

ginnings of the work were made by Tung Shan Baptist Church. In 1921 it was suggested that since the work was too big for any one church to carry, it should be undertaken by the General Convention. It was not until 1928, however, that it was actually taken over by the Convention, and operated under the Convention by the Leung Kwong Baptists Old Folks' Home Board. This Old Folks' Home is near the Orphanage and its buildings were also dedicated in 1932 at the time of the annual meeting of the Convention.

In the organized work among and for woman there has been truly outstanding growth since 1888. As early 1878 there was a Woman's Missionary Society organized; but it was not until 1916 that the W.M.U. of South China was organized. The number of "workers together with God" as individuals and as groups has been steadily mounting through the past decades, and doubtless will as the years come and go. "Go tell" is the purpose of women's missionary society, and His "Lo, I am with you always" can be claimed as they "go-preach."

In 1893 a girls' missionary society of forty members was organized in the boarding school, now Pooi To Middle School, and was the first young people's society organized in China. Through the decades since then young people's work has been going forward—sometimes a bit spasmodically but in the past ten years with greater vision and persistence and high purpose and with increasingly gratifying and encouraging results, and that not only in South China but throughout the land. At the 1930 meeting of the Leung Kwong General Baptist Convention, the young people's work of the Convention was organized as a distinct new department under what is now known as the Baptist Young People's Board, and this phase of the kingdom's work was thus put alongside other regular departments of Convention work.

The contribution that early missionary educators and education made in the matter of opening doors of educational opportunities for girls and women in China stands out very prominently in any list of results of Christian Education for China. The history and development of Baptist schools in connection with South China Mission and the Baptist churches of the field would in itself make a full volume of interesting and helpful reading.

In 1839, about three years after she landed in China, Mrs. Henrietta Hall Shuck opened a small school of about twenty boys and girls; and in 1843 a small school was reported as having been opened in Hong Kong under Mr. Shuck's supervision. In 1849, W. Whilden made reference in one of his reports to one school already organized and the organization of another contemplated. In 1856

Only God's accountants in the great beyond can give full and true summaries and evaluations. Withal, however, there has been the spirit to "go forward" despite periods of upheaval and discouragement, which it seems must needs come about every decade.

Space forbids detailed outline or comment on the organization and growth of all the phases of Kingdom work in South China during the decades of which we are seeking a brief and comprehensive survey. Only very general and broad outlines can be attempted; but it is hoped that even these will enable the reader to realize something of "what God has wrought" through the years and will mean the swelling of a great paean of praise for the glory of the Lord in this the Jubilee year for Pooi To Middle School for girls

In 1904 the Sunday School Board was organized; in 1911, the Seminary Board, though as referred to above the Seminary had its beginnings as early as 1870; in 1916, the "Kon Sz" Board and in 1928, the Literature Board. In the field of benevolence as 1891 work for the blind was undertaken by the Leung Kwong Baptist Convention though as at present organized as the Mo Kwong Home and School for the blind, and which is not now directly under Convention auspices, the work was not established until 1910. Within the half century we are reviewing but growing out of medical efforts of the earlier decades, Baptist built up three hospitals within the bounds of the Convention territory. These are the Stout Memorial Hospital in Wuchow, the Kweilin Baptist Hospital in Kweilin, and the Leung Kwong Baptist Hospital in Canton. Only this last one in Canton directly under the Leung Kwong General Baptist Convention. It is controlled by the Hospital Board of the Convention organized in 1917, though the hospital had been formally opened in 1914.

The Leung Kwong Baptist Orphanage has for now approximately three decades been a refuge for many homeless, motherless and fatherless children. At the twenty first session of the Leung Kwong General Baptist Convention held in 1906 in Wuchow plans were set in motion for the establishment of this institution, by the raising of initial funds and the election of trustees for its promotion. In 1921, the Leung Kwong Orphan's Home Board was organized and it is still functioning. The present Home, northeast of Tung Shan near Sha Hoh village at the foot of White Cloud Mountain, was dedicated in 1932.

Another independent benevolent enterprise fostered by the Chinese Baptists of South China is the Leung Kwong Baptist Old Folk's Home. Be-

After the organization of the Leung Kwong General Baptist Convention in 1835, as Baptist work in South China steadily advanced, its history and growth rather naturally gathers round the history and growth of the various Boards which have been organized through the years and from time to time as the needs of the field and constituency demanded.

Direct evangelism automatically of course always takes precedence over any other form of missionary endeavor. Strange as it may seem, however, the Home Evangelistic Board of Leung Kwong General Baptist Convention was not organized until 1896, and is therefore not the oldest of the Convention Boards, the valid reasons for which need not be explained or given here. The first definite organization of a society or board in the Convention was a "tract society" or "publication board", organized in 1885, which met many needs and calls for printed helps, tracts, hymns, ect., in early missionary effort, and which functioned until the organization in 1900 of the China Baptist Publication Society. In 1835 also the Leung Kwong General Baptist Convention made beginnings in the field of Christian Education, which, with the organization of Pooi Ching Baptist Academy in 1889, resulted finally in the Convention's adoption of Pooi Ching Baptist Academy in 1908 and the establishment at the same time of what is at present known as the Leung Kwong Board of Christian Education. Pooi To Middle School for girls in the more recent years is also included in the work of the Leung Kwong General Baptist Convention Board of Education.

When the Home Evangelistic Board of the Leung Kwong Baptist Convention was organized in 1896 in Shiu Hing, approximately \$150 Mex, was subscribed and chapels were opened by the Convention in Sam Shui and Sai Naam. Statistics for the year 1896 show no independent Baptist churches in the Convention area; but there were eight mission churches, ten preaching stations, one hundred and sixteen baptisms, nine hundred and eighty-nine members, four houses of worship, twenty-nine preachers and pastors, six Bible women and with amount of contributions to all causes \$1,053.61 Chinese currency. By 1922 there were reported 27 independent churches, 54 mission churches, 126 preaching stations, 1,145 baptisms, 11,307 members, 65 houses of worship, 175 pastors and preachers 75 Bible women, and contributions to all causes totaling \$36,806 Chinese currency. How unfortunate that more accurate statistics for each year are not available. Statistics never can tell the full story of life and growth and progress.

## THE GROWTH OF BAPTIST WORK IN SOUTH CHINA 1888-1938.

When Pooi To Middle School for Girls first saw the light of day. March 6, 1888, Baptist work in South China was then already more than fifty years old, having been started in 1836 by the coming from the U.S.A. of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Shuck. Though that first fifty years growth was necessarily slow, beginnings were made and real progress there was along many lines. The story of the marked advance and rich fruitage of the five decades, 1888-1938, however, reads like a romance.

By way of introduction to the story of the second fifty years of the first century of Baptist work in China, a few events of the first fifty years may well be allowed to pass in hurried review. That period was in the very nature of the case years of soil preparation and seed-sowing. Outstanding events and dates were few, but those years were of supreme importance to the bountiful yield of the second fifty-years period, which now is during the Jubilee Celebrations so rife and full of interest for students, faculty, alumnae, and friends of Pooi To Middle School:—

1. The organization of the First Baptist Church was in Hong Kong in 1842; and in Canton, in 1844.
2. The second oldest Baptist church in Kwangtung Province to be organized was in Shiu Hing in 1862, Shiu Hing being the second Baptist Mission Station to be opened.
3. In 1869, there was opened the first meeting-house owned by Baptists in South China.
4. In 1870, there was begun the Bible classes around Dr. R. H. Graves' dining table, which ultimately resulted in the organization of the Graves' Theological Seminary
5. Between 1860 and 1883, repeated and untiring efforts were made by Dr. Graves and others to open up Baptist work in Kwangsi Province.
6. In 1885, the Leung Kwong General Baptist Convention was organized in Shiu Hing, with twenty-five delegates from three churches and three chapels present and undertaking this organization, which has meant so much to the ongoing of Baptist work in South China in the last half-century.

sympathetic with Pooi To. Moreover, we ask that you pray with us that each alumna, student, and faculty member may be true to the memory of those who have gone on before and with renewed zeal endeavor to glorify the Name for Whose honor Pooi To Middle School was founded.

Inez Lung Chow

Pooi To Middle School  
June 10, 1938.

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## ALMA MATER

Alma Mater, Alma Mater, we have heard thy gentle call;  
Alma Mater, Alma Mater, we have answered one and all;  
In the footsteps of our teachers, side by side, we'd learn the way-  
Alma Mater, tender mother, lead us on from day to day!

Alma Mater, Alma Mater, we would follow in the lead,  
Of thy daughters gone before us, every noble thought and deed;  
Lead us ever, in endeavor; lead us from the world's allure;  
Feed us ever and forever, with the noble and the pure!

Alma Mater, Alma Mater, Oh, the days are speeding by!  
We would learn the way they traveled, who have gone to Him on high.  
Gently lead us, ever lead us, in the paths their feet have trod-  
Alma Mater, tender mother, lead us safely on to God!

## SCHOOL MOTTOES

LOVE,

HONESTY,

PURITY,

ENDURANCE.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God," Matthew 6:33.

## FOREWORD.

Countless are the sad hearts that beat throughout our wartorn country today as this publication, marking the Fiftieth Anniversary of Pooi To Middle School and the Twenty-sixth Anniversary of the Y.W.C.A. of the School, goes to press. Many and varied have been the trials through which Pooi To has passed during the past half century, but never has the future seemed so uncertain as it does today. For when has the country ever been confronted with such a terrible crisis as the present Sino-Japanese War which seemingly has for its aim the complete obliteration of every vestige of civilization in the country and even of life itself?

At the close of the last school year, when the enrollment in the Junior and Senior High School Departments reached the highest in the history of the school, joyful indeed was the anticipation of what the following year, our Golden Jubilee Year, would bring, with the completion of the infirmary and the beginning of the erection of the new religious education building in honor of Mrs. Janie Lowry Graves. But that school year dawned with the horizon overcast with war clouds, which have spread until the school has had to struggle under the most discouraging conditions to survive.

During the first semester the school was forced to leave Canton for a quieter and safer place, with the result that the enrollment dropped from six hundred to seventy-five students. The second semester, with the removal of the school to Hong Kong, the number of students has increased until it has passed the four-hundred mark. Now, plans are being made for the Pooi To Anniversary Celebration, though on a smaller scale than were the original ones because of the fact that a very elaborate celebration is not in keeping with the present situation when a pall of sorrow enshrouds the entire country. Nevertheless, because of this occasion ("A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you," Leviticus 25:11), we are sending out to our friends this volume written in both Chinese and English.

To you who read the English section, please permit us to state that practically every article has been written by the students of the Senior English Department of the school; consequently we make no claims at presenting finished and polished compositions. But, as our Alma Mater stands on the threshold of the second half century of her life looking back with sincere gratitude to those who sacrificed to make her what she is today and gazing into the future for a glimpse of what the future may hold for her, we earnestly desire that those who read these articles will become more interested in and more

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