

touched with the love of God, and how, out in the woods, on bended knees, he consecrated himself to God's service; how with his comrades he fought to repel a raid of dangerous miscreants upon our fair land; and all the story of his studies, and his early ministry;—every Canadian boy and young man should read. The reading will make him sturdier for the battles he himself is fighting to make his way in the world, and to be of some real use in life.

The portraits which the Life contains, of Dr. Robertson at various periods of his career, are themselves a study. They help one to understand how he made his way, and how difficulties were to him just like so much dry stubble to a hot fire. That "terrible jaw", as one described it, marks the man who will not flinch nor tire, and gives a hint of that wonderful enthusiasm of his for God and native land, and for the grand old church of his fathers.

By all means, become thoroughly acquainted with Dr. James Robertson, the great Missionary Superintendent.

Tan Hé

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What may seem a trifling incident, often leads to very important results, and such was the case, as far as we can learn, with Tan Hé. About thirty-six years ago, shortly after Dr. G. L. Mackay had settled in Tamsui, Formosa, a young man who was suffering from toothache came to him for relief, and secured it. He had been at the same school with Giam Chheng-hoa, Dr. Mackay's first helper, in his boyhood days. After his schooling was finished, he had begun farming, living with his parents in Tamsui. He became interested in the new teacher and attended church service frequently. Dr. Mackay was impressed with the earnestness of the young man, during his first interview with him; but it was some time before Tan Hé gave himself to the Lord.

When Tan Hé's father was very ill the family consented to appeal to Dr. Mackay for medical advice. His medicine cured the disease, and from that time the whole family were friendly to the new religion. In 1874,

Tan Hé was baptized. At that time he was twenty-three years of age, and in the following year he became one of Dr. Mackay's students. Later, his father and mother and three of his brothers also joined the church.

For about ten years, Tan Hé preached in a number of different places, as a Chinese evangelist. He was distinguished everywhere for his faithfulness and devotion. For example, when he was at Sin-kang, many of the Christians moved up to the savage territory, to open up new land. Although there was constant danger of attacks from the savages, he went with them and continued to teach them in their new homes. Needless to say, he was very much beloved by them.

In 1883, during the French invasion of Formosa, Tan Hé was preaching at Sintiam. He was warned that rebels would plunder the chapel and persecute the Christians, and was advised to flee elsewhere for safety. He answered, however, that he must remain to encourage and strengthen the people. He did so, and when the chapel was attacked, he lost his clothes and other possessions; but his first thought was for the people.

In 1885, Tan Hé was ordained as a Chinese pastor and appointed to Sintiam. As evangelist and pastor, he worked in Sintiam altogether for about twenty years. The church is now a strong one, supporting its own pastor. Friends witness that he was unwearying in his testimony for Jesus Christ. He seized every opportunity when visiting, or entertaining, or meeting an enquirer, to tell of Jesus. He had gained some medical knowledge from Dr. Mackay, and freely helped both Christians and heathen who were sick. He gladly undertook long journeys on foot to visit the sick, prescribe treatment and pray with them.

In family life, it was Pastor Tan's custom to have family prayers three times a day. His faith in prayer accounts for much of his grace of character. After a sickness of only a few hours' duration, he died in 1898.

His grave lies side by side with that of Dr. Mackay in a grove on the hill back of the Mission compound. It can be most truly said of him, that he was a "good and faithful servant".

Tamsui, Formosa, Japan