

The Bodhedrum English section.

Buddhist News in Free China.

Buddhists in Taichung Visited Yuching and Tungshih to preach Dharma.

Taichung-Meetings for the preaching of Dharma were held at the Civic Service Station in Yuching recently. The meeting was started by Mr. Y. Y. Fu, manager of the Sugar Factory, and Dr. Y. H. Chui, medical doctor of the Petroleum Mine. Both Mr. Fu and Dr. Chui gave lectures during the occasion. More than two hundred listeners attended every time.

Recently, by the request of Mr. Fu, our president Mr. Li sent Messrs. C. T. Chen, Y. T. Hsue, K. C. Lin and C. L. Lue of the Lotus Club to attend the meeting, and at the same time they gave lectures on various subjects in Buddhism. The chief of Tungshih, father of Miss Y. C. Liao of the Lotus Club, invited Miss H. Y. Hue, Miss H. L. Chih, Miss Y. C. Liao, Miss S. C. Peng and Miss M. H. Teng, lady members of the Lotus Club, to give lectures on Dharma at the Primary School here for a period of five days.

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Our staffs preached for the prisoners.

Taichung-Mr. H. C. Tang, an officer of the prison, invited two of our staffs, Messrs. M. H. Teng and Y. C. Lai, to preach Dharma in the woman's prison due to the recent increase of prisoners to more than thirty in number. They decided to preach twice in a month for the benefit of the prisoners.

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Sutra explained in the Haihuei Temple.

Taichung-Ven. Taoyang, the Abbot of Haihuei, Temple of The Pure Land Sect in Patu, gave a detail explanation of "The Sutra of Eight Enlightenments", and "The Sutra of Forty-Two Chapters". More than eighty listeners attended. Ven. Jenkuang interpreted the vivid speech into the local dialect with linguistic eloquence.

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The exertion of Buddha meditation held in the Chanjan Vihara.

Tainan-The members of Chanjan Vihara held a seven day's exertion of Buddha Meditation to follow the teachings of the public te-

mples in the China Proper. The meditation was led by Ven. Hueifeng and Ven. Chingnien. More than three hundred Buddhists participated every day. A lecture on Buddhism followed and "The Treatise on Mahayana Faith Arousing" was explained by Ven. Hueifeng, the knowledge on the the Pure Land Sect was given by Mr. S. K. Chen, and the lecture on Vijnana was given by Mr. C. H. Mo.

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A committee to reprint The Holly Tripitaka organized.

Hsinpeitou-The Chinese Buddhist Culture Hall in Hsinpeitou accepted the suggestions of The Chinese Buddhist Association to call forth the notables and to lead the work on printing the Tripitaka for the sake of spreading the teachings of Buddhism, so as to purify human hearts, to stabilize the community, to prosper our nation and to pacify the world. On account of the difficulty of the project, a committee was organized. Ven. Tungchu was elected president, and Ven. Tungchu, Ven. Nanting, Messrs. T. K. Li, S. C. Chang and S. J. Chen were elected as managing committee. Messrs. C. Y. Sun, C. Lin and C. K. Chen were elected as supervising committee. Those elected as members of the committee were: Ven. Tungchu, Ven. Changchia Hutukotu, Ven. Chihkuang, Ven. Nanting, Ven. Taoan, Messrs. M. J. Chang, C. Lin, M. L. Chao, C. K. Chen, P. T. Li, C. J. Chien and H. H. Teng.

It was decided to print one thousand sets of Tripitaka as an initial step. Each set contains fifty-five volumes for the elaborate binding, or one hundred and ten volumes for the common binding. The subscription price is three thousand dollars N. T. per set, and the fixed price will be five thousand dollars.

To propagate the teachings of Holly Tripitaka and for the revival of our Chinese virtue and culture together with the purpose of attaining the world peace, a party was organized to make a round-the-island trip with Ven. Nanting as the leader. The trip started on the 17th of September from Ilan, Hualien, Taitung, Pingtung, Kaohsiung and then northward to Tainan, Penghu, and to those cities in the middle west. (Translated by Mr. H. Y. Li)