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Buddhist News in Free China

A pagoda will be built to enshrine the Relics of Ven. Hsuanchuang.

Taipei.....Hutukotu Changchia of the Chinese Buddhist Association called a meeting to discuss the preparation of erecting a pagoda at the Lake of Sun and Moon to enshrine the Holy Relics of Ven. Hsuanchuang. The plan and design were reported. The style will be the old Chinese imperial palace type.

Prisoners in Taichung took the three refuges.

Taichung.....The members of the Lotus Club in Taichung spoke to the prisoners frequently so that quite a lot of them turned their minds and believed in Buddhism. By the request of the prisoners Ven. Chanyuen of Kangshan was invited to come to confer the three refuges to them. More than two hundred people converted. Since the hall was not big enough to hold the mass, the rite was performed in two long days. The Lotus Club gave each of them a parcel of gifts to congratulate.

Coldness cannot disturb the preaching of Darma.

Ilan.....The Buddha repeating Society of Ilan invited Ven. Hsingyuen to explain the Sutra of Eight Great Enlightenments. The seats were all occupied every night inspite of the severe coldness of the cold stream.

Meeting of the Lotus Club.

Taichung.....The fifth meeting of the whole members of the Lotus Club in Taichung was held in January. The results on the propagating on Darma were reported. During the year of 1955, 492 people were introduced to take the three refuges; 259 people were introduced to take the five precepts; and 43 people were introduced to receive the commandments of Bodhisatva.

Buddhist band organized.

Taichung.....The Lotus Club in Taichung organized a musical band to study harmonica and other instruments. Buddhist songs were exercised so that the band shall assist the propagation on Darma.

Darma preaching.

Taichung.....The Lotus Club in Taichung invited Mr. P. N. Li, the president of our magazine, to explain the Repentence Rite of Emperor Liang. It ended by one day's repetition of Buddha Amitaba's Holy Name.

As one sows one ripens.

Hengchun.....There was a calf born with three Chinese characters of a person's name on the skin. The name was recognized to be one who died already and who had done unfair upon the owner of the Cow. This fact was considered to be a warning against doing bad deeds.

Commandments transmitted

Tainan.....The Piyuen Temple of Kuan-tzeling transmitted the commandments on January. Thirty-ones Sramaneras (novices) received the commandments of Bhiksu; sixtyfour Sramanikas (femal novices) received the commandments of Bhiksuni; eleven Upasakas (male lay disciples) and forty-four Upasikas (femal lay disciples) received the commendments of Bodhisatva and two believers took the panca sila (five precepts).

Mr. Calvin E. Mehlert of the boat Free China believed in Buddhism and went to the Lotus Club in Taichung to listen to the lecture on Sutra.

Taichung.....Our American friend Mr. C. E. Mehlert who was famous last year as one of the six young men on the sail boat Free China to across the Pacific, was an ardent Buddhist. He came one saturday evening to the Lotus Club of Taichung by the introduction of a Lotus Friend. He had listened to the lecture on Sutra given by Mr. P. N. Li. He could understand Chinese very well Mr. P. N. Li welcomed him and sent him several books of Buddhism. All buddhists were very glad to meet the brave brother.

The Comparative of Buddhism and Christianity

Taichung..... The first edition of the Comparative of Buddhism and Christianity written by Ven. Chuyuen was all sold up. the second edition was in the press.

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