

China's Movement for New Thought

The following article, written by Howell P. Lair for Woman's Work, has been selected by the publicity committee of the City Missionary Union for publication.

As a professor in Shantung Christian University Mr. Lair has had opportunity for intimate relations with the intelligent young men of China. He went to the University in 1914 and has there seen their attitude, mental and spiritual, through these recent years of change and upheaval. Mr. Lair has been in this country taking advanced courses in Columbia University and is now preparing to return to China.

Of the many signs of China's awakening, apparent on every hand to those who have lived even a short time in that land, none is of greater significance than the "New Thought Tide" commonly called China's renaissance. This is true because the movement is primarily one of learning, its leaders being men of ability and scholarship, and its particular effects the student classes. It is distinctly a forward-looking movement, encouraging the use of new scientific methods in the study of the classics and ancient philosophy, and it demands that every belief and tradition be tried and tested in the light of modern scientific knowledge and discarded if it fails to meet this test.

What effect is this movement going to have on Christian students and the Christian Church? Dr. Y. Y. Tsu, secretary of the Chinese Students' Christian Association, in speaking at a conference for new missionaries held in New York in June, referred to the renaissance as at once a challenge and an opportunity for the Christian Church. A challenge because it demands on the part of the church a self-examination, and a clear conception and definition of the message which it has to bring. No mere platitudes nor historic formulas, however worthy they may be, if they have no meaning for present social conditions, will meet with favor today with the young Chinese, for the church much show that her doctrines and her life can and do meet the needs of this present generation. And it is an opportunity because it attempts to give all movements a clear field. The younger missionaries today can but vaguely comprehend the opposition and bias of judgment with regard to Christian teaching with which the early pioneers were faced. And even now there is a tremendous barrier of suspicion and superstition and the new movement aims to clear

this all away—to give Christianity a chance to occupy its rightful place in meeting the spiritual needs of the people. More than one avenue of social service has received added impetus from this movement. "The service of society" is a constantly recurring phrase these days in the student literary societies in China as well as in the public speaking campaigns conducted by the students, and the concept is one that is congenial to the Chinese mind. Schools for the poor have been established; daily vacation Bible schools have had a most encouraging growth; students voluntarily giving their time to the work with no remuneration; and modern literature is full of encouragement of the idea of social service. The fact that the new movement aims at reconstruction of the social order of necessity implies a gracious attitude toward the activities of the Chinese church and the missionaries.

As a leading Chinese student in America has said, if the church is to make use of the opportunity which the new thought movement presents to it, there must be less of dogmatic authority in religious teaching, a willingness to face disputed questions frankly and openly, and more emphasis on the preaching and practicing of the social gospel.

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WEST PENN CO. GETS OAKLAND FRANCHISE

The West Penn Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., through its subsidiary the West Maryland Power Co., has been granted permission to purchase the municipal electric lighting plant at Oakland, Md., by the public Service Commission of that state. The Oakland plant and distribution system will pass into the control of the West Penn interests on Sunday. This town has in the past been handicapped by an insufficient supply of electric power from the

municipally owned plant and the change in ownership and operation will be of material benefit to the community.

The company is now engaged in constructing a transmission line to supply power direct to Oakland from the inter-connected generating stations of the West Penn electrical system. Lines will also be built to supply power to the coal mines and other industries in the Cretin section on the Youghogheny River, as well as to the extensive coal fields of the Upper Potomac territory.

Local coal operators see in this new development a means of greater coal production at lowered operating costs and the coal industry in that district is anxiously awaiting the coming of electric power. It is the consensus of opinion here that with the advent of electric power in this great coal producing area, there will be a decided betterment in general business conditions in all lines.

Water Bills as Real State Liens Will Be Contested

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 29.—The question of whether water bills are liens against real estate was raised in an informal complaint against the Clarksburg water board, which was filed with the Public Service Commission today. The complainant, The Hornor Insurance Agency of Clarksburg, which deals in real estate, reported that the water board refused to sell water to tenants of houses at 715 Williams street, Northview addition, and 121 Shutesworth avenue, Baord Oak Addition, until bills incurred by former tenants were paid. Contending that this is illegal, the agency also asked that if the water bills were held to be liens against the property the water board should be ordered to record them with the clerk of the county court.

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