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The Union Educational Committee of West China, which met in Chentu in November, 1905, passed resolutions requesting the Missions in West China to

- (1) approve the principle of Union in Education in general;
- (2) in Primary and Secondary Education as outlined in a scheme proposed by that Committee;
- (3) to appoint a representative on a Committee on Primary and Secondary Education;
- (4) and to recommend to their Boards the participation in a Union Christian University for West China, in some such manner as outlined in the scheme then presented.

In accordance with the foregoing resolutions the following Missions appointed representatives to serve on the Committee for Primary and Secondary Education:—

American Baptist Missionary Union.  
Canadian Methodist Mission.  
Canadian Methodist Mission (Women's Board).  
Church Missionary Society.  
Friends Foreign Mission Association.  
London Missionary Society.  
Methodist Episcopal Mission.  
Missionaries of the China Inland Mission in the eastern and western sections of Szch'uan also appointed two representatives.

This Committee on Primary and Secondary Education met in Chentu, and held sessions from 15-19th October, 1906, at which were present the following representatives:—

A. B. M. U.—Rev. J. Taylor.  
 C. I. M. (East).—Rev. W. H. Aldis.  
 C. I. M. (West).—Rev. A. Grainger.  
 C. M. M.—Rev. J. L. Stewart.  
 C. M. M. (W. B.)—Miss L. Hambley.  
 C. M. S.—Rev. W. Squibbs, M.R.C.S.  
 F. F. M. A.—R. J. Davidson.  
 M. E. M.—Rev Joseph Beech (for Rev. Q. A. Myers).

Reports were received from representatives regarding the four questions mentioned above. These reports are as follows:—

*China Inland Mission (East)*—

"As representing the China Inland Mission of East Szech'uan, I may say that we agreed with the first three of the resolutions as to the Union of Primary and Secondary Education, as contained in the minutes of the meeting of the Education Committee in November, 1905; and with regard to the fourth resolution, whilst not being able to pledge ourselves, we hope to devise some plan whereby we can participate in a scheme on the lines of that suggested by Dr Hodgkin."

W. H. ALDIS.

*Methodist Episcopal Mission*—

"The Methodist Episcopal Mission considered the Union Scheme of Education and approved the first and second resolutions. They further appointed a representative on this Committee for Primary and Secondary Education, and recommended a plan for a Union University to their home Board."

JOSEPH BEECH.

*Canadian Methodist Mission*—

"The Canadian Methodist Mission are quite in accord with the scheme for co-operation in primary and secondary education. In regard to college work, some such scheme of federation as has been outlined has been favoured by the Mission."

J. L. STEWART.

*Church Missionary Society*—

(Report of the C. M. S. Educational Committee, presented by Rev. W. Squibbs.)

"The minutes and resolutions of the Union Educational Committee, November, 1905, were circulated amongst the C. M. S. missionaries in general, and laid before the Mission Conference. The Mission Conference took action by appointing an educational committee, who appointed a representative on the Union Committee on Primary Education; thus also (1) approving the principle of union in education in general, and (2) approving the idea of union in primary and secondary education.

With regard to the fourth request referred to the Missions, asking local bodies to recommend to their respective Boards participation in a Union Christian University, the tentative scheme of Spring, 1905, was laid before an informal conference of the Mission in 1905. As a result of this conference, an application was made for a sum of money with a view to participation in the higher educational work. This application being for an exceptional amount, and for a new branch of work, was referred to the Mission for further information. At the conference of the Mission in July, 1906, this further information was supplied and the application renewed, and hope is entertained that it will be granted, and that it may thus be possible for the Mission to embark on secondary and higher educational work."

W. SQUIBBS.

*Canadian Methodist Mission (Women's Board)*—

"The Council of the C. M. M. W. B. approved of the principal of union in educational work in general, and appointed a representative on the Committee on Primary and Secondary Education, and further recommended that we take all the possible advantages accruing from the Union Educational Scheme or Western University, if such opportunity presents itself."

L. HAMBLEY.

*Friends Mission*—

"The 'Committee of Missionaries' of the Friends Mission approved of the proposals with regard to union in primary and secondary schools, and made representations to the Board of the F. F. M. A. in regard to the scheme for a Union Christian University. The scheme as then outlined did not appear to our Board to be practicable. Since that time an alternative scheme for federation in higher educational work has been submitted to the Board, with a strong recommendation that we participate in the scheme. A representative was appointed on the Committee on Primary and Secondary Education."

R. J. DAVIDSON.

*China Inland Mission (West)*

"In the Spring of 1906, being assured by Mr R. J. Davidson that the China Inland Mission (West) might join in the scheme for the unification of primary schools, without being in any way involved in the Union University scheme, I thereupon informed the members of the C. I. M. (West) of the fact, and asked them to nominate a representative to serve on the Committee. The result of the nomination was that I was appointed to serve on this Committee. As I had not been serving on the Committee of Nov., 1905, I had nothing to put before those who nominated me, and consequently have nothing to report to this meeting beyond the fact of my nomination."

A. GRAINGER.

*London Missionary Society*—

Rev. A. Claxton, of the L. M. S., writes:—"We decided to enter the educational union at once, appointing our chairman *ex officio* member of the educational board. The university scheme we have recommended to our Directors with two or three amendments."

The following resolution from the L. M. S. committee was read:—"A new scheme for a university in Chentu, to be formed by co-operation between the Missions and a Western university, has been received, and we are asked for an expression of opinion. This Committee is of opinion that if a Western university will provide a central building, with apparatus for teaching and a staff of men, the prospect of which is held out, our greatest difficulties would be solved; and that the establishment of colleges by Missions which would be affiliated to the university would follow in due course; and that by this means the need would be met."

An extract was read from a letter to Mr Claxton from Mr Cousins, the foreign secretary of the L. M. S., containing suggestions in regard to the establishment of a university in West China.

*American Baptist Missionary Union*—

"Our Conference voted to recommend the alternative scheme for a university to our home Board. A thorough discussion was held, and a unanimous vote was given. Our Conference elected me to serve on the board which is to draw up a scheme for our secondary and primary schools."

JOSEPH TAYLOR.

The following resolutions were adopted:—  
 Resolved—

1. The following officers be appointed for the current year:—

<i>Chairman</i>	...	Rev. Joseph Taylor.
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	...	Rev. Q. A. Myers.
<i>Secretary</i>	...	R. J. Davidson.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	...	Rev. J. L. Stewart.
<i>Treasurer</i>	...	Rev. J. L. Stewart.
<i>Registrar</i>	...	Rev. J. L. Stewart.

2. The Constitution of the Christian Educational Union of West China as now amended be adopted. It is as follows:—



SCHEME FOR THE FEDERATION OF ALL  
CHRISTIAN PRIMARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

I.—EXECUTIVE.

The Executive shall be the Committee on Primary and Secondary Education, which shall appoint four of their number as chairman, secretary, assistant secretary, and registrar, respectively.

*Duties—*

Their duties shall be the promotion of the interests of primary and secondary education in particular, such as

I.—Registration of Schools.

II.—Grading of Schools.

III.—Preparation of graded courses of study.

2.—REGISTRATION OF SCHOOLS.

All primary and secondary educational institutions of Missions constituting the Union shall be registered on the books of the Union by application to the Committee, and payment of a fee to cover incidental expenses; and the Committee shall determine their status and furnish a certificate of such registration.

3.—GRADING OF SCHOOLS.

The following grades of schools shall be recognised—

(1) Primary Schools. 小學堂

*Approximate 8 years. Ages 7-15.*

(a) Junior Grade. 初等小學堂

*Approximate 5 years. Ages 7-12.*

(b) Senior Grade. 高等小學堂

*Approximate 4 years. Ages 12-16.*

(2) Secondary Schools. 中學堂

*Approximate 5 years. Ages 16-21.*

4.—TITLES.

It is recommended that the Chinese official titles be used with the prefix in each case of  
基督聖教

5.—UNION SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

The establishment of a primary school in each station, and a secondary school in each Mission district, is to be aimed at; but, in the case of cities worked by two or more Missions, it is recommended that joint action be taken by these Missions in the establishment of secondary schools.

6.—COURSE OF STUDY.

*(See separate statement.)*

7.—EXAMINATIONS.

(1) *Number of examinations.*

There shall be three grades of examinations:

(1) The Junior Primary examinations, for those who have completed the Junior Primary course of study.

(2) The Senior Primary examinations, for those who have completed the Senior Primary course of study.

(3) The Secondary examinations, for those who have completed the Secondary course of study.

(2) *Board of Examiners.*

The Board of Examiners shall be appointed by the Board of Education.

(3) *Setting of Papers.*

The papers for both Primary and Secondary examinations shall be set by the Examining Board.

(4) *Examination of Papers.*

(1) *Primary Examinations.*

The Primary examination papers shall be examined, in the first instance, by the local school authorities in whose district the Primary school is situated. Only those papers obtaining a pass minimum shall be forwarded for examination by the Board of Examiners.

(2) *Secondary Examinations.*

The Secondary examination papers shall be examined only by the Board of Examiners.

(5) *Certificates.*

Certificates of passing the Primary and Secondary examination shall be issued by the Board of

Education on evidence of the reports of the Board of Examiners. These certificates shall be divided into four grades.

8.—CHINESE TEACHERS.

(1) *Normal Colleges.*

Combined and individual action is recommended with a view to the establishment of Normal Colleges, or, where this is not possible, then the formation of a normal class in Secondary schools, to enable the graded examination and certification of Chinese teachers.

(2) *Teachers' Salaries.*

The adoption of a uniform scale of remuneration, according to proficiency, is recommended.

(3) *School Teachers' Association.*

The formation of such an Association is advisable, in order to promote the interests and efficiency of Chinese teachers by the consideration and discussion, by both Chinese and foreign teachers, of educational matters.

4. The form of application for registration as now presented, be adopted, and that the registration fees shall be, for
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| Middle Schools             | ... | Dols. | 2 |
| Junior and Primary Schools | ... | "     | 1 |

5. That there shall be, on the Board of Examiners, as far as possible at least, two foreign and two Chinese representatives from each Mission.

6. That the following missionaries, subject to their consent, be appointed members of the Board of Examiners, and that their respective Missions be asked, where necessary, to approve of their appointment, or to nominate other persons instead:—

*M. E. M.*—Mr Myers, Mrs Manly, Mr Yost, and two Chinese.  
*C. M. M.*—Mr Stewart, Dr Kilborn, Mr Mortimore, Mr Hoffman, and two Chinese.

*A. B. M. U.*—Mr Beaman, Mr Rudd, Mr Taylor, and two Chinese.

*F. F. M. A.*—Mr Wigham, Mr Vardon, R. J. Davidson, and two Chinese.

*C. I. M (West).*—Mr Grainger, Mr Faers, Mr Whittlesey, and two Chinese.

*C. I. M (East).*—Dr W. Wilson, Mr Evans, and two Chinese.

*C. M. S.*—Dr Squibbs, Mr Jackson, and two Chinese.

*C. M. M. (W. B.)*—Miss Brackbill, Miss Hambley, and two Chinese.

*L. M. S.*—Mr Parker, and two Chinese.

*M. E. M. (W. B.)*—Miss Collier, and two Chinese.

7. That we appoint the following missionaries to constitute the Executive of the Board of Examiners:—Mr Grainger, Dr Squibbs, Mr Stewart, Mr Yost, Miss Hambley, Miss Collier, Dr Kilborn, and R. J. Davidson.

- 8.—That the Executive of the Board of Examiners be empowered to fill vacancies as they may arise, and to organise sub-committees in other centres if necessary; and, further, that they be empowered to arrange all matters pertaining to the annual examinations.

9. That we adopt the following statement explaining the purpose, method, and advantages of Registration of Schools:—

REGISTRATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

The Christian Educational Union of West China suggested in 1905 has now been formed, and is participated in by all the Missions working in the province of Sz-ch'uan. It finds its duty ready to hand in the care of the interests of Christian education in West China. The Board of Education, composed of the representatives of the Missions, has met, and it now remains to still further realise the Union by the registration of all educational institutions of the Missions concerned. The schools once registered, it will be possible, with the text-books recommended, to pursue the courses of study which have been elaborated, and which approximate very closely to the Chinese official course.

Only by registration and the adoption of common courses of study will it be possible to take the Union examinations, and secure the consolidation of Christian educational work amongst the Chinese.

10. Recommended that efforts be made to provide prizes and scholarships in connection with the Union examinations.

11. That the scheme now proposed for a Christian university in Chentu be adopted. It is as follows:—

PROPOSED SCHEME FOR A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
IN CHENTU, WEST CHINA.

I.—BASIS OF FEDERATION.

1. Each Mission participating shall either
  - (a) Found and maintain a College to be affiliated to the University, or
  - (b) Set apart one or more men for the staff of the University.
2. The Western University shall provide a staff of men to give their whole time to work in connection with the University.
3. The Western University shall also, if possible, provide a central block of buildings with apparatus for teaching.
4. In case no central building is provided by the Western University, lecture rooms and apparatus shall be provided by the various Colleges in a manner to be hereafter decided.
5. The missionaries appointed to give their whole time to College and University work by the various Missions and by the Western University shall by that appointment be considered to belong to the Senate of the University. Each body participating shall also have the right to appoint an additional member thereto. No one body shall have a majority of votes.
6. All persons appointed to College work by the various Missions shall be available for such work as the Senate of the University may direct. It shall be understood that these persons shall also be free to perform certain minor duties in connection with their Colleges. In the case of other persons set apart by the Missions for special teaching in the University, the appointment to University work shall rest with the Senate.  
The Faculty of the University shall consist of all persons, Chinese or foreign, appointed by the Senate to University teaching.
7. The University to provide courses of lectures and practical work in all subjects except Theology.
8. The University to have one weekly service for all students.

9. The Senate of the University to outline courses of study, carry on examinations for matriculation and graduation, and issue rules for such matters as shall need to be dealt with in a uniform manner by all Colleges or students.
10. Each College to provide accommodation for its students, to undertake the tuition and the supervision of their work, and provide for their religious exercises and theological instruction where such is desired. Each College to be responsible for the personal conduct of its students.

II.—FINANCIAL.

1. Each College shall be supported entirely by the Mission to which it belongs, and shall, in addition, make an annual payment to the University for up-keep and general running expenses. The amount and nature of assessment to be decided upon later.  
The members of the Faculty of the University shall be supported by their respective missions, and the University shall not be expected to give them any fee for their services.
2. The salaries of the men of the Western University shall be borne by that University.
3. It is expected that the University will be self-supporting as far as running expenses are concerned, the annual payments from the Colleges being regarded as that part of the students' fees payable to the University.
4. Each Mission contributing a man to the staff, but not maintaining a College, shall make a contribution, on a scale hereafter to be determined, to the up-keep of the University.

III.—ASSOCIATED COLLEGES.

1. Any Mission wishing to found an Associated College shall be able to do so provided that the College conforms to rules and standards decided upon by the Senate of the University.
2. Students from such Colleges shall be permitted to take the examinations and receive the diplomas of the University.

RESOLUTION OF THE  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL UNION OF WEST CHINA.

We, the representatives of the missionary bodies of West China, elected to the Committee on Primary and Secondary Education in connection with the scheme for union in educational work, have considered, at this time, proposals for a Christian university in Chentu.

Report has been made to us—

1. That a scheme for a union Christian university was submitted to the Chentu members of this Committee, and by them sent to representatives of the various Missions on the field.
2. That the following is the present position in the Missions on the field:

*American Baptist Missionary Union.*—Scheme sent home with unanimous approval of missionaries on the field. There is every prospect of this Mission entering upon the scheme in a few years' time.

*Canadian Methodist Mission.*—Scheme sent home with general approval of missionaries on the field. The home Board favours a scheme of federation on some such lines as outlined. Dols. 10,000 (gold) already allocated for buildings for higher education, but has been held over pending further discussion of union scheme.

*Church Missionary Society.*—Scheme sent home from local governing body. Bishop Cassels is doing what he can to ensure its success. C. M. S. representative expresses his opinion that they will participate to some extent.

*Friends Foreign Mission Association.*—Scheme submitted to home Board, with unanimous approval of missionaries on the field. No time as yet for consideration at home.

*Methodist Episcopal Mission.*—Previous scheme sent home, and this one privately, as it arrived too late for Conference to act upon it. This Mission has a considerable sum allotted already for buildings for higher education, and are holding over Mission scheme pending further discussion of Union scheme.

*London Missionary Society.*—In general sympathy with scheme.

3. That Dr Hodgkin has been in correspondence with certain leading members of Oxford University, and more especially of the Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union, which is the branch of the British Student Christian Movement in the University, in order to ascertain whether there is any prospect of Oxford participating in the scheme on some such basis as that outlined.

It is therefore resolved that we unite in asking the members of Oxford University to consider carefully the annexed scheme, as amended by us at this time, and we instruct

the secretary to submit the same to the gentlemen with whom Dr Hodgkin has already been in correspondence. Furthermore, it is our conviction, that for such a Christian University to take the place which is demanded of it in China, it is of the utmost importance that some independent educational institution should be linked with the missionary bodies in the enterprise. We rejoice in the thought that Oxford University may possibly be able to take this place, and we assure her representatives that we shall extend to them a most hearty welcome in the event of their entering upon the field, and shall do all in our power to unite with them in the establishment of a thoroughly equipped Christian university in Chentu.

Whilst ourselves earnestly hoping that they may be able to participate in this scheme, we feel bound to remind them that at the present time the scheme is not far enough advanced for it to have received the final approval of any of our Boards, position being as outlined above—this is largely due to the great distance from our base.

In the event of such a union of forces as is here outlined, it seems to us of the utmost importance that the home side of the work should be put upon a satisfactory basis. We therefore request the Oxford representatives, in the event of their deciding to enter the scheme, to give us some outline of their proposals for the home organisation, in order that we may submit the same to our Boards. It will be evident that on both sides such guarantees must be given as will give the parties concerned confidence in going forward with a united effort. We, on our part, will keep the representatives of Oxford University informed of any action taken by our Boards in the matter.

- 13 That we urge upon the respective Missions, subject to the consent of their Boards, and also upon the Western University, the following action:—
  1. We . . . . . agree to enter into federation for the establishment of a Christian university at Chentu, provided two or more other bodies also agree to federate.
  2. We agree to enter the federation by contributing a man or men to the university staff.
  3. We agree to enter the federation by founding and maintaining a federated college.
14. The condition of things in Chentu leads us to the conviction

that it is of supreme importance to the successful consummation of the scheme for a Christian university that all bodies participating therein should provide funds for the purchase of property as soon as possible in order that property may be acquired in a single block at one time.

We urge the bodies concerned to do their utmost to provide sufficient funds for this purpose, or at least to guarantee the site by March, 1907.

15. That the secretary be instructed to communicate with Dr Cox, thanking him for his suggestion that McGill University might supply some department of science in the Christian university in Chentu. We request Dr Cox to put himself in communication with McGill University to ascertain their attitude to such a suggestion as that made by him.
16. We appoint Miss Hambley, R. J. Davidson, Mr Parker, and Mr Myers to make arrangements to accede to the request from the West China Conference, 1908. Committee "to arrange the subjects and the speakers for one day at the Conference, and submit them to the Conference Committee."
17. That the following statement, prepared for presentation to the Educational Association of China, regarding the relation of Christian schools to the Chinese Government, be adopted :—

"In the matter of the relation of Mission schools and colleges to the official scheme of education, the Union Educational Committee of West China, in November, 1905, recommended that action should be taken to remove religious disabilities and secure official recognition of missionary educational institutions, and equal participation in educational rights and privileges. At the same time, they advised the conformity of Christian and missionary education to the Chinese official scheme as far as compatible with Christian ideals. At the present time, a year after the above action was taken, Mission schools and colleges in West China have increased in number and efficiency along the lines of conformity to the Chinese official scheme. They have not, however, yet secured official recognition in the matter of registration, inspection, and examination, but there are indications that the Chinese authorities wish to avoid this issue. The Christian Educational Union of West China wish, therefore, to join with the Educational Association of China in such action as may place missionary educational work in China on a satisfactory basis in this matter.

18. That this Committee on Primary and Secondary Education shall meet at the call of the secretary during the month of October, 1907.
19. We accede to the request of the Advisory Board by reporting our proceedings to them annually.

Signed,

Chentu,  
19th October, 1906.

R. J. DAVIDSON,  
*Secretary.*

## COURSE OF STUDY.

## JUNIOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

## FIVE YEARS.

## I.—RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (Two hours per week).

1. The principal incidents in the life of Jesus.
2. Memorise portions of scripture.

*a* New Testament :

- Gospel of Matthew, chaps. 5-7.  
 Gospel of John, „ 10. 1-18.  
 I Corinthians, „ 13.  
 Romans, „ 12.

*b* Old Testament :

- The Ten Commandments, Exodus 20.  
 Psalms, 1, 23, 8, 19, 91.  
 Ecclesiastes, chap. 12.

3. Learn the names of the books of the Bible.

## II.—CHINESE CLASSICS (Eight hours per week).

1. Classic of Filial Piety.
2. The Four Books.

To memorise important passages selected from the above-named classics ; to be able to recognise the Chinese characters ; and to give a simple explanation of the text.

TEXT BOOKS—*Recommended* :

Illustrated Explanation of the Classic on Filial Piety (*Mandarin*).

孝經新體讀本 繪圖

Illustrated Explanation of the Four Books (*Mandarin*).

四書速成新體讀本 繪圖

The Four Books in Mandarin. By Pastor Kranz.

四書本義官話

## III.—CHINESE READERS, GRAMMAR, AND COMPOSITION.

1. The parts of speech.
2. The Chinese National Readers.
3. Character combination in simple sentences and paragraphs, and elementary composition.
4. The use of particles.
5. Letter writing.
6. Penmanship—writing the characters used in the readers.

TEXT BOOKS—*For examination* :

The Chinese National Readers, vols. 1-8. *Commercial Press.*

初等小學國文教科書

Elementary Grammar, vols. 1-2. *Literary Book Store.*

蒙學文法教科書

The Use of Particles, vols. 1-2. *Hangchow Book Store.*

速通虛字法 十本

*Recommended* :

Illustrated Chinese Reader. By Mr Wang Hen T'ung.

蒙學課本 繪圖 造句實在易

## IV.—ARITHMETIC (Six hours per week).

1. Arabic and Roman numerals.
2. Notation and numeration up to 100,000.
3. Exercises and practical problems in the first four rules.
4. Simple decimals in the first four rules.
5. Use of the abacus—addition and subtraction.
6. Mental arithmetic—to division.

TEXT BOOKS—*For Examination* :

Arithmetic for Junior Primary Schools. *Commercial Press.*

初等小學筆算教科書

*Recommended* :

Arithmetic. By Dr. Mateer.

„ „ Wentworth.

## V.—CHINESE HISTORY.

1. Local history.
2. Chinese history, as outlined in text books below.

TEXT BOOKS—*For examination* :

Elementary Chinese History, in Mandarin. *Hangchow.*

中國白話史 繪圖

Primary School History. *Commercial Press.*

初等小學中國歷史教科書

## VI.—GEOGRAPHY.

1. Local geography.

2. Elementary introduction to geography.
3. Geography of China.
4. General geography of Asia.

TEXT BOOKS—*For examination:*

Primer of Geography.

地理初階

General Descriptive Geography, vol. 1. By Mr Wang Hen T'ung.

地理問答

*Recommended:*

Geography for Junior Primary Schools.

初等小學地理教科書

NATURAL SCIENCE.

1. Lessons from common objects.
2. Simple lessons from animals and animal life.
3. Easy lessons about natural phenomena.
4. Elementary physiology and hygiene.

TEXT BOOKS—*For examination:*

Primer of Botany.

蒙學植物教科書

Primer of Zoology.

蒙學動物教科書

Primer of Physiology.

蒙學生理教科書

Primer of Physiography.

蒙學地文教科書

Primer of Geology.

蒙學地質教科書

VIII.—ENGLISH.

The contents of English primer. *Commercial Press.*

華英初階

There are now so many text-books published that it is difficult to make a selection, and these recommended by the committee are suggested as a guide to the ground to be covered, rather than to be definitely adopted. Examination questions will be on the subjects dealt with in the books marked for examination.

SENIOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

FOUR YEARS.

I.—RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (Three hours per week).

1. Old Testament characters:

Adam. Noah. Abram. Isaac. Jacob. Joseph.  
Moses. Samuel. David.

2. New Testament:

Life and teaching of Jesus Christ.

Lives of the apostles Peter, Paul, and John, as recorded in the four gospels and the Acts of the Apostles.

II.—CHINESE CLASSICS (Eight hours per week).

1. Book of Poetry.

2. Book of History.

Study and explanation of the above classics.

III.—CHINESE LITERATURE (Eight hours per week).

1. Study of simple ancient literature.

2. Translating mandarin into classical style.

3. Practice in the use of mandarin.

4. Practice in letter writing.

TEXT BOOK—

Ma Shi Wen T'ung (Chinese Grammar). *Commercial Press.*

馬氏文通

IV.—MATHEMATICS (Six hours per week).

1. Arithmetic.

Review of first four rules.

Vulgar and decimal fractions. Simple and compound proportion. Percentage. Interest.

2. Algebra.

The first four rules.

3. Geometry.

Book I. Mateer.

TEXT BOOKS—*For examination:*

Dr. Mateer's Arithmetic, vols. 1-2.

筆算數學

Dr. Mateer's Algebra.  
代數備旨  
Dr. Mateer's Geometry.  
形數備旨

## V.—CHINESE HISTORY.

Outline of Chinese History.  
(See text book).

## TEXT BOOK—

Senior Primary School Chinese History. *Commercial Press.*

高等小學中國歷史教科書

## VI.—GEOGRAPHY (Two hours per week).

1. Geography of China.
2. General descriptive geography.  
(See text book).

TEXT BOOKS—*For examination:*

Geography. Chapin.

地理志畧

*Recommended:*

Geography for Senior Primary Schools. *Commercial Press.*

高等小學地理教科書

## VII.—NATURAL SCIENCE (Two hours per week).

## Studies in—

1. Elementary Botany.
2. Zoology.
3. Physics.
4. Physiology.
5. Physical Geography.
6. Chemistry.

## TEXT BOOK—

Elementary Science Readers. *Commercial Press.*

高等小學理科教科書

## VIII.—DRAWING.

1. Elementary freehand and model drawing.
2. Plane geometrical drawing.
3. Studies from nature.

## TEXT BOOKS—

Drawing Book Series. Japanese.

First Lessons in Drawing. Farnham

## IX.—ENGLISH (Optional).

## TEXT BOOKS—

Saito's Primers, vols. 1-2.

正則英文 一集二集

Anglo-Chinese Readers, vols. 1-2.

華英讀本 卷一卷二

*The Text Books can be obtained at:*

The Diffusion Society Book Store, Chentu.

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## SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

## FIVE YEARS.

## I.—RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (Three hours per week).

1. Old Testament :  
Principal events in the history of Israel, from the establishment of the kingdom to the return from exile.
2. New Testament :  
Mark.  
Acts of the Apostles.  
Romans.  
I Peter.  
James.

*From this range of instruction the examiner shall define the particular book for each year's examination.*

## II.—CHINESE CLASSICS (Eight hours per week).

1. Tso Chuan.
2. Book of Rites.

## III.—CHINESE LITERATURE (Four hours per week).

Chinese composition. Essays.

## IV.—ENGLISH.

## TEXT BOOKS—

Primer. *Commercial Press.*  
Saito's Primer, vols. 1-2.

正則英文 卷一 卷二

Tenney's Lessons, vol. 1.

英文法程

Anglo-Chinese Reader, vols. 1-5.

華英讀本 卷一至五

Nesfield's Grammar, books 1-4.

原文英文法程

Nesfield's Oral Exercises and Composition.

英文課合成

Nesfield's Junior Course of English Composition.

英文文通一集

## V.—HISTORY.

1. Chinese history.  
General history.

## TEXT BOOK—

Middle School Chinese History. *Commercial Press.*

中學中國歷史教科書

2. Western History.

## TEXT BOOK—

Myers' Universal History. *Shansi University.*

邁爾通史

## VI.—GEOGRAPHY.

1. General descriptive geography.

## TEXT BOOK—

Geography for Middle Schools. *Commercial Press.*

瀛寰全志

2. Physical Geography, or Physiography.

## TEXT BOOKS—

Physical Geography. Potts.

地理初稿

Physical Geography. Davis.

地勢略解

Physiography. *Shansi University.*

地文教科書

## VII.—MATHEMATICS.

1. Algebra.  
To finish ordinary algebra.
2. Plane Geometry.

## TEXT BOOKS—

Algebra. By Dr. Mateer.

代數備旨

Geometry. By Dr. Mateer.

形學備旨

## VIII.—SCIENCE.

1. Botany.
2. Physiology.
3. Geology.
4. Inorganic Chemistry.
5. Physics (to include heat, light, sound, and electricity).

## TEXT BOOKS—

Elementary Botany.

普通植物教科書

Physiology. Steele.

生理學

Geology. Mr Lia. Commercial Press.

中學地質學

Zoology. Mr Lia. Commercial Press.

動物學教科書

General Physics. Mr Lia.

物理學

Chemistry. Luff's (by Gillison).

化學詳要

## IX.—DRAWING.

1. Freehand and model drawing.
2. Elementary perspective.
3. Nature studies—landscape and animals.
4. Human figure.
5. Geometrical and mechanical drawing.

*N.B.—It is strongly urged that each school secure a copy of the "Educational Regulations" issued by the central authorities, Peking, (奏定學堂章程) five vols., price, per set, \$1. These contain much valuable and detailed information as to grades and grading, curricula, time tables, rules for organisation, government, &c., &c., on which school authorities should be fully informed.*



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*Dr. Anderson*

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN WEST CHINA.

Report of Educational Committee on mission schools.  
See Taylor 15747 - Text of report 15794 Report accepted by  
Conference.

- 1. Urge that member of mission be set apart as soon as practicable for work of theological instruction.
- 2. Recommend that during coming year day school for each sect be opened in each of the central stations.
- 3. Recommend that day schools be established in all outstations in the near future. Should plan for ultimate establishment of central schools for girls and boys in each central station.

I. Union of Protestant Missions in West China in Educational Work.  
See Taylor 15902.

- 1. Name - "The Christian Educational Union of West China."
- 2. Aims.
  - (a) To promote unification and centralization of all Christian primary and secondary educational institutions for boys and girls.
  - (b) To promote the organization of a Union Christian University.
- 3. Membership.
  - (a) Missions engaged in primary and secondary educational work which shall appoint a representative to the committee and adopt the union course of study and regulations for examinations graduation.
  - (b) Missions which shall take part in the establishment of a Union University.
- 4. Board of Education - Consisting of three bodies.
  - (a) Committee of Primary and Secondary Education,-
    - 1. Representative appointed by each mission belonging to the Union.
  - (b) Board of Management of the University.
  - (c) Faculty of the University,- when organized.

II. Unification and Centralization of Christian Primary Educational Institutions for boys and girls. (See Taylor 15902.)

- 1. Executive.
  - Committee on primary and secondary education.
- 2. Duties
  - (a) Registration of schools. Schools be registered by application to committee and payment of fee. Certificate of registration be furnished.
  - (b) Grading of schools into primary and secondary. Where advantageous, advise that joint secondary schools be established.

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(c) Preparation of graded courses of study. Details given.

3. Examinations.

- (a) Three grades
- (b) Board of Examinations comprises one central and the local boards appointed by the Board of Education.

4. Chinese teachers.

Recommend combined and individual action with a view to the establishment of

- (a) Normal Colleges, or normal classes in secondary schools.
- (b) Uniform scale of salaries according to proficiency.
- (c) Formation of school teachers' association.

Conference - Taylor - 15794 - Adopted proposal; elected Taylor to serve on primary and secondary Educational Committee.

III. Union University at Chentu.

West China Advisory Board (representatives of several missions in West China) favors in general scheme for Union University.

1. The establishment of a Union Educational Board.
2. Organization of Christian University.

Each mission to appoint representatives to act with the Chentu Committee to draw up scheme in detail. Taylor 15747.

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The West China Baptist Conference, on recommendation of its Educational Committee, took action as follows:

See Taylor 15794; action of Conference, 15885.

Text of recommendations of Educational Committee.

1. Alternative scheme for Union University forwarded to Executive Committee.
2. Prefer alternative plan as it leaves management of college of any mission in hands of mission. Conditions of entrance to University are easy, and option of withdrawing from scheme appears to be left with mission.
3. Recommend Executive Committee enter into negotiations with other societies in West China, with a view to establishing central university after proposed scheme.
4. Recommend Chentu be opened as station of West China mission with a view to establishing a college in that city to be affiliated with University. See Taylor 13807 for discussion of conditions at Chentu and desire of other societies that M. U. open work in city. See also

Beaman 16099 - 16123

5. Recommend appointment of two men and appropriation of \$20,000 U. S., for station college.
6. Recommend that McKinney be asked to meet Committee as representative of West China Conference, and aid in presenting cause to Baptist churches.

IV. Tentative Scheme.  
See Taylor 15902.

1. Name - "The Union Christian University of West China"
2. Aims
  - (a) Higher educational facilities for young men and women of various missions.
  - (b) Higher education for Chinese youth of all classes.
3. Basis of Union,- Conditions of entrance.
  - (a) Each mission contribute one foreign teacher and residence for same; residence, if possible, to adjoin University grounds.
  - (b) Mission not supplying instructor may subscribe \$10,000 to original capital, or \$5000 to original capital and \$1000 annually.
4. Capital Stock.
  - (a) Capital stock consists of 500 shares at \$100 each, subject to increase by two-thirds vote of Board of Managers.
  - (b) Each share entitles mission holding it to one vote on the Board of Trustees and one vote on the Board of Managers.
  - (c) Compliance with either of the conditions of entrance entitles contributing mission to 100 shares.
  - (d) Stock to be paid in one or more payments, two-fifths by December 1907, etc.
  - (e) A mission representative may be allowed two years' absence after each seven years on the field, in order of rotation as determined by the Board of Managers.
  - (f) Provision in case of failure to pay \$1000 annually, etc.
  - (g) Mission desiring to join after establishment must comply with one of the conditions above and obtain consent of two-thirds vote of the Board of Managers and of the Trustees.
  - (h) Mission can dispose of interest or teacher's residence only with consent of Trustees and two-thirds vote of the Board of Managers.
  - (i) Students' fees expected to cover all current expenses, except the foreign teachers' salaries.

(j) Profits at disposal of the Board of Managers who are responsible for deficit.

(k) Contingent fund formed from subscriptions, surplus stock, profits, grants by the several Boards, etc., to be used by the Board of Managers with the approval of the Trustees, for insurance, repairs, improvements, etc.

5. Control.

Governing bodies shall be:-

(a) Board of Trustees consisting of Home Boards, who shall hold the property of the institution.

(b) Board of Management consists of representatives appointed by the contributing Mission Boards, on the nomination of respective missions, on the basis of one for 100 shares. No mission to have as many as one-half the total number of votes.

(c) Faculty - consisting of all foreign instructors.

(d) Senate - consisting of Board of Management, faculty and other instructors, Chinese or foreign, as this body may elect.

To have power to select and purchase site subject to authority of Trustees, to lay out grounds, and design necessary buildings. Receive and control necessary expenditure funds in consultation with Faculty, to appoint instructors subject to the ratification of Home Boards.

6. Administration. Either:-

- (a) President and Faculty.
- (b) Committee of Faculty.

7. Location at Chentu.

Alternative Plan for Union University.  
See Taylor 15901.

1. University in Chentu. To be formed by cooperation between the missions and a Western University.

(a) Each mission participating shall found a college to be affiliated with the University or set apart one or more men for staff of University.

(b) Western University to provide central building equipment and staff of men.

(c) Members of teaching staff of colleges to be considered fellows of colleges.

(d) Men provided by Western University to be considered fellows of colleges.

(e) Each college to provide accommodations for students, supervise work and tuition, provide religious exercises and theological instruction where such is desired.

(f) Colleges responsible for personal conduct of students.

(g) Governing body of University to be a Senate composed of Fellows of Colleges and men provided by mission having no college, provided no one body shall have a majority in the Senate.

(h) University to provide courses of lectures and practical work in all subjects except theology, carry on examinations for matriculation and graduation, and issue rules for such matters as shall need to be dealt with in a uniform manner by all colleges or students.

(j) University to have one weekly service for all students.

2. Associated Colleges not in Chentu.

(a) Any mission may found associated college provided it conforms to rules as decided by the Senate of the University.

(b) Students from such colleges permitted to take examination of University as if in residence.

3. Financial.

(a) Each college be supported by mission to which it belongs, and in addition make annual payment to University for general expenses. The amount and nature of assessment to be determined later. Ordinary fellows to be supported by respective missions, and services given where required for the teaching of the University, but no individual, except honorary fellows, expected to give more than a certain proportion of their time.

(b) Salaries of men from the Western University to be borne by that university.

(c) Expected that University will be self-supporting as to running expenses, contributions from colleges being regarded as part of students' fees.

(d) Each mission contribute man to staff of University, and not a college shall make contribution for running expenses of the University on scale to be determined hereafter.

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Saturday, Jan 26.

Meeting called to order and devotional exercises led by the Moderator.

Moved. That section III of the constitution be laid aside and that we proceed with the business of the Conference.

Moved that we accept the program as presented by the Program Committee and amended by the Conference.

Moved. That a hearty vote of thanks be given to Dr Milton Corlies for the thoughtful and efficient way in which he has conducted the new party up the river.

Moved that the secretary send a telegram of greeting and welcome to Dr Hall at Wai Shien.

The rest of the session was given up to an informal welcome to the new missionaries.

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Sunday Jan 27.

In the morning Mr Beaman of Keating preached the sermon before the Chinese Church.

In the evening Mr Lewis of Suifu preached the Conference sermon.

Monday Jan 28.

Devotional exercises were led by Mr Taylor.  
Minutes read and accepted.

I Reports.

- (1) Secretary read and accepted. (see file)
- (2) Statistician " " " " "
- (3) Treasurer " " " " "

II Election of Officers, which resulted as follows.

Moderator	--	Mr Beaman.
vice "		Mr Lewis.
Secretary		Mr Taylor.
Treasurer		Dr Comphins.
Statistician		Mr Beaman.

Moved. That in Article II sect. I of the by-laws the word "four" following "consisting of" and preceding "one of whom" be stricken out and the word "five" be inserted in its place.  
vizi. This makes the Reference Com. five in number.

Monday Jan 28 (Cont.)  
a. m.

Moved. To proceed to the program of the afternoon.

I Reports of Committees.

✓ Reference accepted.

Moved. To adopt the recommendations of this committee regarding new workers.

✓ Property accepted.

✓ Examining " "

Moved. That the report of the Educational Committee be received and the recommendations taken up one by one.

✓ Moved. That we adopt the first recommendation of the report as an expression of our educational ideal.

✓ Sect II adopted.

✓ Moved That section three be referred to the new educational committee for their consideration and partial report at this conference.

Moved. That recommendations II and E of the Educational Committee be adopted and that we proceed to the election of a committee of four to draw up a course of study for our wage-earners.

✓ The following gentlemen were elected  
Messrs. Mellwood, Lewis, Davies and  
Taylor

Monday Jan 28, (cont.)  
a. m.

Moved. That the letter from Boston regarding name for the Scifu Boys' School, and regarding military drill in all our schools be referred to the trustees of the Scifu Boys' School to report later.

Moved. That the call for information from Boston as to the erection of a new church at Scifu be referred to the Property Committee to report at this Conference.

Monday. P. M.

Devotional exercises led by Mr Bradshaw.

Call to order by Moderator; minutes read & approved.

I Reports of Committees,

Moved. That action upon sec. VI of the Educational Committee's report be deferred until the report of the Special Committee on Union Education is read.

II Election of Standing Committees. which resulted as follows.

(1) Reference; Mr Lewis, Mr Spearshaw, Dr Corlies, Miss Page, Mr Wellwood.

(2) Property; Dr B. Corlies, Mr Beaman, Mr Rudd.

(3) Examining; Mr Wellwood, Mr Spearshaw, Mr Beaman, Mr Lewis.

(4) Education; Mrs Beaman, Mr Rudd, Mr Taylor.

III Repts. of delegates to advisory Board.

Monday P. M. (Cont.)

Moved to lay the report on the table.

Dr. Tompkins was elected as delegate to the next meeting of the Board.

Moved that the secretary be instructed to send a telegram of greeting to the American Methodist Conference now in session at Chentun; adjourned.

Tuesday Jan 29. A. M.

Devotional exercises led by Mr. Davies.

Call to order by moderator; minutes read & approved.

I Station reports (see file)

(1) Hung juen fu none.

(2) Yachow city, school, country, medical, woman's work.

(3) Kiating " " " " " "

(4) Suifu " " " " " "

II Reports of Committees.

Moved to take the report of the Committee on Mission Policy from the table.

sect. I moved to adopt:

- " II " " "
- " III " " "
- " IV " " "
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- " XVI moved to amend by substituting "request" for "require".

Tuesday Jan 29 a.m. (Cont.)

Section XVII moved to adopt.

" XVIII " " "

✓ Moved. That this committee be continued and that the entire report be circulated tentatively among the members of our own Missions and among members of other Missions who have requested the results of our investigations.

The Committee on Outfit for new missionaries reported progress.

✓ Report of Committee on Manual. (see file)

Moved. that this report be adopted and that the Committee be continued in office and that the Chair be empowered to add three more members to its number.

The following were appointed. Messrs. Wellwood, Openshaw, and Lewis.

adjourned.

Tuesday P.M.

Devotional exercises led by Mr. Clark.

Call to order by Moderator; minutes read & approved.

I Paper. "Our Inter-course and Fellowship with the Chinese" by Mr. Openshaw. An interesting and helpful discussion followed.

II Moved that the report of the delegate to the advisory Board be taken from the table.

Moved. that section I of this report be adopted

" " " II " " " " " "

" " " III " " " " " "

adjourned.

Wednesday Jan 30 a. m.

Devotional exercises led by Dr B. Corlies.

Call to order by Moderator; minutes read & approved.

I Report of the delegate to the Committee on Union  
Education (see file).

Moved. that we recommend that all schools  
under the care of this Mission be registered, and  
that as far as possible these schools conform to  
the course of study drawn up by the Union  
Committee.

Messrs. Davies and Taylor were elected as  
delegates to the next meeting of the Committee  
on Union Education.

Moved that the question of representation to  
Chicago University looking towards that institution  
taking part in the proposed Union University  
at Chentue be placed in the hands of a Committee  
of three, to be appointed by the Chair; such Com-  
mittee to report to this session of the Conference.

Messrs. Davies, Rudd, and Taylor were appointed.

II Report of Reference Committee.

Requests for appropriations were presented by this  
Committee and approved by the Conference (see file).

Moved. to consider the report of the delegate to  
the advisory Board.

Moved to adopt sect. IV

" " " " V

" " " " VI discussion

adjourned.

Wednesday Jan 30 P. M.

Devotional exercises led by Dr A. Corlies.

Call to order by Moderator; minutes read & approved.

I Paper. "Baptists and Their Present Relations to Inter-denominational Union in China". by Mr Beaman.

Discussion followed.

✓ Moved. that we instruct our delegate to the Advisory Board that we desire to place ourselves on record as in favor of church federation.

adjourned.

Thursday Jan 31. A. M.

Devotional exercises led by Mr Openshaw.

Call to order by Moderator; minutes read & approved.

I Report of the delegate, <sup>to</sup> the Advisory Board (continued).

✓ Moved. that it is the sense of the West. China Baptist conference that article II section 1 of the by-laws of the Advisory Board be amended to read: "In any question that may arise in relation to the division of territory no mission represented on the West China Advisory Board shall be entitled to more than one vote."

Moved as amendment to article II sect 2 of by-laws of the Advisory Board. except where other geographical divisions have been locally acceded to by Missions concerned.

Moved. that article III sect 3 be stricken from the Constitution.

Moved. (See II report of delegate to Advisory Board.

Thursday Jan 31. A.M. (Cont.)

✓ The Educational Committee reported progress on the subject of Japanese teachers.

The Committee having charge of the Union University and Chicago University business made the following report (see file).

✓ Moved that we heartily adopt the resolution of this Committee.

Moved that we heartily endorse the letter of introduction to be sent to the Rev Joseph Beech. The trustees of the Pacific Boys' School reported as follows. (see file).

✓ Moved that we substitute the following for the second item referring to military drill: that we favor all forms of exercise tending to the better development of the physical man and discourage military clubs, as such, in our schools.

Moved that we adjourn to meet at 2 P.M.

Thursday Jan 31. P.M.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs Davies  
Call to order by moderator, minutes read & approved.

Moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given the Pacific members of our Mission for their kind entertainment of our Conference this year.

✓ Moved that we approve the names recommended by the trustees of the Pacific Boys'

Thursday Jan 31. P. M. (cont.)

School for the said school.

The following were elected as trustees for the Sui-fu Boys' school: Messrs Lewis, Clark, & Bradshaw.

The Outfit Committee reported as follows. (see file).

Moved. that the report of this committee be accepted and that the Com. be continued in office.

✓ Moved. that we adopt "Fu Y'in T'ang" as the common designation for all our preaching halls, and that we recommend all change of sign boards be made gradually.

✓ Moved. that we instruct our secretary urgently to invite Dr. Mabie to visit West China, either before or after the Centenary Conference in Shanghai.

Moved. that Dr. Tompkins and Mr. Beaman be a committee to write a letter of greeting and fellowship to Mr and Mrs Wellwood assuring them of our sympathy and prayers.

Moved. that a hearty vote of thanks be expressed to the Friends Mission for their care of the Hill School; that we regret their inability to continue their work, and that we request them to furnish full information regarding the possible future conduct of the school.

✓ Moved. that our representative on the West China Advisory Board be requested to inform that Board of our action with reference to the adoption of the term Fu Y'in T'ang for our street chapels and outstations.

Thursday Jan 31, P. M. (Cont.)

Moved. that Mr Davies be appointed to preach the Conference sermon.

Moved that Mr Lewis be appointed to preach the sermon before the Chinese Conference.

Moved. that we accept the invitation of the Yachow missionaries to hold our next Conference at that station.

Moved. that the Yachow missionaries act as the program Committee for our next Conference.

Moved. that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Dr Kilborn and Mr Brown hall for selling cheques for us and forwarding silver.

Moved. that we adjourn to meet at 8. P. M.

Thursday evening.

Devotional exercises led by Mr Lewis.

Call to order by moderator, minutes read & approved.

I Report of Reference Committee.

requests for appropriations as follows.

delegate to Union Ed. Com. approved.

" " Advisory Board " "

H. F. Rudd " "

Pearl Page " "

W. F. Beaman " "

Minutes of the meeting were read & approved.

Adjourned.