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REPORT OF UNIVERSITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

see how things
at SHANTUNG
May 4th, 1928.

The University Middle School has shared the uncertainties and the peaceful year of the rest of the institution. Considerable advance has been made in the matter of enrollment. The fall term roll of 23 - 1st year 6; 2nd year 4; and 3rd year 13- was increased in the spring to 49 - 1st year 21; 2nd year 13; 3rd year 15-. This increase was due in the first place to an agreement with Chi Mei Middle School whereby we took over their senior middle school students, numbering 10, incorporating them into our student body -we receive their fees and, for the time being at least, receive no extra funds from the Presbyterian Mission to cover the loss due to differences between receipts and expenditures; and in the second place to a reduction of fees from a total of \$57.50 to a total of \$41. These lower fees correspond closely to those obtaining at neighboring mission schools. This reduction in fees of \$16.50 represents a loss in receipts for educational purposes of \$5.50 and a saving to the student in food, heat, and general fees of \$11.

The increase in students has completely filled our dormitory and class room space and makes further expansion impossible unless more room is found.

Mr. Kao Hsing-K'ui has been added to the staff to teach English and History and the part-time teachers with one exception are new, - other teachers being as last year. In the spring term, music and drawing have been taught by college students who receive no stipend and teach under the direction of a member of the university staff. It is anticipated that more and more of the middle school teaching will be done in this way, a small permanent staff with the assistance of, members of the University staff directing a larger number of student teachers who receive college credit for their work rather than money. It will be necessary here as with other practice teaching to guard that the middle school students do not suffer. A little practice teaching and observation has been undertaken by the History and Science Departments.

A disappointing feature of the year's work has been the lack of a vigorous participation of the students in anything outside their lessons. This does not seem due to over-studiousness, but rather to a lack of leadership and interest. The staff have helped organize a Y.M.C.A., athletics, and a students' council, but to no avail.

Attendance at morning exercises has been compulsory. These have been largely religious in nature. Attendance on Sunday services has been voluntary, while in religious or moral education students have had a choice between classes in ethics and one in the Bible. It is estimated that one-third of the students have been in constant attendance on Sunday services. In the fall ONE and in the spring FOUR elected the class in the Bible.

The financial standing of the School is given in the report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Smith
Registrar Principal

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The University Middle School

SHANTUNG

The University Middle School was closed in January, 1930 because the University could not find \$1000. Gold for its maintenance. (Although the middle school students were on the campus, they had no part in all the disorders of last fall, and the only reason for closing is lack of money.)

The Middle School is essential to the University.

- 1st. It is the practice school for the teacher training work - just as essential as is the hospital for the school of medicine.
- 2nd. The decline of Christian middle schools in Shantung has been so great in recent years, that our source of students is severely threatened unless we have our own high grade preparatory school. (Of 19 middle schools sending students to college six years ago, only 9 do so now, and even their existence is threatened.

If \$2,000. Gold can be secured now, the staff and students can be gathered again and the school ~~can~~ reopened in the fall. The momentum of four years of good work is not yet lost. It will be if the school remains closed another term. Teachers are now ~~making their~~ seeking their positions for the fall term, and students are determining the schools to which they will go. If the money cannot be secured now, it will be at least two years before staff, students, and equipment can be gathered together again and it may be three or four.

(The reason for asking for \$2,000. Gold when the school was closed for lack of \$1,000., is that the university budgets for the fall have been completed now with absolutely no money included for the middle school. Again, a new start entails extra expenses in travel of teachers, possible reduction of students, and uncertain contingents.)

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