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EASTER

Easter is a very important day. It is a day to remember the resurrection of Jesus, because on this day Christianity can be spread everywhere and be prosperous forever.

About twenty centuries ago, God realized that the people in the world were very sinful and they were far away from God. The world was full of sin and misery. But God loved the world; He did not want His people to be covered by sins, so He sent His only Son Jesus to the world to deliver us from sin. Jesus lived on the earth for more than thirty years. In these years He taught people, cured people; but He was despised by them. They hated Him. At last He was crucified on Calvary hill. He bled, and His blood washed away all our sins. When He died, all the world was dark; and people were miserable. But they need not be miserable because three days after He was buried, Jesus arose from the dead.

Jesus arose; it is a true fact. There are many proofs for it. It is clearly written in the Bible, and the Bible will never tell a lie. After He had arisen, He showed Himself to the women and His disciples; so they themselves saw Jesus and His wounded hands. They saw His grave and proved that Jesus was really buried and had been resurrected. Paul talked to many people about the resurrection of Jesus; many people trusted God, and many Churches were erected because of the resurrection of God. Besides, the fact is also proved by the daily lives of Christians. Thus we may see it is true that Jesus arose from the dead.

It is the fact that gives us much hope. Now Jesus is sitting on the right side of God. If we want to enter Heaven and live with God happily forever we must receive Jesus, die with Him, be buried with Him and be resurrected from death together with Him.

Priscilla Shum
Senior II B

OUR CHURCH REVIVAL

It is very good news for the people living in Hong Kong that Stirling Road Baptist Church is having a great revival meeting for one week. Every night the speaker is Dr. David Morken. He is a world-famous revival speaker.

Last night I went to church with my friends. When I came into the church I saw many people sitting, there. After a time, the meeting began. First we sang songs and had prayer. After that we heard the choir sing. They sang very well, full of joyfulness. Later, Dr. Morken began to speak. He spoke in English, and Pastor Cheung translated it into Chinese. All the words which Dr. Morken spoke were about the Bible. He spoke very well. After speaking, he called the people who believed in Jesus as their Saviour to come to the front of the auditorium. The church was full of the Holy Spirit. Many people believed in Jesus as their Saviour, and accepted Him as their Saviour.

Thanks be to the Lord, for many souls have been saved by the Holy Spirit. I hope that God's richest blessings will be upon all of them, and they will follow the Lord Jesus all their life.

— Margaret Yuen Senior II B

CHING MING

Last week was the Ching Ming festival. Ching Ming is a day to remember our relatives. People went to visit the graves of their ancestors, fathers or mothers on that day. The buses, ships, trains and stations were full of people. There were many people who burnt paper money and incense for their ancestors.

On that morning, our family went to visit the grave of our mother. We did not buy any paper money. Father said that it was very foolish to burn paper money. We only bought some flowers to put on the grave. My mother's grave is in the Christian cemetery. It is not so far from our house. In only a few minutes we reached it. I saw my mother's grave. On two sides of it there were two little trees; under the cross there was my mother's picture. She looked very kind and peaceful.

After visiting the grave, we stood on the highest place of the cemetery to see the view of the cemetery. There were many white crosses on the graves, which made me recall the love of Jesus. Although our bodies will die one day, yet because of the cross we shall live eternally.

Tsoi Chak Man Senior II B

MY HAPPIEST EXPERIENCE

It was the rainy season. I sat silently in the holy temple — my own church one evening. I was a child just eight years of age. I sat on the front seat at the revival meeting as the rain struck heavily on the windows.

It seemed I had something beating inside of me. The Spirit of God came into my heart. I was so pained, and it was too difficult for a little child like me to bear it. I shut my eyes; suddenly, the sense of my sinful deeds came to my mind. Although I was born in a Christian home, and heard about God day by day, and knew a lot of Biblical stories, yet I was a sinner. I realized what a naughty girl I was. I told lies, I was lazy. I lost my temper easily, and did many other bad things. I could not bear it any longer; so I did as the pastor told us. I made a short prayer to my Jesus Christ and asked Him to save me with His precious blood. Then I raised up my hand and kneeled in front of the platform with many other people. My tears were running from my eyes but I did not know I was crying, for I was saved. My heart was so happy.

Since that time I have been a real Christian. I have a relationahip with my God. I realize that was the happiest time in my life. Although the rain was heavier than before, and the darkness was outside, deep in my heart there was a great change. I went home to tell my mother that I was born again by the Spirit of God. She was very happy. I knew that not only were my family and I very happy, but also my Heavenly Father and His angels were happy too. So I can say that was the happiest experience of my whole life.

-- Rachel Chang Senior II B

MY HAPPIEST EXPERIENCE

Dr. David Morken came to Hong Kong near the second six-week's examination last term. I was very busy with my lessons because of the coming examination, but I joined the choir the last three nights when the service was held at Pooi To Middle School.

On the afternoon of the sixth day of the meeting, when I came home from school, my heart was very heavy. As soon as I reached home, I discovered that my biology notebook was lost. Then I became very angry and frightened because the next day we should have a test in biology. So I decided that I should not go to the meeting that night but finally I went. Very fortunately when I reached there, a classmate brought the notebook back to me.

Though I got back my notebook, yet my heart was still very heavy and sad; and I easily lost my temper during the next few days until the last night of the meeting when I came home. I took up a book named "The Stream in the Desert" and read the part for December the first. It told about a woman who was very sorrowful all the days and one night she dreamed that Jesus Christ took the burden from her. When she waked she prayed and prayed; then she became the happiest woman in the world.

I felt that I needed Jesus to take my burden. Then I prayed that night and I felt it to be the happiest night in my life.

— Lillian Chan Senior II

THE CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL

The fifteenth of August, according to the Chinese calendar, is a great festival for the Chinese. It is called the Chinese Moon Festival. It has an interesting history. Long ago in one of the dynasties of China there was a king who was very cruel to the people and did not manage the country well. They were so angry that some brave people suggested killing the king. So they wrote notes telling about the meeting place and time and put them into cakes. On the 15th of August every person was told to buy the cakes. When they ate them they discovered the notes. So they gathered together to make a sudden attack on the king. From then on the Chinese people celebrate on August 15 and eat moon cakes in memory of that important event.

When the Chinese Moon Festival is near, the shop-windows are decorated beautifully with pictures of ancient Chinese ladies. Many moon cakes are displayed for people to buy. People send presents like wine, fruit, and moon cakes to their friends and relatives. In the evening of the day, they have a feast. After the feast, they go out to the garden to look at the moon. The children light their pretty lanterns and run and laugh on the streets.

Many people like this festival but I do not. I hate to see rich people celebrating happily and the poor people worrying for their to-morrows. How unjust it is! Besides that, I hate to eat moon cakes; they are too fat and make my stomach suffer so much. The only thing I like about the festival is the moon; it is round, beautiful, full and bright. From it, we can see God's love and His power of making this world.

Priscilla Shum
Senior II B

HOW I SPENT SUMMER VACATION

After the final examination, I received a letter from my aunt and uncle who invited me to stay with them for a fortnight. They have a house at Castle Peak. The news brought me a restless night. Next morning at nine I reached their home and I was kindly received by them. They prepared a very nice and airy room for me. Just inside, on a small table I found a vase of roses — my favourite flower. I thanked them for their kindness. When they left me to take a rest, I really could not do it. My attention was drawn by the charming and picturesque scenery outside the window. If I were an artist I would have drawn a wonderful picture of it.

Every morning we took a walk in the neighbouring hills where we could enjoy the fresh air and sweet songs which were sung by the birds. We gathered wild flowers here and there among the bushes. I found it full of fun.

In the afternoon I mostly spent my time reading or sewing for I was shut in the house by the terrible heat. The evening was the only time we could go to swim together. I improved my swimming during those two weeks.

Though the fortnight passed away at lightning speed, the memory of it will last forever.

Jane Lee Senior II B

THE VALUE OF TIME

We often hear our teachers say, "Don't waste precious time because time lost will never return." I think that statement is true. What time looks like nobody knows for we cannot see it or touch it and no amount of money can buy it. Time is abstract, so we have to imagine about it.

Time passes very quickly. Some students say they do not have enough time to prepare all their lessons. They do not know how to use their time; for they waste it in going to theatres, playing games, and doing other useless things. Why do we study every day? Why do men work? Why do we go to school early in the morning? Why do trains run so fast? Why do most people prefer taking buses to walking? The answer is very simple: we wish to save time because time is precious.

Today we are living in the twentieth century. We know that time is life. When a person dies, his time has ended. Since life is short, we must devote our time and energy to our studies so that we may be able to serve our country and society; but since time is invisible, we often neglect it. Laziness is the thief of time for laziness not only brings us failure but does other harm to us as well. If it is necessary for us to do our work today, let us do it today and not leave it until tomorrow. Remember that time is more valuable than money.

— Hui Kam Ling Senior III

THE VALUE OF TIME

The ancient people of China said that time was the most precious thing in the world. It is right to say that because money can buy anything but time. If we lose our money, we can find it or earn more; but if we lose precious time, how can we find it?

Time does not wait for anybody. A clever person knows how to use his time properly. That is why he can succeed in life. A foolish person does not think that time is valuable; therefore he wastes his time and seldom succeeds in life for he spends his time in the wrong way. He is selfish and knows only how to sleep, eat, and amuse himself. He does not usually do anything to make others happier or better.

Parents should tell their children that time is valuable and urge them to do what they ought to do. Parents have much influence over their children and should encourage them to study hard in order to get a good education. If children do not study hard while they are young, they will regret it when they have grown up. Time passes very fast; it is just like a beautiful rose that fades away very soon.

Chow Tak Ying Senior III

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

While we are living in this world, we ought to know the purpose of life. What is the purpose of life? It is difficult for sinful people to answer this question because they do not know why they are living nor do they care where they will go after death; therefore some say they live in order that they may eat and some think that they live in order that they may play or sleep; others have not even thought about the question.

As for us Christians, we know the purpose of life clearly. We know that God created us and gave us spiritual life, that He loves us and sent Jesus to be our Saviour. Therefore, the first purpose of life should be to please and glorify God. We ought to be good students in school and good examples in our homes so that we may let others see Jesus in us. Secondly, we should tell the Gospel to others because many people have not heard about Jesus and are deep in sin. Lastly, we should love others heartily—even our enemies—and help them with all our ability. If we surrender ourselves to the Lord and aim at what is right, we may lead a very beautiful useful life.

— Leung Sau Ling Senior III

THE VALUE OF TIME

The clock struck twelve. I was still working hard on mathematics. The whole world had entered the Land of Nod; and although I was tired and sleepy, I still had to sit up to this late hour. How I wish I had twenty-four more hours a day!

Time is like a naughty child running restlessly about and you never can control him unless you follow him like a mother. But most of us are just like tortoises moving slowly behind a champion runner because we do not make the most of every minute of time. If we value time and refuse to waste it, the gifts we get from time are invariably plentiful. Fish, crabs, and water are the treasure of a gurgling river; success, happiness and experience are the offerings we may get from the current of time.

I remember a stanza from a poem which has deeply impressed me. It says:

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may, Old time is still a — flying. The same flower that smiles today Tomorrow will be a-dying.

Truly, time waits for no one. That is why time is considered to be as precious as gold. Since time is precious, why do we waste it in useless business? Let us plan and use it carefully for success is always beckening his hand to anyone who knows how to use his time.

— May Wong Senior III

THE PLEASURE OF READING

People's interests are different. Some like this and some like that. I am interested in reading and have loved it since I was very small. Reading not only can help a person to get more knowledge but also can give him pleasure. Many years ago when I first began to read Chinese newspapers, I found many difficulties as I find in English newspapers now, but the dictionary and my dear mother helped me very often. Now I can read Chinese newspapers quickly and get the meaning and hope I shall be able to read English newspapers without difficulty someday.

I do not know why my heart is full of joy while I am reading at home, in a library, or in other places. Reading pleases me everywhere. It is interesting to understand every personality, the circumstances, and the background in every story. I love the English novels that I have studied in Pooi To; such as, "Little Women", "Ivanhoe", and "Madame Curie". These books help me to know more about the world and humanity and they help me to know how to face the obstacles in my life.

If we read more books, we can find that the world is more beautiful. For instance, reading the Bible makes a person's life happier and more beautiful. Every day I read the Bible and find that the joy of reading increases, for God's Word takes away my sorrows and encourages me to do my best.

Everyday I have an enjoyable time reading. The materials include newspapers, novels, art, and my precious Bible. Without a doubt, reading gives me the greatest pleasure in life.

— Rosa Tsang Senior III

THE PURPOSE OF LIVING

Nowadays, mankind seems to have conquered almost everything, including atomic power, sunlight, and electricity; but what it has not conquered is time. We feel that time fleets by in a flash and life is very short. As a result, most people keep themselves busy throughout their lives in pursuit of progress, knowledge, success, fame, money and everything else. In the famous writting, "The Art of Living", written by Dr. Lin Yutang, the author declares that the Chinese like to play chess, hold conversations, play mahjong, and produce children in order to find pleasure in life. Is our real purpose in life to keep busy or to seek pleasure? What would you do if you suddenly died to-night? Could you carry all your fame, success, pleasure, and knowledge into the grave with you?

Jesus said that He came into the world in order that He might serve the world. What a Christian should do is to follow in the footpath which Jesus has left for him: to teach and to lead people to Christ, to tend the sick, to feed the hungry, and to glorify God. He told us that we should seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and we should have our reward in Heaven. Do you know whether your service is for the present or for eternity?

Do you want to enrich your life or do you want to spend your life in vain? Beyond the oceans there are people who are in distress, stretching out their hands for help. It is our duty to send them the Gospel which can give peace and warmth to their hearts through the power of God. It is true that if we follow Jesus, we must carry our cross with Him. Jesus lived a glorious life. But what did He do before winning the victorious crown? He carried the cross to Calvary, meekly and uncomplainingly.

A life fully surrendered to God is the only life that He can truly bless. Give yourself to Him and keep your eyes upon Him; then He will give you the power to know His will and to do it. That is life lived on the highest level and at its best.

— Sylvia Liang Senior III

WHY WE SHOULD STUDY ENGLISH

We have ten periods of English a week, for English is one of the most important subjects studied in Pooi To Middle School. Even the first grade children begin to learn to say very simple English words. Why should we spend our time learning this foreign language when we have not learned all about our own language? Do our teachers want us to become half-Chinese and half-English girls? English is worth learning. But what makes it so?

First of all, English is the most popular tongue among all the nations of the world. All of us like to travel. When we make trips to foreign countries, English can help us if we do not know their native tongue. Perhaps you say you cannot afford to take a trip, so you need not study English. But do you not want to know about the latest developments of the world: what is going on between nations and what inventions have been made? If you have a desire to know more about the world, English can help you.

Secondly, conditions in Hong Kong make it necessary for us to know English. In school we study the language in order to pass the examination; but after we leave school, we apply our English to get a job. Here in the Colony, if we cannot speak or understand spoken English, it is more difficult to earn a living. So for our own future we should have a good English foundation.

Now we come to the third reason. Perhaps you may say that you do not like to travel and are so rich that you have no need to get a job. Then why should you study English? You should learn it with the hope of gaining more knowledge. English can give us a general foundation for studying other languages. Besides, we know that China is not well developed in science and other subjects. As you know, most science books are written in English; and it is more helpful to read the books in the original than to read translations. Therefore, if we know English, we can learn what is good in these books and improve conditions in China.

My conclusion is that for the good of our future, whether we intend to go abroad or to stay here; whether we wish to get a job or get a higher education to use in helping our nation, we should study English.

(This essay was written and given in the Senior Speech Contest by May Wong)

THE PLEASURE OF READING

There are many kinds of things for one to do in one's spare time. There are many harmful things one may do, too! But there are lots of nice things to do if one chooses and one of them is reading,

When you have done a whole day's work and come home with your body tired and mind weary, you certainly do not wish to go out; so you may read something. And I think you had better read some good old novels even though you have read them several times. A good book is ever valuable. You may read it again and again without feeling fatigued. The characters in the book are so realistic that they seem to you like well-known friends standing in front of you. If you have not enough time to read novels and want to relax, you may read some poems. They take you to old far-away places or they place you in a fairyland. Now you may read dramas also. A good drama will make you feel that you are in a theatre looking at a play or you are the hero or heroine in the play. You may laugh, weep, and forget everything.

The pleasure of reading is so great that I cannot tell it all. In reading you may gain knowledge and you may gain pleasure. The pleasure is indescribable. It is for you to feel; when I read I feel that I am lying on a feather flying in the air and looking down on the wide, wide world below.

Victoria Chung Senior III church membership is explained. New Christians are encouraged to go regularly to church and to share in the activities provided there.

- 5. RELIGIOUS DISPLAY. Once each year there is a religious display which uses pictures and essays to present the truths of the Gospel. In 1954 this came at Christmas time and in 1955 it was at Easter. Students from the different classes drew pictures which when put together told the story of Christ from His trial, through His crucifixion, burial, and resurrection, and on until His ascension. Because of the attractiveness of this display one of the groups that borrowed the Pooi To building asked for the school to give a brief report on the religious work in the school for their magazine.
- 6. CHAPTER MEMORIZATION. This year the Student Council's religious committee have added a new activity which they hope many students will participate in. They have selected some important chapters in the Bible and are going to give awards to the students who memorize up to a certain number.
- 7. OTHER ACTIVITIES. Each year at Christmas two special programs have been given. One is given by the kindergarten and primary students at which time parents and other friends are invited to attend to hear and see again the story of Christ's birth. One service is in the evening at which time the middle school students through music, sermon, and sometimes a play present the meaning of Christmas. There are many other religious activities throughout the year such as when classes have special meetings they often begin with a devotional period. Sometimes they have a question and answer period on Bible facts and the application of Christian teachings in daily living.

III. SERVANTS. Of the many servants who work in the school there are about 60% that are Christians. The school seeks to arrange work schedules so that each person can attend worship service on Sunday. Twice a month a prayer meeting is held for the servants. Several of them have learned to read as a part of these services.

We are grateful for the blessings of the Lord during these ten years. We are especially thankful to the Lord for all the seed that has fallen on good soil and we trust that it may go on producing fruit until our Lord comes again. We also wish to thank you who have given to help build our school and who are praying for the Lord's blessing on the work here. "One soweth and another reapeth...... that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." (John 4: 37, 38)

- Jaxie Short

the Lord." Realizing that the nurturing of the Word of God must be done each day, all sections have the first 10 minutes before classes begin for a devotional time. The religious chairman is in charge and sometimes asks others to be responsible for selecting the songs to be sung, the Scripture to be read, and having someone to lead in prayer. In the primary grades the teachers sometimes tell a Bible story or teach a new song at this time. Because of the interest of the school girls in their younger "brothers and sisters", once each week they help in the devotional period of the primary classes.

- 4. SPECIAL PRAYER MEETINGS. The religious committee of the Student Council has an early morning prayer meeting once each week of thirty minutes before the home-room prayer meetings. This meeting is attended by both students and teachers. In addition some of the class organizations also sponsor special prayer meetings at various times.
- 5. BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION. In 1949 the school organized the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior BYPMO's. Since that time the Sunbeam Band has been organized for those in the lower primary grades. These meetings are held after school and are attended by the young people who are eager to have more time to study God's Word and to know of the growth of His Kingdom in all parts of the world. "To know Christ and to make Him known" is the aim of the BYPMO. Although sometimes special speakers are invited to talk, the programs are usually given by the students. Each group has from one or two faculty members to serve as advisers.

In addition to the weekly meetings these groups often have special retreats and sometimes go to give the Gospel to other people. Last year at Christmas time the Senior and Intermediate Organizations, composed of the high school and junior high girls, went to one of the hospitals to give out tracts and to visit with the patients. As the school organizations are a part of the City-wide BYPMO group they have the privilege of attending the quarterly meetings and also joining in the BYPMO camps that are held each summer. The school helps the ones selected to attend by paying 1/3rd of the expenses of each camper.

- 6. SCRIPTURE MEMORIZING. Each week the religious committee of the Student Council selects a verse for the week. This is written on an attractive poster and put in a prominent place. During the week this verse is often repeated in the morning watch and by the end of the week all stundents can say it from memory.
- B. EVERY SEMESTER OR YEAR. There are several special activities which come only once or twice a year. These are usually sponsored by the school, the religious committee of the Student Council, and the BYPMO's.
- 1. LEADERS' RETREAT. Soon after the Student Council, home room, and BYPMO elections each semester the school has a retreat for all the student leaders. Realizing that Christianity is an essential part of all the activities of the school, all student leaders are given this opportunity to understand, "Whoever would be greatest among you must be servant of all."
- 2. CHURCH ATTENDANCE. In order to encourage all students to attend church regularly, a rotation system is used so that each Sunday one of the classes goes as a group to the Stirling Road Baptist Church.
- 3. REVIVAL. One of the highlights of each semester is the special revival in the school. The seed has been sown in the weekly study and devotional meetings but at this time opportunity is given for students to register their decisions. We are especially thankful to our Lord for the two wonderful revivals we have had since moving into the new building. In these two meetings there were 130 decisions. Many students have expressed their gratitude to God that they came to Pooi To as otherwise they might never have known Christ. This semester Dr. David Morken led in the Revival from November 8-11. There were more then eighty decisions.
- 4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTION FOR NEW CHRISTIANS. Following each revival there is always a period of instruction for those who have just been saved. The Student Council's religious committee and the BYPMO's take the lead in planning and carrying on this work. Baptism and the meaning of

RELIGIOUS LIFE IN POOI TO

"Listen! A man once went out to sow his seed and as he sowed, some seed fell by the roadside and the birds came and ate it up, some of the seed fell on the stony soil, some among the thorns and some fell on good soil, and when it grew, produced fruit which yielded thirty or sixty or even a hundred times as much as the seed." (Mark 4: 1: 3.9) When Jesus explained this parable He said, "The seed is the Word of God......the seed sown on good soil means the men who hear the message and accept it in a good and honest heart and nurture it so that it goes on groducing fruit."

We thank the Lord that ten years ago He led Baptist to establish in Hong Kong a school for the nurturing of His Word in the hearts of children and young girls. We praise His name that during these ten years much of the "seed" has fallen on good soil. A comparison of the religious report of this year with that of 1950 shows that there are 56% of the Junior and Senior Middle School students who are Christians, whereas five years ago only 45% were Christians. This is not only because there is an evangelistic emphasis in the school but also because as teachers and students have grown in their Christian life they have given a witness in word and life to the power of Christ to save. This evangelistic and Christian life emphasis is brought out in daily, weekly, and semester activities among the teachers, students and servants. Some of these meetings are sponsored by the school and are a part of the regular curriculum, otheres are carried out through the religious committee of the Student Council, some are promoted by the BYPMO, and many are a combination of the three working together.

- I. TEACHERS. When the school moved into the new building in 1954 there were 80% of the faculty that were Christians. Today there are 90% who have professed faith in Christ as Saviour and 80% are church members. Each Friday afternoon the entire staff have a prayer meeting, when messages are brought by pastors or other religious workers. Sometimes there is a special thanksgiving service, a musical program, or a prayer and testimony time. Many of the teachers are active as Sunday school teachers, choir members, and workers in their own churches. The home room sponsors seek to help their students understand how to live out the teachings of Christ in their everydap lives. Just as Christ often took His desciples "apart", at the beginning of each semester the faculty have a religious retreat to help them look to Christ for leadership in the new responsibilities.
- II. STUDENTS. Since the founding of the school the religious activities have had a major emphasis. Bible classes, prayer meetings, and chapel services have been carried on every week. In 1949 three BY-PMO's were organized and the services rendered by the students has been enlarged.
- A. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES. As plants are cultivated by constant care so the teaching of God's Word and communion with Christ through prayer and a study of the Bible must be done regularly. Following are some of the weekly religious activities of the school.
- 1. BIBLE CLASSES. In each section there is one Bible class each week. In the primary grades these classes are taught by Mrs. Loh Lee Yuen Ching. There are eight Bible teachers for the Middle School. A unit of study for each grade throughout the school is worked out so that the stories and materials used each year will give special teaching to the problems of that age. The Bible materials thus selected cover most of the Old and New Testament twice in the 12 years. Last year Pooi To was pleased that 13 of the 38 graduates received credit in Bible and two received distinction in the government examination.
- 2. CHAPEL SERVICES. Every Thursday morning at 8:30 is the religious assembly for the primary school. At 11:40 is the religious assembly for sixth grade, junior and senior middle school students. Pastors, seminary professors, and other religious workers are usually the speakers; but several times each semester the students are in charge of this worship service. This year a choir is furnished by one of the BYPMO's or the school chorus for most of the chapel services.
 - 3. MORNING WATCH. The Psalmist said: "In the morning shall my prayer arise unto

permitted to have a branch school. Therefore, the school adopted the name of Pooi To Girls' Middle School of Hong Kong, with Miss Jessie Lee as its first principal. In the following year, the building at 37 Grampian Road was rented to accommodate the growing number of students which had now reached over 500 in 15 classes from Kindergarten through Junior III.

In February, 1949, Miss Jessie Lee left Pooi To to go to a retreat in Toishan, and Miss Hattie Young substituted for half a year.

(4) Striving Ahead

In August, 1949, the Board of Trustees of the school invited Miss Helen Huen to be the Principal. She opened seven more classes including one Senior II and two Senior I. The enrolment had increased from 500 to 900. In September of the following year, a class was opened for Senior III. At this time the school was confronted with financial difficulties again, but thanks to the Baptist Mission Board for the donation of HK \$ 30,000, we were able to purchase apparatus for the Senior department. As there was still need of additional equipment, motion pictures were presented to raise funds to buy the necessary equipment. There was need for more space. As a result, special arrangement was made for the school to borrow HK \$ 24,000 to construct four classrooms, spacious enough to seat 180 students.

The first class of Senior III students graduated in July, 1951.

(5) Building the New School

In April, 1952, through the kindness of the Hong Kong Government, a tract of land covering 74,130 square feet on Inverness Road was obtained free for the purpose of putting up a new school building. Then the Pooi To Alumnae, the Hong Kong United Christian Baptist Churches Association, and the Pooi To parents formed the Pooi To Building Fund Committee and launched a campaign to solicit contributions towards the building of the new school. In December, 1952, a school bazaar was held; and in June, 1953, the graduating class of Senior III girls put on a play. The proceeds of both these were credited to the Pooi To Building Fund.

The Mee Wah Construction Co. was engaged in the building of the new school and the construction was begun in the middle of May, 1953. The Ground-breaking Ceremony was conducted by Dr. C. L. Culpepper in June; and on October 29th of the same year, the Honourable D. J. S. Crozier, Director of Education, laid the Foundation Stone of the new building.

On June 12, 1954, Lady Grantham kindly consented to perform the Official Opening of the new school building.

(6) Present Condition and Future Outlook

We are holding classes in three separate buildings.

The total enrolment in the whole school is 1,643 students in 40 classes from Kindergarten through Senior III.

The new building is well-equipped with up-to-date apparatus for the study of science. It comprises an auditorium with 1,000 seats; 20 classrooms, each with a seating capacity of 45; 3 laboratories; library; lecture room; domestic science room; Principal's office and reception room; other offices; infirmary; a large playground which covers 40,000 square feet, and a sixty-foot square cemented court.

The fifth class of Senior III students and the tenth classes of Junior III, Primary 6 and Kindergarten students graduated in July of this year. The school has done well in the Hong Kong Government Examination, and most of the graduate students pursue higher education in universities and colleges. Many of them have gone to study abroad. The results have been good, and several of the university graduate students have returned to teach in Pooi To.

It is the aim of the school to develop the students morally, intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually, for greater usefulness in life. The school motto is "Love, Truthfulness, Purity and Perseverance".

Pooi To is very grateful to all who have helped and sympathized with the school in its difficulties and trials. Their spiritual and material encouragement is an incentive to the faculty and the students to do their utmost to glorify God, to promote the principles of education and attain the highest scholastic standard.

Helen Huen — Principal
Translated by Mae Sau — Hing Louie

THE PAST TEN YEARS IN RETROSPECT AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

(1) Foreword

Education is a sacred and noble work, but very difficult, especially under the present uncertain circumstances. Ever since I was a student at Yenching University more than thirty-five years ago, I have been engaged in educational work. During these years I have had many trials, — war, moving about, running away from the enemy, and so forth. But thanks to God for His gracious help, I put my entire faith in Him and pressed forward with the important task of leading the young people ahead.

The most precious time of youth is spent in Middle School when character molding is done and book knowledge gained. Besides giving the students the academic courses, Pooi To gives them a religious education as well. The curricula of study change to suit the times, but the policy of the school has been consistent through the years.

After I returned from Singapore in August, 1924, I joined the Pooi To staff at Canton, and in August, 1949, I came to Hong Kong and have served in the school for more than 30 years.

Now, as we celebrate the joyful occasion of the tenth anniversary of the founding of our school in Hong Kong, I wish to present this book to our dear readers with a brief historical outline of the school and our outlook of the future.

(2) Pooi To Middle School in Canton

Pooi To Girls' Middle School of Canton was founded in 1888 by a young missionary belonging to the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Mission of America. The school which was first located in the area known as Ng Sinn Moon, was opened for women and girls to have an opportunity to receive an education and at the same time to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Later in 1907 as the enrolment increased, a piece of land covering more than 20 acres in Tungshan, the eastern suburbs of the city, was purchased to build a larger school. In 1929, the American Southern Baptist missionaries gave the school to the Association of the Baptist Churches of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. Since that time, the school has been managed by the Education Department of the said association. Sixty-seven years have passed since this will-known school was founded. Most of our graduate students pursue higher education in colleges and universities to prepare themselves for teaching or service in the community.

Owing to the Japanese War in 1937, the school moved to Shiu Hing for half a year. Then in 1938, it moved to Hong Kong and rented buildings on Kwong Wah Street in Kowloon to carry on its work. As the enrolment increased, it was found necessary to move the Primary section to the education building of the Stirling Road Baptist Church in Kowloon City. When Hong Kong feil into the hands of the Japanese in 1941, the school was again compelled to close. In February, 1942, it moved to Macau. At the close of the war, the school returned to Hong Kong in August, 1945 and opened as a branch school with Miss Jessie Lee as the headmistress. In February, 1946, the mother school moved back to Canton. This year, we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the founding of the school in Hong Kong.

(3) Pooi To Middle School in Hong Kong

After the surrender of the Japanese in 1945, plans were made to move the main school back to Canton, and to open a branch school in Hong Kong. Consequently, the Hong Kong branch opened on October 15th, 1945, with 194 students in nine classes from Kindergarten through Junior I. The following semester the enrolment reached over 200 and two classes were added, Junior II and Junior III. In July, 1946, the school had its first commencement exercises with students graduating from Junior III, Primary 6 and the Kindergarten section. On December 2nd, 1945, Dr. Lam Chi-Fung was invited to be supervisor of the school and he took the responsibility of registering the school with the Education Department in Hong Kong.

In April, 1946, the Chinese Nationalist Government at Nanking ordered that the Hong Kong branch cease being a branch of the school in Canton and elect a separate principal, because the latter was not

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Ten years have passed since Pooi To School opened in Hong Kong. During the past decade many changes have taken place so that the school is quite different from what it was in 1945, the year that marked the close of the Second World War and the beginning of our work here in the Colony. As teachers and students met for classes in poor crowded quarters, they showed that they had suffered; but their hearts were filled with gratitude to God for bringing them through the war and giving them an opportunity to start life anew. Because of God's countless blessings, and the prayers and interest of friends everywhere, the school has developed into one of the best in Hong Kong.

As we plan to celebrate our Tenth Anniversary, we should like to have our friends share with us the joy that is ours at this time. Therefore, we are putting out this publication. Most of it is in Chinese but there is a small portion in English for those who may not know Chinese. We ask that all our friends continue to remember us in their prayers that only the Lord's will may be done in Pooi To.

In conclusion, I shall quote a poem taken from "Masterpieces of Religious Verse." When each teacher realizes what God has done for the school, may she let this poem be the prayer of her heart.

Lord, who am I to teach the way To little children day by day, So prone myself to go astray.

I teach them KNOWLEDGE, but I know How faint the flicker and how low The candles of my knowledge glow.

I teach them POWER to will and do, But only now to learn anew My own great weakness through and through.

I teach them LOVE for all mankind And all God's creatures, but I find My love comes lagging far behind.

Lord, if their guide I still must be, Oh, let the little children see The teacher leaning hard on Thee.

- Inez Lung Chow

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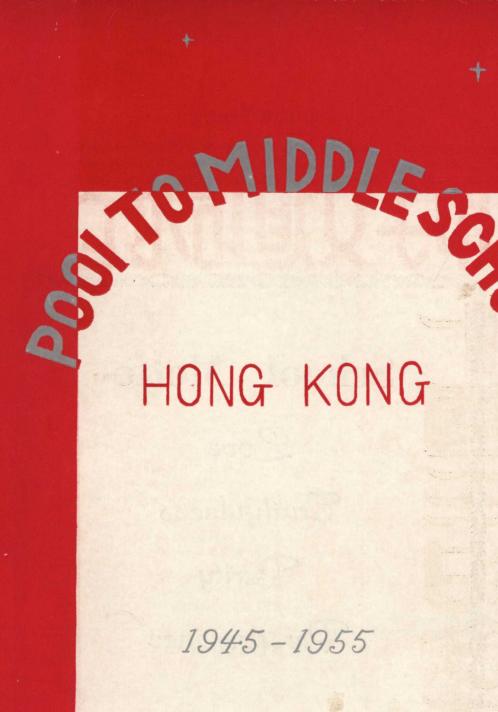
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