BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

of

Dr. Henry Winters Luce

Dr. Luce was born September 24th, 1868 at Scranton, Pennsylvania, the son of Van Rensellaer W. Luce and Adelia T. Luce. He received his collegiate training at Yale University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1892. From 1892-1894 he was a student at Union Theological Seminary where he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree. He received his Master of Arts degree from Yale University in 1913, and in 1920 received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the College of Wooster.

On April 26th, 1896, Dr. Luce was appointed by the Presbyterian Board as a missionary to Shantung Province in China. On June 1st, 1897 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Root. They sailed together for China in September 1897. For the next twenty-two years Dr. Luce was a member of the staff of what is now Shantung Christian University. He first joined the faculty of the College of Arts and Science when it was located at Tengchowfu. It was while Dr. and Mrs. Luce were located at Tengchowfu that their oldest son was born, Mr. Henry R. Luce, now President of Time, Incorporated, and editor of the Time, Life and Fortune magazines. In 1904 the College was moved to the City of Weihsien where Dr. and Mrs. Luce spent the next thirteen years. In 1917 they moved with the College to the present site in the City of Tsinan. From 1919 to 1928 Dr. Luce was a member of the staff of Yenching University in Peiping, serving throughout that period as Vice-President. On October 1st, 1928, he resigned from active work on behalf of the University, but has remained since as Vice-President Emeritus of the Institution.

From 1928 to the fall of 1935 Dr. Luce was a Professor in the Chinese Department of the Kennedy School of Missions in Hartford. In the spring of 1935 Dr. Luce resigned from his position in Hartford in order to spend a period in travel and study in the Orient, particularly in China. He returned to America in the fall of 1936, and since then has been doing a great deal of speaking and writing on modern conditions in China.