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STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

125 East 27th Street, New York

Date May 22, 1910

Before answering the questions, it is suggested that the whole blank be read.

1. Name (in full—initials are not sufficient):

Arthur Greenwood Robinson

2. If a married man, the maiden name of your wife; or, if a married woman, your maiden name and your husband's name:

3. Present address:

Mercersburg Pa. ✓

4. Permanent address (i. e., an address, if possible, which will **always** reach you):

7 Nudd St. Waterville Me.

5. Names of institutions in which you have been a student, courses taken, degrees received, and years:

Colby College A.B. 1906

6. Experience in business or profession since leaving college or professional school: (Please make full statement).

Have taught at the Mercersburg Academy since

7. In what work are you now engaged?

I'm teaching but in July shall take up Boys' Work in the Y.M.C.A.

8. Have you applied to any Foreign Mission Board or Society? Please give name of Society or Board in full and action taken in your case.

No.

- a. If you were rejected, please give reason:

- b. Do you consider the reason a permanent disability?

9. If you have been prevented from applying to a Board or Society, please give reasons:

My family have needed my help financially



10. Shall we keep your name on the list of Volunteers who may sometime be available for foreign missionary service?

Yes

11. Do you regard yourself as permanently hindered from ever entering the foreign mission field?

12. Remarks:

I am about to engage in association work among the colleges and high schools of Kansas City (Mo.) and if I make a success of that work I am likely to make it my life work. From my talks with Dr. Barton and Dr. Patton, I am inclined to believe that my field of greatest usefulness does not lie in foreign mission work but if I did, I should not now be free to apply for a position because of the help I must give to my family.

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125 East 27th Street, New York

Date December 6, 1911.

Before writing any answers please read all the questions in the blank.

Please do not hold the blank; if you cannot at this time answer all the questions, fill out as accurately as possible and return by the next mail. Additional information may be sent later.

1. Name in full (initials are not sufficient)?

Marian Rider.

2. If a married man, the maiden name of your wife; or, if a married woman, your maiden name and your husband's name?

Arthur S. Robinson

3. Year of birth? 1891

4. Present address?

46 Norumbega Cottage, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

5. Home or permanent address (i. e., an address, if possible, which will always reach you)?

2524 Forest Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

6. Of what branch of the Church are you a member? (As there are in the United States

17 Methodist bodies, 12 Presbyterian, 13 Baptist, etc., please give the full title.)

Congregational - (First Congregational Church of Kansas City).

7. Have any members of your family been missionaries, (give facts)?

No.

8. In what institution are you a student?

(If not now a student give name of institution you last attended.)

Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.

9. In what year will you graduate?

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10. What degree will you receive?

B.A.

11. In what other institutions have you been a student, and courses taken?

12. Nature of work (e. g., physician, preacher, teacher, nurse, etc.), for which you are preparing?

Teacher - perhaps Kindergarten or Y.W.C.A. secretary

13. Present intention as to further course of study? Very tentative plans, but perhaps one year to take M.A. degree? Then 2 years in Scovitt Training School for missionary workers in Kansas City, then one or two years teaching or working at home.

14. If you carry out your present plans, in what year will you complete your preparations and apply to your Mission Board or Society to be sent to the foreign mission field?

1917.

15. Are you, or have you been, a member of Bible classes? Please mention courses.

Yes. I am chairman this year of the Bible Study Committee of Wellesley, and keep in touch with all the classes - Study of Christian Church, Social Teachings of Jesus, Old Testament Leaders, Sunday School Teachings. attended, also, class on "Job" at Silver Bay Conference 1911.

16. Are you a member of the local Student Volunteer Band?

Yes.

Do you attend the meetings?

Yes.

17. Are you a member of the Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A.? If so, where?

Christian Association of Wellesley College.

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18. Are you, or have you been, a member of mission study classes? Please mention courses.

Yes. - 2 years.

"The Bible and Missions". Special Study on China

Christianity and The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions - Based on John R. Mott's book

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19. To what extent have you made a study of missions, in addition to the work done in mission study classes? I have not made any systematic study of missions outside of mission study classes. I have read such books as "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation"

20. When, and under what influence, did you first seriously consider becoming a foreign missionary?

Probably at the Boston S.U. Conference, November 5th and 6th, 1910, in Cambridge, although I had thought of the matter during the whole college year of 1909 and 1910.

21. When, and under what influence, did you finally form the purpose to become a foreign missionary?

On my return home from the Silver Bay conference in June 1911 - I then waited, and thought it over for six months, to be sure of my own mind, and to have my family's full consent.

22. Please name any persons who have influenced you in forming this purpose, either in private conversation or in public addresses?

Robert E. Speer, Wilbert Smith, Bishop C.H. Brent, Frances Taft,

Anna Brown, B. Carter Milliken, Mr. Carter, Dorothea Day, Grace Kilborne, Mary Humphrey, Katharine Duffield, etc.

23. Please name any pamphlets or books which have influenced you in forming this purpose?

"The Philosophy of Missions" - G.A.J. Ross; "The World's Evangelization" - J.R. Mott; "The Opportunity of the Hour" - G.S. Eddy; "The Supreme Decision" - G.S. Eddy; "Consecration" - J.R. Mott; "Home Ties" - S.M. Zwemer; "What Constitutes a Missionary Call" - R.E. Speer; "The College Woman's Opportunity" - Mrs. J. Thurston, etc.

24. Date on which you signed the volunteer declaration. Nov 13-11

25. What experience in spiritual life and in Christian work have you had? (Preaching or pastor's assistant, Sunday school, settlement, city or country missionary work, etc. Please make complete statement).

Work in college C.A. - one year chairman of class prayer-meeting committee, and member of religious meetings com., second year - member of missionary committee, third year - chairman of Bible Study committee and member of board. S.S. teacher of young children for two years.

26. What professional or business experience or training have you had?

(Please give as much detail as possible. The missionary societies have called for men as follows: Civil, mechanical, electrical, telegraph and sanitary engineers; teachers of English, French, German, music, mathematics, agriculture, chemistry, biology, physics, philosophy, accounting and commerce, manual training, stenography; all-round athletes; physical directors; architects and builders; physicians, surgeons, business managers, stenographers, printers, dentists, ordained preachers. And for women: Nurses, physicians, surgeons; teachers of primary and intermediate subjects, as well as specialists in biology, mathematics, music, kindergarten; physical directors, stenographers, Bible teachers and evangelists, superintendents of philanthropic institutions.)

27. Do you know of anything which may prevent your going to the field? (Such as health, family, debt, etc.).

I have had eye trouble, and a sprained knee during the past six months, but I think both are temporary troubles - otherwise I am quite strong. By teaching for two years after training school, I shall help in sending my brother through college, and I think I will then be entirely free to give all my time and strength to work abroad.

28. Remarks:

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Date

October 8, 1912

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3. Present address :

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4. Permanent address (i. e., an address, if possible, which will *always* reach you) :

7 Nudd St. Waterville Maine

5. Names of institutions in which you have been a student, courses taken, degrees received, and years :

Waterville High School 1902

Colby College - 1906 A.B.

Lake Geneva Summer School

6. Experience in business or profession since leaving college or professional school : (Please make full statement.

Mercersburg Pa.

Four years a teacher at Mercersburg Academy,
Two years + High School and Student
Secretary in N.C. Y.M.C.A.

7. In what work are you now engaged?

Am now High School Secretary for the
N.C. Association

8. Have you applied to any Foreign Mission Board or Society? Please give name of Society or Board in full and action taken, in your case.

No.

- a. If you were rejected, please give reason :

- b. Do you consider the reason a permanent disability?

9. If you have been prevented from applying to a Board or Society, please give reasons :

Have felt drawn rather to association
work.

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10. Shall we keep your name on the list of Volunteers who may sometime be available for foreign missionary service?

Yes.

11. Do you regard yourself as permanently hindered from ever entering the foreign mission field?

No.

12. Remarks:

I shall be free by the first of July 1913 to go to the foreign field, if it is His will. Family circumstances detained me for the years I was teaching and I then felt I ought to give religious work here a try and discover my fitness for the work abroad.