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HWA NAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Letter of Mrs.  
Peel's letter  
5/9/36

May 1936

VOTED THAT --

I. 1. Hwa Nan College remain on her present site as a Woman's College with separate identity developing a limited vocationalized program thus fitting into the total program of Christian Education in China.

2. The College continue to maintain her high ideals of Christian education, and that the curriculum be strengthened in line with the distinct needs for women in Fukien, especially, the departments of Home Economics, music and social service, ( both city and rural).

II. A more aggressive cooperative program for Fukien Province be planned and become operative during this next year.

1. That continued and increased exchange of certain members of the faculty of Fukien Christian Union University and Hwa Nan be arranged in order to increase the efficiency of both schools and reduce expense.

2. There be encouragement of more joint activities among students of these two institutions, such as concerts, rural service, debates, discussion groups, literary clubs, etc.

3. There be encouragement of joint conferences of both faculties for discussion of common problems concerning college work.

4. Lecture periods in hygiene, sanitation and other fundamental related subjects, be arranged with the staff of Foochow Christian Union Hospital.

5. The Board of Directors extend an invitation to representatives of other denominations now operating in Fukien Province asking them to serve on this enlarged Board as coopted members.

6. The Hwa Nan Committee of the Board of Trustees shall coopt members (for the present not exceeding 5 in number). It shall be the duty of this Committee to plan and develop the future advanced program of the college in consultation with the Hwa Nan Board of Trustees. That Mrs. R. R. Diefendorf; Mrs. E. A. Bleckwell; Mrs. H. F. Earhart and Miss Elizabeth Condon be asked to serve on this cooperating Committee.

III. President Wang be released from administrative duties for the present, and together with the Board of Directors make necessary arrangements to develop new sources of income in harmony with the above outlined program. That travel expense incurred by this plan, not exceeding \$200 gold be deducted from the Hwa Nan fund now in the hands of the General Treasurer.

IV. The Hwa Nan Committee of the Board of Trustees and the Advisory members be commissioned to raise funds consistent with the advanced program above outlined.

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V. 1. An exchange of professors be arranged with other institutions of higher learning.

a. If and when such a plan of exchange is consummated on the field and in case the scale of salary and allowance to faculty members is higher than that of Hwa Nan that the differential be provided from the Hwa Nan fund.

b. If and when exchange professors are obtainable from America for other countries, and expenses can be secured from the Hwa Nan fund, that the executive committee make final selection, after satisfactory arrangements have been made between institutions and Boards concerned.

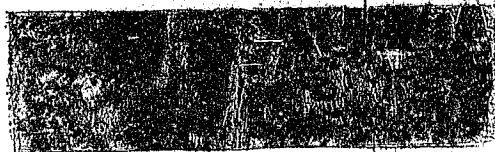
VI. That Hwa Nan be allowed one new faculty member from the list of missionary replacements.

VII. ~~That~~ We ask Mrs. Diefendorf to send a note of appreciation to President Wang for her untiring efforts and her success in obtaining the permanent registration of the college.

VIII. For the present the High School department remain an integral part of the college. That we obtain a report at the close of the year as to the success of the Methodist Union faculty and at the expiration of this time that the Field consult with representatives of the American and Anglican Mission Boards in Foochow with reference to a Union faculty and submit their recommendation to the Board of Trustees for final action.

IX. That a cable of greeting be sent to President Wang.

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I. An exchange of professors be arranged with other institutions of higher learning.

II and when such a plan of exchange is consummated on the field and in case the scale of salary and allowances to faculty members is higher than that of New Han Fund, the differential be provided from the New Han Fund.

III and when exchange professors are obtained from America for other countries, and expenses can be secured from the New Han Fund, that the executive committee make final selection, after satisfactory arrangements have been made between institutions and Board's consent.

IV. That New Han be allowed one new faculty member from the list of stationary replacements.

V. That we ask Mrs. Mendenhall to send a note of appreciation to President Wang for her untiring efforts and her success in obtaining the permanent registration of the college.

VI. For the present the High School Department remain an integral part of the college. That we obtain a report at the close of the year as to the success of the Methodist Union faculty and at the expiration of this time that the High Council with representatives of the American and African Mission Boards in Peking with reference to a Union faculty and submit their recommendation to the Board of Trustees for final action.

VII. That a copy of greeting be sent to President Wang.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
of  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HWA NAN COLLEGE

Wednesday, October 19, 1938  
Hotel Carpenter, Sioux Falls, S.D.

LIST OF MEMBERS:

✓Mrs. Thomas Nicholson  
✓Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf ✓  
✓Mrs. Charles H. Hardie  
✓Mrs. William S. Mitchell  
✓Mrs. Parris C. Greenly  
✓Miss Elizabeth M. Lee  
Mrs. Eugene Wesley Shaw  
✓Mrs. Harvey W. Harmer  
✓Mrs. Frank E. Baker  
✓Mrs. Frank G. Brooks  
✓Mrs. Leon Roy Peel (Secretary)  
✓Miss Ella M. Watson  
✓Mrs. J. K. Cecil  
✓Mrs. C. H. Van Meter  
✓Mrs. J. Wesley Masland  
✓Mrs. Harry Earl Woolever

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College was held on ~~Wednesday~~, October 19, at the Hotel Carpenter, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, during the annual session of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

All members of the Board of Trustees were present.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for the fiscal year, 1937-1938, was presented for consideration and is attached herewith to these minutes.

VOTED that the financial report for the fiscal year 1937-1938 be approved and placed on file.

The estimated budget for the fiscal year, 1938-1939, having been approved by the Hwa Nan Committee at a meeting which convened in the Stevens Hotel in Chicago on Monday, October 10th, was presented by the Secretary of the Committee to the Board of Trustees.

VOTED that the estimated budget for the fiscal year 1938-1939 be accepted.

VOTED that Hwa Nan College submit an annual financial statement, to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Secretary of the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China, and the secretary of the General Office of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society by August 31st.

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VOTED that an estimated budget for Hwa Nan College be presented annually by the Board of Directors and reach U.S.A. on or before March 15th, and a copy of the same be presented to each of the above three.

STABILIZING THE BUDGET

VOTED that the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College approve that the budget shall include missionary salaries and travel, equivalent for eight missionaries, as well as the regular current work for the college, and also include the present current appropriation for Hwa Nan Middle School, interest on Endowments held by the General Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Library Aid.

PROMOTION

VOTED that we accept the kind offer of a donor that \$900.00 of the \$1800.00 gift to the Hwa Nan building fund be transferred to the 1938-1939 Emergency Fund, the same to be sent to the Associated Boards.

VOTED that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Earhart for the Fellowship Grants (Margaret Seeck, Mae Ding) at the Merrill-Palmer School, Detroit.

VOTED that we cooperate to the fullest extent in the promotional work of the ABCCC during the ensuing year.

REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES OF THE ABCCC

VOTED that the following be nominated as our representatives on the committees of the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China to serve until May 1939:

Executive Committee	Mrs. Thomas Nicholson
	Miss Faye H. Robinson
Committee on Finance	Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf, Alternate
	Mrs. F. J. McConnell
	Mrs. J. Wesley Masland
Committee on Promotion	Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf, Alternate
	Miss Edna Ambrose
	Mrs. Merle N. English
Committee on Christian	Mrs. F. J. McConnell, Alternate
Character, Staff and Cur-	Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
riculum:	Miss Faye H. Robinson
	Mrs. Parris C. Greenly, Alternate

VOTED that the annual nominations of the representatives on the committees of the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China be made at the mid-year meeting of the Board of Trustees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

VOTED that we leave the arrangements of initiating the Merrill-Palmer Plan at Hwa Nan to President Wang and Miss Margaret Seeck.

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Recommendations con'd -

VOTED that we cannot assume financial responsibility for advanced study for Hwa Nan faculty or alumnae without joint approval of the President of the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees.

VOTED that we approve the return of Arthur Chen to Hwa Nan but that any financial assistance for return passage be an over-and-above-the budget amount.

APPRECIATION

VOTED that we express our appreciation to the staff and members of committees of the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China for their generous assistance and cooperation this past year.

VOTED that we gratefully acknowledge the presence of Mr. Garside at the meeting of the Hwa Nan Committee held in Chicago on October 10th, we appreciate his devoted efforts in behalf of the Christian Colleges in China and the challenging presentation of our responsibility as one of the cooperating members of the Associated Boards.

VOTED that we register our deep appreciation to President Wang for the financial statement which arrived just in time for the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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AD-INTERIM ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VOTED that Hwa Nan continue as a member of the Associated Boards.

VOTED that we approve Hwa Nan's share in the 1938-1939 budget to the extent of \$1,239.00.

VOTED that we authorize the Treasurer of the Society to send quarterly payments to the Associated Boards, the same to be taken from funds now in the hands of the General Treasurer.

MRS. LEON ROY PEEL.  
Secretary

Financial Report  
of  
HWA NAN COLLEGE  
for  
Fiscal Year 1957-1958

I. INCOME --

1. American Sources

U. S. Currency

A. Endowment		\$ 1,074.92
B. WFMS Cash Grants		
a. College	\$ 6,484.50	
b. Middle School	<u>1,737.00</u>	8,221.50
C. Payments by WFMS for missionaries (9 in number)		6,406.89
D. Associated Boards for Emergency needs		6,558.50
E. Other income		
a. Library Service	200.00	
b. Scholarship (new)	81.90	
c. Gift by friend	100.00	
d. Gift (Des Moines Branch)	<u>40.00</u>	
		<u>421.90</u>
Total American sources		22,695.71

2. Chinese Sources

Mexican Currency  
(a)

A. Tuition and fees		
a. College	6,025.70	2,582.45
b. Middle School	5,718.88	2,450.95
B. Government Grant	4,151.40	1,770.60
C. Chinese individuals and groups	1,856.79	795.77
D. Alumnae groups		
a. Singapore	700.00	140.00
b. Malaya	<u>100.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total Chinese sources	18,552.77	7,759.77
Grand total all sources		30,455.

(a) Figured on basis of 2-1/3 per American dollar except last two items on basis of five for one.



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Hwa Nan College Financial Report for  
Fiscal year 1957-1958-- continued

**EXPENSES**

**1. In America**

	U. S. Currency
A. Hwa Nan Share in ABCCC expense	\$ 1,681.10
B. Missionaries on furlough plus travel	<u>2,896.89</u>
	4,577.99

**2. In China**

	Mexican Currency	
<b>A. Physical plant</b>		
a. College	4,160.98	1,785.28
b. Middle School	2,349.59	1,006.88
<b>B. Administration</b>		
a. College	2,540.95	1,088.97
b. Middle School	411.16	176.28
<b>C. Instruction</b>		
a. American faculty - College	8,925.00	3,635.00
b. Chinese faculty - College	7,763.28	3,327.12
c. American faculty - Middle School	1,120.00	480.00
d. Chinese faculty - Middle School	6,485.00	2,779.26
e. Laboratory & Library - College	8,047.20	3,448.80
f. Laboratory & Library - Middle School	546.23	234.09
<b>D. Fellowships and Scholarships</b>		
a. College	658.50	282.12
b. Middle School	460.00	197.13
<b>E. Student Service</b>		
a. College	311.90	133.65
b. Middle School	978.88	419.52
<b>F. Miscellaneous</b>		
a. College	2,473.51	1,060.08
b. Middle School	502.16	215.21
<b>G. War Emergency and Moving</b>		
a. Sand and stone for safety refuge places	449.54	192.66
b. Gas masks	48.00	20.57
c. Flags and painting roof	60.00	25.72
d. Boat fare and expense involved in moving furniture, etc.	522.50	223.93
e. Grating and packing supplies	240.64	103.12
f. Rent for June, July and August	480.00	205.72
g. Light and water for 3 months	120.00	51.43
h. Repairs in Yenping	427.77	183.33
<b>H. Other current expenses</b>		
a. Chinese faculty to replace missionaries kept in America because of war conditions	7,200.00	3,085.71
b. Travel of staff and miscellaneous expense	<u>1,799.98</u>	<u>771.42</u>
	59,082.37	25,321.00
Grand total all sources		29,898.99
Grand total income brought down		<u>30,453.46</u>
Income exceeded expenses		554.47

**II. SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED 1957-1958**

**1. For capital purposes**

**A. For buildings**

5,489.50

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For the ABCCC Finance Committee  
2:30 P.M., Wednesday, 12-7-38  
Room 900, 150 5th Ave., N.Y.C.

REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF EMERGENCY ASKINGS

Cheeloo University

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on September 21, allocations for Cheeloo University were made as follows: assigned, \$17,752.08; for future assignment for the College of Arts and Sciences, \$10,500.00. The amount for the College of Arts and Sciences was made in the tentative listing on the apparent need, "if it is found possible for the College of Arts and Sciences to carry on their work."

Recent word from China indicates that the College of Arts and Sciences is operating this year in Chengtu. In view of this fact, does the Committee wish to make any change in the allocation of funds for Cheeloo University?

Hwa Nan College

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College held October 12, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Board adopted a revised budget, a copy of which is attached hereto. In connection with the adoption of this budget, an item was included under American Sources of Income "D", "Request from ABCCC, \$8,030.00." This request asks for an increase in the allocation made by the Finance Committee on September 21. This allocation was \$6,500.00 for Hwa Nan College for the 1938-39 Emergency Fund. This increase is asked in order to meet the balance of the Emergency Fund for the year.

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HWA NAN COLLEGE

Estimated Budget Fiscal Year -- 1938-1939

INCOME

1. Balance from 1937-38	U.S. Currency 554.47
2. <u>American Sources</u>	
A. Endowment	1,156.65
B. WFMS Cash Grants	
a. College	6,484.50
b. Middle School	1,757.00
C. Payments by WFMS for missionaries	6,120.00
D. Requested from ABCCC	8,030.00
E. Other Income	
a. Library Aid Thru Student Department	200.00
b. Scholarship	81.90
	24,364.52

To be expended in U. S. Currency		U.S. 4,114.00
To be exchanged @ 2-1/3	LC\$ 58,008.88	16,289.52
To be exchanged @ 4-1/2	17,824.00	8,961.00
	55,832.88	24,364.52

3. In China

A. Fees	4,000.00	
B. Miscellaneous	1,000.00	
	5,000.00	
	LC\$ 60,832.88	
Balance from 1937-38 gain in exchange	2,799.13	
 Grand Total	LC\$ 63,632.01	4,114.00

Hwa Nan College  
Estimated  
**EXPENDITURE**  
1938-1939

		U.S. \$
<b>1. <u>In America</u></b>		
A. Hwa Nan share in ABCCC expense		1,259.00
B. Missionary Travel		1,575.00
C. Missionary salary (emergency)		200.00
<b>2. <u>In China</u></b>		
	LC\$	
A. Plant	7,050.00	
B. Administration	5,950.00	
C. Instruction	42,786.01	
D. Student and Alumnae Service	3,424.00	
E. War Emergency		
a. Rent, Light, Repairs	2,760.00	
b. General	<u>3,662.00</u>	6,422.00
F. Travel		
a. Madras		500.00
b. Return passages		600.00
Jean Chen		
Patricia Yui		
Pearl Wong		
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	63,632.01	4,114.00

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Hwa Nam College  
 Estimated  
 REVENUES  
 1938-1939

U.S. \$

1,323.00  
 1,242.00  
 300.00

100

7,020.00  
 8,250.00  
 28,786.01  
 3,424.00

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4,714.00

In America

A. Hwa Nam share in ARCC expense  
 B. Missionary travel  
 C. Missionary salary (emergency)

In China

A. Salary  
 B. Administration  
 C. Instruction  
 D. Student and Alumni Service  
 E. War Emergency  
 F. Health, Light, Repairs  
 G. General  
 H. Travel  
 I. Medical  
 J. Return passages  
 K. Loan Office  
 L. Faculty Y.M.  
 M. Post Office

3,424.00  
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
HWA NAN COLLEGE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1938-1939

A. Income

	<u>L.C. \$</u>	<u>U.S. \$</u>
1. Balance from 1937-38		
a. Surplus in U.S. Currency		\$ 554.47
b. Gain on Exchange (estimated)	\$2,799.13	
2. From American Sources		
a. Income from Endowment		1,156.65
b. W. F. M. S. Cash grants		
i. College		6,484.50
ii. Middle School		1,737.00
c. Payments by W. F. M. S. for missionaries		6,120.00
d. Requested from Emergency Fund		8,030.00
e. Other Income		
i. Library Service		200.00
ii. Scholarship		81.90
3. From Chinese Sources		
a. Fees	4,000.00	
b. Miscellaneous	1,000.00	
	\$7,799.13	\$24,364.52

Note:- Of the income in U.S. currency,  
U.S. \$20,250.52 will probably be converted  
into Chinese currency. Estimated rates are  
as follows:-

U.S. \$16,289.52 @ 2 1/3 equals	LC\$38,008.88
<u>3,961.00 @ 4 1/2</u> "	<u>17,824.00</u>
U.S. \$20,250.52	LC\$55,832.88

When these adjustments are made the total  
income will appear as follows:     plus 55,832.88 less 20,250.52

Revised total                             LC\$63,832.01   US\$ 4,114.00

B. EXPENDITURE

	<u>L.C.\$</u>	<u>U.S.\$</u>
1. <u>In America</u>		
a. Hwa Nan Share in ABCCC expense		1,239.00
b. Missionary Travel		1,575.00
c. Missionary Salary (emergency)		200.00
2. <u>In China</u>		
a. Plant	7,050.00	
b. Administration	3,960.00	
c. Instruction	42,786.01	
d. Student & Alumnae Service	3,424.00	
e. War Emergency		
i. Rent, Light Repairs	2,760	
ii. General	<u>3,662.6</u>	<u>6,422.00</u>
f. Travel		
i. Madras		500.00
ii. Return passages*		<u>600.00</u>
	<u>\$63,632.01</u>	<u>\$4,114.00</u>

\*Jean Chen  
Patricia Yui  
Pearl Wong

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HWA NAN COLLEGE

Monday, May 8, 1939, Hotel Phillips,  
Kansas City, Mo.

List of Members

*Mrs. Thomas Nicholson, Pres.	Mrs. Frank E. Baker
Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf	*Mrs. Otis Moore
*Mrs. Charles H. Hardie	Mrs. Frank G. Brooks
Mrs. William S. Mitchell	Mrs. Leon Roy Peel, Sec.
Mrs. P. C. Greenly	*Miss Ella M. Watson
*Miss Elizabeth Lee	Mrs. J. K. Cecil
Miss Juliet Know	Mrs. C. H. Van Meter
Mrs. E. Wesley Shaw	Mrs. J. Wesley Masland
*Mrs. Harvey Harmer	*Mrs. H. E. Woolever

\*Absent due to attendance at Uniting Conference of Methodism.

Co-opted and Associate Members present:

Miss Faye H. Robinson	Mrs. C. C. Peale
	Mrs. Lynn Harold Hough

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College was held on Monday, May the eighth, at the Hotel Phillips, Kansas City, Mo. during the Mid-Year Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

There was brought to the Board of Trustees by the secretary, Mrs. L. R. Peel, a report from a special committee (Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Diefendorf, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Know representing Miss Lee, Mrs. Greenly, Mrs. Masland, and Mrs. Peel) who had conferred with Bishop Gowdy regarding the problems confronting Hwa Nan and had carefully studied the estimated budget for the coming year.

Recommendations

That the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College be held in the spring, instead of the fall as heretofore, thus following the general plan of the various colleges participating in the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China which hold their annual Board meetings prior to the annual meeting of the Associated Boards.

That the membership of the Board of Trustees be continued as listed above and that the co-opted and associate members of the Board remain as of the year 1938-39, all to serve until May 1940.

That we renominate as our representatives on the committees of the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China to serve for



the ensuing year:

Executive Committee - Mrs. Thomas Nicholson  
Miss Faye H. Robinson  
Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf, Alternate

Committee on Finance - Mrs. F.J. McConnell  
Mrs. J. Wesley Masland  
Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf, alternate

Committee on Promotion - Miss Edna Ambrose  
Mrs. Merle English  
Mrs. F.J. McConnell, alternate

Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum - Mrs. Leon Roy Peel  
Miss Faye H. Robinson  
Mrs. P.C. Greenly, alternate

That a committee composed of members of the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College who are in attendance at the annual meeting of the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China constitute a committee to meet with Mr. Garside for consultation.

#### Promotion

The secretary reported that the promotional work done had netted the following:

That \$1232.00 designated for Hwa Nan had been received through the efforts of the Board of Trustees to apply on the Emergency Fund of the Associated Boards.

That students of Morningside College, Sioux City, Ia., are conducting a "tag-day", the proceeds of which are to be forwarded to the Emergency Fund.

That pledge cards had been distributed among the faculty members at Morningside College.

That greater cooperation on the part of individual members of the Board of Trustees be urged, calling attention to the fact that in a recent "Progress Bulletin" of the Associated Boards, it was stated that only 19% of the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College had contributed in any way to the Emergency Fund.

#### Finance

That the estimated financial budget for 1939-40 for Hwa Nan College be approved as submitted. (Copy attached)

That inasmuch as the resolution offered by the Board of Trustees was voted in the affirmative whereby the Board pledged an amount equivalent to the salaries of eight missionaries for the annual budget and since, due to the resignation of one of the eight missionaries, the salaries of only seven are in the appropriation for 1939, we vote that \$765.00 omitted from the appropriation be made a claim on the released salary account of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

That the return passages for Pearl H. Wong, Violet Wu, Mae L. Ding and Yung-Huo Liu, members of the Hwa Nan faculty, be approved.

That \$300.00 be allowed for each of the above and that any balance remaining be reported and applied on the 1940-41 budget.

Appreciation

That we desire to express our deep appreciation for the generous grant to Hwa Nan College received from the Ministry of Education of the Nationalist Government at a time when it is so sorely pressed. We also commend them for their continued support and their far-sighted educational policy.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HWA NAN COLLEGE

Thursday, May 2, 1940, Hotel Claridge,  
Atlantic City, N. J.

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List of Members:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mrs. Thomas Nicholson  | Mrs. Leon Roy Peel                |
| Mrs. Franklin Reed     | Miss Ella M. Watson (deceased)    |
| Mrs. Wm. S. Mitchell   | Mrs. J. K. Cecil                  |
| Mrs. Parris C. Greenly | Mrs. C. H. Van Meter              |
| Miss Elizabeth Lee     | Mrs. J. Wesley Masland            |
| Miss Juliet Knox       | Mrs. H. E. Woolever               |
| Mrs. E. Wesley Shaw    | Mrs. F. J. McConnell (co-opted)   |
| Mrs. Harvey Harmer     | Mrs. Lynn Harold Hough (co-opted) |
| Mrs. Otis Moore        | Miss Edna Ambrose "               |
| Mrs. Frank E. Baker    | Miss Faye H. Robinson "           |
|                        | (absent on account of illness)    |

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College was held on Thursday, May 2, 1940, at the Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J., during the Mid-Year session of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

A report from the special committee (Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Masland, Mrs. Peel, Mrs. Greenly, Miss Lee, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Robinson) was presented and adopted by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Report of Committee on Greater Unity

It was voted - That we approve in general the plan prepared by the Committee for the Consideration of Greater Unity of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

That Mrs. Masland be appointed as Hwa Nan's representative on the Committee which will study and draft the plan for the Consolidated Board.

Board of Trustees

That the present Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College continue to function until the Woman's Division of Christian Service shall assume the responsibility of the administration of the College.

Finance

That we adopt the estimated budget received from the field in so far as it relates to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the total responsibility of the Society being \$14,873.50 U. S. currency plus travel for furloughing and returning missionaries.

Promotion

We express our appreciation to Miss Ambrose for her splendid help in assembling and preparing promotional material, and that a very special appreciation be expressed to the Associated Boards for their most generous assistance.

Sympathy

That the President and the Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be asked to write a note of sympathy to Mr. H. B. Earhart.

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Appreciation

That the Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be asked to send a note to President Wang recognizing her decade of service as President of the College.

Nominations on Associated Boards/Committees:

Executive Committee: Mrs. J. Wesley Masland  
Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf, alternate

Committee on Finance: Mrs. F. J. McConnell  
Mrs. Lynn Harold Hough, alternate

Committee on Promotion: Miss Edna Ambrose  
Mrs. Leon Roy Peel, alternate

Committee on Christian  
Character Staff and  
Curriculum: Miss Faye H. Robinson  
Mrs. Parris C. Greenly

Personnel

The chair of Religious Education at Hwa Nan College has been vacant since the release of Dr. Lefforge for All China Religious Education Service. An urgent request comes from President Wang that the position be filled at the earliest possible date. The Board of Trustees thinks that Miss Evelyn Isabelle Troutman has qualifications which make her a leader in this essential field. We therefore request that Miss Troutman be assigned to Hwa Nan.

(Miss Troutman has been assigned and will sail for China in time for the opening of the College.)

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HWA NAN COLLEGE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1941

The Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College met on Tuesday, May 6, at 6 P. M. at the Prince George Hotel, New York City, for a dinner meeting, followed by a business session. Those present were:

Mrs. Peel, Mr. Evans, Mrs. Coebett, Miss Ambrose, Mrs. Hough, Mrs. Diffendorfer, Mrs. Diefendorf, Mrs. Masland, Mrs. Beebe, Miss Robinson, Miss Brittingham, Miss Mackinnon, Mrs. Woolever, Dr. Cartwright, Mrs. Hardie. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Evans. Mrs. Peel presided.

A welcome was extended to Mrs. Corbett, and Mr. Evans, representatives of the Associated Boards.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman, Mrs. L. R. Peel  
Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf  
Treasurer Mrs. J. Wesley Masland  
Secretary, (for this session) Mrs. C. H. Hardie

It was VOTED, that official correspondence with the field be conducted by Mrs. Leon Roy Peel, Chairman.

Mrs. Peel presented the urgency of President Lucy Wang's coming to the United States in the near future. The staff at Hwa Nan are favorable to this, and are ready to cooperate in arranging for the administration of the College during President Wang's absence.

It was VOTED, that arrangements be made for President Wang to come to America in the near future, and that she be asked to plan for this, with the understanding that expenses will be paid.

It was felt that \$700 would probably cover the passage money to and from the field, to New York.

It was VOTED, that detailed study of available scholarships for 1941-42 and possible study arrangements, be put in the hands of a committee, which shall plan with President Wang in reference to all arrangements. Miss Mackinnon and Mrs. Diefendorf were asked to serve with Mrs. Peel, as this committee.

The financial statement was presented by Mr. Evans.

It was VOTED, that the budget of \$285,650 be approved as a tentative budget, with \$9,194.60 of this as an asking from the Associated Boards.

The matter of the possible replacing of the building destroyed by fire, was discussed.

It was VOTED, that the Chairman communicate with the field, asking for more information regarding re-building plans; this matter to be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

It was VOTED, that we accept our apportionment as assigned by the Associated Boards, which will probably be \$1541. (This is with the understanding that the amount may have to be adjusted later.)

May 6, 1941

It was agreed that appointments for Associated Boards membership be made at the June meeting. It was also felt to be desirable that we cooperate through a promotional committee to supply the Associated Boards with names of persons who might be approached as donors.

Attention was called to the fact that the present budget, even if raised, provides for only a minimum of maintenance as to salaries, and other provisions. We need to be thinking in larger terms, for the real welfare of the Institution. A recommendation to this effect, from the Field Finance Committee to the Board, might be of help toward this end.

It was VOTED, that a committee be appointed by the Chairman, to study by-laws of the Board of Trustees, and make recommendations to the June meeting. Committee: Miss Ambrose, Miss Robinson. This committee was also asked to give thought to the time at which meetings should be held, in planning for the future.

Mrs. Peel reported that Miss Dorothy McConnell had conferred with her regarding an article on Hwa Nan college, for the October issue of the World Outlook. It was felt that this might well be prepared by President Wang.

It was VOTED, that in view of the shortness of the time, Mrs. Peel confer with the World Outlook office and ask for space in a later issue, if possible. If this is not possible, that the article be prepared by some one in this country, in place of President Wang.

In view of the desirability of having a publicity committee for the wider dissemination of information about Hwa Nan,

It was VOTED, that the officers of the Board of Trustees be given power to appoint a publicity committee.

It was VOTED, that Mrs. Masland and Mrs. Peel prepare the askings for the Woman's Division; these to be referred to Miss Mackinnon, Secretary for China.

Miss Robinson reported having received, some time ago, a book order for Hwa Nan, and asked for the judgment of the Board as to filling this under existing conditions,

It was VOTED, that in view of the attendant difficulties and uncertainties of transportation, the filling of the book orders received from Hwa Nan be delayed for the present; and that Miss Robinson be authorized to notify the field concerning this action.

Adjournment VOTED at 9:10 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. Chas. H.) Maude W. Hardie,

Secretary for this session



HWA NAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Prince George Hotel  
New York, N.Y.  
June 20, 1941

* Miss Edna Ambrose	Mrs. Anna S. Kresge
* Mrs. A. E. Beebe	* Miss Elizabeth M. Lee
Mrs. Helen Bourne	* Miss Sallie Lou Mac Kinnon
* Mrs. J. D. Bragg	Mrs. J. Wesley Masland, Treasurer
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Mrs. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, vice- chairman	* Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger
Mrs. Lynn Harold Hough	* Mrs. H. E. Woolever

Those starred were present, as were also Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy just arrived from China, and Mr. Evans and Mrs. Corbett of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. Miss Annie G. Bailey was present for a short time.

The meeting opened with prayer by Bishop Gowdy.

Miss Robinson was asked to serve as secretary pro-tem.

The budget was presented (Cf. March Minutes). Bishop Gowdy spoke of the students and faculty in the college being undernourished, the terrific rise in the cost of living, the crowded conditions under which both faculty and students were living. It was felt that both temporary buildings and extra food could be termed "relief". One difficulty that the college faces is that they cannot expand any more in their present location because of the lack of water so more students cannot be taken in even though applications for entrance come.

B-12 Voted that the budget be accepted.

B-13 Voted that the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China be requested to consider giving \$10,000 United States currency extra for equipment and other imperative needs.

Report of Bishop Gowdy

It was a great pleasure to have Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy present at this meeting and to receive his concise report. Bishop Gowdy told vividly of the fire which swept through Payne Hall. It is thought that spontaneous combustion was the cause of the fire which started on the third floor. No damage was done to Trimble Hall though the building caught fire twice.

There seems to be no insurance on the building. The fire was a very fierce fire. Everybody in the city that came helped, many going into the burning building and carrying out furniture. Many things carried out were ruined.

In Yenping, conditions are very crowded. President Wang has to share a room with another member of the faculty and entertain students who call upon her in her bedroom. The faculty are living three and four in a room. Students are dreadfully crowded. Bishop Gowdy has urged President Wang to put up a temporary dormitory for eighty students and a home for foreign teachers. This will release the building now being used for Chinese faculty.

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The work at Hwa Nan has prospered despite difficulties. The Fukien Government has requested Hwa Nan College to train all music teachers for the province and will give \$8000.00 Chinese currency to help finance the project. Many a government school has a Hwa Nan graduate on its faculty. These teachers realize their responsibility as Christians in such situations.

The high cost of living was again stressed. Rice that normally cost \$8.00 of late has risen in price to \$500.00.

Though President Wang is very much in need of a rest, it would be very difficult for her to get out of the province now. To give some idea of the difficulty, Bishop Gowdy told of the experience of the Fukien delegates who had gone to attend the China Central Conference. During the conference the fall of Foochow and coastal points took place after which no permits to enter Foochow were given at Shanghai. Women delegates have been stranded in Shanghai. Mr. Henry Lacy returned by a circuitous route, Shanghai to Amoy, by mission launch between the lines to Changchow, thirty-six miles inland (for a time even this launch was stopped but later resumed its run), thence to Yenping, down to Ingtai, followed a mountain range to Foochow which was expensive, slow and dangerous because of bandits. It is almost an impossible trip for women.

The greatest need on the staff at present is for a physical education teacher. President Wang is to be commended for the strong faculty that she has built up. Since 1928, one of the staff has been at the University of Michigan each year working for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. As soon as one receives the degree, she returns to the college and another goes there for study. For years eight foreign faculty have been promised. This past year only four were at Yenping (Ethel Wallace, Elsie Reik, Marion Cole, and Eugenia Savage) and one in Foochow (Elizabeth Richey, now enroute coming on furlough) who looked after the buildings and was cataloging the library. Miss Eloise Bradshaw, formerly of Soochow and Shanghai, has been appointed temporarily to Hwa Nan, she with Miss Evelyn Trautman, a newly-appointed missionary who has been attending the College of Chinese Studies in Peiping, are in Shanghai awaiting the opportunity to go to Hwa Nan at Yenping.

The question of Hwa Nan versus union institutions was raised to which Bishop Gowdy replied, "Hwa Nan can fulfil the function of the Founders better than any other college I know. She is free to choose her own staff and can have a Christian faculty. She sends out Christian graduates. As I said before, most every school in Fukien Province has a Hwa Nan graduate and the influence of these young women is tremendous. They realize that they are often the only Christian teachers in these institutions."

Regarding the financial situation in China, it was brought to our attention that most foreigners in China have been keeping their money in "gold" for fear of a blow-up. Personally Bishop Gowdy has great confidence in China for the Over-seas Chinese are extremely loyal and have continued to pour their money into China (\$600,000,000.00 already sent). A former ambassador fears terrific inflation in China and Japan. It remains to be seen what will actually happen.

There is a special request for the rebuilding of Payne Hall, \$65,000.00 at the normal rate of exchange (3½ to 1).

B-14 VOTED that inquiry be made of Mrs. Masland as to the amount available for the rebuilding of Payne Hall with the request that Hwa Nan be given precedence in building.

B-15 VOTED that it is our conviction that Payne Hall at Hwa Nan College should be rebuilt as soon as the international situation will permit, and that the Board of Trustees should begin immediately to make definite plans for raising funds for the building.

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Several possibilities for obtaining money were presented:

- a. The family that originally gave the money for the building.
- b. Insurance funds of the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society.
- c. Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.
- d. The foreign share of the Week of Prayer Offering of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.
- e. The setting aside of any funds released from other appropriations in the Foreign Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

B-16 VOTED that we approve the official request (Cf. Letter from E. Pearce Hayes, Secretary of the Board of Directors) that Mr. Paul Wiant draw up plans with the following questions raised, "Shall we rebuild on present foundations? Is it possible to enlarge the building if old foundations are used? Can old materials be used?"

B-17 VOTED that material for promotion, possibly an edited leaflet of President Wang's last report, of Hwa Nan be taken up by the Committee on Promotion.

B-18 VOTED that we approve the revision of the Constitution and By-laws of Hwa Nan College as of June 20, 1941 for reference to the Board of Trustees and the Woman's Division of Christian Service at their meeting in September.

The resignation of Mrs. Hardie as a member of the Board of Trustees was received with regret.

B-19 VOTED that Miss Faye H. Robinson be recording secretary of the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College.

B-20 VOTED that Mrs. Anna S. Kresge be elected to membership of the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College.

B-21 VOTED that names of people who might serve on the Board of Trustees be sent to the chairman of the Board.

B-22 VOTED that nominations to the committees of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China be referred to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

B-23 VOTED that we refer appointments of the Nominating Committee to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye H. Robinson

MINUTES OF MEETING  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HWA NAN COLLEGE

Prince George Hotel  
New York, N.Y.  
June 20, 1941

E-1 VOTED that we make the following nominations of persons to serve on the committees of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China:

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| Executive Committee                                       | Mrs. Lynn Harold Hough<br>Alternate- Mrs. A. E. Beebe          |
| Committee on Christian Character,<br>Staff and Curriculum | Miss Faye H. Robinson<br>Alternate- Mrs. L. R. Peel            |
| Committee on Promotion                                    | Miss Edna Ambrose<br>Alternate- Miss Bettie Brittingham        |
| Committee on Finance                                      | Mrs. J. Wesley Masland<br>Alternate- Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon |

E-2 VOTED that the following persons be members of the Nominating Committee for the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College:

Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees:

- Mrs. H. E. Woolever, chairman
- Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger
- Miss Edna Ambrose

E-3 VOTED that the following be members of the Promotional Committee of the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College:

Promotional Committee of the Board of Trustees:

- Miss Edna Ambrose, chairman
- Miss Bettie Brittingham
- Mrs. Thomas Nicholson
- Mrs. J. W. Mills
- Mrs. L. R. Peel, ex-officio
- Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, ex-officio

HWA NAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Prince George Hotel  
New York, N.Y.  
Sept. 15, 1941

Miss Edna Ambrose  
\*Mrs. Albert E. Beebe  
\*Mrs. Helen Bourne  
\*Mrs. J.D. Bragg  
Miss Bettie Brittingham  
Dr. Frank Cartwright  
Miss Elizabeth Congdon  
Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf  
Mrs. Ralph E. Diffenderfer,  
Vice-Chairman  
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\*Mrs. Leon Roy Peel, Chairman  
\*Miss Faye H. Robinson, Recording  
Secretary  
Mrs. S.W. Rosenberger  
\*Mrs. H.E. Woolever

Those starred were present as was also Mr. Evans of the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China.

The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. J.D. Bragg.

Mr. Evans was asked to give a report on "United China Relief". He brought out the fact that such agencies as the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China, the Church Committee for Chinese Relief, and the Friends' Committee were well established groups whereas the other groups are in the United China Relief campaign because of the emergency due to the war. There seems to be the need for a much simpler plan for the established groups to carry on after the close of the campaign, but they are willing to continue the campaign till December 31st for the sake of the other agencies.

Mrs. Peel read a very interesting letter from President Lucy Wang. President Wang expressed her appreciation of the report from the last Board meeting. One item of information was that no book order should be filled at present.

B-24 VOTED that Dr. L.O. Hartman, Miss Dorothea Keeney and Miss Henrietta Gibson be invited to become members of the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College.

B-25 VOTED that the secretary write Mr. Evans calling his attention to action B-13 requesting the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China to consider giving \$10,000 United States currency extra for equipment and other imperative needs.

At the June meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was voted that inquiry be made of Mrs. Masland as to the amount available for the re-building of Payne Hall, the main building destroyed by fire last winter.

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Mrs. Masland reported that because of government grants to schools in Malaya, Burma and India, we are required to have fire insurance. Beyond that, no other property is insured.

- B-26 VOTED that the request for rebuilding be presented to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for their careful consideration in the building program.
- B-27 VOTED that a study of insurance for Hwa Nan College be made by the Committee on Property Insurance of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.
- B-28 VOTED that a committee of two, Mrs. Masland and Miss MacKinnon, be appointed to bring in a report at the annual meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service on the question of treasurer for Hwa Nan and the sending of money to the field.
- B-29 VOTED that because of U.S.A. Government regulations at present, it is impossible to grant the request of Hwa Nan College for a bank account to be opened in U.S.A. now but the matter will be investigated and considered when conditions permit.
- B-30 VOTED that the revised Constitution and By-Laws of Hwa Nan College, as of June 20, 1941, be approved by the Board of Trustees and referred to the Woman's Division of Christian Service.
- B-31 VOTED that the secretary of the Board of Trustees request the Committee on Program for the annual meeting to make provision for Hwa Nan College, either alone or in cooperation with other colleges, on the program of the annual meeting.
- B-32 VOTED that the Promotional Committee be asked to get out material if possible in time for dsitribution at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, provided this can be financed by the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China and that suitable high-grade material can be in hand.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye H. Robinson

HWA NAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Room 622, 150 5th Ave.  
New York, New York  
November 26, 1941

# Miss Edna Ambrose	, Mrs. Anna E. Kresge
# Mrs. A. E. Beebe	#Miss Elizabeth Lee
Mrs. Helen Bourne	#Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
# Mrs. J.D.Bragg	#Mrs. J.W.Masland, Treasurer
#Miss Bettie Brittingham	Mrs. J.W.Mills
Dr. Frank Cartwright	Mrs. Thomas Nicholson
Mrs. Elizabeth Congdon	# Mrs. Leon Roy Peel, Chairman
Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf	#Miss Faye H. Robinson Recording Secretary
#Mrs. Ralph E. Diefendorfer vice chairman	#Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger
#Mrs. Lynn Harold Hough	Mrs. H.E.Woolever
Dr. L.O.Hartman	
Miss Henrietta Gibson	

Those starred were present, as was also Mr. Evans of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. Regrets were received from Mrs. Helen Bourne, Dr. Frank Cartwright, Miss Henrietta Gibson, Dr. L. O. Hartman, Mrs. Anna S. Kresge, and Mrs. H.E.Woolever.

The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Lynn Harold Hough.

The new promotional leaflet for Hwa Nan is just off the press. Miss Edna Ambrose reported on the leaflet, and stressed the dearth of up-to-date pictures, and the difficulty in securing new ones these days.

A suggestion was made that a poster about Hwa Nan be prepared, and that Miss Jefferson of the Missionary Education Movement be asked by Miss Brittingham to make it.

B-33 Voted that the new promotional material be sent out as usual, three to four to each member of the Board of Trustees, and that copies also be given to each member of the Board of Missions and Church Extension attending the Annual Meeting of the Board.

B-34 VOTED that a letter of thanks be sent to Miss Ambrose and Mr. Cameron of the Associated Board for Christian Colleges in China, for their excellent work in providing the new promotional leaflet for Hwa Nan.

B-26 Miss MacKinnon was asked to report on action B-26, taken at the September meeting of the Board of Trustees, regarding the request for rebuilding at Hwa Nan. Miss MacKinnon reported that rehabilitation in China cannot take place at present, but we must be preparing for that day so we shall be ready to act as soon as the opportunity opens up.

It was recommended that Hwa Nan College share in the Week of Prayer Fund of the Woman's Division in 1942.

It was pointed out that special gifts for Hwa Nan can be received at any time, including gifts designated for the rebuilding of the main building at the college.

A letter received from Mr. Paul Wiant, mission architect at Foochow, China, was read. The following paragraph was specially noted:

"My own sense of urgency in getting started on this work, is coupled with a very acute realization of what we will be up against when the school moves back to Foochow. Happy days will come again, and when they do, the school will want to take the next boat back home. We can't wait till the happy days actually arrive to begin active planning". With reference to the building "Our plan is to make the structure fire-proof - - - we want to rebuild it no less beautiful and more useful.

B-35 VOTED that the chairman of the Hwa Nan Board of Trustees bring the request for rebuilding, as soon as conditions permit, to the meeting of the Foreign Department on Friday.

Mr. C. A. Evans was present and gave the following report: The operating costs for the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China for 1941-42, had been computed on the basis of actual performance in administrative work, plus a pro rata distribution of promotional costs on the basis of allocations to each of the Colleges.

On this basis Hwa Nan's share in 1941-42 totals \$2,555.00 as against \$1,541.00 for 1940-41.

The basic reason for this change rests in the fact that \$10,000 was allocated to Hwa Nan as against \$7,000 originally sought. The askings for 1941-42 likewise have increased from \$7,000 to \$9,094.60. The Associated Boards also has included \$1,500 for Hwa Nan in the askings from the third stage of the United China Relief campaign.



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The effect therefore in the current year is that for the additional sum of \$714.00 the following additional amounts have been accruing to Hwa Nan:

Additional allocation 1940-41 (paid) - - - - -	\$3,000.00
" " 1941-42 - - - - -	2,094.60
Special askings from United China Relief - - -	1,500.00
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	\$6,594.60

- B-36 VOTED that we accept the Hwa Nan share of the budget of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, amounting to \$2,255.00, and that it be paid quarterly.
- B-37 VOTED that a letter of thanks be sent to the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China for their cooperation this past year. The secretary was instructed to write the letter.
- B-38 Voted that a small committee be appointed to bring to the attention of the Foreign Department the request to the Week of Prayer Committee that Hwa Nan be considered one of the projects of the Week of Prayer and Self Denial.
- B-39 VOTED that a letter be sent to Hwa Nan College by the secretary concerning our sorrow on hearing the news of the death of Miss Lydia Trimble, and that Mrs. Bragg obtain a memorial about Miss Trimble to be enclosed with this letter. (attached)
- Mrs. Masland reported on the request that Hwa Nan College should have a bank account in the National City Bank of New York in New York. Mrs. Masland has interviewed bank officials who suggest that this not be done at present. Further investigation of the possibility of such a bank account will be kept in mind.
- B-40 VOTED that we call the attention of the Foreign Department to the immediate need of a secretary-treasurer at Hwa Nan College.
- B-41 VOTED that we ask the Hwa Nan Board of Directors to present the needs of personnel and finance, not only to the Board of Trustees but also to the Field Committee who shall relay the same request to the Executive Secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for that field.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye H. Robinson

### MISS LYDIA A. TRIMBLE

In September 1941 a cable reached the Mission Board rooms in New York, announcing the passing of one of China's great pioneer missionaries. She went to her Heavenly Home from the country of her love and adoption. Years before Bishop Lewis had said: "You will make a great mistake if you bring Miss Trimble out of China on her retirement. She ought to spend her last days there, and be buried there. The Chinese will revere her memory for generations to come."

Miss Trimble went from the Des Moines Branch to South China in 1889. Her dynamic spiritual power, combined with complete devotion to her work made her from the start, a potent factor in the life of the Chinese Church. She was a trail blazer in many lines - evangelistic, education of girls and women, self-support, self direction. She avoided no hardship, feared no opposition, was discouraged by no failures. Disregarding physical comfort she made her first home in a Chinese house in the "wicked city of Ngucheng." Here she opened a training school for women. In 1896 she and Mabel Allen opened a school for girls. Miss Trimble had a profound conviction that Chinese women must be prepared to make their full contribution to the Church, to their country and to the world. In spite of prejudice she kept the dream of a woman's college before her until she saw it become a powerful force in the life of China. In 1908 she organized the Foochow College Preparatory with only thirteen girls. The number increased to twenty-three among whom were two daughters of an official. They were non Christians but it afforded the other girls an opportunity to develop in personal Christian work". Later she wrote, "Our cup of joy was filled to overflowing when our two non Christian girls confessed Christ." A Y.W.C.A. was organized in this little school and also a literary society. The students were "intently bent on the acquiring of knowledge." In 1909 she reported a total of thirty-six students, only one third of whom received any financial help from the school. From the beginning she emphasized self support, and reported that by this time, "The girls paid their board, tuition, and for organ or piano instructions. A few years ago it was impossible to persuade fathers and brothers of our girls to maintain them in school."

One marvels at Miss Trimble's capacity for work. She taught in the Preparatory School from 8:30 until 4:30 P.M. She spent the remaining hours in training of teachers, securing of funds, administrative duties, translation of texts, superintendence of day schools. In 1909 she wrote, "How easy it is to get pupils here now. We could as easily have thirty schools as sixteen, if we had the teachers and the money. One person could profitably spend her entire time in connection with the day schools in Foochow."

In 1911 sod was broken for the first building of the College Preparatory Department. The older students each carried away a basket of earth as a pledge

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that they would assist in the building of China. "This year has been marked" wrote Miss Trimble, "by the birth of a feeling, on the part of our girls, that they have a part in the uplifting of China." That feeling has ever animated the students of this school, which opened as Hwa Nan College in 1913. From 1921 until the present the College has graduated each year, a fine class of young women, trained by highly educated teachers, American and Chinese. Because of their spirit and character the graduates are in demand in many fields. Madame Chiang Kai-Shek made special request for their services as leaders in China's New Life Movement.

In 1921 the alumnae, out of gratitude to Miss Trimble, pledged \$10,000 gold for a dormitory in her name. The College has occupied in Foochow, one of the most beautiful college sites in the world. It was obliged to migrate because of the Japanese invasion, but has been carrying on in spite of limited quarters in Nanping since its evacuation. It is this remarkable school, with alumnae occupying prominent positions throughout China, the Philippines and Malaya, which is Miss Trimble's lasting monument. Buildings may be bombed, blasted, burned, but as Miss Trimble herself said to President Wang after the burning of Payne Hall, "This is not Hwa Nan College. You, the alumnae, and the students are Hwa Nan".

Miss Trimble resigned from the presidency of the college in 1925. Her last years were spent in evangelism, and her services were most vital and fruitful. A gentle and great soul has gone to her coronation, but she will live on in the hearts of multitudes who owe their highest aims to her effort and influence.

Evelyn Riley Nicholson

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HWA NAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Called Meeting

Wade Park Manor Hotel  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Dec. 4, 1942

Miss Edna Ambrose	* Dr. L. O. Hartman
* Mrs. A. E. Beebe	Mrs. Lynn Harold Hough
* Mrs. Helen Bourne	Mrs. Anna E. Kresge
Mrs. J. D. Bragg	* Miss Elizabeth Lee
* Miss Bettie Brittingham	* Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
* Dr. Frank Cartwright	* Mrs. J. Wesley Masland, Treas.
Miss Elizabeth Congdon	* Mrs. J. W. Mills
Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf	Mrs. Thomas Nicholson
* Mrs. Ralph E. Diefendorfer	* Mrs. Leon Roy Peel, Chairman
Vice-Chairman	Miss Faye H. Robinson
* Miss Henrietta Gibson	Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger
Mr. J. C. Haley	* Mrs. H. E. Wollever

Names with asterisk denote those present as were also the following guests: Mrs. Frank T. Cartwright, Mrs. J. M. Cecil, Mrs. Lenore E. Porter, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wiant.

Miss Bettie Brittingham was elected secretary pro tem.

A letter from Hwa Nan College with regard to the precarious financial position was read by the chairman, Mrs. Peel. While President Lucy Wang has returned to the school, it was the feeling that she needed the whole year of rest from official duties. During the days of her recuperation, she was the guest of Madame Chiang Kai Shek in Chungking.

B-56 It was VOTED that Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, executive secretary for China, contact Madame Chiang with regard to Hwa Nan and the situation there.

Mrs. Peel also presented the matter of Miss Pearl Wong, dean of Hwa Nan College, who is at present attending the University of California and who is in financial difficulties. Miss MacKinnon spoke of this and stated that in the budget of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, there is an appropriation for educational grants for overseas students stranded in this country. Little of this has been needed up to the present because of the liberality of the government. Miss Amber Chen is in the same position. She is receiving \$75.00 from the China Institute in America.

The Foreign Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service has voted to make an educational grant of \$300.00 per year to Miss Wong.

The possibility of doubling the appropriation to Hwa Nan College was discussed. Miss MacKinnon stated that the present budget of the Foreign Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service could not take care of this increase. Dr. Hartman raised the question of a special campaign for funds but this did not seem a wise procedure because it would not keep faith with the campaign of the United China Relief, a part of which funds are transmitted to the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China.

- B-57 It was VOTED that a committee composed of Mrs. Peel, Mrs. Masland, Miss Robinson and Miss MacKinnon present the matter of the need for increased support for Hwa Nan College to the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China.
- B-58 It was VOTED that we request the Foreign Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service to consider the request that funds for the rebuilding of the main building of Hwa Nan College be one of the objectives of the Week of Prayer and Self Denial for 1944.

The Board of Trustees was happy to have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wiant who spoke concerning Hwa Nan. It was the feeling of Mr. Wiant that Hwa Nan College must have more students and must have more income. He felt that the faculty was too small to bear the entire burden. The instruction, he said, is of high grade and the faculty absolutely loyal. Perhaps we are at the parting of the ways where we must either go forward in a bigger way or close the institution. To him, there was only one recourse, to go forward and build a better Hwa Nan College. The contribution of the Alumnae has been unique and distinguished.

Dr. Hartman raised the question of the utilization of President Lucy Wang if she came to this country. It was felt that she needs rest more than anything else for the present.

Mrs. Diffendorfer spoke of a personal letter which she had received from Lucy Wang.

- B-59 It was VOTED that Mrs. Diffendorfer, as vice-chairman of the Hwa Nan Board of Trustees, convey our greetings to President Wang assuring her of our interest and desire to do everything possible for Hwa Nan College.

The name of Mr. J. C. Haley was proposed for membership on the Board of Trustees.

- B-60 It was VOTED that Mr. J.C. Haley of Tacoma, Washington, be elected to the Board of Trustees.

The members of the Board were commissioned by the Chairman, Mrs. Peel, to do everything possible for Hwa Nan College.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Leon Roy Peel, Chairman

Bettie S. Brittingham, Secretary Pro-tem.