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MINUTES OF MEETING

INTERIM COMMITTEE, WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

5:30 P.M., Friday, November 1, 1946  
Parkside Hotel, New York, N. Y.

ATTENDANCE

Members of Interim Committee

*Very Rev. Jesse H. Arnup, Chairman	*Miss Hazel F. Shank
*Dr. Albert E. Beebe	Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor
*Dr. J. W. Decker	
Mrs. J. Wesley Masland	

Guest

\*Mr. H. D. Robertson

Staff

*Mr. Charles H. Corbett	*Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
*Mr. C. A. Evans	*Dr. Gerald F. Winfield
*Dr. Robert J. McMullen	

OPENING PRAYER

The Chairman called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deputation

The Committee was reminded that at its meeting on May 16, the West China University Committee had taken action requesting the Chairman of the Committee to carry forward correspondence with cooperating mission boards to see whether a joint deputation to West China could be arranged within the fairly near future to study the entire program of work in Szechwan, with special emphasis on the work of West China Union University.

It was pointed out that the China secretaries of two of the cooperating Mission Boards have recently visited China and the question was raised whether it would not be possible to arrange for them to meet with the secretaries of the United Church of Canada boards and come to an understanding on policy without waiting for a new deputation. If such an understanding could be reached it could then be submitted to the British societies for their information and comment.

Dr. Decker said he was the one who originally suggested the deputation but felt that it was now unrealistic to insist upon this. He thought it would be a very fine thing for the men who have just come back (Dr. Cartwright, Dr. Fridell and Dr. McMullen) to meet with the secretaries of the other cooperating Mission Boards.

The Chairman suggested that the secretaries who have been to China prepare a report on the state in which they found the University and as far as they investigated it, and use that as a basis of discussion. There is at present nothing in the way of a formal report.

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After further discussion, it was  
WC-I-31 VOTED that the Staff arrange a meeting of the China secretaries of the North American Mission Boards cooperating in West China Union University to hear reports from Dr. Cartwright, Dr. Fridell, Dr. Decker and Dr. McMullen on their observations in West China, and to confer on the future of mission work in that region, with such preliminary preparation of reports as may be necessary.

Status of Request for \$1,500 for Sabbatical Expenses of President Dsang

It was reported for the information of the Committee that in response to the request of the West China Union University Committee that \$1,500 be granted to President Dsang for sabbatical expenses, the Associated Boards' Executive Committee on September 11, 1946, after considering the request, voted as follows:

"to leave to the discretion of the executive officers of the Associated Boards the amounts to be paid for travel and maintenance of presidents of the Colleges on sabbatical leave, and the method of payment."

Mr. Evans reported that in accordance with this action, the field had been notified that the allocation of \$1,500 for President Dsang had been granted. The money has not yet been drawn.

Dr. Kalman Kohn

It was reported that at the request of the West China Union University Committee, the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum considered the matter of Dr. Kalman Kohn and took the following actions:

"that adhering to the position of the Mission Boards which constitute the Associated Boards, it is the judgment of this Committee, that candidates for appointment to the Colleges, should bring a good witness of marked Christian character and culture, deep convictions as to the essentials of the Faith, and a strong desire to serve Christ in whole-hearted consecration, as already evinced in Christian life and work at home."

"that this Committee would affirm as its judgment in the appointment of short term candidates that it is desirable to apply the same standards as those used in the appointment of long term candidates and that while recognizing with appreciation what Jewish physicians have done in Mission hospitals, the appointment of Jewish candidates should not be encouraged."

Secretary for Dr. Kilborn

It was reported that the Trustees of the United Board after considering the matter of a secretary for Dr. Kilborn, had taken the following action:

"that the Trustees of the United Board refer back to the West China Union University Committee the request for a secretary for Dr. Leslie G. Kilborn, asking whether this represents a first priority of need as determined by the University as a whole and expressing the judgment of the Trustees of the United Board that if such an appointment involves expansion, it does not seem feasible in face of the serious financial situation confronting us."

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The matter was discussed at length and at the suggestion of Mr. Robertson, Dr. McMullen was asked to write to Acting President S. H. Fong of the University, setting forth the case and asking whether or not the University would support the securing of a secretary for Dr. Kilborn and whether such a secretary going out as a missionary supported by one of the Boards would be considered a sufficiently high priority to warrant the effort to secure such a person.

Dr. Robertson further pointed out that it was felt that the Mission Boards here could consider the matter quickly. Their contribution in personnel at present is at a low ebb.

Dr. Decker felt that if we are to deal with West China and its needs we have to study the way in which the University makes its needs known. This should be through the faculty and the Board of Directors. The consultation of secretaries (Vote WC-I-31) ought to consider this matter, - what sort of program West China wants to carry on, what the needs are in terms of men and money and what the Mission Boards feel they can support. He did not see how this Committee could act intelligently on isolated requests of this sort which do not have the considered backing of the University.

#### Letters to Medical and Dental Profession

Reference was made to Action WC-26 of May 15th in which the Chairman of the University Committee and the President of the Associated Boards were asked to sign a letter to go out to medical and dental associations seeking for short term medical and dental personnel to go to China, possibly under the auspices of the Canadian or American Governments, the institutions served being partly responsible for their salaries.

The question was reviewed. Miss Shank spoke of the experience of her Board in making a similar request in the Journal of Nursing for nurses and nursing books, in which they had a good degree of success.

Contrary to this experience, Dr. Winfield reported that the Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work had sent a letter to the Journal of the American Medical Association making a general appeal to doctors and dentists to contact them for possible opportunities with Mission Boards. They got a response of 20-30 letters, some coming from Europe and Australia but as soon as these people were told what the salaries would be like, nobody got past that first preliminary screening. He didn't believe that this was a very fruitful field in which to put much effort judging by that experience.

The question was also raised as to where the money for the support of medical and dental personnel was to come from should applications be received.

After further discussion, it was

WC-I-32 VOTED that the staff be asked to give some further consideration as to possibilities of support for short-term doctors and dentists should they appear, and that if such support is not forthcoming to take no further action in circularizing medical and dental professions as directed by the University Committee - WC-26.

MATTERS REFERRED TO THE INTERIM COMMITTEE

Personnel

Dr. McMullen reported that latest statistics show that there are 47 mission-appointed faculty members at the University at the present time. He pointed out that the foreign staff is very much lower than it formerly was and gives one the impression it may be even lower before long. Some of the Mission Boards are not developing their work in Szechwan and one thing that disturbed him very much in West China when he visited there was that some of the cooperating Boards would not be cooperating there long. Their interest is not increasing. He thought these were questions that should be brought up to the group of secretaries when they meet.

Dr. Decker felt that the question of the support which may reasonably be expected from the Mission Boards is something that we will have to face.

Miss Shank stated that though mission personnel has decreased during the war years, within a year or two her Board expects to recoup some of its losses.

The Committee then considered the prospects for filling vacancies and making new appointments and it was agreed that this matter should be taken up in the proposed conference of secretaries and find out from them what their policy is going to be.

Consideration of Report of the Planning Committee

It was recalled that West China Union University in discussing the report of the Planning Committee had been especially concerned over the question of research, type of institution and new departments. The matter of research has now been clarified by the statement of the Planning Committee (page 18, line 5) "research should be expected of faculty members in all departments of all the Christian Colleges."

With regard to the type of institution, whether type 1 or type 2, the matter of graduate work in addition to doing professional work in Medicine and Dentistry was considered by the Planning Committee. Mr. Corbett reported that the British thought if you did research you did graduate work. But the Planning Committee felt that West China would have enough to do with medicine and dentistry without having graduate work.

Dr. McMullen said he told them he didn't think West China needed to make any plans for graduate work now as there are no funds or staff available. He told them he thought it would be unwise to undertake any such thing and they were not in a position to put medicine and dentistry on graduate level. It is now on the college level. The same is true of new departments. They are very much overgrown. They have undertaken very much more than they have any reason to expect they will be able to finance, especially during this inflation period. He reported that for a College of Education they were figuring on getting non-Church support or non-alumni support. He discouraged that idea because he was convinced that that is only temporary support. People are not going to contribute year after year to such a college.

Dr. Robertson thought that if the West China Union University Committee felt very clearly and had decided in its own mind definitely on such a question as this it would be a very great help to the people on the field if a statement of that kind could be made. Until that statement is made the people on the field who want

to expand and carry out ideas that are possible will always say, "the people at home have not said we cannot do this." It is difficult for the people who want to curb expansion if no opinion is expressed here. He suggested that any time this Committee reaches a conclusion it would help greatly if they would make that point clear.

Dr. McMullen explained that an interpretation of the Planning Committee's plan for West China is that they are to be a Class I institution, are not to do post-graduate work and are to limit themselves to a student body of 900 or less. He suggested that the conference of secretaries should discuss and recommend their findings to this Committee.

Dr. Decker felt that we must present a realistic picture of what they can reasonably expect of support.

Miss Shank said she was interested in the nursing department and in the correspondence about this. She asked whether the Committee felt it might be started from funds outside of the regular budget. She reported that her Board had been asked to supply nurses but had not been able to do so because of too many commitments.

Dr. McMullen said he didn't know about this question but the question had been raised about other things outside of the budget in educational work. It was announced that some one had given one million dollars to develop some new aspect of work. It was to be on a permanent basis but there was no assurance of recurring gifts. He had a suspicion they planned to get it started and then leave it and he opposed that kind of thing on principle. He felt that if the University was going to have a nursing school it should not be based on this kind of support. Its importance should be recognized and its support adequately provided for before they do things about it.

Dr. Robertson said he thought the wording of the vote in the Minutes of the Board of Directors with regard to nursing education was unfortunate. The idea and principle of the nursing school is to provide a degree to the students in the nursing school on the same grade as the degree granted to the University students. This had been considered and approved by the former Board of Governors of the University but never to the extent of providing funds. Dr. Kilborn worked on this plan for five years and with the return of Miss Kilborn all the practical details were worked out. The minute of the Board of Directors is the first he had heard of the plan for getting the funds. The Ministry of Education had promised the University that if they got the staff, they would provide the funds.

After further discussion, it was

WC-I-33 VOTED that the Secretary of the Associated Boards be asked to interpret to the field the Planning Committee's Report as it relates to research, type of institution and new departments, in order to clear up any misunderstanding that may have occurred.

Dr. McMullen stated that he would inform the field that research would be expected of faculty members in all departments of all the Christian Colleges. That being a Type 1 institution doesn't mean they are to give up the medical school or stop their refresher courses in the Medical College. That new departments should not be undertaken during the next four or five years, - during the present financial emergency certainly they should not be undertaken until approved by this group.

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Dr. Decker pointed out that their actions do not stand or fall by our approval but it is in order to say that we advise that the resources necessary to carry a project over a period of years be carefully explored before commitments are made. With regard to the Nursing School it would be wise to say that while we recognize the Planning Committee's decision (page 24, item 3) nevertheless it ought not to be undertaken until they can be assured of support over a period of years.

Minute of Appreciation for Miss Elsie Priest

The minute of appreciation for the services rendered by Miss Priest at Chengtu was presented and approved, as follows:

The West China Union University Committee has heard with gratification of the fine services rendered by Miss Elsie Priest at Chengtu. Advices from China indicate that in the very early days of the war Miss Priest carried the financial burden of accounting for and distributing funds at Chengtu and was charged with the major responsibility of the preparation of budgets. Through all the war years Miss Priest has carried a heavy burden affecting not only West China Union University but all of the Christian Colleges in China, especially those at Chengtu. It is therefore

RESOLVED that this Committee desires to express its sincere appreciation for the services rendered by Miss Elsie Priest in connection with the work at Chengtu and it is further

RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

Appointment of Representatives on the Standing Committees of the Associated Boards

After studying the present membership of the standing committees of the Associated Boards, it was

WC-I-34 VOTED that the following representatives of the West China Union University Committee be appointed to the standing committees of the Associated Boards:

Executive Committee: Dr. Arnup, Dr. Beebe with Dr. Decker and Mrs. Atkinson serving as alternates.

Finance Committee: Dr. Arnup and Mrs. Shank with Dr. Cartwright as alternate.

Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum: Bishop Welch and Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor with Mrs. Carscallen and Dr. McCutchen acting as alternates.

Committee on Promotion: Dr. Floyd Shacklock.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Status of Current Budget

Mr. Evans reported that the anticipated income for the current Trustees'

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budget appears adequate to carry through the year. Endowment income is holding up. He stated, however, that there is one item that should be considered. More than a quarter of the amount of the budget for the field has been spent and in that item has been a great deal for travel for Chinese returning to the field. That is an unexpected item and is a thing occurring this year in all the institutions. The field budget has in it items for Chinese returning to the field and it will absorb the field budget. It would seem in order for this Committee to make an appeal to the Associated Boards through the United Board for assistance in this connection. It was therefore

WC-I-35 VOTED that in view of the fact that the number of Chinese faculty members returning to China this year is unusually large that the United Board request the Associated Boards to explore the possibility of providing travel funds.

#### Condition of the Field Budget

Mr. Evans explained that the field budget is met to a large extent through funds supplied by United Service to China. He called on Dr. McMullen to explain present negotiations with United Service to China.

Dr. McMullen stated that United Service to China, successor to United China Relief, is trying to raise a budget of \$8,000,000. \$1,000,000 will be for the cost of the campaign and \$7,000,000 for division among the agencies. We are insisting that they give us half of it. They have been giving us 10%. He didn't know what percentage we would get. There is tremendous uncertainty in China as to what the cost of these institutions will be. We are out to try to give our faculty a more Christian salary, treat them in a more Christian way but he had tried to show them how unwise they were in developing new departments, adding more staff and increasing the budget instead of decreasing it in the face of inflation. He said he didn't know what we can expect but we are trying to do the best we can. We have no undergirding for this except the Mission Boards and United Service to China. There doesn't seem to be an adequate realization of that need. It was

WC-I-36 VOTED to authorize the Secretary to write again to the University administration stressing the present financial uncertainties and urging a conservative course.

#### Consolidation of Investments

Mr. Evans reported that the United Board is consolidating all the investments of the united institutions and that the plan is working out very satisfactorily.

#### Coles Estate

Mr. Evans referred to the J. Ackerman Coles Estate, of which the Fidelity Union Trust Company has been acting as Trustee, and wherein a lease on property located at 15-19 West 39th Street has expired, but carries an option for possible renewal for a twenty-one year term. As continuance of trusteeship has been conditioned upon the lease, action involves the further employment of some agency to service the mortgage. The Trust Company didn't wish to carry on the servicing of that mortgage but at a meeting held in Newark on the 10th of September they were requested to do it and they agreed if all the agencies involved would agree to it. It was therefore



WC-I-37 VOTED to recommend to the United Board that the mortgage on the property 15-19 West 39th Street, New York, held in the J. Ackerman Coles Estate be renewed for a nother twenty-one years and to approve the use of the Fidelity Union Trust Company as the servicing organization.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

The question was raised whether the West China Union Universith Committee should undertake to represent at the home base the West China Union Theological College. In order to do this the cooperating Mission Boards would need to take action on the matter. To date all the cooperating North American Mission Boards with the exception of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church and the Board of Overseas Missions of the United Church of Canada have taken favorable action.

The Secretary was asked to correspond with the Boards which have not yet reported any action taken with a view to securing the approval of all of them.

It w as pointed out that favoring action would mean that there would be two committees, the personnel being identical but the minutes of w hich would be kept separate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the date for the next meeting either of the full committee or of the Interim Committee be left in the hands of the Secretary and Chairman to be decided by the business to be considered.

CONTRACTUAL STATEMENT

Mr. Robertson stated that he remembered that the Board of Governors through its representative had previously entered into a contract with the Board of Directors for five years. (The Board of Governors approved the Contractual Statement on October 21, 1936). As far as he knows it has never been renewed so that at the present time he wondered whether there is any contract.

The Secretaries were asked to look into this matter and to take it up with the United Board as the results of their investigation may require.

(A renewal of the contract was considered by the Board of Governors in 1942 but because of existing conditions no action was taken.)

ADJOURNMENT

Before the meeting adjourned, Dr. McMullen gave a brief resumé of conditions on the West China campus as he found them.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Charles H. Corbett

Recording Secretary

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF MEETING

INTERIM COMMITTEE, WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

5.30 P.M., Friday, November 1, 1946  
Parkside Hotel, New York, N. Y.

PRELIMINARY

Attendance: Total membership 7; present, 4 members, 1 guest, 5 staff.  
Dr. Arnup presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

ACTIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

The Staff was asked to complete the poll of Cooperating Missions in regard to the proposition of having the members of the West China Union University Committee of the United Board represent at the home base the West China Union Theological College.

The Staff was asked to look into the matter of renewing the contract that formerly existed between the Board of Governors and the Board of Directors and to make suitable recommendations to the United Board.

The Executive Secretary was asked to write to Acting President S. H. Fong in regard to the proposal for a secretary for Dr. Leslie G. Kilborn, informing him of the request of the Trustees of the United Board for the judgment of the University as a whole as to how high a priority should be given to this project and as to whether one of the cooperating Mission Boards should be asked to appoint such a secretary on its personnel quota.

The date of the next meeting, either of the full committee or of the Interim Committee was left to the Chairman and the Executive Secretary.

MINUTE ON MISS ELSIE PRIEST

The West China Union University Committee has heard with gratification of the fine services rendered by Miss Elsie Priest at Chengtu. Advices from China indicate that in the very early years of the war Miss Priest carried the financial burden of accounting for and distributing funds at Chengtu and was charged with the major responsibility of the preparation of budgets. Through all the war years Miss Priest has carried a heavy burden affecting not only West China Union University but all the Christian Colleges in China, especially those at Chengtu. It is therefore

RESOLVED that this Committee desires to express its sincere appreciation for the services rendered by Miss Elsie Priest in connection with the work at Chengtu, and it is further

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Adjournment.

Charles H. Corbett

Recording Secretary

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MINUTES OF MEETING

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE OF WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

12:30 P.M., Wednesday, May 15, 1946

Parkside Hotel, New York, N. Y.

List of Members:

Mrs. G.D. Atkinson	*Miss Louise Robinson
*Mrs. Frank E. Baker	Miss Hazel F. Shank
*Mrs. C. R. Carscallen	Mrs. A. Roger Self
Mrs. J. Wesley Masland	Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor
Mrs. John McKillop	Mrs. Lewis C. Walmsley

Guests:

*Dr. Gladys Cunningham	*Miss Annie Ward
*Mrs. J. Spencer Kennard	*Mrs. E. C. Wilford
*Mrs. Dryden Phelps	

Staff:

*Mr. C. A. Evans	*Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
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Those whose names are starred were present.

STATUS OF THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE

It was explained that when West China Union University became a member of the United Board, the Woman's Committee officially ceased to exist. However, the Trustees of the United Board had approved the appointment by the West China Union University Committee of a subcommittee on women's education, to be made up of the women members of the West China Union University Committee. Such a committee would be appointed at the meeting of the West China Union University Committee to be held immediately after this meeting. The present meeting was therefore an informal one, but valuable in maintaining the continuity of the group and in offering an opportunity for the exchange of news from China.

Anticipating the formal organization of the Woman's Committee, Miss Louise Robinson was elected Chairman; Mrs. Atkinson, Vice Chairman; and Mrs. Mills, Secretary.

RELATIONSHIP OF WOMAN'S COMMITTEE TO W.C.U.U. COMMITTEE AND TO UNITED BOARD

Mr. Evans reported on the meeting held in Toronto on November 1st, at which Dr. Beech and Miss Ward had helped to clarify the relationship between the University and the Woman's College in the past, and a letter from Miss Pearl Fosnot had added further valuable information on this subject.

After discussion of the relationship of the Woman's Committee to the United Board, it was decided to ask the West China Union University Committee to appoint a committee to study and define the powers and functions of the Woman's Committee and to outline the relationship of the Woman's Committee to the West China Union University Committee and to the United Board.

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West China Woman's Committee  
May 15, 1946

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There was further discussion of the contribution that the Woman's College makes to the University as a whole, and the conviction was earnestly expressed that this contribution must be continued, and that every aspect of the women's work should be strengthened and the privileges of the Woman's College guarded. Toward this end one function of the Woman's Committee would seem to be maintaining channels of communication with the Mission Boards and assuring the continuance of grants to the Woman's College on the field.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills  
Secretary

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
WOMAN'S COMMITTEE OF WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY  
UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

6:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 13, 1947  
Mrs. Mills' Office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

List of Members:

	*Miss Louise Robinson, Chairman
Mrs. Frank E. Baker	Mrs. A. Roger Self
Mrs. C. R. Carscallen	Miss Hazel F. Shank
Mrs. John McKillop	*Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor
Mrs. J. Wesley Masland	Mrs. Lewis C. Walmsley

Staff: \*Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

Those whose names are starred were present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and led in an opening prayer.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE UNIT

The Secretary reported that a letter had just come from Miss Pearl Fosnot, enclosing a Constitution of the Woman's College Unit of West China Union University and asking the Woman's Committee to consider this Constitution as revised by the Field Committee, to suggest any changes that seemed necessary and to notify the Field Committee of the acceptance of the Constitution, either with or without change.

A consideration of the Constitution brought up the whole question of the relation of the Woman's College to the University and of the powers and functions of the Woman's Committee and its relationship to the West China Union University Committee and the United Board. It was felt that the whole matter needed most careful study and clarification with the Field Committee, but as the two members present did not make a quorum, no formal actions were taken. However, since Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor, Miss Louise Robinson and Mrs. Charles Sears will all be in China within the next few months as the official representatives of their respective Mission Boards, it was suggested that they make every effort to be in Chengtu at the same time, and that they discuss the whole matter fully with the Field Committee.

DEATH OF MRS. ATKINSON

The death of Mrs. G. D. Atkinson was noted with deep regret. Mrs. Atkinson served the Woman's Committee with devotion and wisdom for many years and she will be greatly missed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Committee received the financial statement, forwarded by Miss Fosnot, and passed it on to Mr. Evans, the Treasurer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Miss Louise Robinson was reelected Chairman and Mrs. Mills, Secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills  
Secretary

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There was no meeting of the Woman's Committee of West China Union University in May of 1948, since Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor was the only member in New York at the time of the United Board Annual Meetings.

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