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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE HUNAN BIBLE INSTITUTE, HELD AT CHANGSHA, HUNAN, CHINA, SEPTEMBER 23, 1947:

Present: Dr. Louis T. Talbot, Mr. James R. Alder, from Bible Institute of Los Angeles; Messrs. Roberts, Davis, and Cory, and Mesdames Roberts, Davis and Cory, from the Hunan Bible Institute.

The meeting was opened by Dr. C.A. Roberts, Superintendent of H.B.I. Prayer was offered by Mr. Cory, Mr. Davis and Dr. Talbot. Dr. Roberts expressed his hearty welcome of Dr. Talbot and Mr. Alder to Hunan Bible Institute, and his deep appreciation of all that was involved with making such a long trip, and his heartfelt gratitude for the great help their coming has given, both to him personally, to the success of the conference, and to mission matters.

Dr. Roberts briefly reviewed the contents of the H.B.I. manual and suggested that the Biola Statement of Faith be procured for inclusion in the manual, and for signature by staff members.

It was decided to forward to the Biola Board the minutes of monthly Hunan Bible Institute business meetings so that the board members may be kept in close touch with matters here.

The motion was made, seconded and carried that Eleanor Cory be appointed secretary.

Letters were read from the Evangelical-United Brethren Mission, from the English Methodist Mission, and from the Hudson Taylor Memorial Hospital, all requesting the rental or purchase of parts of the Hunan Bible Institute compound. The motion was made and carried that more information be obtained from the Evangelical-United Brethren Mission and the English Methodist Mission, regarding their request to buy or lease space for the erection of residences, and that this information be forwarded to the Biola Board for action.

Russell Davis presented a plan for the utilization of Hunan Bible Institute buildings, suggesting that in addition to the existing departments of the Institute, which are the Seminary, the Bible Institute, the Evangelistic Bands, and the Scofield Department, there be added an orphanage, and that space be made available to the Hudson Taylor Memorial Hospital. Mr. Davis then read the proposed agreement with the China Inland Mission for the use of buildings for the Hospital, a copy of which agreement is attached. The signing of this agreement is pending until it is ascertained whether the China Inland Mission will permit the use of its name by the Hudson Taylor Memorial Hospital. It was decided that Dr. Talbot and Mr. Alder should confer with Bishop Houghton of the China Inland Mission concerning the proposed use of buildings for this hospital, and explain the political necessity for having the agreement in the name of the China Inland Mission, rather than in the name of Dr. Eitel, or the Leibenzeller Mission, both of which would be German, and therefore subject to possible confiscation by the Chinese Government. It was moved, seconded and passed, that the Southwest dormitory (#4) and the south half of the Gate House be leased to the Hudson Taylor Memorial Hospital under terms of the agreement to be signed by the China Inland Mission and the Hunan Bible Institute.

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Mr. Davis then presented information concerning the proposed orphanage. The orphanage now operated under the Chinese Ministry of Social Affairs, now cares for 614 orphans, but receives support from the Ministry for only 300, so that they have insufficient food, clothing, housing or medical attention. He proposed taking over 150 of these orphans, to relieve the situation at the other orphanage, and to establish an orphanage on the Hunan Bible Institute compound, utilizing such buildings as were required and available. From conversations with

CNRRA and UNRRA representatives Mr. Davis believes that they will make grants of blankets, nets, a field kitchen, and other equipment, together with a two year supply of dehydrated food to supplement their diet. He estimated their cost of maintenance and feeding to be approximately five dollars per orphan per month. The ultimate aim in running such an orphanage would be to bring the children to know Christ, and to give them Christian teaching, and to teach them a trade so that they could later be self supporting. Handicrafts could be taught, and products made that later could be sold through a sales outlet in the U.S.A., and this would help towards their support. He added that these orphans are between the ages of six and approximately thirteen, as younger children are cared for in foundling homes. It was moved, seconded and passed that in view of the discussions which had arisen during the visit of Dr. Talbot and Mr. Allder, concerning the possibility of establishing an orphanage on these premises, that we approve the principle of Hunan Bible Institute establishing an orphanage, and that this information be sent home for the consideration of the Biola Board.

Mr. Davis presented two bids for the replacing of the roof of the Milton Stewart Hall, one for approximately US \$11,000 and one for US \$4,000, depending on the construction of the roof and the type of tile used. He also presented a bid for the reconstruction of the remaining bombed house into a one story bungalow for approximately US\$2,500. After discussion it was moved, seconded and passed that the bid of U.S.\$4,000 be accepted for the roof of the Milton Stewart Hall, to be paid from this year budget. It was also moved, seconded and passed that we request the Biola Board to authorize us to reconstruct the damaged house into a one story bungalow, the cost to be advanced against next year's budget. This house is necessary in view of the promise of China Inland Mission to loan us a couple for teaching in the school, and the fact that there will be no residence available for them on their arrival.

Dr. Roberts spoke of the value of regular correspondence with Biola and his appreciation of the faithfulness of Dr. Orr in writing frequently during the past months. He requested that copies of the minutes of Biola Board actions relating to Hunan Bible Institute be sent here regularly for our records.

The motion was carried that we adjourn until 2:30 PM, on Sept. 25th.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Cory
Secretary