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ness, were valiant in war, routed hostile armies and did those other marvellous deeds that belong to the life of faith.

Christian history has nothing finer in any of its pages than the records of some of these men and women. All round the world we heard such names spoken with reverence and affection. It would be easy to mention many, for it is truly a "glorious company."

High on the roll of those who have, and who richly deserve such recognition, is the name of the man whose life's story these words inadequately and imperfectly introduce—the Rev. Nathan Sites, whose name is "writ large" in the annals of the Church in the Chinese Empire.

He was the first alumnus of the Ohio Wesleyan University to go to a foreign field. Scores have followed him since and others wait to go.

In a real sense, these two sentences tell the whole story. Dr. Sites was always going ahead himself, and ever leading others into good work. Himself a true missionary, he has left to the world a missionary family, and a large missionary succession. Many American men and women were led by him to give their lives to foreign missions as their life work. Many Chinese men and women were led by him to the service of their countrymen through the Christian ministry.

At Foochow, the name of Nathan Sites is as ointment poured forth. There he lived and labored, and after nearly forty years of toil, fell. There he lies buried near Bishop Wiley, and