

In 1889 he was received as a probationer in the Bay of Quinte Conference, travelled on Frankford and Bridgenorth circuits, then began a course at Trinity Medical College, Toronto, preaching on the Goodwood and Epsom circuits, Toronto Conference, during summer vacations. In 1893 he was ordained for special purposes and sent to Bancroft Mission, and the next year received into full connection.

At that time it was remarked of him, "His whole heart is in the work, and he is not going to be easily discouraged. He's a man that is going to be *used*." Simple and unassuming in his manner, and making no pretension to pulpit oratory, he won the hearts of his people by his sympathy, earnest work, and consecrated life; but, better still, he won their hearts for Christ, for he saw many conversions on his circuits. From its organization he was an enthusiastic Epworth Leaguer, and has been an honorary member of his home society at Elizabethtown since 1892.

During the year 1893-4 he completed his medical course at Detroit Medical College, and in May, 1894, shortly after his graduation, was married to Miss Grace Young, a devoted Christian worker, whose home was near Havelock, Ont. Miss Young had been a teacher on the Bridgenorth circuit, and her heart is in the missionary work, she also having been a volunteer for the foreign field.

The way at that time not being open for Dr. Smith to be sent to Africa, he was stationed for a year on Dalrymple circuit. At the end of that time our own Board requested him to go China.

At first it seemed a disappointment to give up the work they longed to do in Africa, but believing that it was the leading of God, he consented and became willing and anxious to go to what seemed to him the hardest of mission fields.

So in August, 1896, Dr. Smith with his wife and two months' old daughter bade good-bye to friends and set out for Chentu, where they arrived about the beginning of February, 1897, so tedious is travel in the Celestial Empire. Since their departure, Dr. Smith has been chosen by the Leagues of the Coburg District (his home district) as their representative.

Mrs. Smith, in the February *Outlook*, under date of Oct. 3rd, writes that they could then make themselves understood, and understand others fairly well, that they could sing four or five hymns in Chinese, and that Dr. Smith conducted worship in Dr. Kilborn's absence. This we think is good progress with the hardest language in the world, and we doubt not that Dr. and Mrs. Smith will be used by the Master in China.

Chinese Mission Work in New Westminster, British Columbia.

The "Toronto District" Epworth League has made a wise choice in selecting Mr. and Mrs. Tong Chue Tom as their missionaries, to encourage and support.

The writer has been personally and intimately acquainted with Mr. Tom before, at the time of, and ever since his conversion; and with Mrs. Tom since she began her course of study in Columbia Methodist College, New Westminster.

Mr. Tom is an energetic, enthusiastic devoted Christian, the farthest removed from native Chinese habits, customs and feelings of any Chinese missionary employed by the B. C. Conference. He has become so entirely imbued with Christian sentiments that he looks on all questions

from a European standpoint, and longs to bring his fellow-countrymen up to the same standard.

Mrs. Tom also has acquired an education which has removed her quite as far from heathendom, and has made her an invaluable assistant to her husband. Together they make a fine combination, one possessing qualities not so strongly marked in the other, yet both working harmoniously together as a whole. Mrs. Tom is a good musician, can both play the organ and sing, and leads the musical part of their missionary services, and when Mr. Tom is obliged to be absent she can take the entire service, and preach quite acceptably to the Chinamen attending. She also assists Mr. Tom every night in the Chinese School connected with the Mission, they two being the only teachers. Just now she has begun to give music lessons to a Chinese merchant's wife, who has got an organ, and is anxious to know how to play upon it. This lady has quite an ear for music, and she is learning to sing the gospel songs.

There are at present only three converted Chinamen belonging to Methodism here, and one of these prefers to belong to the Central Church, and works for that rather than with the Mission Church. There are quite a number of men, however, who have been attending the school and preaching services, who have given up their heathen worship, believing it to be false, at the same time being attracted towards Christianity. They are studying and becoming educated in Christian doctrines, and will doubtless ere long accept Christ as their only Saviour. They must first find their foundation before they can build upon Him.

Not having a membership as yet, Mr. Tom finds it difficult to press his congregations for money, but nevertheless he has succeeded in raising \$30.00, since Conference, towards the \$50.00 assessment expected from him.

The Chinese New Year's celebration has just closed. With them it covers from ten to fifteen days. It began this year on January 21. One chief feature of the celebration is an almost incessant fusillade of fire-crackers, which the educated class consider is a suitable way in which to manifest their present joy in banishing far from them any recollections of past trouble or evil. The more ignorant class, on the other hand, have an idea that by this means they may be able to drive away the evil spirits and secure for themselves future freedom from calamity.

The second day is given over to receiving callers and serving refreshments of sweetmeats and wine, when the Europeans, in large numbers, visit China-town. The fourth day is observed as "open" or "enlargement" day, that is, they worship the idols which are supposed to be able to give them prosperity in all their business and family transactions, extension of trade, friendships, etc., and at night they have a great display of Chinese fireworks and burn hundreds of dollars worth of fire-crackers, which extravagance makes the laboring class poor indeed for months to come, until they can get summer work to do.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom, wishing to educate them in the Christian method of keeping New Year's, prepared for them an entertainment in the Mission, on the fifth day. In the afternoon a European dinner was provided by the missionaries, in their own home, to which they invited all the Chinese ladies and children of the city. Six ladies and nine children, of various ages, were present. Previous to the dinner hour, which was five o'clock, several members of the W. M. Auxiliary dropped in to call upon their Chinese sisters and help to entertain them. Mrs. Tom