Letter Helped Open Door to Christianity for Chinese

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Religion in Louisiana: A History

In 1932 Miss Lois Garrison took Miss Crevey's place. She was largely responsible for organizing the Chinese women into church activity groups and helped to organize the Men's Joy Club. The present pastor, the Rev. Mr. Castileman, was invited to be a missionary in China, and he arrived in China in 1935 after the completion of the first unit of a new church building. The building was completed in 1937, and in 1939 by the expansion of the mission, the mission house was turned into a church, in 1938, the mission was awarded to the Chinese Presbytery of the United States. The mission was awarded to the Chinese Presbytery of the United States, and in 1939, the mission was awarded to the Chinese Presbytery of the United States.

While Missionary to China, the Rev. Mr. Castileman worked as a missionary. He was responsible for organizing the first Chinese church in the United States, and he is credited with the establishment of the Chinese Presbyterian Church in the United States. The mission was awarded to the Chinese Presbytery of the United States, and in 1939, the mission was awarded to the Chinese Presbytery of the United States.

A special program undertaken each year by the church, in addition to the annual Thanksgiving breakfast for oriental students and young people at which a special offering is received, devoted to sending Chinese food and medicines to Chinese patients at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital at Carroll.

The Women of the Church have three circles, one which meets in the evening with English spoken, and two on Sundays in Chinese.

A close worker for many years with the local church was Mrs. Charles C. Chang, who retired in 1953 and now resides in Biloxi, Miss. Mrs. Chang, a native of China, has been active in church work in China for many years. She has served as a missionary in the Chinese Presbyterian Church in New Orleans.

When the Rev. Mr. Castileman concludes his unique congregation, he says what pleases him most is the way the Chinese are taking bold of the leadership of the work. The day before, he hopes to see his job taken over by a Chinese Presbyterian minister, hopefully one from the ranks of the Chinese Presbyterian Church in New Orleans.

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