

# CHINESE STUDENTS ARE INTERESTED IN DOCTRINE OF CHRISTIAN RELIGION

## F. S. Lusk Gets Letter From Y. M. C. A. Secretary in China Which Tells Interestingly of the Indications That Point How Fast Old China Is Dying.

Yesterday F. S. Lusk, president of the First National bank, received a most interesting letter from China, which gives an idea of the spread of the Christian faith among that race and shows how fast old China is being swallowed up by the newer and more progressive generation. The letter is from Fletcher S. Brockman, a general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. who has been in China for some time, and who Mr. Lusk met while he and Mrs. Lusk were on their tour of the world. The letter in full is as follows:

Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, Tokyo, April 2, 1913.—Mr. Frank Lusk, Missoula, Mont.—Dear Mr. Lusk: The past two months have been the most splendid days I have ever spent in China. I have been with Mr. Mott through his series of continuation committee conferences, and with him and Mr. Eddy in a number of the remarkable evangelistic meetings which have been held for government school students. I shall have to write you two letters, one concerning the conferences and the other the evangelistic meetings, and will devote this to the evangelistic meetings.

Mr. Mott says that they surpass anything that he has known in his experience of 25 years in over 40 different countries, and I can well believe that there is no exaggeration in the statement.

Canton was the first city visited. The largest theater in the city was secured for the meetings. Five thousand tickets were distributed, largely to government school students. I reached the hall on the first night quite awhile before the advertised time of opening, but was stopped at the door and told there was no chance to get in. Students were already being turned away. The audience of about 3,000 was a magnificent sight. Mr. Mott spoke first for an hour and a half and dismissed the audience. Some 1,500 remained, and he gave a second address for nearly an hour. This was followed on two other nights by crowded meetings, and resulted in a total of over 800 inquirers. The interest here was so far beyond our expectations that we assumed it would be exceptional. The reverse proved to be true. Peking, hearing of the results at Canton, determined that they must build a temporary auditorium of their own and larger than that at Canton. This, holding over 2,000, was crowded and hundreds were turned away. We had not planned any meetings at Mukden, as Mr. Mott expected only to pass through en route to Korea. It was found, however, that he must wait there over Sunday in order to avoid Sunday travel. This last city broke the record of attendance with 5,000 at the first meeting. Even this record has probably been broken, however, in Foochow, where Mr. Eddy now is. Last night I received this telegram from there: "Thousand inquirers first day."

Evangelistic meetings were held in the following great student centers: Canton, Hongkong, Tientsin, Tientsin, Peking, Pootungfu, Wuehang, Hankow, Anking, Shanghai, Nanking, Foochow, and Mukden. The first meeting for Chinese students in Tokyo is to be next Saturday afternoon. The results from Foochow have not yet been learned, but at the other centers the aggregate attendance at the meetings has exceeded 65,000, and the number of inquirers more than 5,000.

One of the most striking characteristics of the meetings has been the extraordinary whole-hearted co-operation of the government. This seems to have been based in every case upon a deep conviction on the part of the officials that a republic is an impossibility without a moral foundation, and that the Christian religion is the best agency for assuring this moral foundation. President Yuan, in his talk with Mr. Mott, took pains to emphasize this point. At Canton the minister of education presided at one meeting and the chief justice of the province at another. There also the commissioner of foreign affairs introduced Mr. Mott, and some 15 or 20 of the leading officials sat on the platform. In Peking the commissioner of education sent word to the students and professors, advising them to attend the meetings. In Tientsin the success of the meetings, humanly speaking, was due to the efforts of Governor Chow, formerly secretary of the American legation at Washington. Mr. Tsai of the foreign department, and Mr. Hwang, president of the Provincial college, through their influence the extraordinary courtesy was extended Mr. Mott of placing the provincial parliament building at his disposal for the meetings. In like manner the largest and most attractive auditorium in Tientsin was secured through the co-operation of the authorities. Vice President Li Yuan Hung gave the government exposition hall for Mr. Eddy's meetings in Wu-chang. In Mukden the governor voluntarily assumed the entire cost for erecting a special building, and the commissioner of education presided at the meetings and emphasized the call for inquirers. At Pootungfu, where Mr. Eddy had only one day and could give the military academy a meeting only after 9 o'clock at night, the general and his staff brought out 1,600 cadets and stood with them out of doors in the bitter cold during Mr. Eddy's address. In Foochow the provincial commissioner of education and the presidents of the different government schools of the city voted to change the dates of the school examinations so as not to interfere with Mr. Eddy's meetings.

We are truly in a new China, sympathetic with the Christian propaganda, and instead of the old official opposition there is manifest at every point a most cordial, intelligent and thoroughgoing co-operation. The meetings have been characterized from the beginning by a thoroughness in the presentation of the Christian message beyond anything that I have heretofore known in evan-

gelistic meetings. As a rule the meetings, including the after-meetings with inquirers, were three hours in length. No undue appeal was made to the emotions. The addresses were straightforward, logical, convincing, evangelistic appeals, showing the terrible ravages of sin and Jesus Christ as the only hope of men.

Moreover, it is most reassuring for the ultimate result that, as careful as have been the preparations for the meetings, very much more thought and time is being given to following them up. Strong committees of from 100 to 150 Christian workers have been appointed in the different cities. The names and address of every inquirer has been secured, and they are being enrolled in Bible classes. In Canton over 450 men are now attending regular weekly Bible classes. In Tientsin 51 new Bible classes have been organized. Special literature has been printed and distributed among the inquirers. In some cases Christian workers have been brought from other cities into the student centers to give their entire time for the next few months to this special effort. In all cities a regular program covering the time between now and summer has been outlined for religious and social work among the students. Dr. W. E. Taylor, through whose masterly planning the meetings were made such a success, is being released entirely from his other work to co-operate with these special committees throughout the country. As Dr. Taylor says, "From the very beginning of the campaign the policy has been adopted that the real work began when the campaign was finished."

There can be no doubt that the marvelous results which have been accomplished are due in no small measure to the great volume of prayer which has risen for months in behalf of these meetings. It is most important that those who have helped up to the present time in prayer should realize that their blessed ministry of intercession is still demanded.

Upon reading over this letter I am painfully aware of how inadequately I have described these never-to-be-forgotten occasions—the crowded halls, the seas of intense and eager faces. I have failed to make vivid and real the contrast between the past and the present, and to point out adequately the profound significance of the new era. I am hoping, however, to supplement this letter with a face-to-face talk, since I am planning to sail on the Tenso Maru from Yokohama on April 19 for a brief stay in the United States and Canada. Faithfully yours,

FLETCHER S. BROCKMAN.  
P. S. (April 9).—Mr. Mott's meetings for the Chinese students in Tokyo have been held. Over 350 inquirers were enrolled, or about one-third of the whole Chinese student body. I am just back from Kamakura, where Mr. Harvey, Mr. Yui and I held a two days' retreat with the workers, spending the time in prayer and perfecting plans for following up the meetings. Further word from Foochow reports 2,000 inquirers there.

## LOCAL SOCIETY

### At Henderson.

A dance and reception was given by Mrs. S. L. Loyd, Wednesday evening, in honor of Mrs. Robert Turnbull, who last Saturday became the bride of Robert Turnbull, a well-known resident of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull were the recipients of many handsome presents given by the manager and employees of the Mann Lumber company and by their many friends of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull will make their home in Henderson, where Mr. Turnbull is connected with the Mann Lumber company.

### Cosmos Club Tonight.

The meeting of the Cosmos club, which was postponed from last Monday on account of the interscholastic meet, will be held this evening at the home of Mrs. Knowles on South First street.

### WOMAN'S DANGER PERIOD

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### RETURNS TO HELENA.

Sech Maxwell, chief clerk in the state's department of publicity, returned from the Bitter Root valley yesterday, where he went to see what Ravalli county expects to do in the way of contributing to the fund for a state exhibition at the Panama exposition. He returned home to Helena on Northern Pacific train No. 6 last night.

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Boys' Oxford at Mapes & Mapes.  
John Bjelland of St. Regis is visiting in the city.  
Reeves' Meat Market. Both phones.  
Henry Cannon of Helena is a business visitor in Missoula.  
Special sale popular music 10c. Orvis Music house.

A. B. Helmer of St. Joe, Idaho, was a Missoula visitor yesterday.  
If you want 8 per cent money talk to Taylor & Pearson.  
L. C. Ryer left yesterday for his home in Spokane after a brief visit here.  
Dr. Willard, osteopath, First National bank.  
Girls' low heel, button Oxfords, in new styles, \$3.00. Mapes & Mapes.  
W. C. Carman of the Sunset Orchard in the Bitter Root, spent yesterday in the city.  
Money to loan at 8 per cent. McIntosh & Fisher.  
E. F. West of Butte is in the city transacting business, he having arrived here yesterday.  
Dr. Louise Smith, osteopath, Madison temple, Phone 618; res. 633 Red.  
George T. Baggs returned home to Stevensville yesterday afternoon after having made a brief visit here.  
Marsh, the undertaker, phone 321.  
John D. Furman of Superior was among those from the west end to spend Sunday in the city. His home is at Superior.  
Frank Borg, optician; glasses correctly fitted, 223 Higgins avenue.  
Dr. L. A. Nelson of Spokane left for his home yesterday after having spent several days on business in the Bitter Root valley.  
White shoes at Mapes & Mapes.  
S. W. Hudson, chiropractor, B. & A. bldg. Any disease. Examinations free.  
Fred Krell, manager of the Billings store of Kohler & Heinrich, who handle butchers' supplies, is in the city on business.  
F. G. Moore, chiropractor, Ham. blk. Any disease; exam. free. Bell 1034.  
Dr. Ward, veterinarian. Both phones.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Ranft and Mrs. T. H. Burke arrived yesterday from their summer home at Superior to make a short visit.  
R. M. Cobban Realty company has moved to rooms 69-70 Higgins block.  
Al Butler, advance agent of the Solla-Floto circus, was in Missoula yesterday arranging for the appearance of the show in the Garden city.  
Special sale popular music 10c. Orvis Music house.

J. N. Downy, general manager of the Underwood Typewriter company for this district, came over from Butte yesterday to be here a couple of days on business.  
Newton H. Schwelker, optical specialist, Rooms 203-205 Montana Bldg.  
A. E. Davis, an abstractor of Butte, and a brother of Mrs. J. W. Smurr of this city, arrived in Missoula last night and will spend several days on his rattlesnake ranch.  
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Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Elton left last night for their ranch near Fort Benton, where Mr. Elton will spend a couple of weeks. Mrs. Elton will go from the ranch to St. Paul and Minneapolis, where she will visit for two months or more.  
Humane society. Call up 899, red or black. P. O. box 60. R. F. D. 1.  
Money to loan on ranch and city property. H. D. Fisher, 113 E. Main.  
Mrs. Robertson suffered a severe shock yesterday afternoon while attempting to crank her automobile. The machine "kicked" and the crank handle struck her on the arm. The pain was so severe that Mrs. Robertson fainted, but suffered no serious injury otherwise.  
Martin's Art Needle Shop. Clinks, suits and dresses; on the way to Missoula's new postoffice.  
Handy scratch pads and water checks for sale at The Missoulian office.  
Dr. and Mrs. Lyon and Mr. Weaver, all of Pittsburgh, directors of the King and Queen Mining company, have reported that they are well pleased with the showing made at their property near Superior. The party passed through Missoula several days ago and will remain at Superior for two weeks before returning home.  
Money to loan on chattel security. Room 210, Montana blk.  
Ask for new descriptive catalogue. Missoula Nursery company.  
Special sale popular music 10c. Orvis Music house.  
Dr. Anna James, osteopath, Higgins block. Phone 834 black.

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## PHILIPSBURG READY FOR MINSTRELS TUESDAY

ELKS' TROUPE AND BUSINESS MEN TO LEAVE ON SPECIAL TRAIN FOR EXCURSION.

Secretary Ferguson of the chamber of commerce announced last night that it is imperative that all those who wish to make the trip to Philipsburg with the Elks' minstrels, notify him this morning, or at least not later than noon. It is necessary to have the number who will make the trip before arrangements can be completed for the special train. A telephone call to the chamber will put your name on the list.

The Elks' minstrels held a rehearsal yesterday afternoon to prepare for the performance to be given at Philipsburg Tuesday night. Every member of the company was present and every feature of the show was gone through again without a bobble. The cast members have been busy for several days gathering material needed to localize all of the jokes and "gags" which they intend to spring upon the unsuspecting Philipsburg folk. They have singled out a lot of well-known Philipsburg people—those who know how to take a joke and enjoy one on themselves—and this will add flavor to the show in the lively mining center that is sure to be appreciated.

Arrangements were fully completed for the special train yesterday and the troupe, together with all of the friends who wish to make the journey, will travel in style and ease. The exact time for the leaving of the train will be announced in The Missoulian Tuesday morning.

The Philipsburg people are making big preparations for the show and for entertaining all of the visitors who go from Missoula on the special train. Of these plans the Philipsburg Mail has the following to say:  
"Next Tuesday, May 13, will be a big time in Philipsburg. The Missoula Elks' minstrels, accompanied by 200 or more members of the Missoula chamber of commerce, taking advantage of the holiday, will come by special train to pay a neighborly visit. The train will leave Missoula Tuesday afternoon and is due to arrive in Philipsburg about 4:30 o'clock. Brief stops will be made at Drummond and Hall.  
"The Elks' minstrel show will show at McDonald's opera house in the evening. The personnel includes more than 50 of Missoula's best talent and the performance will surpass anything witnessed in Philipsburg.  
"Hon. W. E. Moore arrived from Missoula this afternoon to confer with local Elks and arrange details for the big event. Local Elks and members of the chamber of commerce will turn out in a body to meet the visitors at the depot and Mayor McClees will be there to turn over the keys to the city. The special will leave on the return trip to Missoula after the show, which will be about midnight."

### COLLIDES WITH AUTO.

Lawrence Griffin, son of Dennis Griffin of Eagle Grove, Iowa, and a brother of Mrs. James A. Walsh of this city with whom he is visiting, was slightly bruised and injured at 7 o'clock last evening, when he was struck and run over by an automobile in front of the Higgins block on Higgins avenue. The lad was riding a bicycle and the machine was driven by H. A. Burk, the plumber. A cut over one eye and several bruises is the extent of young Griffin's injuries.

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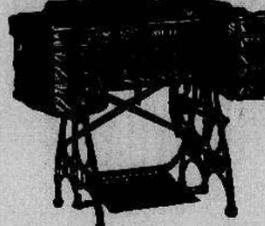
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