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AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY

276 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

CABLE ADDRESS: "TAVOORAL, NEW YORK"

August 24, 1926.

Rev. Ellison B. Hildreth,
Swatow, China.

The donations mentioned below have been received by the Treasurer and, in accordance with our understanding of the wish of the donors, have been applied on the regular appropriations made for work at your station. These should not be confused with specific donations, which are forwarded by the Treasurer as designated. This notification does not place you under any obligation to correspond with the donors unless you wish to, as news letters from your station are forwarded to them as they are received in the office. If you do write, however, please use your influence to have future contributions made for items which are already approved and included within your appropriations, as these have been. This request is made because all recognize that the raising of the funds for the approved work is of primary importance and because diversion of gifts to specifics increases the difficulty of meeting the needs of your regular work.

TOWN OR CITY	CONTRIBUTOR	OBJECT	AMOUNT
Brooklyn, N.Y.	Boro Park Bapt. Ch. remitted by Mr. R.G.Yeaton 1048-44th St., B'klyn, N.Y.	For a native worker	\$100.00 ✓

Rev. Ellison

March 1926.

Sincerely yours,

Home Secretary.

AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY

276 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

MAIL ADDRESS "BAPTIST NEW YORK"

July 13, 1926.

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TOWN OR CITY	CONTRIBUTOR	OBJECT	AMOUNT
Brooklyn, N.Y.	Borough Pk. Ch. remitted by Dr. R. G. Yeaton 1046-47th St.,	For work at Chaschow S. China.	\$300.00 ✓
Rockport, Mass.	Ch. remitted by S. H. Pettingill, Rockport, Mass.	For your work	44.00 ✓
Brooklyn, N.Y.	Boro Pk. Bapt Ch. remitted by Dr. R. G. Yeaton.	For support of native worker in Chaschow	100.00 ✓

January 1926.

Sincerely yours,



Home Secretary.

Published 1915. Vol. 1.

Tr. Ashmore, Mr. Pava, and anyone else.

Dear Friends:

You're doubtless anxious to know what happened to us on Christmas Day. I might have ~~ANNNNNNN~~ written to you, but I went off to the country on the 26th, before I knew exactly what had happened. I got back this morning. Of course, I knew what happened from reading the papers, for we

morning. Of course, I knew what happened was bad, for we were there. A bunch of students ran an anti-Christian meeting across the street from our place. I heard a crowd about killing. I suppose they were giving the crowd the benefit of one usual set of anti-Christian lies. At intervals the crowd would give a hoot, but it seemed to me a rather feeble one. The voices were almost all of them a high pitch, which suggested to me that no one was joining in the shout except students and kids. I sat in the back and at no time were the shouts loud enough to interfere with what was being said ~~from~~ on the platform, tho I must admit that occasionally babies etc. in the audience interfered. At one time a stone (or several) were thrown, and one small pane of glass was broken. I was told that one of the outsiders came inside and threw something at the crowd to give 'em a excuse for throwing stones at us. I do not consider the matter of an great importance.

I at one time heard a story, that in the evening the students came in and tore down all the Christmas decorations, which were unusually nice. This story was utterly false. They did come one or more times and make a disturbance outside our doors, but did not enter. On Sunday they intended to come out and make another disturbance. But the Lord sent a rain to prevent; also to get us ready as I rode my bike from Ames to Bowling to a Baptist service which failed to materialize. That was a trifler; but I think the disturbance, if it had come off, would also have been a trifle, - unless some Christians had acted really as the Brotherhood deaconess did.

On Christmas morning, there was an anti-Christian meeting outside the doors of the Presb. chapel. This does not have a nice iron door, as ours does, but an ordinary flimsy double door. A young fellow who was on guard lost his patience and slugged a kid. This aroused the crowd to fury, and they pressed in, with a large amount of hubbub and a microscopic amount of violence, asked the women and children so that they beat it, and the meeting broke up, whereupon the crowd used the organists' sign their own songs, and the pulpit to proclaim their own views. Also the doorkeeper was arrested, but she released in the evening.

The Presbyterians took this rather seriously, and appointed one of their number to come down to the Satou Ki-ah-kah Miao-hsiao and try to arrange for Sexton to be admitted, in view for this matter.

to be taken up. Sisson felt that it would not be convenient to admit Simpson's at this time; and by the time the dialogue had returned the Presbyterians were up against a matter as much more serious than they are practically going to ignore the Bartlesville incident, the they may put a statement of it on record with the official for future reference.

The serious matter, is a polite letter from a British military school, which desires to borrow a portion of their premises for temporary use as an office. A meeting of the principal folks in both churches was called at 1.00 PM and the King Tso Tze, had considered the matter in detail. It was agreed that there was no need to resist; that any attempt to resist would merely result in the

practices being taken by force; and it was better to pretend to lend them willingly, hoping to get some run-down C. and also hoping to secure from the authorities a document stating not much they desired to borrow, and for how long.

The pastor had objected that they were using the practices to run a school, but was told that the school was too small to use so much space when it was needed for "public" uses. He said he should need to consult the trustees, but they told him that he was the principal, and if the trustees objected they would carry the responsibility on their own shoulders; the meeting interprets this as a threat to use guns if any objection is made.

They all agreed that our government is not the same as Canton's. Ours is the party of the left, Canton's the right. You have doubtless observed these facts yourself.

You probably knew more about the attack on the Evangelical Church and the action of the French Consul than I do. I was not greatly interested in that, but am greatly interested in the statement that they anti-Christian forces have announced that they are Imph-tai Ki-tok-ka but have nothing to do with the thien-tan ka. If this is true, or if you have any information bearing on the question, I should be very grateful for the information.

The An-pow Presbyterians have rented a building; recently the soldiers have thrown them out into the cold cold world. I was told that the neighbor at Tō-tian has taken advantage of the situation to build up his wall against the church, after the church had won the case and he had been forbidden to enter. It's a great world. I was interested this afternoon to hear a hard-boiled, not to say hard-boiled Presbyterian, who is thereby intimate with official life, say this afternoon, "bō lūng hō. We must use the plan of bō ti khah-tu ngi (this is the phrase to translate Gandhi's doctrine of non-resistance), the of course it can be used to apply to any kind of non-resistance! He also said "we are making our heads to fix up a good plan, but in the present condition of affairs the best plan in the world would be of no avail".

Sincerely yours
S. S. K. K.

Received 11/19/2015

Prof. Schreier, Mr. Sage, and anyone else who is interested in the subject of anti-Christianity. I am sure that you will find this a most interesting and profitable study. I am sure that you will find this a most interesting and profitable study. I am sure that you will find this a most interesting and profitable study.

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The psychiatrists took this matter seriously, and pointed out of their letter to pass down to the Boston Hospital Committee and try to arrange for Benton to be admitted, in time for this matter.

to be taken up. Boston felt that it would not be convenient to admit Chalmers at this time; and by the time the telegraph had returned the Presbyterians were at a point as to whether or not they were serious that they are practically going to ignore the Charleston incident, the they may get a statement of it on record with the official for future reference.

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premises being taken by force; and it was not, as the protestor held, to be willingly, hoping to get some hard-earned money, and then to return from the territories a document stating how much they desired to borrow, and for how long.

The pastor had objected that there were defilement premises to run on, but was told that the school was necessary to use, so much space was needed for "public" use. He said he should not consult the trustees but that they told him that he was the principal, and if the trustees objected they would carry their responsibility on their own shoulders; the trustees interpreted this as a threat to use force if any objection is made.

They all agreed that our government is not the same as the Chinese government is the party of the "Mr. Canton" and right. You have doubtless observed these facts, yourself.

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The Japanese Presbyterians have received a letter recently from soldiers have thrown them into the cold world. I was told that the neighbor at To-then has taken advantage of the situation to build up his wall against the world. After the war, he was the one and he had been forbidden to move. It is a great world. I was interested this afternoon to hear a lecture of a kind to any hard-boiled Presbyterian. He is surely intimate with official life. In this afternoon, he would be, we must see two plan of his kind. I was interested in the purpose to translate Gandhi's doctrine of non-resistance, the of course it can be used to apply to any kind of non-resistance. To him said "we are making our best to find a good plan, but in the present condition of affairs the best plan in the world would be of no avail".

Sincerely yours

J. B. Keith

ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS

33 YUEN MING YUEN ROAD,
SHANGHAI

A. BLACK
C. B. CHILWELL
J. P. DAVIES
HARVEST M. HAYES
W. A. MAIR
C. M. MYERS

Shanghai, Oct. 21, 1925.

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Mrs. E. S. Hildreth,
Chaochowfu.

Dear Mrs. Hildreth:-

Mr. Hyllert has handed to me your letter of October 11th., and I have credited your personal account with the balance, \$71.91 on your medical expenses.

With regard to your Aunt's \$340.00, I anticipate that if she were to keep the bulk of this for a few months she could get a better exchange than at present. We are only getting about 1.74 now and surely we will get a better rate after Chinese New Year. I am, therefore, depositing \$240.00 of these Travellers Checks in the American-Oriental Bank Savings Department where it will draw 3% interest. We are keeping the pass book in the vault and will be able to draw out the money at any time on your instructions. This leaves \$80.00 in Travellers checks in Gold for use in the near future.

When I sent the \$340.00 I asked them to put it on Fixed Deposit for six months but they replied that they could not take it for less than a year so they put it in a Savings Account. I hope this will be satisfactory to you.

We enjoyed the Bakers' visit very much. They are old friends of ours whom I have not seen for about twenty years. I suppose you are feeling the responsibility of the work rather heavily now that they are gone. We sympathise with you in the anxiety you must feel over the unsettled conditions.

Trusting that you are enjoying good health, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

J. P. Davies

\$240. deposited in A.O. Bank
as bill.

JPD/MA

Am. Or Bank
Gold Dollar Sav. Acc't #2974

NOTE NOV. 20, 1925. Please exchange 20th g. at your convenience
If exchange is about 1.72 please exchange 40th g.

Please check up this statement and report any errors immediately.

IN REPLY REFER TO DATE

AND

M. S. Beldret

Shanghai, JAN 18 1937

Rate

In Account with ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS

169 Yuen Ming Yuan Road

DATE	VOUCHER		ITEMS	DEBIT		GOLD	CREDIT	
	NO.	RENT		MEI.			MEI.	
1/16	✓		By b. Balance				15526	
1/16	659		To Name cross there.	6500				
1/16	276		By b. Balance	1000				
			Balance	8026				
				15526			15526	
			By b. Balance				8026	

AMERICAN BAPTIST (Income)
LUTHERAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
METHODIST EPISCOPAL (Income)
METHODIST EPISCOPAL (Income)
AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN (Income)
AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN (Income)
CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
POST OFFICE BOX 251
SHANGHAI

MEMBERS: BAPTIST, LUTHERAN, METHODIST, PRESBYTERIAN, CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY
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ADAM BLACK
GLENN E. FULLER
W. A. HAIN
C. H. HARRIS
S. J. HATFIELD
H. HENRY SMITH
W. HOFF, TAILOR

January 19, 1937.

Mrs. E. S. Hildreth,
Box 61,
South Royalton, Vermont.

Dear Mrs. Hildreth:

Mrs. Hylbert has referred to me your letter of December 18, and in accordance with your instructions we shall renew your fixed deposit No. 72/182 for \$300.00 which matures on May 18 for another year as from that date. The interest on this debenture we shall credit to your personal account on our books.

The enclosed statement of January 16 will advise you that we have made the two payments you requested:

Miss Laura Cross	\$65.00
Mr. Ben L. Baker	10.00

It is good to be back at the office again. Mrs. Taylor and I are living on Bubbling Well near Carter Road and enjoying it, but unfortunately have returned without any of our children.

We have just come across an old statement dated April 30, 1936, which we are sending to you as you will probably want to check on the items.

Cordially yours,

W. F. Taylor
Mission Treasurer.

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Shanghai, Oct 30, 1936

In Account with ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
189 Yuen Ming Yuen Road

DATE		VOUCHER		ITEMS	DEBIT MEX.	GOLD	CREDIT MEX.
MO.	DAY	NO.	SERIAL				
Oct	✓			By B. Balance			4064
Nov	31	5066		6885 Interest on Sebastianos			2800
							6864
Dec	7	5170		By Mexican Savings Bank proceeds of check Deposit of same Interest 3000			53000
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				By B. Balance			6864

Certificate no 73/643 in Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank

ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS

No. 10666 Cheque No. 73/782

Shanghai May 21 1937

RECEIVED from

Mexican Dollars

Twelve 00/100

Gold

On account of

E. S. Hilbert

\$12.00

W. P. May Representative

ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS

169 YUEN MING YUEN ROAD

SHANGHAI

To Mr. E. S. Kilbuck Oct. 4 1935

We have to-day deposited funds as follows:—

To the credit of you Moral Acad

in the Associated Mission Treasurers

\$ 28.00 For Interest on 6885. Debentures

U. S. \$ ②

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W. T. P. Day
Representative.

ENGLISH BANKING
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
LARGE COMMERCIAL BANKING
NATIONAL CITY BANK (General)
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ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
POST OFFICE BOX 281
SHANGHAI

MISSION TREASURERS, 100 HONG KONG ROAD, HONG KONG
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GENERAL ASSOCIATED TREASURERS, 100 HONG KONG ROAD

J. HILLCOAT ARTHUR
JAMES M. BAIN
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Dear Friends:

In order to make the policy of the Associated Mission Treasurers conform with the instructions from our constituent Boards, in regard to deposits in U.S. and Chinese National Currencies left in our care, it is necessary for us to call to the attention of depositors, that we are not able to give any guarantee beyond that which we ourselves receive from such banks as the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp., National City Bank of New York, American Express Company, and Chase Bank.

In writing the above we wish to assure you, that we are not bringing the matter to your notice at the present time because we have any anxiety in regard to the deposits we are holding in trust for you in the above banks, but rather that you may understand the extent of the responsibility our constituent Boards permit us to assume in such matters.

Sincerely yours,
For Associated Mission Treasurers

W. R. H. Taylor
Representative.

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Shanghai.

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In Account with ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS

169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road

DATE	VOUCHER		ITEMS	DEBIT MEX.	GOLD	CREDIT MEX.
	NO.	SENT				
Jan 1937	✓		Bx Cr Balance			11861
Feb 4	13706		- 6885 for interest on Debiture			2898
						14661

ENGLISH BAPTIST
AMERICAN BAPTIST (foreign)
LUTHERAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
METHODIST EPISCOPAL (foreign)
AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN (foreign)
AMERICAN PROTESTANT (foreign)
CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
POST OFFICE BOX 281
SHANGHAI

MEMBER BUREAU, THE YOUNG MEN'S CHURCH, 100-10
ROAD, SHANGHAI, CHINA. - - - - -
CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY (also A.B.C., BAPTIST, C.M., METHODIST CHURCH)

J. WILLIAM ARTHUR
JAMES H. GUN
ADAM BLACK (in foreign)
GEORGE F. FULLER
C. W. STEWART
H. J. STEWART
H. HARRY STEWART
W. R. STEWART

May 11, 1938.

Mrs. E. S. Hildreth,
South Royalton, Vermont.

Dear Mrs. Hildreth:

The enclosed statement will advise
you that at the close of our fiscal year
you had a balance on our books of Ch\$146.61.

Kindly advise us if you would
like us to convert this into gold and
send it to you. The rate of exchange
at the present time is rather high, a
little over four to one.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

W. H. P. Taylor
Mission Treasurer.

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AMERICAN BAPTIST
AMERICAN BAPTIST (NORTH)
LUTHERAN BAPTIST SOCIETY
METHODIST EPISCOPAL (NORTH)
AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN (NORTH)
AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN (NORTH)
COUNCIL BAPTIST SOCIETY

ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS

POST OFFICE BOX 281

SHANGHAI

MEMBER BUREAU, 1920 TO 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925
COUNCIL BAPTIST SOCIETY, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930
COUNCIL BAPTIST SOCIETY, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940

A. HILLMAN, TREASURER
JAMES H. BARR
HARRIS HARRIS (NORTH)
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August 8, 1938.

Mrs. E. S. Hildroth,
P. O. Box 61,
South Royalton, Vermont.

Dear Mrs. Hildroth:

We have your letter of May 2, and we thank you for making available for refugee work \$100.00. This will be placed in the hands of people who will make the very best use of it.

We are enclosing a fixed deposit card which will advise you that we have renewed it for another year. We are glad to know that this meets with the advice in your letter, which reached us after it was done.

From the enclosed statement you will note that your credit balance as of July 31 is Ch\$33.61.

For the next week we shall be living in anticipation of what may happen next Saturday, August 13. This is the anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities in this area. All the foreign nations, together with the Municipal authorities, are taking every precaution to prevent outbreaks by terrorists. We are supposed to have in the immediate surroundings of Shanghai many thousand guerrilla troops. Rumors that there are going to do next Saturday are quite rife. It has been suggested that all offices and concerns close down for the day so as not to require their employees to be on the street. Although one cannot blame the Chinese who are playing the part of terrorists in the present struggle, one is amazed at this nation's self-restraint.

The fresh outbreak between Russia and Japan should be a great help to China. It looks as though it may develop into a struggle of some dimensions. Whether it does or not, it has showed up Japan's real strength and also revealed how much her strength has been sapped during the past year with an enemy she once despised, but now must more or less respect. The new outbreak should help out the South China situation and will probably call a halt of Japan's invasion into the Yangtze area further than Hankow, even if she ever reaches that point.

Cordially yours,

W. H. H. H. H.
Mission Treasurer.

W.H.H.