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MINUTES

Shanghai, Feb. 5, 1914

The Board of Control of the Yangtse Valley College for Women met at the Y.W.C.A. parlors, February 5 at 2:00 p.m. Prayer was offered by Mr. Nance. The roll was called, the following ^{members} being present: Misses Cogdal, Pyle, Lyon, Lucas, and Nourse, Messrs. Rowe and Proctor. Mr. Meiggs served as alternate for Miss Kelly and Miss Goucher for Miss White. Miss Pyle was in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Land Committee was made by Mr. Meiggs. Report was accepted.

Voted: That three members outside of Nanking should be added to serve on the Land Committee. Misses Cogdal and Pyle and Dr. Proctor were appointed. Mr. Rowe was substituted for Miss White. Land Committee. Misses Lyon, Cogdal, and Pyle. Messrs. Rowe and Proctor and Mr. Meiggs and Mr. Leighton Stuart as advisory members.

Voted: That the chair and Secretary should arrange a docket of business.
Voted: To read the constitution and seriatum. Proceeded to the reading of the constitution.

Voted: To adjourn to meet at 8:00 p.m. at McTyre School.

Feb. 5, 8:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by the chair. Prayer offered by Dr. Proctor. Members present Misses Pyle, Cogdal, Lyon, Lucas, Goucher, and Nourse, Messrs. Rowe and Proctor.

Voted: to dispense with the reading of the minutes and proceed to new business.

The report of the Literature Committee was made and approved. The Committee was asked to continue.

Voted: That the Constitution as a whole with amendments be adopted.

Mrs. Thurston then took the chair.

Voted: That Miss Cogdal be elected Treasurer.

Voted: To proceed to election of the Executive Committee. Misses Pyle, Cogdal, Lyon, Kelly and Mr. Rowe were elected.

Voted: To instruct to have printed 500 copies of the Constitution.

Voted: That questions on the docket and other similar subjects be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report back to the Board.

Subjects on Docket: Time of payment of initial capital. Time of opening of college, course of study, steps towards appointment of faculty, plans for housing of faculty and students, tentative announcement.

Voted: That Board of Control request the Kyang An Mission to release Mrs. Thurston for at least half time for work in the college.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

Voted: To adjourn until November 1914 or at the call of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Laurence Thurston, Chairman
Mary A. Nourse, Secretary

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TRANSFER

Nanking

Proposed Yangtse Valley College

for Women.

to be called
Sinling College

Proposed Yangtse Valley College for Women.

For several years a committee called the 'Committee on the Proposed Union Woman's College' has been meeting and laying plans for a College for Chinese women to supply a much felt need in our mission educational system for women. This committee, composed of women engaged in educational work in the Yangtse Valley, was peculiarly qualified to know what were the demands for higher education among women and how best to meet these demands. After much careful and painstaking investigation of existing girls' schools, of the lack felt, and of the means of further developing the system they came to several conclusions.

The first of these conclusions was that the needs of the Yangtse valley territory could be best supplied by one and only one college and that this one college should be of the very highest grade and best type. The next conclusion was a very natural outcome of the first. If there was to be one college only and that of a superior type it must be a union institution. In no other way could it be supported. Also, nothing but a union college could keep closely enough in touch with the high schools of the Yangtse valley. These mission high schools of the territory would be its chief feeders, therefore the plan developed of making the college a college proper with no preparatory department and at the same time of strengthening the various high schools by depending upon them as the preparatory departments or schools for the college. This would of necessity make them more uniform in their courses and grade of work.

Having advanced thus far in their deliberations the committee felt that the only feasible method of putting these plans into execution was to present the matter to the various missions to enlist their co-operation and backing as soon as possible. A tentative constitution was

formed providing for the formation of a Board of Control as soon as three missions should have approved of the scheme and selected two regularly appointed delegates to the permanent Board of Control.

When the committee met in Soochow in October 1913 they found enough missions were ready to enter into the scheme so that the permanent Board of Control might be formed at any time. Accordingly, in November, there was a joint meeting in Nanking of the old committee and the members of the incoming Board. The Board of Control was organized by the election of a chairman and a secretary, as follows: Chairman, Martha B. Pyle, Soochow; Secretary, Mary A. Nourse, Hangchow. The Committee on the Proposed Union Woman's College adjourned *sine die*.

The five missions entering into the college plan with the names of their regularly appointed members to the Board are:

- American Presbyterian Mission:
Misses Cogdal and Lucas.
- Methodist Episcopal Mission:
Dr. Bowen and Miss White.
- Methodist Episcopal Church, South:
Misses Richardson and Pyle.
- Foreign Christian Missionary Society:
Misses Kelly and Lyon.
- Baptist Foreign Missionary Society:
Dr. Proctor and Miss Nourse.

The Board then took several important actions, the most important possibly being that concerning the formation of a Board of Trustees, stated in the minutes as follows: "That members of the Board of Control through their respective missions should ask their Boards each to appoint three persons as its legal representatives in forming a Board of Trustees to be known

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as the "Board of Trustees for the Yangtse Valley College for Women."

Several committees were appointed to report at the next meeting; a Committee on Constitution, a Committee on Literature, to prepare literature for circulation both in the United States and in China, and a Property Committee to investigate Nanking sites. Mrs. Lawrence Thurston was elected President of the College pending approval of Board of Trustees when organized.

No further steps than these were taken in the last meeting. With the work of these committees as a basis the Board in its February meeting in Shanghai hopes to make considerable progress. In a recent review appeared the following sentence: "Every advance in foreign mission work only shows more clearly the need and importance of woman's work." If woman's work is conceded to be a part of the missionary campaign it is easy to see the necessity for a body of young Chinese women trained as leaders. Only a Christian college can do this. Therefore those who have the college at heart ask for the support of the mission body. May the Board in laying the foundations for this college be assured of the sympathetic prayers and co-operation of all the missions represented in China.

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CONSTITUTION

OF

Simling College
The Yang-tse Valley College for Women

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PREAMBLE

For the furtherance of the cause of Christ in China: for the advance in education necessary to provide trained leadership: for education of Christian women for Christian service: and for the promotion of higher education of women under Christian influence this college is founded.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The college shall be called:

Sinling College

ARTICLE II. BASIS OF CO-OPERATION

Section 1.—Each Mission Board entering the union shall be represented by three members on the Board of Trustees and by three members on the Board of Control.

Section 2.—Conditions for full representation are as follows:

a.—Each Mission Board shall provide \$10,000 toward expense of plant and equipment.

b.—Each Mission Board shall provide one member of the Faculty.

c.—Each Mission Board shall make an annual appropriation toward current expenses of not less than \$600 gold.

Section 3.—Partial representation on the Board of Control may be granted to any Mission Board meeting any of the three above named conditions—one member for each condition fulfilled.

ARTICLE III. TRUSTEES

Section 1.—The Trustees shall be appointed by the Boards, three from each Board fulfilling conditions for full representation. Only Boards in full co-operation shall be represented on the Board of Trustees.

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Section 2.—The Powers and Duties of the Trustees shall be as follows:

a.—To hold in trust all property and all endowment funds, and to transmit to the Board of Control income of said funds and other moneys received for the college.

b.—To take steps for increasing equipment and endowment as demanded by the needs of the college.

c.—To confirm appointment of the President elected by the Board of Control and to remove the President if removal is requested by the Board of Control.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF CONTROL.

Section 1.—Each Mission Board in full co-operation shall be represented by three members on the Board of Control. Two of these must be women experienced in educational work. The term of service shall be three years. Members shall be elected in three classes; in the first election, the first class for three years, the second class for two years, and the third class for one year.

Section 2.—Members of the Board of control shall be elected by Missions of co-operating Boards.

Section 3.—Partial representation shall be granted, (See Article II) in proportion to conditions fulfilled.

Section 4.—Officers of the Board of Control shall be the Chairman; and a Secretary, and a Treasurer, elected annually by the Board and fulfilling the usual duties of these offices.

Section 5.—The Powers and Duties of the Board of Control shall be as follows:

a.—Administration of funds received from Trustees or Boards.

b.—Care of Property, erection and repair of buildings.

c.—To fix, collect, and distribute tuition fees through the administrative office of the college.

d.—To appoint and remove faculty and fix salaries of associates and assistants.

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e.—To elect a President, subject to the approval of the Trustees, and to define the duties of the President.

f.—To elect annually an Executive Committee to advise and assist the President.

g.—To consider and adopt the Courseⁿ of Study and to determine entrance requirements.

h.—To make an annual report to Missions of Co-operating Boards and to prepare annual budget to submit to the Trustees.

i.—To hold at least one meeting annually. (Time of this meeting to be set with reference to mission meetings, college work, and reports sent to Trustees including the annual budget.)

Section 6.—A quorum shall be a majority of the members of the Board.

Section 7.—Questions shall be decided by a majority vote.

Section 8.—An absent member may be represented by a regularly appointed alternate.

Section 9.—Vote by correspondence may be taken on urgent matters arising between the regular meetings. Such questions will be substituted, to the Board by the Executive Committee. A majority vote shall decide any question.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1.—An Executive Committee of 5 members shall be elected annually by the Board of Control.

Section 2.—This Committee shall have power to act on all questions relating to immediate needs of the college. All actions shall be reported at the next meeting of the Board of Control, for ratification or modification.

Section 3.—The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President who shall be ex officio chairman of the committee without vote.

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Section 4.—The Executive Committee shall prepare the Docket of Business to be considered at meetings of the Board of Control submitting the same in writing at least two weeks before the meeting of the Board. This business shall take precedence of all other business.

Section 5.—The Executive Committee shall submit to the Board of Control an annual budget to cover current expenses, salaries of assistant teachers, and upkeep of buildings and equipment.

ARTICLE VI. FACULTY

Section 1.—All persons regularly appointed by the Board of Control shall be voting members of the Faculty body.

Section 2.—Short term appointments may be made by the Board of Control. Such persons shall be associate members of the Faculty with privilege of the floor but without a vote.

Section 3.—Assistant teachers shall be appointed by the president, subject to the approval of the Executive committee.

Section 4.—The Faculty shall prepare a course of study and submit the same for approval to the Board of Control. Revisions shall be submitted in the same way.

Section 5.—The Faculty shall fix the school calendar, schedule of daily recitations, and classes to which each teacher shall give instruction.

Section 6.—The Faculty, or an Examining Committee, shall examine all candidates for entrance or pass upon certificates. A list of accredited schools shall be kept from which students shall be admitted on certificate.

Section 7.—Plans for student government shall be prepared in writing by the Faculty.

Section 8.—The Faculty shall prepare an annual budget for expenses of equipment and running of the various departments, and subject the same to be incorporated in the budget of the Executive Committee.

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Section 9.—The Faculty shall meet monthly, the president presiding. A majority vote shall decide all questions. A Secretary of the Faculty shall report all motions passed. Called meetings to discuss emergencies may be held at any time.

Section 10.—The Faculty through the President shall make an annual report of the college.

ARTICLE VII. PRESIDENT

Section 1.—The President shall be elected by the Board of Control, subject to the approval of the Trustees, and can be dismissed by the Board of Control only with the approval of the Trustees.

Section 2.—The President shall be ex-officio chairman of the Board of Control without vote.

Section 3.—The President shall be ex-officio chairman of the Executive Committee, and of the Faculty.

Section 4.—The President shall superintend and guard the interests of all departments of the college and have oversight of all property and business.

Section 5.—The President shall be the official representative of the college.

Section 6.—The President shall appoint all employees not otherwise provided for.

Section 7.—The President shall make an annual report of the Control.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Board of Control by a two thirds vote. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the Board of Control through the Executive committee not less than one month before the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.

