

William D. Reynolds, "Minutes Of the First Meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Council of Evangelical Missions," Korea Mission Field 2 (April, 1906): 111-112.

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In response to a call issued by Dr. Underwood after conference with various members, the first meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Council convened at Dr. Underwood's house February 23rd, 1906. Present: Rev. W. A. Noble representing the M. E. Mission, Mr. Moore and Mr. Rev. J. R. Moose, M. E. Mission, South, Rev. H. G. Underwood, D.D., Presbyterian Mission, and Rev. W. D. Reynolds, Jr., American Presbyterian Mission, South.

Upon nomination by Dr. Underwood, Mr. Noble was elected Chairman, and Mr. Reynolds Secretary.

Three matters were taken up as referred to the Committee by the General Council in the printed minutes of September 15, 1905.

1. *The Relation of the General Council to the Native Church.* It was moved and carried that type-written copies of the Articles of Federation of the Churches in the United States, and of the proposed union of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in Canada, be made for each member of this Committee, with a view to giving them careful consideration.

2. *Mission Boundaries.* Mr. Noble reported that a proposal for mutual transfer of groups and the delimitation of boundaries was now under consideration between

Messrs. Moore of the M. E. Mission and Swallen of American Presbyterian Mission, where their work overlapped in Pyeng-An Province.

Mr. Reynolds read a letter from Kun-San *re.* division of territory in S. W. Choong Chung Province, and mentioned the receipt of a letter from Chongju *re* boundary line between Kongju (M. E.) and Chunju (Presbyterian) spheres of itinerating work. Dr. Underwood reported an unsuccessful conference between Kongju and Chongju missionaries on the same general subject. The Secretary was instructed to write these four stations, asking them to prepare definite maps and furnish information about overlapping lines.

Mr. Moose stated that he hoped to raise funds while at home to open a new station in Kang Won Province, and would like a clear field. It was moved and carried to request Mr. Moose and Mr. Welbon to draw maps of their respective territories in that Province, and see what mutually satisfactory arrangement can be made.

3. Preparation of Programme for next Annual Meeting of the General Council.

Dr. Underwood moved that the Secretary of this Committee be asked to prepare a paper for the Annual Meeting on Overlapping of Work and Delimitation of Boundaries. Carried.

Mr. Noble moved that Dr. Underwood be asked to prepare a paper on the question of the advisability of the speedy ordination of a native ministry. Carried. Dr. Underwood moved that Mr. Engel be asked to prepare a paper bringing out points of resemblance and difference in the Polity of the various Churches represented in the General Council and suggesting a plan by which they may be harmonized. Carried. The Secretary was directed to ask the Joint Hymn Book Committee and the joint Periodicals Committee to be ready with full reports for the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Reynolds moved that Mr. Noble be asked to prepare a paper on the Doctrines of the Churches represented in the General Council, showing how they may be harmonized. Carried.

Dr. Underwood moved that Mr. Bunker of Seoul, and Dr. Baird of Pyeng Yang be asked to present reports of the first year's experience in Union Educational Work. Carried

Moved and carried that the next meeting of this Committee be held at Mr. Noble's house in Pyeng Yang, April 27.

Moved and carried that Mr. Reynolds be asked to attend that meeting, even though, as stated by Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Junkin will be present as the representative of their Mission.

Mr. Reynolds reported for the Prayer Calendar Committee that 200 copies had been published and distributed at 50 sen per copy; orders were received for 20 more than could be supplied. Revs. Bunker, Underwood and Hounshell were elected a Committee to prepare next year's Prayer Calendar.

Mr. Reynolds suggested as a topic for consideration at next Committee Meeting amending the Constitution so as to include the representatives of the Y. M. C. A., and Bible Societies, and independent missionaries. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

W. D. REYNOLDS, JR,

Secretary.