Board of Managers regarding existing departments, or in regard to the establishment of new departments.

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SECTION 2. Duties of the President.

- 1. To superintend and guard the interests of all departments of the University.
 - 2. To be the official representative of the University.
- 3. To exercise a general oversight of the property and business of the University.
- 4. To appoint and, for sufficient cause, discharge all employes not otherwise provided for.
- 5. To make an annual report of the University to the Board of Managers.

Section 3. Duties of a Dean.

The duties of the dean of a department shall be:

- 1. In the absence of the president to preside at meetings of the Faculty of his department.
 - 2. To superintend the teaching of his department.
- 3. To receive, and upon consultation with the Faculty, dismiss the students of his department.
 - 4. To maintain discipline and order.
- 5. To inform the president of the University of all important matters relating to his department.

SECTION 4. The Faculty.

- 1. The Faculty of a department shall consist of the president of the University, the dean of the department, and all teachers in that department, regularly designated by the Board of Managers as members of the Faculty.
- 2. The Faculty of a department shall be under the direction of the Board of Managers, and shall be responsible to that body for the faithful performance of its duties.
- 3. The Faculty of a department shall suggest the course of study for its department and submit the same to the Board of Managers for its approval.
- 4. The Faculty of a department shall prepare annually a list of estimates of expenses and present it to the University Council for its approval.
- 5. Any member of the Faculty may, for sufficient cause and after due notice, be dismissed by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended, due notice having been given at least six (6) months previously at any regular, meeting of the Board of Managers. Such amendments to require a three-fourth's (3/4ths) vote and to be ratified by the Board of Trustees.

The above Constitution was approved by the Committee, a and it was agreed to submit the same for the consideration and approval of the Missions concerned:

The Preliminary Committee requests the Missions to actas soon as possible on the above Constitution, and to inform the Committee of their action. In case of amendments being proposed by one or more Missions, the Preliminary Committee will endeavor to harmonize these, and will inform all the Missions concerned of any change, or in case of radical changes, re-submit the matter to the Missions for their approval. The Missions are requested to delay sending the Constitution to their Home Boards until the Preliminary Committee informs them that the Constitution, either in its present form, or in a modified form, has received the approval of the Missions concerned.

The Missions are requested to send copies of their own action, and the action of their Home Boards to this Preliminary Committee. As soon as this Committee has received notice of the approval of the Constitution and the appointment of representatives on the Board of Managers by three (3) Missions, it shall at once arrange for the convening of the Board of Managers.

This Preliminary Committee proposes that the aim should be to establish Courses in Arts and Sciences at the opening of the University.

This Preliminary Committee would also suggest that the University might be opened in the autumn of 1914 or spring of 1915, in temporary quarters loaned or leased by one of the Missions in Foochow, and it would respectfully ask the Methodist Episcopal Mission to consider whether or not it would be possible to make such temporary provision in some of their buildings.

For the permanent location and buildings, we look to the Board of Trustees to make provision as soon as possible, and we suggest that in securing a site, the effort should be made to secure fifty acres of contiguous land, and that in no case should any site be accepted unless twenty acres of contiguous land can be bought. It is estimated that \$25,000 gold would be needed to buy fifty acres of land.

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The immediate needs of the University, in the way of buildings and equipment, was discussed, and the following was proposed as a basis for further discussion by the Board of Managers.

One Administration and Class-room Building,	Gold	\$30,000	
Two Dormitories.	4 1 4	25,000	
Six Foreign Residences,		24,000	
Three Chinese Residences,		3,000	
One Chapel,		25,000	
Equipment,		18,000	

Gold \$125,000

The Secretary was authorized to ask the Missions to share equally in defraying the necessary expenses of the Committee for printing, stationery, and postage.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again at the call of the Chairman, Bishop Price.

(Signed) A. L. WARNSHUIS, Secretary.

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE

Minutes of the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province.

Since the meeting of the Committee on August 8th, 1913, the Secretary has received the following letters.

From the Foochow Mission of the A. B. C. F. M., August 2 st, 1913.

"At a meeting of the American Board Mission, Foochow, held July 9th, 1913, the following was voted:— That the Comity Committee be empowered to approve changes in the Union University Constitution, not affecting the policy of the same.

"At a meeting of the Comity Committee of this Mission, held August 12th, 1913, the following was voted:— That the changes made in the Constitution of the Union University by the Preliminary Committee on August 8th, be approved, and that the Corresponding Secretary send the Constitution to the Prudential Committee.

"At the same meeting it was also voted:— That we favor the name, "The Foochow Christian University."

From the Right Reverend Bishop Price, C. M. S., August 30th, 1913.

"I enclose a copy of Resolutions passed by the C. M. S. Parent Committee (Educational) last year, but through some mistake only communicated to me here by the last mail."

"Minutes of Educational Committee of C.M.S. (London), adopted on June 20th, 19 2. Approved by C. M. S. Group Committee of July 12th, 1912.

"Proposed Union Christian University for Fukien.

"The Committee considered the proposals to form a Union Christian University for Fukien made by the Right Rev. Bishop Price in a letter dated July 14th, 1911; also Recommendations of Preliminary Committee appointed in Fukien, of August 11th and 18th, 1911; and further communication from Bishop Price and Minutes of the Fukien Conference of December 1911. They also had the pleasure of an interview with the Bishop.

"The following Minute was approved:

1. "That the Committee cordially concur as to the urgent need for strong establishments for Higher Christian Education in China, and also as to the necessity and desirability of united action on behalf of the Missionary Societies.

- 2. "That they desire to be kept in close touch with the movement in Fukien with a view to co-operation in any possible way as opportunity offers.
- 3. "That:at the same time, they do not feel themselves to be in a position to consider the financial questions involved in the report of the Preliminary Committee and the Fukien Conference until further information is provided as to the support likely to be forthcoming from other than Society sources, and also as to the extent of financial responsibility which will devolve upon the Society.
- 4. "That as at present advised, they welcome the suggestion that the C. M. S. share in the proposed Union Scheme may well be in the direction of the Medical course, and they nominate the following and authorize them to act on their behalf in connection with any Sub-Committee which may be appointed by the Medical Committee or Group No. 1 Committee for considering the details of the scheme:— The Rev. Lord William Gascoyne Cecil, Mr. R. Maconachie, Mr. J. D. Tremlett. (Bishop Price adds this note,—This needs certain modification The C. M. S. is committed to Union Medical College, if the Missions agree upon a basis of co-operation. It is quite possible, of course, that this Union Medical College might ultimately be merged in the University as a joint contribution of the C. M. S. and other co-operating Missions.)
- 5. "That the Committee as at present advised are further of opinion that in the organization of the University it will be a matter of essential importance that the management of the theological faculty shall not be assigned to any one denomination, but be shared among the Societies participating in the Scheme.
- 6. "That they request the Honorary Secretary and the Rev. F. Baylis, on their forthcoming visit to China, to make careful study of the situation in Fukien, both as to the need for such a University and the possibility of supplying that need by co-operation among the Societies."

From the Secretary of the English Presbyterian Mission, Swatow, Sept. 10th, 1913.

"I have duly received the minutes of the Preliminary Committee on Christian Education in Fukien Province, forwarded by you, and shall lay them before our Mission Council at its next meeting, which, however, in the ordinary course, will not take place until January."

From the Reformed Church in America Mission, Amoy, September 24th, 1913.

"The following series of resolutions have been adopted by this Mission at a special meeting held on September 19th.

- 1. "That the Mission approves the Constitution of the University as now printed in the Minutes of the Preliminary Committee of August 8th, 1913.
- 2. "With reference to the Name of the proposed University, the Mission expressed its preference by casting eight votes in favor of the name,—"The Fukien Christian University," and four votes in favor of the name:— "The Foochow Christian University."
- 3. "That the Mission now submit this Constitution to the Home Board for its consideration and approval.
- 4. "That the Mission express to the Board its desire to be enabled to take a full share in the University, i. e., by the appointment of two missionary teachers and the appropriation of \$3,000 gold for annual expenses, and we ask the Board to carefully consider the proposal to do this, and to grant it, if it be at all possible. But if this should be impossible, the Mission urgently asks that the Board undertake at least the minimum share, i. e., one missionary teacher, or an annual appropriation of \$1,500 gold, so that the Mission may have at least some share in the University. (See Committee's printed Minutes, pages 7 and 8, Art. IV., Sect. 2, paragraphs 1 and 2.)
- 5. "That, in accordance with the request of the Committee, the Mission appoints Rev. H. P. Boot, and Rev. P. W. Pitcher as additional representatives on the Preliminary Committee.
- 6. "That the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the Committee the sum of four dollars as a contribution to its expenses.
- 7. "That the Mission reaffirms its agreement with the propositions previously adopted by the Preliminary Committee, namely,—
- a. The standard of admission to the University should correspond to the standard of London or Yale University.
- b. The aim shall be to make Mandarin Chinese the medium of instruction, but for some time to come it may be necessary, to teach some subjects in English.
 - c. The location of the University should be at Foochow.

From Rev. John Gowdy, D. D., (M. E. M.) September 27th, 1913.

"The M.E. Mission has approved the revised Constitution and ordered its transmission to our Board in New York. We hope for favorable consideration there."

From C. R. Kellogg, Sec. (M. E. M.) October 17th, 1913.

"At a recent meeting of our Mission, we voted to put ourselves on record as favoring, for our first choice, the name "Foochow Christian University" for the proposed Union University; and for second choice, "Fukien Christian University"

From the Right Reverend Bishop Price, (C. M. S.), October 21s., 1913.

"The following resolutions were passed by the Standing Sub-Committee of the C. M. S. Fukien Conference on October 18th, 1913.

"The report of the proceedings of the Provisional Board of Managers of the Foochow Union Medical College was read and considered, and it was resolved that it be accepted and referred to the Parent Committee for their favourable consideration. The report is as follows:—

"Minute passed by the Board of Managers, Foochow Union Medical College.

"Inasmuch as it is hoped that the Foochow Christian University will be opened in the Autumn of 1914 or the Spring of 1915, we, the Provisional Board of Managers, recommend:

- "1. That as soon as the Board of Managers of the Foochow Christian University shall have been organized, that Board be invited to adopt this Medical College as the Medical Department of the University.
- "2. That any funds or equipment which may be acquired by the Board of Managers before this College becomes a Department of the University be ultimately transferred to the Board of Trustees of the University.
- "3. We further recommend that the work of this Union Medical College be continued on the basis of the following agreement between the Cooperating Missions until such time as the College becomes a Department of the Foochow Christian University." (Here follows the Provisional Agreement).
- "The report of the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education was considered, and
- "It was resolved that this Committee requests the Parent Committee to undertake that, when the Foochow Christian University is ready to commence work, they will be prepared to provide two specialists for the Arts Course and three men for the Medical Department, and also to contribute £300 per annum towards the current expenses."

(Signed) A. L. WARNSHUIS.

Hon. Secretary.

Extract from letter of Rev.A.L. Warnshuis, Secretary Amoy Mission, Sept. 23/13

"After almost two years of work, the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province have succeeded in preparing a Constitution for the proposed University, which is approved by all the six Missions in the Province, who are now submitting this Constitution in identical form to the Home Boards. With reference to the whole question of the establishment of this University, the Mission has passed a series of seven resolutions, of which I to IV and VII, are of interest to the Board. These five resolutions I am copying below. Under separate cover, I am sending you several copies of the printed minutes of the Preliminary Committee, containing the Constitution that is being proposed.

Mission Resolution I. "That the Mission approves the Constitution of the University as now printed in the Minutes of the Preliminary Committee of August 8th,1913.

Mission Resolution II. "With reference to the Name of the University, the Mission expresses its preference by casting eight votes in favor of the name, 'The Fukien Christian University', and four votes in favor of the name, 'The Foochow Christian University.'

Mission Resolution III. "That the Mission now submit this Constitution to the Home Board for its consideration and approval.

Mission Resolution IV. "That the Mission express to the Board its desire to be enabled to take a full share in the University, i.e., by the appointment of two missionary teachers and the appropriation of \$3000 gold for annual expenses, and we ask the Board to carefully consider the proposal to do this, and to grant it, if it be at all possible. But, if this should be impossible, the Mission urgently asks that the Board undertake at least the minimum share, i.e., one missionary teacher, or an annual appropriation of \$1500 gold, so that the Mission may have some share in the University. (See Committee's printed Minutes, pages 7 & 8, Art. IV, Sec. 2, par. 1& 2).

Mission Resolution VII. "That the Mission reaffirms its agreement with the propositions previously adopted by the Preliminary Committee, namely-

a. The standard of admission to the University should correspond to the standard of London or Yale University.

b. The aim shall be to make Mandarin Chinese the medium of instruction but for some time to come it may be necessary to teach some subjects in English,

c. The location of the University should be at Foochow."

In these resolutions, the Mission places before the Board two questions, (1) the approval of the Constitution of the proposed University, (2) the decision concerning how large a share this Mission should be enabled to take in the University. Concerning the first of these questions, I need not write at length. The Constitution must speak for itself, and make its own explanations. In preparing it, the Preliminary Committee has made use of the best experience in other union institutions in China, and it has also studied the constitutions of existing universities. The Constitution has also been amended by the Missions in the Province, and has been revised by the Preliminary Committee. It is presented now, not as a perfect instrument, but as a usable one, the best that we can now produce, and one which we believe will make it possible for the Six Missions to unite in one institution.

And concerning the second question, I need not write at length. The Mission would urge strongly that the Board enable us to take some share in this University. How large that share shall be, the Board can judge much better than we can. The importance of higher education as a missionary method in China to-day is recognized by every well-informed person. Christianity must win the educated classes in China, or it cannot accomplish its purpose. Moreover, we cannot permit our Christian young men to be educated in the atheistic and materialistic atmosphere of government universities. The province of Fukien needs such a Christian University. The church membership in this province is larger than in any other province of China, and the Christian constituency of the university is therefore by just so much harger than elsewhere. The non-Christian students are favorable toward

Carristianity as no where else in China, as was shown by the recent evangelistic campaign among them conducted by Mr. Eddy. Large numbers of these would be drawn by a well equipped efficient Christian University. The preparatory schools in this province are as far advanced as anywhere in China and are well organized, and are now preparing a large number of students up to or a little above university entrance requirements. To provide for these students, a University is urgently demanded. Some of these students are now going to schools elsewhere. The schools in Shanghai derive a large measure of support from Fukien students. But a still larger number are prevented from obtaining higher education because they are unable for various reasons to go to distant places. The R.C.A. should undertake a share in this University. We are responsible for a definite portion of this province, and we ought to bear our full responsibility. The conditions in the province demand a University, and it is not right to depend upon other Missions to carry our part of the responsibility for providing it, in addition to their own share which they must provide. Our own students are demanding higher education, and are becoming more and more restless because of the difficulty they experience in obtaining it. It is not right that we should bring them only up to a certain point in their preparation for their largest usefulness in later life, and then drop them there to find the remainder for themselves. With that responsibility upon us, as a matter of economy and efficiency we should undertake a share in this union plan. In no other educational way, can so much be accomplished by means of an annual outlay of only \$5400 gold, (two missionaries and \$3000). The Mission asks, therefore, that the Board enable us to take as large a share as possible in this University; and if it is at all possible, to enable us to take a full share. We hope that these plans may appeal to some who are not now regular contributors to the Board, so that in that way the Board may the more easily meet these obligations.

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Extract from letter of Rev.A.L. Warnshuis, Amoy, China, Aug. 31, 1914:

"With reference to the Foochow University project, personally I am not surprised to get this word from the Committee on Christian Education in the Mission Field, (in re University in aim or name) and yet I am surprised that that Committee should at this time feel it necessary to take action at all regarding this project. I know the inner history of the action taken by the National Conference in Shanghai in 1913. That was so entirely a compromise action and based upon insufficient knowledge that it cannot be accepted as a satisfactory statement of a permanent policy of missionary educational work in China. It is action that was well worth taking as the first step toward the defining of a policy that might guide both the Missions on the field and the Boards at home. At the meeting of the China Continuation Committee in May, 1914, there was no matter that occupied more time in the business committee, where it was keenly debated, than this question of the number and the location of Universities in China. The question was brought up by a letter from Dr. Arthur J. Brown, writing in behalf of the interests of the Shantung Christian University. The situation in North China corresponds very closely to that in South China. The action of the China Continuation Committee on the face of it is not final, and apparently very little in advance of that of last year's National Conference. Yet progress is being made in framing a national policy for missionary education, but because of the wide extent of the field and the difficulty of knowing all the facts that should be considered it is necessary to go very slowly in formulating a statement that will be of permanent force in guiding the parties responsible for the development of higher Christian education in China. The discussions in Shanghai last May made it clear to most of us who took part that it devolved upon us to take up the question in our more local conference and Boards in order that the facts to be considered should be clearly stated and more generally known. The Minutes of the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University are now being printed, and I shall send you copies within another ten days.

These Minutes contain statements that bear directly upon this discussion, and which we hope will help the China Continuation Committee at its next meeting to state more accurately a wise educational policy for China Missions. Much of the discussion is due to a misunderstanding of terms. The term 'university'has been used both in its English meaning, denoting what is included in our American term, 'college'; and it is also used to include the larger meaning, denoting an institution consisting of several colleges, with post-graduate and research departments. For a University in the largest sense, the missionary forces now in China are not strong enough to support more than ONE. For a University, doing only undergraduate work, consisting of two or three colleges, (Arts, Medicine, Theology), there is great need here in Foochow, and it is a need that cannot be satisfied by any college or university in Canton, or in any other place in China. This is stated more fully and clearly in the Minutes to which I have just referred.

At the Continuation Committee meeting last May, there was much private talk of the desirability of a careful survey by a well-qualified commission of the whole question of higher education in all parts of China with a view to defining the scope of the smaller universities that must be established in different parts of the country. There should be some united effort to determine what colleges each of these universities should include, so that there may be no over-lapping, or any unnecessary expenditure. Such proposals were discussed in the Business Committee, but they were not proposed to the full Committee because it did not appear to us that we were ready for such action just then. I am not sure that such a Commission could act without being created or authorized by those concerned in its recommendations. So far as we in Fukien are concerned, the Preliminary Committee of the proposed University here has now opened the way for the work of such a Commission here. We are ready to be investigated. Whether other Universities in China will take a similar attitude remains to be seen. Another method of attaining the same object would be by joint action

AUG 31 of the Home Boards authorizing the Committee on Christian Mission Field to organize such a Commission. The Boards most concerned, besides our own, are the Presbyterian, North and South, A.B.C.F.M., Methodist, Episcopal, and the Disciples. The British Societies most concerned are the C.M.S., L.M.S., Baptists, and Presbyterians. If West China is included. then the Canadian Methodists and English Friends are also concerned. The Commission to be satisfactory should include three or four leading educationists now in China, who will be well informed concerning the needs of missionary work in China, and also one or two educational experts from home. For the latter, Professor Burton and Professor Sadler have been suggested. The latter is reported to have said that he would gladly devote a year to work in China if he could render any service to Christian Missions here. There is much more to be said, but I am not now attempting a full discussion of the whole question. All I wanted to do was to show that this question is occupying the attention of those concerned in China, and that it will probably be worked out to some satisfactory conclusion, and also that the proposed University at Foochow is sure to fit in in some way in the system of higher education that the Missions in China must establish.

We have not taken any steps yet that we need to retrace."

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Rev.W.I.Chamberlain, D.B.,
Ccr. Sec'y B.F.M. Ref.Ch.in Am.

My dear Dr. Chamberlain:

Though I begin my letter in this very formal manner please do not consider it otherwise than a most informal production of an idle chap rusticating on one of the mountain tops of Fukien, China, two thousand feet above the sea.

Wrs.Pitcher, Miss Vander Linden and I arrived here last Saturday. Daisy had preceded us from Shanghai by a few days and was awaiting us here. She hase had a very successful year and enjoyed her kindergarten work in Miss Jewell's School immensely. She had several tempting offers to teach next year—one from Peking. But we long ago decided that we wanted her to spend next winter with the old folks at home, so she has declined all offers.

Mrs. Pitcher is very well and has put in a lot of work in Talmage College the past term. Miss Vander Linden had a hard term of work at Tong-an. The change here is doing her a world of good. My health is much below par. Never have been able thus far to throw off entirely the effect of last winter's illness. Strength has not favored me by further returning. Am hoping that this glorious air of Kuliang will do the act and brace me up and put the old time vigor and strength back again. It is so much cooler here than Amoy, and it is quite impossible to believe it is hot down on the plains while the mercury here registered around 76' in our house. This ought to do me good. If it does not I will not be worth much.

Cf our Mission Meeting you will probably hear from our Secretary. Per-haps the matter of greatest importance (at least it interested me most) we considered was that pertaining to the Fukien University Scheme at Foc-chow. As Chairman of the Committee of our Mission representatives on the Preliminary Committee of the Focchow University, I endeavored to embody in the report a history of the movement from the beginning and to exer-

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cise the greatest care to state just what the Board had promised and no more. The ink underlining will indicate this.

Perhaps the report does not bring out as clearly as I should have liked to have it the fact that the proposition to establish a College of Liberal Arts at Focchow is quite a different one from that we had in mind when we wrote a year ago on the subject. That will be plainly seen in the historical part of the report and I need now dwell on it. To my mind the second proposition is a decided modification of the first which should be borne steadily in mind and should in some measure modify our attitude towards the new proposition.

Thus an effort was made to point out clearly to the Board that our work in Amoy--somewhat on similar lines--entirely so during the last two years of the course in Talmage College--should in nowise be endangered. See my notes.

I had to run away from Amoy before the Conference of the three Missions in Amoy took place as Dr.Strick advised me to get away from the heat as soon as I could. But I have learned that both the English Presbyterian and London Missions have declined to have a share in the University Scheme--on account of lack of funds--which means they cannot support other work above what they now are undertaking along educational lines.

have now on hand. Can we afford to divert any funds for the development of our present educational work which would in any wise prevent its development to the very highest efficiency as I have already pointed out. Of course this the Board must decide itself. By only plea is that that which has been begun and promises so much just now should have the full support of the Board at this time—and not a dollar diverted now a man diverted from it which would in the least jeopardize its full fruition and a first class up to date Junior College have been completely and solidly founded in Amoy—viz. Talmage College.

Minutes

OF THE

PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE

ON HIGHER

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

IN

FUKIEN PROVINCE.

MINUTES OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE ON HIGHER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN FUKIEN PROVINCE.



KULIANG, JULY 27th, 1916

The Committee met at the cottage of Professor E. C. Jones on July 27th, 1916. Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh was elected chairman. Present: the Revs. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh, H. J. P. Anderson, H. P. De Pree, J. Gowdy, J. Hind L. Hodons, E. R. Hughes, C. A. Neff, L. Gordon Phillips, W. P. W. Williams, W. Short, Messrs, E. C. Jones, A. W. Billing, H. E. Dennis, John H. Irish, H. Rennskers, G. M. Newell, Dr. J. H. Montgomery, Dr. C. M. L. Sites.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. John Hind. The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

22. President E. C. Jones read the report of the Fukien Union College, Rev. W. P. W. Williams presented the financial report of the Fukien Union College. Rev. W. P. W Williams read the report of the Foochow Union Medical School. Rev. H. P. De Pree read the report of the Amoy Union Theological School. Prof. A. W. Billing read the report of the Foochow Union Normal School. Rev. L. Hodous read the report of the Foochow Union Theological School. The Committee adjourned to July 31st, 9 a. m.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. John Hind.

JULY 31st, 1916.

Present: The same as before with the addition of Dr. G. R. Turner.

Rev. E. R. Hughes led in prayer.

Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh reported on the University Site.

- 23. Voted to continue the committee on site. Secretary reported a deficit of \$11.39.
- 24. Voted to ask each mission to contribute \$3.00 toward the expenses of postage and printing.
- 25. Voted to place the following item passed by the committee August 11th, 1911 as a note to the constitution: "The aim shall be to make Mandarin Chinese the medium of instruction, but for some time to come it may be necessary to teach some subjects in English".
- 26. In view of the increasing need of all the union institutions in Fukien to be incorporated in order to hold and administer property and in view of the urgent need of the Fukien Union College to have a charter in order to grant degrees, voted to recommend to the missions who have approved the constitution of the Fukien Christian University to appoint representatives on a committee for organizing and incorporating the Fukien Christian University.

This committee will proceed to organize and incorporate the Fukien Christian University making such union schools as it shall recognize departments of the Fukien Christian University.

- 27. Voted that the Right Rev. Bishop Price (vice Prof. E. C. Jones) be the convener of this committee for incorporating the Fukien Christian University.
- 28. Voted that the A. B. C. F. M. may appoint four members on this committee, the C. M. S. four members, the M. E. M. four members, the E. P. one member, the R. C. of Amoy one member and the L. M. S. one member.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. W. P. W. Williams.

REPORT OF FUKIEN UNION COLLEGE, SPRING 1916.

It is with a feeling of profound thankfulness to our God and Heavenly Father that I attempt to write a report of the Fukien Union College for the first term of its existence. It is clearly due to His leading that we have come to the present status in higher education for men in this Province, and to Him be the honor and the glory.

Enrollment.

At the opening of the College in February, it was decided by the faculty that students from Mission schools would be admitted without examination to the different classes on the recommendation of their teachers. At least five students from various government schools of middle school grade applied for admission, but had to be denied because of insufficient preparation in English. Since there were no applicants of sufficient attainments aside from students from Mission schools, therefore, no matriculation examination was held. The custom of admitting on recommendation will be followed again in 1917, but in 1918 and thereafter except possibly in the case of superior students, all applicants will be required to pass the matriculation examination. The total enrollment at first amounted to 86, distributed among the classes as follows: Freshmen, 54; Sophomores, 27; Junior Specials (doing only part work) 5. Geographically they were thus distributed: Amoy, 9; the Philippines, (of Amoy extraction) 3; Swatow, 2; Hinghwa, 2; Foochow including its several counties, 70.

Equipment.

Remodelling and repairing of the Union Normal School Building for College use was completed in time to admit of our being comfortably housed when the opening day arrived. I think it shows something of the spirit of the institution that the condition of the white walls is almost as good as new after a term's use. Dormitory accommodation was provided for eighty but it has not all been needed, for twenty-six of the students have lived in their own homes, and only fifty-five in the buildings. (None have been allowed to board or live in other places)

For the present our laboratories are kindly lent us by the Anglo Chinese College. Aside from the inconvenience of having laboratories some distance away, and in buildings of another institution, there is the likelihood of being overcrowded in the immediate future. The chemistry and Freshman English classes have had to be in two divisions. Next year the same will be true in zoology; and in chemistry, English and perhaps others, possibly three divisions will be nesessary. We shall soon need also a laboratory suitable for advanced work in physics.

A start has been made to get a library adequate to the needs of students of college standard. The Foochow College has very kindly lent some of its library which may be of use in sociology and history. One of the teachers has lent over two hundred volumes also. The unexpected gift of Gold \$1000 has made purchases of books possible and toward the end of last term upwards of one hundred and fifty books were ordered from England and America. The aim will be to get books that the students will use rather than complete sets of reference books for any one department. The College has been made the distributing center for the library on China which is being started by the Foochow Literary Society. If any other societies or individuals wish to do likewise, we shall be very pleased to co-operate with them. We are not ad-

vertising ourselves as a repository for east-off books, but we shall be glad to have as gifts or toams any books which our friends think would be of service to us.

In the reading room we have placed Chinese and English papers of fine grade and fair variety which serve to give the students a well rounded view of local and world events. We are specially in need of pictorial magazines which give current political and scientific events in interesting fashion.

The Union Normal School Buildings as I have described them, while ample for the present year will not, however, accommodate the Fukien Union College for any long period of time. It has been estimated that probably the entering class in 1917 will number 60, and in 1918, out of a possible two hundred, probably one hundred and fifty will matriculate. The dormitories and classrooms for so large a group of students present no small problem. It is hoped that by that time the purchase of a site will be so far advanced that we can feel more at ease in regard to its solution.

Formal Opening.

The formal opening of the College was planned for the early part of the term, and we had the promise of Provincial Governor Hsu to attend in person. Certain delays at the beginning of the term combined with the political unrest which resulted in the withdrawal of the military and civil governors from life outside of their yamens, and later of Governor Hsu from the Province, made such an opening impracticable. The Trustees have now indefinitely postponed it till circumstances become more propitious.

Faculty.

We have been very fortunate in having more than one representative of all the Foocchow Missions on the teaching force. We wish the same might be said of the Amoy Missions. Altogether there have been nine Chinese and foreign teachers regularly appointed by the Missions or hired by the College. In addition, special arrangements have been made with Dr. Gowdy to lend the services of three of the Anglo-Chinese College teachers who respectively teach trigonometry, or assist in the zoological and chemical laboratories. The Chinese teachers are men well known in Foochow for their scholarship, and one of them is reckoned among the first three or four teachers of note. Of the faculty, five are giving full time, the Chinese gentlemen mentioned and three foreigners.

Obviously there are many needy places which should soon be filled on our faculty. We seem in a fair way to fill one of them in the autumn. During the spring an agitation was started to get a man to take charge of the physical education in all Mission schools above higher primary grade in Foochow. The aim is to have a welltrained physical director come from America this autumn who shall be able to prescribe proper exercise for the students of those schools joining in the project so that their product may be physically fit as well as mentally atert. Letters have gone to America on the authority of the Managers or others responsible for raising the funds in these schools and the probability is strong that this coming autumn we shall have a man of the type we wish. Part of his work will be to train leaders who will assist him now and who may take up physical directing as their life-work.

Other specially needy fields in which we need men are history, mathematics, especially of the applied variety, and chemistry. We hope that the way will open for some of these greatly needed teachers to be added to our force in the near future.

Spirit of College.

As I have intimated, the spirit of the College as a whole has been good. There have been minor troubles because some of the students had not appreciated the attitude of their previous teachers on the matter of the Union College. After their attitude was explained, however, there was no further difficulty. In the matter where we expected the most difficulty, the mixing of the students from the various schools in Foochow, we have had very little to annoy. On the whole, the brotherly spirit developed has been marked, and students of the smaller delegations have told me that there was no difference between the various groups. This has been the result, in part, at least, of a studied attitude on the part of the students in the larger groups in honor to prefer one another.

It is interesting to note in this connection that seventy two of the eighty-one students enrolled are Christians. The effort has been made to get the students themselves to wish to do social service of some kind in connection with the many churches in and about Foochow. It is gratifying that about twenty are doing work of that kind and many of them are continuing it during the summer, or are commencing in new places where they may happen to be.

Finances.

The financial problem was one which caused a deal of delay in planning for a university in Foochow. It is

one which caused us no little thought before starting the Union College, but it seems to be solved satisfactorily for the present year and we have hopes for the future. The generous gift of Dr. Goucher of Mex. \$1500 was of great assistance in providing for the expenditure for furniture and equipment which is so heavy at the outset. The income from tuition meets the payments of salaries not paid by the Mission and sundry bills. In addition to these two sources of income, friends in America have sent Gold \$1000 (exchanging for a little over Mex. \$2000,) which has been of great assistance in planning for reference books, etc., etc. At the outset it was planned that the participating Missions should each put Mex. \$500 into the treasury for current use. One, the American Board Mission, has been able to more than meet its obligation. For another we are looking to Chinese sources for the amount, but the total in hand at present from Mission sources is within \$100 of the amount estimated.

Standard.

It became evident during the year that our published standard of admission was misleading. The majority of the students in the Freshman class were in knowledge content much above the requirements for matriculation. The faculty, therefore, thought it advisable to raise the requirements, and, consequently, future candidates must pass in two subjects each of the optional groups (See Entrance requirements) instead of one as previously announced.

E. C. Jones
President

REPORT of the UNION MEDICAL COLLEGE, for the YEAR ending February 1916.

During the past five years 22 students have been admitted to this College, viz. 7 from Methodist Institutions, 6 from Anglican, 3 from American Board Mission, 1 from Baptist, and 5 from other Institutions. Of these, 1 Methodist, 3 Anglican, and 3 of other denominations have withdrawn; leaving 6 Methodist, 3 Anglican, 3 American Board Mission, 1 Baptist, and 2 of other denominations in the College, a total of 15.

Of these fifteen, four graduated this year, leaving eleven students in the College.

Of the total 22 students entering the College, eleven were baptised.

With reference to our staff. The C. M. S. has provided teaching for 9 hours daily, the A. B. M. for 1 hour daily, and the M. E. M. for 1 hour daily (really 2 hours daily for the first six months and none for the remaining 6 months.)

We have been able to purchase, out of money granted by the China Emergency Committee, an adjoining native house, part of which has been altered and converted into a good-sized laboratory. In addition we have been able to provide a much needed plot of ground for the students' recreation as well as a fives-court. We have been able to increase our bacteriological equipment.

Dr. Gossard returned to the United States for furlough in June last, and Dr. Churchill to England in January 1916.

In addition to the daily Scripture class, a class has

been held weekly for Bible study by the students themselves. Both Dr. Churchill and the Rev. A. W. R. Norton have interested themselves in this class. The latter has also assisted in the Scripture.

B. van S. Taylor.

(Note: Six new students were admitted in March 1916.)

UNION NORMAL TRAINING SCHOOL

Our Normal Training School was organized on a union basis in January, 1913. the American Board and Methodist Episcopal Missions cooperating.

The student body the first year was made up as follows: 12 who had been a year or two in the Normal School formerly conducted alone by the Methodist Mission and who lacked a year of finishing the course; 10 who had completed the Mission Higher Primary course and were taken for a two-year course; and 24, who had a somewhat better classical education but were deficient in the modern subjects and Christian training, for a three-year course.

The total enrollments for the three and one-half years have been 46, 43, 41, and 49 respectively.

Beginning in 1915 the course was extended a year for Mission Higher Primary graduates, making it uniformly three years for all candidates.

At the beginning of 1916 we received 11 students who had had a year of Middle School work. For these we were again able to give a two year course without lowering our standard. At the same time we received a class of 13 Higher Primary graduates for a three year course, and a class of 14 from government schools for one year of preparatory work fitting for the regular three-year course.

The members of this last named class are, with but two exceptions, practically self-supporting, that is they receive no help on their board and pay the same as the other students on their books, two dollars per term. Those coming from our Mission Higher Primary or Middle schools receive three dollars per month during the first term, but the continuation of this rate is dependent on their maintaining a certain average in their studies. The preparatory students are to receive two dollars per month at the beginning of their second year and have the privilege of working up to the three dollars consideration through proof of superior scholarship. It is our aim to work gradually toward self support, tho this aim cannot be realized until the teaching profession becomes adequately respected and sufficiently paid to make the candidates willing to spend their money in such preparation.

The current budgets for the first three years were \$2264.45, \$2179.02, and \$1857.89 respectively and for the present year we estimate about \$2650,

In the autumn of 1913 Dr. Gamewell secured for us a gift of gold \$10,000 for the purchase of the property formerly occupied by the South Side Y. M. C. A. When the Association was ready to give possession, this property seemed to be the most satisfactory of any available for the use of the newly organized Union College, so our Board of Managers agreed to rent, temporarily, quarters in the city until other arrangements can be made. We are anxious soon to come to a permanent location where we can begin to develop the features necessary to an-up-to date Normal plant. Even the decorations, fixtures, and apparatus do not come readily in a rented property, to say nothing of the Practice School, the adequate playground, and the garden space which are all essential.

Our first Normal work in China was rather discouraging because the only students we could get were so deficient in the ordinary academic subjects that much of their time in the Normal had to be given to these. Com-

paring our present grade of students with that of three years ago it will be seen that our standard has been raised a full year, aside from the substantial improvement which has been made in our Lower and Higher Primary instruction. As more of our present applicants come better prepared we can lay greater stress on the technical work for which the school should stand.

Our students, now, on graduating have finished courses totalling eleven years: Lower Primary, 4 years, Higher Primary 4 years, and Normal 3 years, or courses equivalent to these. We expect soon to get students who have been two years in Middle School for a further two-year course, thus again adding a year and bringing the standard up to a total of twelve years' schooling. This will bring us very near to the actual requirements for Lower Primary teachers in Western lands. Up to the present our courses have been intended to fit teachers chiefly for Lower Primary work, tho two of our graduates have gone directly into Higher Primary schools and given good satisfaction. While the greatest need for years to come will probably continue to be for teachers in elementary work, we expect, within a few years, to add a special course to prepare teachers for schools of higher grade.

The urgent need for higher Normal work has come home to us in connection with our own Chinese teaching staff. So far we have had to depend on the occasional "born teacher" and such as could be trained by individual tutoring. It is a hopeful sign that some of the men who were considered quite successful teachers in other schools have been able to realize their own deficiencies after trying to teach others how to teach.

The special professional subjects now offered are

Legic, Educational Psychology, Child Psychology, Principles of Education, Social Principles of Education, Ilistory of Education, School Management, Methods in Teaching, Sunday School Methods, Manual Training, Observation of Teaching, and Practice Teaching. The last named subject has been well handled during the past two years by Prof. Newell, who is specially qualified for this work.

As only two Missions are cooperating in the Normal and both these are rather short of men, we have at times felt the need of more foreign help. At present the writer is giving practically full time to this institution, Mr. Newell is giving almost half time, and several others are giving one or two lectures per week. Among those giving special help in the past are Reverends Beard, Hodous, Peet, G. S. Miner, W. H. Miner, Miss Hartwell, Dr. Sites, and Dr. Gossard. We are very glad for the recent definite word that a man for full time has recently been appointed by the American Board; and we still hope that the Anglican Mission may join in this work and so help to strengthen it.

Since larger numbers of students are coming to us with the more thoro training of Mission primary schools, the spiritual tone of the Normal is perceptibly improved. There is evident a deep interest in the Bible classes, the Morning Watch, the Y. M. C. A, and other religious meetings. Only four in the preparatory class have not yet joined the Church, and nearly all those in the three higher classes have regular appointments at teaching in Sunday School.

Within the last year and a half the school has extended its influence by helping to promote bi-weekly in-

stitutes for Lower primary teachers. As facilities and opportunity warrant, we hope to introduce more extension work. Plans for higher grade teachers' institutes are now being considered. While we must always plan to lead out, we want in all of our work, to leave as much as possible of the initiative and responsibility with the Chinese constituency.

During the past three years we have sent out 34 graduates, the great majority of whom are proving the value of their special training. However, we still feel that there is a decided lack of professional enthusiasm and to supply this we are trying to make "Service" the watchword of the school.

A. W. Billing.

UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, AMOY.

The College admits only graduates of Middle Schools or students of equivalent standard. Since the College opened on this basis in 1914, seventeen students have entered. Of these, three came from the English Presbyterian Mission in Swatow. We sent four students to Nanking to finish their course there, and four students are unable for various reasons to continue their studies. That leaves nine students at present in residence, of whom five are in their second year and four in their first year.

The course of study follows the enclosed printed syllabus. This year Mandarin has been taught as an additional subject.

Messrs. Brown, De Pree and Oldham have given from eight to ten hours a week during last term. A Chinese pastor has also given eight hours a week. There is also a Chinese classical teacher and a Mandarin teacher.

The students receive \$5.50 a month during term. They receive no money during vacations unless engaged for special work.

There is a Y. M. C. A. in the College which has organised a weekly prayer meeting and discussion meetings.

20th July 1916.

Principal.
(Signed) H. W. Oldham

THE FOOCHOW UNION THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

The Foochow Union Theological School was organized in 1912 by the C. M. S., the M. E. M. and the A. B. C. F. M., all working in North Fukien.

The M. E. Mission kindly loaned its buildings at Nantai to the Union School. This Mission also built an addition containing a dining room, a chapel, library and dormitory. The C. M. S. occupies its old building situated about fifteen minutes away from the M. E. M. building. While these buildings have housed the institution in the past they are not adequate for the largest development of the school.

Faculty.

According to the original agreement each mission is to assign one missionary, one Chinese Pastor and one Chinese or Mandarin Teacher to the School. The present faculty consists of Rev. J. B. Eyestone, Bible and Music, Rev. J. B. Carpenter, Systematic Theology and Homiletics, Rev. Wallace Miner, Sunday School Methods, Rev. C. A. Neff, Church History, Rev. Lewis Hodous, Comparative Religion and Education, Rev. Go Diek Sieng, House-master and teacher of Old Testment, Rev. Ding Ing Ong, Bible, Rev. Ling Iu Cu, Christian Evidences, Rev. Uong De Gi, Lecturer on Chinese Philosophy and Ethics, Mr. Ding Cie Mi, English, Physical Exercises. Messrs. Ding Daik Heu, Lau Ik Hui, Chinese Classics, Mr. Sioh Bing Hung, Mandarin.

Courses.

Collegiate Course.

Candidates for this course must be graduates of a Middle School and must have studied at least one year in a normal school. This course extends over two years.

Non-collegiate Course.

Candidates for the non-collegiate-course must have studied at least one year in a Middle School. It is hoped gradually to raise the requirements for entrance to this course. This course extends over four years.

For 1917 we are planning a Bible Class extending over two years for men above 22 years of age and below 35 years of age.

We are also planning a combination course with the Fukien Union College. Candidates for this course must pass the entrance examination to the Fukien Union College. They will take at least seventeen hours in the Union Theodogical School and nine hours in the Fukien Union College. This course will extend over four years.

Students.

Since the organization of the school sixty five men have graduated. Of these 17 graduated from the Collegiate Course and 48 from the non-Collegiate Course. At present there are 94 students in the school, -6 in the Collegiate and 88 in the non-Collegiate course, -A. B. M. having 7; C. M. S. 30; and M. E. M. 57. Last year the average age of the students in the Collegiate course was 24\frac{3}{3} years, in the non-Collegiate course 23\frac{3}{3} years. The average age of uniting with the church was 14\frac{1}{2} years.

Each student is assigned to some practical work in one of the churches in or near Foochow. In order to relate the student to this work the student body is divided into groups which meet once a week with a member of the Faculty for the purpose of conferring about the work and the methods employed. Each week the students unite in the study of the Sunday School lesson and methods of teaching. Members

of the senior class as a part of their training in Homiletics preach at Tah Ding hospital. The sermon is then criticized by the teacher before the class. The senior class also conduct special investigations under the direction of Mr. Uong Gang Huo who is in charge of a large institutional church in Foochow City. During the summer some of the students do deputation work. Others are assigned to work in chapels

The school has a strong Y. M. C. A. which affords opportunity for spontaneous religious expression.

The work and life together is laying the foundations for future co-operation in the work of the Church.

The students must pass a physical examination at entrance. Regular exercise is required. This autumn we are planning with several other institutions to engage the services of a foreign physical director who shall have general charge of the athletics of the school.

We are grateful to Dr. W. W. White of New York for forwarding to us in 1915 and again in 1916 the sum of \$2000 gold which has enabled us to increase our efficiency.

Lewis Hodous.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PROPOSED FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY.

THE FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this institution shall be "The Fukien Christian University." In Chinese, the name shall be....

ARTICLE II—PROPERTY AND TITLE TO THE SAME.

The property of the University shall consist of such land, buildings, apparatus, and other equipment, as may be secured by funds contributed by the co-operating Missions, or from any other source. The title to such property shall be vested in the Board of Trustees of the University.

Note. This constitution has been approved by the six missions working in the province of Fukien and by their home Boards, namely, the American Eourd, the Church Missionary Society, the London Missionary Society, the Methodist Episcopal Foreign Board, the Presbyterian Church of England, the Reformed Church in America.

ARTICLE III.—THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1. How Constituted.

The several Mission Boards or Societies above named.

shall each, at the time of its formal approval of this Constitution, appoint three persons as its legal representatives in forming the Corporation. From the time of appointment, one of these persons shall serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. Thereafter, each of the cooperating Boards shall at its first succeeding regular meeting appoint some one for three years to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of service. Vacancies caused by death or resignation may be filled at any regular meeting of the Mission Board whose representative has died or resigned.

The above persons shall, as soon as possible after their appointment, incorporate under the laws of the.... to be known as "The Board of Trustees of the Fukien Christian University." Their articles of incorporation shall be framed in harmony with the spirit of this Constitution.

Section 2. Duties and Powers.

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It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees:

1. To hold all the property of the University in trust for its use; to take appropriate steps for increasing the endowment and equipment of the University; to invest and control all endowment funds; to transmit to the Board of Managers hereinafter provided for, at stated times and in such manner as may be hereafter agreed upon by these two Boards, the income from all property in its possession, the interest of the endowment fund, and such other funds in whole or in part as the Trustees may deem expedient or as may have been donated for special purpose. The Board of Trustees shall have power to withhold the payment of any afore-mentioned funds in case there shall be a departure on the part of the Board of Managers from

the principles enunciated in the preamble of this Constitution; and if such departure shall continue, after written notification by the Board of Trustees, for more than one complete academic year, all properly and funds shall be used anew by the Trustees for the accomplishment of the aims set forth in the preamble of this Constitution.

- 2. Upon election by the Board of Managers, to confirm the appointment of the president of the University.
- 3. If the president of the University, for any reason, be requested to resign by either the Board of Trustees or the Board of Managers, then the Board of Trustees shall have power to declare his place vacant and proceed in the ordinary manner to fill the vacancy so caused.

Section 3. Additions to the Corporation.

Any other Mission Board hereafter desiring to join the Corporation may, with the approval of the above-named founders, and upon complying with the provisions of this Constitution, be added to the Corporation, and shall have the right to appoint members on the above-named Board of Trustees, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the original incorporators. The representation upon this Board of Trustees, shall be upon the basis of three (3) members for each cooperating Missionary Society.

ARTICLE IV.—THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 1.—Each of the cooperating Missions shall, upon meeting the conditions of representation described in Section 2 of this Article, be entitled to appoint four (4) members of the Board of Managers. In the first instance one shall be appointed for four years, one for three

years, one for two years, one for one year, and the Missions shall annually appoint a person for a term of four years to fill the place of each retiring member, and shall fill vacancies whenever they occur. The persons so appointed shall form the Board of Managers of the University.

Members of any faculty of the University shall not be members of the Board of Managers, except under special circumstances and with the consent of this Board.

SECTION 2. Basis of Representation.

- 1. Each Mission entering the Union shall be entitled to full representation (i. e. by four members) on the Board of Managers upon meeting the following conditions.
- (a). Two missionary teachers, who shall be specialists in their departments, shall be provided, who may become members of the Faculty upon appointment by the Board of Managers.
- (b). An annual appropriation toward current expenses, of not less than \$3,000 Gold, shall be guaranteed until such time as these expenses, together with those arising from development, are so amply covered by endowment that such funds are no longer required for the maintenance and proper development of the University.
- 2. Any Mission which cannot meet all the conditions for full representation as stated in clauses (a) and (b) of paragaph one of this section, may secure partial representation as follows. By providing two missionary teachers and \$1,500 Gold for current expenses, a Mission may secure three representatives on the Board of Managers; for one missionary teacher and \$1,500 Gold for current expenses, a Mission may have two representatives; for one missionary teacher or for \$1,500 Gold for current

expenses, a Mission may have one representative.

SECTION 3. Officers.

- 1. The officers of the Board of Managers shall be a chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer. These officers shall be charged with the duties usually pertaining to these offices.
- 2. The president of the University shall be ex-officio a member of the Board of Managers, with a vote.

SECTION 4. Accountability.

The Board of Managers shall be accountable to the Board of Trustees for the safe keeping and disposition of all funds received by them from whatever source.

SECTION 5. Duties.

The Board of Managers shall administer all funds received from the Board of Trustees; shall establish departments and approve courses of study; except in case of the president, shall appoint officers and instructors and determine the salaries of those who are not regular missionaries under appointment of the several Mission Boards; shall in the first instance, and whenever a vacancy occurs, elect a suitable person for president of the University, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees; shall provide suitable buildings and appliances; shall, through the administrative offices of the University, fix, collect, and disburse all tuition fees; shall confer degrees and perform all other duties necessary to the general administration of the University.

SECTION 6. Meetings.

The Board of Managers shall hold at least one meeting each year, at which a full report of the operation and condition of the University, and a statement properly audited of all receipts and disbursements during the year,

shall be presented, and a copy of which report and statement shall be forwarded, with the Minutes of the Board of Managers, to the Board of Trustees, and also to the local governing bodies of the cooperating Missions for their information.

· SECTION 7. Querum.

Two-thirds of the Board of Managers, at least a majority of the cooperating Missions being represented, shall constitute a quorum. All matters shall be decided by a majority vote, which shall in no case be less than half the members of the Board.

SECTION 8. By-laws.

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The Board of Managers shall have power to make for itself all necessary By-Laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.—AFFILIATED SCHOOLS.

The University will entertain proposals for the affiliation of professional or other schools under missionary auspices, giving credits for work done and receiving their students for available courses. The enrollment of affiliated schools shall be made at the discretion of the Board of Managers in consultation with the University Council. (See Art. VI.)

ARTICLE VI.—INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Section 1. Constitution and Duties of the Senate.

- 1. The Senate shall consist of the president of the University, the deans of all departments, and the other members of the several faculties.
 - 2. It shall decide upon all matters of government

or discipline referred to it by the dean of any department.

- 3. It shall pass upon the estimates of expenses presented by each department and make its recommendations regarding the same to the Board of Managers.
- 4. It shall have under its consideration and control all of the various departments of the University, may plan for their development and expansion, and make recommendation to the Board of Managers regarding departments, or in regard to the establishment of new departments.
- 5. It shall do such work and have such powers as may from time to time be delegated to it by the Board of Managers, and in emergencies shall have power to take immediate action in matters not affecting the institution, such as the temporary employment of teachers, or other matters connected with administration, but shall make a full report of such action at the next regular meeting of the Board of Managers.

Scetion 2. Duties of the President.

- 1. To superintend and guard the interests of all departments of the University.
 - 2. To be the official representative of the University.
- 3. To exercise a general oversight of the property and business of the University.
- 4. To appoint and, for sufficient cause, discharge all employés whose appointment and discharge are not otherwise provided for.
- 5. To make an annual report of the University to the Board of Managers.

Section 3. Duties of a Dean.

The duties of the dean of a department shall be:

- 1. In the absence of the president to preside at meetings of the Faculty of his department.
 - 2. To superintend the teaching of his department.
- To receive, and, upon consultation with the Faculty, dismiss when necessary the students of his department.
- 4. To maintain discipline and order within his department.
- 5. To inform the president of the University of all important matters relating to his department.

SECTION 4. The Faculties.

- 1. The Faculty of a department shall consist of the president of the University, the dean of the department, and all teachers in that department, regularly designated by the Board of Managers as members of the Faculty.
- 2. The Faculty of a department shall be under the direction of the Senate and shall be responsible to that body for the faithful performance of its duties.
- 3. The Faculty of a department shall suggest the course of study for its department, and submit the same to the Senate for its approval. (See Art. IV., Sect. 5.)
- 4. The Faculty of a department shall prepare annually a list of estimates of expenses, and present it to the Senate for its approval.
- 5. Any m mber of a Faculty may, for sufficient cause and after due notice, be dismissed by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended, due notice having been given at least six (6) months previously, at any regular meeting of the Board of Managers. Such amendments shall require a three-fourths (3/4ths) vote and must be ratified by the Board of Trustees.

Note. The aim shall be to make mandarin Chinese the medium of instruction, but for some time to come it may be necessary to teach some subjects in English.

> Lewis Hodows, Secretary.

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MINUTES OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE ON HIGHER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN FUKIEN PROVINCE.

The Committee met at the cottage of Professor E. C. Jones on July 28, 1915. On account of the absence of Bishop Price Dr. B. van S. Taylor was appointed tem-

porary chairman. Rev. W. L. Beard offered prayer.

Present: Professor E. C. Jones, Rev. W. L. Beard, Dr. B. van S. Taylor, Rev. L. P. Peet, Dr. G. R. Turner, Rev. H. J. Vosknil, Rev. Geo. McCahon, Dr. J. H. Lamb, Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh, Dr. J. H. Montgomery, Rev. T. C. Brown, Rev. E. R. Hughes, Rev. L. Hodous.

- 1. The minutes of meetings held at Foochow March 2, 1915, March 3, 1915, Amoy March 8, 1915, March 15, 1915, March 17, 1915, and at Foochow March 30, 1915 to consider the advancement of Higher Christian education in Fukien Province were approved.
- 2. The minutes of the Board of Managers of the Fukien Union College of Liberal Arts were received for the information of the Preliminary Committee.
- 3. A letter from Bishop Price resigning his position of chairman of the Committee on account of his absence in England was read. The Secretary was instructed to write to Bishop Price stating that in view of his early return to the field it was deemed best to continue him as chairman.
- 4. A letter from the China Continuation Committee was read. The Secretary was instructed to convey to the special Educational Commission about to visit China a hearty invitation to Foochow.

- 5. A letter was read from Dr. John F. Goucher. The Secretary was instructed to extend the hearty thanks of the Preliminary Committee to Dr. John F. Goucher for his generous contribution toward the Fukien Union College of Liberal Arts.
- 6. Letters from the missions regarding their action on the establishment of the Fukien Union College of Liberal Arts were read.

From the A. B. C. F. M. dated May 20, 1915:

"The Ad-Interim Committee of the American Board Mission at its meeting on May 19, voted to approve the recommendations of the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University with the exception of No. 8 which will be taken up at the annual meeting of the mission in July.

The following were appointed to represent this mission on the Board of Managers:

Rev. Ling Caik Ua

Rev. Lewis Hodous

Rev. W. L. Beard."

7. From the M. E. M.

- "(1) Voted that we approve the establishment of a Union Arts Course in Foochow.
- (2) That we approve of the suggested syllabus for entrance to the Union Arts Course, recommending to the Committee that under heading A, Bible be inserted as an optional subject.
- (3) That we approve of the course of study as given, in general, but that we recommend for the consideration of the Committee that some opportunity be given for the study of the English Bible as a part of the regular curriculum.
- (4) That we release one or more Foreign teachersor the equivalent in lectures - for the Union Arts Course.

- (5) That we provide \$500. toward the budget.
- (6) That Mr. Eyestone, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Uong Gang Huo represent the mission on the Board of Managers.

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- (7) That we approve the rules governing the Board of Managers of the Union Arts Course.
- (8) That we reappoint Mr. Jones, Mr. Ward and Dr. Sites as members of the Preliminary Committee of the Christian University."

8. From the C. M. S. Standing Committee:

"The C. M. S. Standing Committee having considered the new proposals of the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University, fully recognize the difficulty of establishing the university and therefore approve the preliminary steps which the Committee suggest in forming a Union Arts Course. At the same time they are not prepared to lower the standard for the Graduating certificate of T. C. F. That is to say, they wish the same to remain as at present, an eight years course. They earnestly hope that the standard of this new Arts course will be kept high and that students will be admitted only by examination.

They regret very much that they cannot at present release a man to take part in the teaching, and that the financial difficulty is very great. They will, however, apply to the Home Committee for the money, but cannot guarantee what the response will be; and at the same time will urge the Committee to send a man to take part in this work.

Further, owing to the condition laid down for the composition of the Board of Managers, the Standing Committee are not in a position to appoint the C. M. S. members of the Board. When however, the conditions

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are fulfilled they wish to elect Messrs. Pakenham-Walsh, Williams and Li Buoi Ding to act as members of the Board."

9. From the E.P.M. Amoy, dated July 24, 1915.

"The Amoy Committee of the English Presbyterian Mission desires to record its appreciation of the visit of the Rev. L. Hodous and Mr. E. C. Jones of Foochow and to thank them for the careful explanations which they gave of the action taken and hopes entertained in regard to the formation of the Fukien Union College of Liberal Arts. The Council further desires to express its cordial approval of the action taken by the Foochow Missions informing this Union Arts Course.

With regard to the question of co-operation it is not at present in a position to promise the appointment of a man to the work nor to aid financially, and further the question how best to enable our students to complete their collegiate course has not yet been discussed in detail with our Home Committee. The Council therefore think it inadvisable at the present time to come to a definite decision but is sending to the Home Committee a statement describing the present situation, and has appointed a sub-committee to consider how best to provide a collegiate course for our students, whether by co-operation in the Fukien Union College of Liberal Arts or by other means."

10. From the L. M. S. dated July 21.

"We are convinced of the need for such an institution on the Province-wide basis which you seek to establish, and are on the whole in sympathy with the lines of the course as laid before us. At the same time it is the opinion of our Council that to meet the real needs of our Church in South Fukien, it is of great importance that as soon as feasible Mandarin should be made the medi-

um of instruction.

On the other hand we regret to have to inform you that owing to the depletion of our staff and financial stringency arising from the war, we can hold out no prospect of participation either with men or money in the near future. Were we to send one of our staff to Foochow we should be endangering the educational systom from which the supply of higher grade students is to come. We are constrained therefore to use our resourses solely for our educational work here, hoping thereby that some of our students will from time to time be able to enter the College.

Finally we shall inform our Advisory Council and Home Board in detail of the foundation of the College and shall urge that a full participation in the working of the College shall be embodied in our educational policy and be brought into effect as soon as possible.

Signed on behalf of the members of the D. C.

J. Cocker Brown."

11. From the R. C. of A. letter dated September 13.

"That the Mission ask the Board to now make available for the Fukien Union College of Liberal Arts what they have previously promised to make an effort to secure; viz. one teacher or \$1500 annually toward the maintenance of Foochow University, always bearing in mind that our higher educational work in Amoy shall in no wise be allowed to suffer on account of such a contribution."

- 12. Voted to approve the establishment of the Fukien Union College of Liberal Arts.
- 13. Voted to request the Faculty of the F. U. C. L. A. to place the word Bible before Life of Christ, Early Prophets etc.
 - 14. Voted that the Board of Managers of the F. U.

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- C. L. A. be appointed a Committee on selecting a site for the Fukien Christian University with power to act with the understanding that they keep before them the needs of the University as a whole.
- 15. Voted to appoint Messrs. Jones, Beard, Walsh, Eyestone, Williams, and Hodous a Committee on incorporation to report to the Preliminary Committee of the Fukien Christian University.
- 16. Voted to appoint Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh to audit the accounts.
- 17. Voted to ask each mission to contribute five dollars toward expenses of printing and postage.
- 18. Voted to request the Board of Managers of the F. U. C. L. A. to inform the Chinese authorities of the progress made in the advancement of higher education in Fukien.
- 19. Voted to ask the F. U. C. L. A., the Foochow Union Theological School, the Amoy Union Theological School, the Foochow Union Medical School, and the Foochow Union Normal School to keep the Preliminary Committee informed of their progress from time to time and also at the annual meeting held at Ku-liang.
- 20. Voted to change the name Foochow Christian University to Fukien Christian University subject to the approval of the missions.
 - 21. Voted to adjourn.

Action is requested on the following points:

- (a) Change of name from Foochow Christian University to Fukien Christian University.
 - (b) Appropriate five dollars for Secretary's expenses.

Lewis Hodous,

Secretary.

"PAPER A."

A Suggested Syllabus of Entrance Examinations for the Union Arts Conrse.

I. OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS.

1. English;

(a) Composition. (Analysis and Synthesis of Sentences, Paraphrasing, Direct and Indirect Narration, Puntuation, Correction of Errors, Letter and Essay Writing.)

(b) Grammar. (Nesfield's Modern English Gram-

mar, or its equivalent.)

(c) Conversation, Reading and Dictation.

(d) Questions on a standard English work to be selected from the following list:—Merchant of Venice, Tales of Shakespeare, Mill on the Floss, Cranford, Hiawatha,*

*(By special arrangement not less than two months in advance, questions on an approved substitute will be prepared by the examiner for candidates so requesting.)

2. Mandarin. The examination will consist of a test of the candidate's ability to converse, and will include a written translation from and into English. (Candidates from abroad may present a substitute for this requirement, on consultation with the Faculty not less than two months in advance.)

3. Classical Chinese. Classics, History, Essay Writing, Written translation from and into English. (Candidates from abroad may present a substitute for this requirement, on consultion with the Faculty not less than two months in advance.)

4. Mathematics.

(a) Arithmetic. The equivalent of Milne's, White's, or Wentworth's Arithmetic.

(b) Algebra,—through easy Quadratic Equations.(c) Plane Geometry. The Equivalent of Hall and

Stevens' School Geometry, Milne's, or Wentworth's.

(Candidates intending to continue the study of Mathematics must pass the examinations in optional Mathematics (B. 1.) before doing so.)

II. OPTIONAL SUBJECTS.

A.1. History of India, China, Greece, and Rome. (Barnes' or Myers' Outlines of General History.)

2. Medieval and Modern History. (Barnes' or

Myers').

3. Modern History. (J. D. Rogers' Modern History.)

Geography. a. Principles of Geography.
 b. General Geography of the World.

c. Particular Geography of China, Japan, Malaysia, and the Phillipines.

B.1. Advanced Mathematics.

a. Algebra. (Milne's High School Algebra complete, or its equivalent.)

b. Plane Geometry. (Same as Obligatory Subject 4 c, with more difficult problems.)

c. Solid Geometry, including the elementary of plane and sphere. (Wentworth's New Plane and Solid Geometry, Books I-VIII.)

d. Trigonometry, including the solution of right-angled triangles and the use of four figure logarithms.

2. Physics. (Milliken and Gale's)

a. General Physics. The C. G. S. system, Length, mass, time, velocity, momentum, acceleration, force. work, and power. Density and specific gravity. States of matter. Boyle's Law. The barometer.

and b. Electricity and Magnetism.

or c. Sound, Light, Heat.

or d. Mechanics.

- 3. Chemistry. Inorganic Chemistry, Theoretical Chemistry, with simpler exercises in Practical Chemistry. (Roscoe's, or McPherson and Henderson's Elements of Chemistry.)
- 4. Physiology and Hygiene. Martin's Human Body. Elementary, or Steele's).

CANDIDATES FOR MATRICULATION MUST PASS IN ALL THE OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS AND IN ONE SUBJECT IN EACH OF THE OPTIONAL GROUPS A. AND B.

"PAPER B."

A Tentative Outline of the Course of Study.

First Year.

Mathematics or History.

Chemistry, or Physics.

Classical Chiuese taught in Mandarin.

English.

Second Year.

English.

Classical Chinese taught in Mandarin.

Advanced Chemistry, or Advanced Physics. or Greek.

Advanced History, or Botany and Zoology.

Third Year.

Political Economy.

Logic and Psychology.

Optional Subjects,—two to be selected.

Geology and Mineralogy, or English Liter ature (advanced).

Comparative Religion, or Chinese Literature Astronomy.

Greek.

Fourth Year.

Compulsory Subject.

Education, theoretical and practical.

Optional Subjects,-select any three.

History of Philosophy.

Ethics.

Church History.

Geology. (advanced), or Astronomy

(advanced).

Biology.

Political Science.

Engineering Field Work (Surveying).

Greek.

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