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Minutes of the Preliminary Committee of the

Foochow Christian University.

The Committee of the Foochow Christian University was called to meet (informally, in view of the fact that only the three Missions at Foochow could be represented), on March 24th, 1914, at the residence of Bishop Price.

Present: Bishop Price, Chairman, Dr. Taylor, and Rev. W. S. Pakenham Walsh, Rev. W. L. Beard, and Rev. L. Hodous, Rev. J. Gowdy, Messrs. E. C. Jones, and C. M. Lacey Sites; also, as guests, Bishop Lewis of the Methodist Mission, and Mr. Goddard of the Congregational Church.

The Chairman called on Mr. Beard to lead in prayer. Mr. Sites was appointed Secretary pro tem. The Chairman expressed his regret that the Amoy representatives could not be present. He welcomed, as guests, Mr. Goddard, and Bishop Lewis, and then called upon Bishop Lewis to address the Committee with respect to the recently inaugurated movement (in the United States) for securing Property and Equipment for Educational Institutions on the mission fields.

(In the minute book, there is given a summary of what Bishop Lewis said.)

After informal discussion, it was moved by Mr. Hodous and seconded by Dr. Taylor, and carried;—That, subject to the consent of the authorities of his Mission, this Committee hereby authorizes the Rev. John Gowdy, D. D., to represent the claims of the Foochow Christian University in the U. S. A., and particularly in the Conferences with Dr. Mott connected with the Property and Equipment campaign. Further, that this Committee respectfully requests of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church in China, that the interests of the University be made Dr. Gowdy's first business during his vacation in the U. S. A.

It was then moved by Mr. Hodous and seconded by Dr. Taylor, and carried,—That this Committee gratefully accepts the Rev. Dwight Goddard's kind offer of assistance and authorizes him to solicit funds and in any way to further the interests of the Foochow Christian University.

It was moved by Mr. Beard and seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried,—That the chairman be requested to telegraph to Mr. Warnshuis at Amoy to arrange a meeting of the Amoy part of this Committee with Dr. Gowdy, as Dr. Gowdy proceeds south this week.

It was understood that the action taken at this meeting should be laid before the Amoy part of the Committee by Dr. Gowdy at such meeting.

On motion the Committee adjourned, and closing prayer was offered by Bishop Price.

(Signed) Willard L. Beard, *Acting Chairman.*

C. M. Lacey Sites, *Secretary pro tem.*

March 27, 1914.

In accordance with a telegram received from Bishop Price, Chairman of the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province, the following members of that committee met in the house of the secretary, Kulangsu, Amoy, on the above given date, namely, Rev. P. W. Pitcher, (R. C. A.), Rev. G. M. Wales, (E. P. M.), Rev. H. W. Oldham (E. P. M.), Rev. T. C. Brown, (L. M. S.), Dr. J. H. Montgomery, (E. P. M.), Rev. L. G. Phillips, (L. M. S.), Rev. H. P. De Pree, (R. C. A.), Rev. J. Gowdy, D. D., (M. E. M.), and Rev. A. L. Warnshuis (R. C. A.), (secretary).

Rev. P. W. Pitcher was made chairman pro tem.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. H. W. Oldham.

A statement of the purpose of the meeting, and of action taken by the Foochow members of the Committee was made by Dr. Gowdy.

The minutes of the meeting held in Foochow on March 24th were read.

After some discussion, the following motion was then regularly made and carried unanimously,—That, as representatives of the South Fukien Missions on the Preliminary Committee, we cordially agree with the resolutions adopted by the members of the Committee in Foochow at their meeting on March 24th.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Chairman.

(Signed) Willard L. Beard,

Acting Chairman.

A. L. Warnshuis,

Hon. Secretary.

Fourth Meeting

The Committee met on Kuliang, Foochow, on August 14th, 1914.

Those present were Right Reverend H. McC. E. Price, Dr. B. Van Someren Taylor, Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh, (C. M. S.); Rev. W. L. Beard, Rev. F. P. Beach, Rev. C. L. Storrs, (alternate for Rev. L. Hodous), (A. B. C. F. M.); Rev. W. A. Main, (alternate for Rev. J. Gowdy), Rev. W. S. Bissonnette, (alternate for Professor E. C. Jones), Professor W. N. Lacy, (alternate for Professor C. M. Lacey Sites), (M. E. M.); Rev. L. G. Phillips, (L. M. S.); Rev. P. W. Pitcher, Professor H. Renskers, (alternate for Rev. H. P. Boot), Rev. A. L. Warnshuis, (R. C. A.).

Because of the recent illness of Bishop Price, the Committee elected Mr. Beard Acting Chairman of this meeting.

The meeting was then opened by prayer led by Mr. Pakenham-Walsh.

The minutes of the meeting of August 8th, 1913, were taken as printed. The minutes of the meetings of March 24th, and 27th, 1914, were read and adopted.

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

1. The letters summarized in the Supplement to the Minutes of the Committee, printed in November, 1913.
2. From the Amoy District Committee, L. M. S., December 18, 1913.

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"At our District Committee meeting yesterday, we further considered the question of the proposed Union Christian University in Foochow, and, with regard to the name, voted in favour of 'The Foochow Christian University.' We also approved the constitution as set forth in the minutes of the Preliminary Committee of August 8th, 1913, and will now submit the same to our Home Board."

3. From the Secretary of the Trustees of the Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow, January 7, 1914.

"The Trustees of the Anglo-Chinese College have authorized me to offer you on behalf of this Board the use of the laboratories and some of the recitation rooms of the Anglo-Chinese College for the use of the Fukien Union University. I am also further instructed to express to you our regret that we cannot at present offer any dormitory room for the use of the University."

4. From the Amoy Mission, R. C. A. February 21, 1914.

We have received from our Home Board the following reply regarding the Union University. The letter is dated January 24, 1914.

"The following report has received the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee.

"The Committee on China have gone over the plans and Constitution of the proposed Christian University at Foochow, China, and report and recommend as follows:

"We approve of the establishment of the proposed University at Foochow by and under the care of the various Missions in the province of Fukien. We recognize it as part of a great plan to establish Christian Universities at Strategic Centers in the Republic of China.

"We recommend the approval of the propositions suggested as to the Standard of Education, the language to be primarily used, the official Mandarin, the location at Foochow, and of the Constitution proposed.

"We feel disposed to inquire of our Mission as to how much thought has been given to the possible difficulties involved in the International Trusteeship of the proposed University, and whether those most concerned are quite clear as to the feasibility of such an international control.

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*Letter received from Rev. B. H. R. C. A. Feb 1914
deprecating a share of financial assistance
from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

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"We recognize the great desirability of our Mission having a share in the life and work and administration of such a University. With all the other claims upon us and our present straitened financial situation we do not see how we can hope for more than to enter the arrangement at the minimum set, namely one teacher, or \$1500 annually toward maintenance."

5. From the Foochow Mission of the A. B. C. F. M., March 31, 1914.

"The last mail brought the following from the A. B. C. F. M. The letter is dated February 18th, 1914.

"With reference to the proposed Union Christian University, the Prudential Committee voted that general approval be given to the plan presented by the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province, but that no appointments on the proposed Board be made until a better knowledge can be secured with reference to the incorporation of the Board of Trustees."

6. The Secretary stated that, in carrying out the action taken by the meetings in March, letters had been sent to Rev. Dwight Goddard, Bishop J. W. Bashford, Bishop W. S. Lewis, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, (New York City), Rev. John F. Goucher, D. D., and T. H. P. Sailer, Ph. D. The following two replies had been received.

From Bishop W. S. Lewis, April 14, 1914.

"I note with pleasure the action of your Committee authorizing the Rev. John Gowdy, D. D., to represent the claims of the Foochow Christian University in the United States, and particularly in the conference with Dr. Mott connected with the Property and Equipment Movement. The action of your Committee is most heartily approved by both Bishop Bashford and myself. We are desirous to cooperate to the extent of our ability in promoting the interests of the university."

From the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, June 29th, 1914.

"The Board instructed the Corresponding Secretary to assure you on its behalf of its deep interest in the movement for the proposed higher institution of learning in Fukien and to say that the Board stands in hearty accord with representatives of other churches in the desire to promote his movement for higher

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education in that Province. Further instruction was that I should say that inasmuch as no formal action has yet been taken concerning the adoption of a basis or a constitution for the proposed institution, and in view of the fact also that under its present financial program the Board has not been able to authorize special appeals for property, no definite authorization to Dr. Gowdy to represent these interests during his vacation is at this time expedient. We shall be glad, of course, for any success that Dr. Gowdy may have in promoting the interests of the proposed institution. What the action of the Board implies is the unreadiness to face itself at this time, under the rather undeveloped program for this institution, any responsibility for advocating a definite program of appeal. I think Dr. Gowdy fully understands the attitude of the Board and should there be a Property and Equipment Movement or any formal organization of the forces here to promote the educational programs in China, undoubtedly hearty consideration will be given to this special suggestion."

7. Bishop Price presented the following two letters received by him from the Church Missionary Society, London.

"March 20, 1914. We have been giving a good deal of thought to this matter lately and a representative Sub-committee has been carefully considering it, with a view not only to the immediate steps but to the future. This letter is the result of this Committee work.

"The first and inevitable question which we are forced to raise is the question of whether it is clear, looked at from the point of view of those working for the evangelization of China, that a *University* is required for Fukien. Of course, if, as was hoped when you were at home, some wealthy donors had offered to provide large sums of money for the purpose, their offer being definitely for Fukien, that in itself would have been an argument; but we understand that is not now the position, but rather that the question before us is: Shall the Missions working in Fukien promote a University?

"We note what is said in the Report of Dr. Mott's China National Conference (pp 338-339), where it is pointed out—we think rightly pointed out—that we cannot hope to see more than three or four strong Universities in China, and it is suggested that for the rest other institutions of higher learning should develop as University Colleges. We are inclined very

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strongly to take this view and therefore feel obliged to press the enquiry as to the whether it is wise even to discuss a proposal for a Christian University in Fukien.

"Admitting that this may be a quibble only about words, and that what your Committee has in view is something that we should describe as a University College, we still come to a big financial question, one which was not before the Committee when you were at home, when there seemed reason to hope that Mr.... was likely to give considerable help towards the capital cost of a thorough-going scheme. A kindred problem would arise about staff also.

"If we understand the position aright, it is now proposed that the Christian Missions among themselves should establish and support a Christian University (or University College), and that they should begin without adequate buildings, equipment or endowment. This seems to lead to one of two alternatives, neither of which seems to us satisfactory. Either it means that the institution must struggle on as best it can in inadequate and unsuitable buildings and with none of the strong financial position which will enable it to build up a strong staff or to provide for real collegiate life; or else it will involve increasingly heavy expenditure, both capital and annual, to those Societies which by promoting it make themselves responsible for its maintenance.

"On the one hand, you have all urged us from the field, even at the expense of doing less work, to insist that what we do in China should be thoroughly good, well-staffed, well-equipped, such as may fairly be an example to China; and on the other hand, we feel that any big union institution of this sort ought to be *founded* chiefly upon outside financial support rather than upon the ordinary resources of the Missionary Societies.

"There are two other groups of questions which we would like to ask at the same time. The first has to do with the basis of cooperation, which does not seem to be provided for in the Constitution of the 'University'. We can quite see that the question of denominational teaching would work itself out happily in an actual University with Colleges affiliated thereto for students of the various Missions, in charge of Professors nominated by the Missions; but we think that if this is not the arrangement something would need to be thought out carefully for a united single institution.

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"The last group of questions which we would like to ask relates to the supply of students for the proposed institution. We would like to know to what extent the C. M. S. community is likely to be in a position to participate in the teaching of this University. We note that the matriculation is to be up to Yale or London University Standards. It seems to us that it can hardly be expected that the C. M. S. schools as they are at present, could work up even to the comparatively easy University standard of Yale. We should like to know what you feel about this, and should be glad if you could give us some idea what would be required to raise our C. M. S. schools to a sufficient standard to prepare for the matriculation, and to what extent you think, if this were done, the Church community would avail itself of the opportunity.

"I am sure you will realize how deeply we sympathize with you in your desire to give to China the best that Christian Education can afford, and will recognize that in asking these questions and in considering this matter we have the same object in view; but we feel that you will expect it of us that we should try to take the largest possible view."

"June 28th, 1914. It is with great regret that I have to send you what I fear must be a disappointing message about plans for the Foochow University. We are feeling at this end how impossible it is for the Committee to give any pledge to produce on demand men capable of educational work in such a project. At the present time for instance I think we should have to say that there are none in view, and for us to give anything like an undertaking to have one or two men in 1915 or in 1916 seems to us beyond our powers.

"Is it not likely that when the time comes to get men you will have to turn to the existing staff in the Mission for at least part of the strength needed? If you tell us that you can see your way to do that and could only ask us to be pledged to fill all vacancies so made when we are able, I expect our Committee would be ready to give such an undertaking. But what can you really ask us to do short of that?"

8. The Secretary reported that it had been impossible for the Chairman and Secretary to meet the Rev. John F. Goucher, D. D. personally when he visited China last September. They had therefore addressed him by letter, as instructed by the Committee, and had received the following reply.

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"Tokyo, October 9, 1913. I received the minutes of the Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province and your statement with the covering letter, and have read it with the greatest interest. I congratulate you on the progress which is being made and think the future is full of hope.

"I would make one suggestion, if I may, and that is, that the Missions should send to their Boards in the home lands a proposition that they approve of the union interdenominational institution for higher education, provided arrangements can be made satisfactory to the cooperating Boards. I make this suggestion because, if you send a tentative constitution before the principle has been approved, it will strike some minds that are easily lost in details and fail to grasp the essential principles, as though that were the ultimate statement, though the word preliminary may accompany it, and their attack or opposition to some simple provisions may lead them to oppose the whole scheme; whereas, if they have approved the scheme with the condition that it shall be made satisfactory to the cooperating Boards, they will feel in honour bound to do all they can to reach a satisfactory adjustment after their pledge to the principle. You have doubtless thought of this and it does not involve the underlying principle, but simply a method as to procedure. As soon as you can get the institution into good working shape and embodied into an organization, it would be well to have some one or more persons who would be at home commence a systematic campaign to interest not only the Boards more fully, but the special large givers in that particular proposition. I can say for the American section of the Committee on Christian Education that we will be glad to counsel with you at any time giving you the result of the best information and discussions which we can secure, and cooperate with you in any way that is possible."

9. The Secretary reported that in making enquiries concerning the incorporation of the University, he had written to Rev. E. W. Wallace, General Secretary of the West China Christian Educational Union, and had received the following reply, dated Sept. 24, 1913.

"We have been trying for some years to find some solution to the difficulties of incorporation. We discovered at home that it would be impossible to incorporate in two countries. Then we hoped that the Chinese Government would recognize

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our degrees and so incorporation would be unnecessary. But there seems to be no immediate prospect of that. So our Senate has recommended to the Board of Governors at home that we seek incorporation and a charter at home, preferably in the U. S. A. (we found that all the Christian Colleges in China are incorporated in the U. S. A.) and then later if the Government recognized us we could suspend our charter from home. We are now waiting to hear what action the Board takes at its meeting in October. We have had expert legal advice at home from two members of our Board that international incorporation is impossible. If we incorporate in the U. S. A. it will probably be in New York State. I believe that Nanking is incorporated there."

After thorough discussion of the above correspondence, it was voted that a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Beard, Main, Taylor, Phillips, and Warnshuis, be appointed to revise the statement contained in the Committee's Minutes for 1911, page 5, paragraph d(1), and to prepare a statement of the accomplishments and aims of this movement for the formation of this Union University.

The motion was carried to instruct the Secretary to draft a letter to the China Continuation Committee regarding the plans for higher education in this province.

The motion was carried to appoint Mr. Lacy to audit the accounts of the Secretary.

The motion was carried to meet again on Monday afternoon at half past two o'clock at Mr. Main's house.

The meeting then adjourned.

August 17th, 1914.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment, with Bishop Price in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Main. The members present were the same as at the previous session, excepting Rev. P. W. Pitcher, and with the addition of Rev. A. S. M. Anderson, (E. P. M.), and with Rev. H. J. Voskuil in place of Mr. Renskers.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The sub-committee appointed to prepare a statement of the accomplishments and aims of the movement for the formation of this Union University presented its report. After amendment, it was adopted and is as follows.

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In all consideration of the questions whether a Christian University is needed or is possible in Fukien Province, it is important to understand clearly how much University work has already been undertaken successfully. It is hardly necessary to point out that it will promote both economy and efficiency to unite in one institution the University work that some of the Missions have already undertaken, or will be compelled to undertake in the ordinary development of their work.

The Missions in the province have already undertaken the maintenance of the following named institutions, which should be included in the Union University.

1. Union Medical College. This is a union of the three Missions in Foochow. It was opened three and a half years ago, and now has three classes, one class having been omitted because of the Revolution. There are now seventeen students in attendance. The College has a faculty of five foreign, fully qualified graduates. It has a five year course of study, taught in English. The aim is to maintain the requirements for entrance and graduation as high as in Western countries. The Board of Managers have invited the Board of Managers of the University to adopt the College as the Medical Department of the Union University as soon as it is established. The property is now owned by the Church Missionary Society. There are also some union funds and some equipment held and administered by the Board of Managers.

2. Union Theological School. This is also a union of the three Missions in Foochow. The school is now in its third year, and has ten students who have finished the highest College courses offered by their respective missions. The faculty consists of three foreign professors, four Chinese ordained pastors, and four teachers of Chinese Classics, who also give a large part of their time to the other department in the school for men of lower entrance qualifications, which has ninety-eight students. The property is owned by the Methodist Mission. There are also some union funds and some equipment held and administered by the Board of Managers.

3. There are in Foochow three institutions which are giving in their last year courses of study comparable with the first year of an Arts Course in a Western University. These are Anglo-Chinese College, (M. E. M.), Foochow College, (A. B. C. F. M.), and St. Mark's School, (C. M. S.). The total

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number of students in this class in these three schools is thirty-one. When the University is organized, the plan is to unite these classes in its Arts Course.

4. In Amoy, the Anglo-Chinese College and Talmage College are of the same grade as those named in the last paragraph. Whether the upper classes in these two institutions would be transferred to the University has not been considered, but many of the students who have finished the courses in these Colleges would certainly be attracted to the University to finish their Arts Course.

In considering the work already accomplished in preparation for the founding of a University, it should also be noted that in Fukien Province there is now a completely coordinated system of Christian elementary schools. The educational missionaries in the province have been organized for ten years in the Fukien Educational Association, and have united in coordinating standard courses of study for these schools.

Normal School work for men who have finished the Middle School courses is included in the courses of study in Talmage College, Amoy, and in Trinity College, Foochow. In Foochow, there is also a Union Normal School, which is a union of the American Board and Methodist Missions. The students in this school now number forty-five. The faculty consists of one foreigner giving full time, two foreigners giving part time, and six Chinese teachers. The School has recently received \$10,000 gold, with which its own property has been purchased. This School, although not of University standard, should be affiliated with the University.

In view of the experience and study of the past three years, the Sub-Committee is of the opinion that the statement adopted in 1911 of what should be aimed at in the beginning of the formation of the University requires some modification and proposes that it may be more clearly defined by the following revised statement.

In establishing the University, the AIM shall be to maintain the three Departments of Arts, Medicine, and Theology, with the Normal School as an affiliated school to be developed in the course of time into a Department of Education of University standard. Other departments may be added as circumstances demand, but they are not contemplated in the beginning of the University. The aim shall be to maintain a standard in all departments comparable to that of western universities, so as to qualify the graduates fully for the degrees to be conferred.

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Letter to the China Continuation Committee.

The Secretary reported the draft of a letter to the China Continuation Committee, which was corrected, and then adopted, and is as follows:—

Rev. E. C. Lobenstine, Secretary,
China Continuation Committee,
29 North Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

Dear Mr. Lobenstine, —

The Preliminary Committee on Higher Christian Education in Fukien Province have instructed us to address you on their behalf, and to ask that the attention of the China Continuation Committee be called to the following statements.

In the enclosed copy of the Minutes of the last meeting of this Preliminary Committee, there will be found on page 11 a statement of the accomplishments and aims of the movement to establish a Christian University in Fukien Province. The Preliminary Committee respectfully requests the China Continuation Committee to note carefully the content of that statement.

This Preliminary Committee has carefully considered the policy recommended by the National Conference of 1913, and confirmed by the China Continuation Committee in May 1914, which contemplates the early development of three or four Christian Universities in China. As representatives of the Missions in Fukien, and appointed by them for the special purpose of planning for the development of higher education in this province, we would respectfully request the China Continuation Committee to take such further steps as may be necessary to define this policy more accurately and clearly. We desire to suggest that the Christian Missions in China should endeavor to found only one National Christian University, to include all the faculties that such a national Christian institution would demand and to provide facilities for post-graduate and research work. In other important centers in China, there should be maintained institutions, called universities or colleges or university-colleges, as may be preferred by those most concerned, which shall be doing work of university grade, but shall be distinguished from the national university in that the number of their faculties shall be more limited. The particular scope of each of these universities might well form the object of a special educational survey of Christian educational work in China to be carried out by a Commission appointed by the Continuation Committee, who

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after careful investigation of the constituency and opportunities of each of these universities could recommend the special faculties that should be maintained by them.

We are satisfied that the proposed National Christian University could not be located in Foochow. We are also convinced that any university established in any other center in China will not fully meet the needs of the Christian Church in Fukien. We believe that in Foochow there should be maintained such an institution as is described in the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Preliminary Committee referred to above.

This letter was prepared and adopted by this Preliminary Committee while in session on Kuliang, Foochow, on August 17th, 1914.

We are

In behalf of the Committee,
Yours very truly,
Chairman,
Secretary.

The motion was carried to adjourn to meet the next day at two o'clock in the afternoon

August 18, 1914.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment, with Bishop Price presiding. The same members were present as at the previous meeting, with the exception of Rev. A. S. M. Anderson, and with the addition of Rev. P. W. Pitcher. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Warnshuis. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

INCORPORATION. With reference to the incorporation of the University, it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the aim should be to obtain Articles of Incorporation in the United States of America, and it was therefore voted,

(a) That this proposal be referred to the Missions concerned for their approval, and

(b) That the Secretary should make preliminary inquiries regarding the necessary requirements for incorporation in different states.

NAME. In view of the vote of the Missions, a large majority favoring the name, "The Foochow Christian University", the Committee voted to adopt this as the name of the proposed University.

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It was agreed that we change the name of this Committee to "The Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University."

SITE. For the sub-committee on the Site of the University, Bishop Price reported that the Committee had considered several sites, but owing to lack of funds had taken no action. The report was accepted, and the motion was carried to reappoint this committee, with Professor Jones in the place of Dr. Gowdy. (The committee is Mr. Hodous, Bishop Price, and Mr. Jones.)

ENTRANCE. For the sub-committee on entrance qualifications, courses of study, and professorships, Mr. Beard presented the report. The courses of study were accepted and referred to the faculty. The entrance requirements were adopted, and are printed below.

MATHEMATICS. Algebra, through Quadratic Equations; Plane Geometry.

HISTORY. Chinese History complete; (dates in Christian reckoning); Myers General History complete; (English or Chinese edition).

SCIENCE. Martin's Compendium of Physiology; Hygiene; One year of Physics, (Millikan and Gale, or an equivalent); One year of Chemistry, (McPherson and Henderson, or an equivalent) with forty experiments in student's notebook certified by the instructor.

ENGLISH. Grammar and Syntax; Composition; Letter Writing; Essay writing; an essay of not less than 400 words; Conversation; Questions on a standard English Work, to be selected from a published list,—Macbeth, Julius Caesar, Lay of the Last Minstrels, Ivanhoe, Essays of Elia, Merchant of Venice.

GEOGRAPHY. General Knowledge of the Geography of the World; Particular Knowledge of the Geography of China.

CHINESE. Essay. The faculty are to be consulted regarding the examination in Chinese Classics.

The entrance examination is to be in writing, and will be given in either English or Chinese (Mandarin or Wenli).

REPLY TO M. E. BOARD. With reference to the letter from the Methodist Episcopal Board, it was voted to request the Chairman, in acknowledging this letter, to call attention to the Constitution proposed for this University, which was adopted in August 1913, and which has apparently escaped the attention of that Board.

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REPLY TO MEDICAL COLLEGE. With reference to the letter from Bishop Price, (Oct. 21, 1913), transmitting the Minute adopted by the Board of the Foochow Union Medical College, the following action was adopted,—The Preliminary Committee has noted with pleasure the action of the Board of Managers of the Foochow Union Medical College, inviting the Board of Managers of the Foochow Christian University to adopt that College as the Medical Department of the University, and agreeing to transfer the funds and equipment of the College to the University; and the Secretary is instructed to reply calling the attention of the Board to the Statement of Accomplishments and Aims, adopted at this meeting, to show that this Committee has adopted this proposal as part of the plan for the formation of the University.

LETTER TO ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION. The motion was carried to instruct the Chairman and Mr. Beard to address the Medical Commission of the Rockefeller Foundation, enclosing copies of the minutes of this meeting and explaining to that Commission the relation of the Medical School to this University, calling their attention to the immediate needs of the University as estimated in August 1913.

ACCOUNTS. The secretary presented a statement of his accounts, certified as correct by the auditor, and showing an unexpended balance on hand of \$3.22. The motion was carried to pass these accounts.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY. The secretary presented his resignation, and the following motion was then passed,—That this Committee accept with very great regret and with great appreciation of the services he has rendered, the resignation of Mr. Warnshuis as secretary. The Committee then elected the Rev. L. Hodous as secretary.

EXPENSES. The motion was carried to instruct the Secretary to print the Minutes of this meeting, and to ask the Missions to share equally in defraying the necessary expenses of the Committee for printing, stationery, and postage.

The motion was carried to express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Main for permitting the Committee to meet in their home.

The motion was carried to refer the minutes of this session to the Chairman, Mr. Storrs, and the Secretary for approval.

The motion was carried to adjourn, and the meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chairman.

APPROVED.—August 21, 1914

(Signed)

H. M. C. E. PRICE BISHOP,

Chairman

C. L. STORRS,

A. L. WARNSHUIS,

Hon. Secretary.

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**Minutes of Meetings held at Foochow and Amoy to consider
the advancement of Higher Christian Education in
Fukien Province.**

(For summary of points on which mission action is requested see the last page)

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Foochow Members of the Preliminary
Committee of the Foochow Christian University.**

Foochow, March 2, 1915.

The Committee of the Foochow Christian University was called to meet (informally, in view of the fact that only the three missions at Foochow could be represented) with Dr. John F. Goucher, member of the Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh Conference and Chairman of its Committee on Christian Education in the Mission Field, on March 2, 1915, at the home of Bishop W. S. Lewis.

Present:— Bishop Price, Chairman; Dr. B. Van. S. Taylor; Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh; Rev. W. L. Beard; Bishop W. S. Lewis, Prof. C. M. Lacy Sites; Prof. E. C. Jones; Lewis Hodous.

The Chairman called on Bishop Lewis to lead in prayer. The Chairman then gave a hearty welcome to Dr. John F. Goucher, recalling the fact that the idea of a Christian University in Foochow was due to his suggestion in the year 1911. He then reviewed the progress which has been made since Dr. Goucher's visit. The Union Medical School, the Union Theological School, the Union Normal School were established and were now ready to become departments of the Foochow Christian University. Furthermore, the Anglo-Chinese colleges and middle schools were in a prosperous condition. The Anglo-Chinese College, Trinity College, Foochow College located at Foochow and the Anglo-Chinese College and Talmage College at Amoy and other schools could furnish students for the Arts Course of a University.

The Constitution for the Foochow University was approved by the six missions working in Fukien. The general principle of establishing a University at Foochow has been approved by the

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Mission Boards provided the scheme can be financed from sources outside the regular channels of the missionary societies. It was this lack of funds which formed the only obstacle to the realization of the Union University at Foochow.

Informal discussions had been proceeding as to the possibility of The three Missions at Foochow establishing a Union Arts Course by combining the two upper classes in the Anglo-Chinese College, Trinity College and Foochow College. Lack of funds was a hindrance to the realization of this plan.

Dr. John F. Goucher then was called upon to speak. He displayed a number of charts showing the distribution of Union Educational Institutions in different parts of China. Then he told about the development of the West China University at Chengtu, dwelling especially upon its buildings, organization and its constitution. This University was approved most heartily by the Government as evidenced by contributions from the Governor of the Province and President Yuan Shih Kai. It was standardizing and vitalizing all education beginning with the Primary Schools. Middle schools were being established in the hsien cities with the hearty co-operation of local gentry. It is proposed to incorporate the University under the laws of the State of New York and on this account it will have a standing similar to Columbia University.

Dr. Goucher dwelt at length on the superb opportunity of Foochow as the location of a large university. It was far removed from centers at which large universities were growing up. It had a large growing constituency among a people who were not only increasing rapidly year by year, but were migrating to the Malay Archipelago. These Islands would be dominated by people from Fukien and the University would have a share in shaping the civilization of these Islands southeast of Asia.

He sketched the possibility which lies before a few large universities to give China the stamp of Christian civilization by so co-operating as to provide the Chinese students with special opportunities in all departments of human knowledge. He advised the members of the University Committee to take the next step which he outlined as follows:— Unite the two upper classes in the three colleges at Foochow and similar institutions at Amoy, Swatau, Hing hwa and Shaowu, and establish a Union Arts Course

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in a central location. Then affiliate the Union Schools already organized with the Union Arts Course.

Dr. Goucher's address was followed by a general discussion of ways and means. During the discussion it was brought out that the budget of the Union Arts Course would be as follows:—

One classical teacher	\$240.
Librarian and Secretary to the President ...	300.
Monitor... ..	360.
Rent of building	\$1060.
Equipment and repairs	2000.
Coolies	\$300.
Total	\$4260.

Provided by tuitions, 58 students \$24, a year
\$1392.

Balance to be provided \$2868.

It was also generally agreed that the building now owned by the Union Normal School on South side would provide a suitable location temporarily for the Union Arts Course.

It was hoped that the M. E. M. might be able to furnish two foreign teachers (or the equivalent in lectures) for the work of the Union Arts Course, and that the A. B. C. F. M. and the C. M. S. might each be able to furnish one.

The Committee adjourned to meet on March 3, 4 P. M. at the home of Bishop W. S. Lewis. The meeting was closed with prayer by L. Hodous.

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The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. W. L. Beard.

Present:— Bishop Price, Chairman: Rev. John F. Goucher, D. D.; Bishop W. S. Lewis; Prof. C. M. Lacy Sites; Prof. E. C. Jones; Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh; Rev. W. L. Beard; L. Hodous.

The following motions were passed provisionally subject to the approval of the Amoy members of the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University.

1. Voted to recommend to the Missions working at Foochow that steps be taken at once for the establishment of a Union Arts Course in September of 1915 to be located temporarily in the

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building owned by the Union Normal School. It is suggested that the students for this Course would be the students now in the two upper years of the Anglo-Chinese College, Trinity College, Foochow College and others of similar grade at Amoy, Swatow, Hinghwa and Shaowu.

2. Voted to ask the Board of Managers of the Union Normal School to rent the buildings on South Side Foochow now occupied by the Y. M. C. A. for temporary use of the proposed Union Arts Course.

3. Voted to ask the Board of Managers of the Union Normal School to put the present buildings on South Side into good repair and also to provide accommodation for at least fifty boarders.

4. Voted to ask each Mission to appoint three members (one of whom shall be a Chinese) for three years to act as a Board of Managers of the Union Arts Course at Foochow.

5. Voted to accept with hearty thanks Dr. John F. Goucher's offer to provide \$1500 Mex. of the budget of the Union Arts Course for the first year and \$1000 Mex. for the second year.

6. Voted to ask the Missions working at Foochow to provide the balance of the budget, namely about \$500 Mex. per year for two years for each Mission.

7. Voted that the Foochow members of the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University be instructed to proceed with preliminary preparations for the establishment of the proposed Union Arts Course until the members of the Board of Managers shall have assumed their duties.

8. Voted to request Dr. John F. Goucher and Bishop W. S. Lewis to communicate the above votes to the Amoy members of the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University and to confer with them.

9. Voted to appoint Prof. C. M. Lacy Sites to write to the Amoy members of the Committee asking them to meet Dr. John F. Goucher and Bishop W. S. Lewis.

10. Voted to appoint Prof. E. C. Jones to telegraph to Rev. A. L. Warnshuis to call a meeting of the Amoy members to meet Dr. John F. Goucher and Bishop W. S. Lewis.

The meeting then closed with prayer by Bishop Price.

(Signed) Lewis Hodous. Secretary

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Amoy March 8, 1915.

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An informal meeting of certain missionaries resident in Amoy to meet Dr. John F. Goucher, D. D. and Bishop W. S. Lewis was held at Chioh-khut on March 8th 1915. at 11 o'clock.

Present:— Rev. G. M. Wales, Mr. H. F. Rankin, Rev. T. C. Brown, Mr. H. Renskers, and Rev. A. L. Warnshuis; Also, by invitation, Rev. A. Sills, of Kienningfu.

Mr. Wales was asked to take the Chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer led by Bishop Lewis. Mr. Warnshuis was asked to act as secretary.

Dr. Goucher made a statement with reference to a recent meeting in Foochow, in which certain missionaries there had discussed the establishment of a Union Arts Course in September, 1915. He presented the Minutes of that meeting which were read. He followed this with a further statement concerning the present opportunities for such a Course, and the importance of South Fukien Missions supporting these plans.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed to postpone definite action until we know whether or not Foochow representatives can attend a meeting in Amoy to explain details of the plan. The Secretary was instructed to telegraph to Foochow concerning this matter, and to arrange for another meeting upon receiving reply from Foochow.

The Meeting then adjourned.

March 15, 1915.

An informal meeting of Foochow and Amoy missionaries was held in Amoy at Mr. Pitcher's house on March 15th, 1915, to consider questions related to higher education in Fukien Province.

Present:— Rt. Rev. H. McC. E. Price, Rev. W. L. Beard, Mr. E. C. Jones; Rev. G. M. Wales, Mr. H. F. Rankin, Rev. H. W. Oldham, Mr. H. J. P. Anderson; Dr. G. R. Turner, Rev. T. C. Brown. Rev. L. G. Phillips, Rev. N. B. Slater; Rev. P. W. Pitcher, Rev. H. J. Voskuil, Mr. H. Renskers, and Rev. A. L. Warnshuis.

Bishop Price was asked to take the Chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Oldham. Mr. Warnshuis was asked to act as secretary.

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The action of the meeting in Foochow looking toward the establishment of a Union Arts Course in Foochow was taken up and discussed.

The following recommendations were passed:—

That in the organization of a Union Arts Course, the standard of entrance for the First Year be that which has already been adopted by the Preliminary Committee for Matriculation to the proposed Foochow Christian University, with the understanding that the statement adopted by that Preliminary Committee should be elaborated in greater detail, and with the provision for optional subjects.

That Mr. Rankin (Convener), Mr. Anderson, Mr. Pitcher, Mr. Renskers, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Beard, Mr. Jones be appointed as a Committee to prepare a fuller statement of the entrance qualifications, and to discuss the nature and scope of the Course of Study, to report to this meeting at a later session.

That the tuition fees should be fixed at a minimum of \$50 per year, but cooperating missions contributing to the current funds of the Course may make special terms with the Board of Managers for the period during which these Missions are under obligations to students in their institutions at the time of the establishment of the Arts Course.

That the medium of instruction be as stated in the Minutes of the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University.

It was agreed to meet again in the evening at the house of Mr. Wales.

At the evening session, those present were the same as in the afternoon, except Mr. Pitcher.

The following recommendation was passed.—

That it is the opinion of this meeting that a Union Arts Course in Foochow, supported by the Fukien Missions, is a suggestion calling for the most earnest consideration by the Amoy Missions, and the Amoy members present undertake to bring the subject as fully as possible before their respective Mission Councils.

It was agreed to meet again at a quarter to eight o'clock, Wednesday evening, at Mr. Rankin's house.

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March 17, 1915.

Pursuant to adjournment, the informal meeting of Foochow and Amoy missionaries held another session at Mr. Rankin's house in the evening of March 17th, 1915.

Those present were the same as at the first meeting on March 15th, excepting Bishop Price, Mr. Pitcher, and Mr. Slater.

Mr. Rankin was asked to take the chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Beard. The minutes of the two sessions on March 15th were read and adopted.

The Committee, appointed at the previous session, through its Secretary Mr. Jones, reported that they had held three prolonged meetings in which they had very carefully considered the standards of existing schools in this province, and after having compared the requirements of British and American Universities, as well as other similar institutions in China, they had agreed upon presenting the following suggested syllabus of matriculation examinations.

(See Paper A.)

After discussion and slight amendment, this Syllabus was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

The same Committee then presented the following as a tentative outline to describe the scope of the Course of Study of the proposed Union Arts Course.

(See Paper B.)

This Outline, after discussion and slight amendment, was also unanimously adopted by the meeting.

The following motion was then made,—

Before separating, the Amoy members present at this meeting desire to assure the Foochow delegates of their unanimous approval of the action of the Foochow Missions proposing to form a Union Arts Course, and to appoint a Board of Managers. They hope that the Board, when formed, will take into consideration the possibility of some or all of the Amoy Missions having a share in the proposed Union Arts Course, and will send their minutes to Amoy, with any recommendations they may propose, before the Mission Councils meet in July.

This motion was carried by the unanimous vote of all the Amoy members present.

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The motion was carried to request Mr. Rankin to bring all the action taken by this meeting before the English Presbyterian Council in Swatow.

The motion was carried that the Minutes of this Meeting be sent as a communication to the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University for their information.

The approval of the minutes of this evening session was referred to the Chairman and Secretary.

The meeting then adjourned, after prayer led by Mr. Oldham.

(Signed)

H. F. Rankin, chairman.

A. L. Warnshuis, Hon. secretary.

Foochow March 30, 1915.

A meeting of the Foochow members of the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University was held March 30th, 2 P. M. at the home of Prof. E. C. Jones.

Present:— Bishop Price, Chairman, Rev. W. S. Pakenham-Walsh, Dr. B. Van S. Taylor, Prof. E. C. Jones, Prof. C. M. L. Sites, Rev. W. L. Beard, and L. Hodous.

The Chairman called upon L. Hodous to lead in prayer. The minutes of meetings held in Amoy were read and approved. "Paper A" was approved. "Paper B" was approved tentatively and referred to the faculty of the proposed Union Arts Course for further consideration.

Voted to submit the above minutes to the missions requesting them to approve the same and appoint three members of the Board of Managers for the Union Arts Course as therein provided.

Voted that the Board of Managers and the Faculty of the Union Arts Course shall be governed by the rules outlined in "Paper C."

Voted that the Secretary of the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University be convener of the Board of Managers of the Union Arts Course.

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"Paper C" The Board of Managers.

Each mission which shall approve the establishment of the Union Arts Course and shall signify its desire to release at least one foreign teacher (or the equivalent in lectures) and shall agree to furnish its share of the expenses, may appoint three members on the Board of Managers of the Union Arts Course. One of these shall be a Chinese. In the first instance one shall be appointed for three years, one for two years, one for one year, and the missions shall annually appoint a person for a term of three 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 Union Arts Course.

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

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.

The president of the Union Arts Course shall be Ex-officio a member of the Board of Managers, with a vote.

The Board of Managers shall administer all funds received; shall establish departments and approve courses of study; shall appoint the president, officers and instructors and determine the salaries of those who are not regular missionaries under appointment of the several mission Boards; shall provide suitable buildings and appliances; shall through the administrative offices of the Union Arts Course fix, collect and disburse all tuition fees, shall confer diplomas and perform all other duties necessary to the general administration of the Union Arts Course.

The Board of Managers shall hold at least one meeting each year, at which a full report of the operation and condition of the Union Arts Course, and a statement properly audited of all receipts and disbursements during the year, shall be presented. A copy of this report and statement shall be forwarded with the minutes of the Board of Managers to the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University and also to the local governing bodies of the cooperating missions for their information.

Quorum.

Two-thirds of the Board of Managers, at least a majority

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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.

By-laws.

The Board of Managers shall have power to make for itself all necessary by-laws, not inconsistent with this constitution.

Duties of the President.

The duties of the President of the Union Arts Course shall be those usually pertaining to this office.

Faculty.

1. The Faculty shall suggest the course of study, prepare annually a list of estimates of expenses, and present it to the Board of Managers.

2. Any members of the Faculty may, for sufficient cause and after due notice, be dismissed by the Board of Managers.

This constitution may be amended, due notice having been given at least one month previously, at any regular meeting of the Board of Managers. Such amendments shall require three fourths vote and must be ratified by the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University.

Lewis Hodous.

Secretary.

The missions are requested to take action on the following points:—

1. to approve the establishment of a Union Arts Course at Foochow.

2. to approve the suggested syllabus of entrance examinations for the Union Arts Course.

3. to approve in general the tentative outline of the course of study with the understanding that the Faculty of the Union Arts Course will work it out in detail.

4. to release one or more foreign teachers (or provide an equivalent in lectures) for the Union Arts Course.

5. to appropriate \$500 toward the budget.

6. to appoint three members of the Board of Managers one of whom shall be a Chinese.

7. to approve the rules governing the Board of Managers of the Union Arts Course.

8. to reappoint members of the Preliminary Committee of the Foochow Christian University,

9. to send the action of the Mission to

Lewis Hodous, Foochow.