

**Buddhist News**

**The Celebration of Lord Buddha's Birthday and the Observaion of the Good Friday Occurred in the Same Day this Year**

Taipei Message— Chinese Buddhists celebrated Lord Buddha's Birthday on April eighth. The Buddhists in Taipei, followed the image of the Prince in the elephant's back, with cheers in their faces and flags in their hands, made a grand procession toward the meeting place at the music stage in the New Garden under the nectar like rain fall.

The Buddhists came into the garden like tides. Before the begining of the celebration at ten o'clock the rain stopped and the sun shone brightly.

The celebration began with crackers and music. A ball was hung on a high pole. When the ball opened, a lot of pigeons and sparrows flew away signified peace and fraternity.

The celebration was presided by Ven. Hsin yuan, the director of Buddhist Association, Taipei Distrect; and it was directed by Ven. Changchia Hutokotu, the director of Chinese Buddhist Association. The ceremony began with chanting Sutra, then by the speeches given by Vin. Changchia and others, and lastly it ended with the washing of Buddha image till noon full of vigour.

There were also vigorous celebrations with processions and speeches in Taichung, Kaohsung and other places.

**Sila Given at Shihpu Temple. Guests were invited**

Taipei Message— We had reported about the Sila giving in Shihpu Temple on the last issue. At seventeenth last month the Sila of Sramanera bigan. Since there was no Sila giving in the city for a few tens of year, the Chenese Buddhist Association prepared confec-tioneries and invited government officials and people of reputation. At two o'clock P. M. the three Acharyas gave copes to the more than eighty monks and nuns with religious music. Guests attended were Hon. C. C. Ho, General L. J. Sun, Hon. C. K. Yen, Hon. T. C. Chien and other six hundred. Ven. Chanahia and Ven. Poseng explained the meaning of Sila giving and the guests praised the eminence of Buddhism.

**Ven. Hsinjan Established Circulating Buddhist Lecture in Taichung**

Taichung— Ven. Mieopen of Pilu Temple here invited Ven. Hsinjan to establish a circulating Buddhist lecture for one and a half month travelling around towns in Tai-chung district. The Venerable Bhiksu lectured "Primitive Buddhism" at Pilu Temple in Holi, "The Superiority of the Method of Pure Land Sect" at Sanho Temple in Tana, "The Sutra on Samantabladra" at Lungshan Temple in Taya, and "The Sutra of Eight Noble Informa-tions" at Mingshan Temple in Tungshih. It was thankfull that the Bhiksu spoke local dialect directly although he could not use that language fluently.

**The Lantern Slide Survice of Our Publi-cations Showed at the Music Stage in Tainan**

Tainan— Ven. Hueifeng, the Chief Bhiksu of Chanjan Vihara here together with his Buddhist friends invited our chief editor to come to show the lantern slides. Mr. Chu arrived here at seventeenth last month and showed three nights consecutively at the music stage near Chihkan Belvedere. In the first night, Buddha Darma was introduced by Mr. Y. Y. Lou and then three roles of Western Travel were shown. In the second night a speech on "There is only One Way" delivered by our chief editor and then three roles of Sakyamoni were shown. In the third and the last night Mr. S. K. Chen talked on "It is Very difficult to be a Human and It is More difficult to meet Buddha Darma" and



then three more roles on Sakyamoni followed by the news on Buddha's Birthday celebra-tion by the Western Order were shown. More than two thousand attended every night and it was certainly record making.

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