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Dr. W. M. McNeely, Carleton Place, is reported seriously ill in the Binghamton Hospital, New York, from a complication of pleurisy and heart trouble.

KINGSTON CHINESE MEMORIAL SERVICE

For the Late President Sun Yat Sen, Whom They Very Deeply Mourn.

Kingston has seen many strange public gatherings but among the most remarkable of these must be numbered the solemn memorial service for the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen held by the Chinese of this district in the Chinese Nationalist headquarters on Montreal street Sunday afternoon. An altar had been erected, surmounted by a large portrait of the late president of the Chinese Republic, and it was before this altar that the ceremonies and addresses took place. The Canadian visitors, both ladies and gentlemen, occupied the seats and much of the standing room so that the Chinese tended to be crowded out of their own service and looked on from the doorways. Nothing could have exceeded their politeness and their obvious pleasure that people of an alien nationality should meet with them to honor their beloved leader.

At the head of the stairs the visitors were politely shaken hands with by two officials and conducted to the hall past a solemn line of Chinese, most of them in tuxedos or dress suits. A badge with a picture of the dead leader and a ribbon covered with Chinese characters was pinned on each person, Chinese and Canadian alike. In front was a square altar covered with blue cloth in the centre of which was the twelve-pointed sun which signifies that in the happy land of China every hour is bright. Above this altar was the commanding and sad face of the lost leader framed in purple, white and black. On either side trembled the living flames of three candles and from a golden license lamp twined the slow, wreathing perfume. Banks of funeral flowers with texts and prayers attached occupied the outer edges of the altar and the nearby floor. The whole front of the room was framed by three large banners or signs in black silk with white characters and purple borders. That across the top might be translated, "May the spirit of Dr. Sun live forever." On the left was, "The whole city mourns his demise," and on the right, "The kernel of the nut is gone." On every side the walls were hung with strips of cotton on which had been painted prayers and praises of the late president. Any one with the idea that the Chinese are a stolid, unemotional people must have changed his mind as he waited for the ceremonies to begin. There was a constant bustle and an atmosphere of excitement not to say anxiety.

At half past two Mr. Jone Lee of the New England Cafe came forward as chairman, and an orchestra in an adjoining room struck up a solemn but not Chinese tune. As the music died away a crier called out in a loud voice and the audience was motioned to stand. A perfect and almost breathless stillness fell as all stood for possibly five minutes in bowed silence. From the street outside floated snatches of conversation and loud laughter, making all the more impressive the silence within, as Orient and Occident joined in tribute to the memory of a great man. Another loud command at last broke the quiet and the audience were seated. Eight men then came forward and ranged themselves before the altar. Together they bowed stiffly three times. Then one placed a large wreath of white jasmine before the picture. Mr. Lee Kim Wang, secretary of the local Chinese National Party, then went forward, holding in his hand a packet of prayers written on black-bordered paper. As he read, one after another of the Chinese, both those at the front and those crowding at the rear, were overcome with emotion and gave way to tears. This continued for some twenty minutes. Then the orchestra played another western piece. A long and fluent address was then given from the platform by Mr. Frank Lem. After this the men around the altar bowed and retired.

A Chinese youth, Mr. Yep, of Queen's Medical school, then read a paper in English briefly sketching the life of the late president. He stated that Dr. Sun Yat Sen was greater than the George Washington of this continent. He told of the early revolutionary activities of this patriot, of his defeat and flight, of his subsequent triumphant return and election as first president of the Chinese republic and of the later difficulties which overwhelmed him. But to the last he labored for the unification of his beloved country. The speaker then resumed his own language and discoursed at considerable length.

Mr. Taylor of Queen's was the next speaker. Mr. Taylor is a young man who has never been out of Canada but has learned to speak and write Chinese fluently and is regarded with the greatest affection by all the Oriental citizens between here and Ottawa. For the benefit of the Canadian audience he translated a handbill of which everyone had received a copy. It was the last message of Dr. Sun Yat Sen to the people of China and expressed the ardent hope that their strife would soon cease, that equality would soon be universal and his revolution reach its completion.

Nine or ten speakers followed in rapid succession, some speaking at considerable length, others very briefly. Mr. Sam Lee of the Hotel Dieu explained the three principles of the commonwealth. Mr. Seto, Brockville, expressed his pleasure in being present. Mr. Peter Lee, president of the society, hoped that though the president was dead,

China would carry out his purposes. Mr. Lee Min enlarged on international equality. Other speakers were Messrs. Lee Ling, Hum, Lui You Nam, Wong Kong, Fong Min, Mon Gen, who brought greetings from towns between Belleville, Tweed and Gananoque.

The ceremony was concluded by a brief expression of thanks to the Canadian visitors who had joined in this service, which was being held simultaneously all the world over, and a request that all remain for a group photograph which would be taken outside immediately.

For the Canadians the ceremony was a unique experience. To see their Chinese acquaintances of the restaurant and laundry, acting as polite hosts, conducting a difficult ceremony with impressiveness, taking the platform with assurance and proclaiming their message with apparent ease and force, gave a new and attractive impression of these Asiatics who lead their secluded lives among us.

FARMERS SEEDING ON WOLFE ISLAND

Islanders Unable to Secure a Market for Their Pressed Hay—Notes of Interest.

Wolfe Island, April 12.—Many farmers started seeding during the past week and report the high land to work excellent. If weather permits, it will be general this week. New seeding is looking fine and clover gives promise of being a bumper crop. The shipping price for calves last week was nine cents, hogs thirteen cents.

A large number of islander's pressed their hay during the past winter and have been unable to find a market for it, since then. It is one commodity that is very hard to dispose of.

One by one the old landmarks are passing away. This week we regret to have to announce the death of Mr. George Smithers, after an illness extending over a period of three years. Deceased was renowned as a boat builder. There are those still living who remember his precivilities as a skater. He was of a retired disposition, but had a host of friends who offer their sympathy to his two sorrowing sisters. His funeral took place today, and was largely attended. Service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Contrell. Mrs. Henry Hinckley, passed away this morning. Mrs. James Davis, who is confined to the Hotel Dieu Hospital, is slightly improved. Congratulations are in order to the Rev. A. M. Russell, B.A., who in addition to receiving his B.D., also won the Anderson scholarship.

The above divine has made a host of friends since his advent among us, and greater things are looked for in the future.

Mr. Bum Spoor, a well known Islander, has held a position on the staff of Bibby's Ltd., covering a period of eleven years, during which time he was untiring in his efforts to please his customers. He has now severed his connections with the above firm, to go into business with the recently established Modler Clothing House.

Mr. William O'Connor, Toronto, is the guest during the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Briceland. Mr. Rugg, and son, Herbert, accompanied by Mr. Smitty, Toronto, motored from the latter city and spent the week-end with friends on the island. Miss Evelyn MacLaren, Peterboro, has arrived home for the holidays. Mr. Alex. Scismth, Marysville, spent the Easter holidays, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Staley. Miss Frances Hara, Hamilton, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Horn, Point Alexander. Mr. Jack Doolan, who has been in Detroit during the past winter, has returned to the Island, to work the two hundred acre farm of his aunts, the Misses Aqueleys.

A euchre and dance, is being conducted tonight, in the parish hall. Mr. Walter Gravelle, and Miss Driver, Kingston, are the guests over this week-end of Mrs. O'Connell. Mrs. William Armstrong is visiting with his sister, in Prescott. Miss Mildred Staley, has accepted a position with the Rigney & Hickey law firm. Mr. Robert McAllister, who was called home, owing to the death of his father, is returning to Kelvington, Sask., next Wednesday. James Hogan, has left for the city to reside with his mother. Trappers report the catch of muskrats as being below normal. Fishermen also state their catch as not being up to the average. They attribute low water as one of the causes, as nets are set largely this season if the year, in creeks and such places.

RESCUED FROM DROWNING.

Aged Man Tried to Tow Buggy Across Swollen River. Brockville, April 13.—William Cougler, aged over seventy, of Nation Valley, is a patient in hospital, the result of immersion in the Nation River, in which he suffered shock and exposure. Cougler attempted to float a buggy across the swollen stream by towing it behind a boat. The boat capsized under the weight of the load and Cougler was swept down stream, and was about to sink when Joseph Steel and Frank Nesbitt floated fence rails to him and brought him ashore.

Death of George McPherson.

Brockville, April 13.—The burial took place at Kemptville of George McPherson, well-known horseman, who died at Carleton Place, after a long illness. He was one of the best-known men on the harness tracks of Eastern Ontario and had been for many years engaged as trainer for many owners of race horses. Mr. McPherson was in his sixty-second year.

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