

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Elmer F. Coulston, beloved physician of the North China Sanitarium and Hospital, Kalgan, passed to his rest in Peiping, May 26th 1934, at 8:45 P. M.

Funeral service will be held at the Sanitarium, three o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, May 30th, 1934. Interment will take place at the foreign cemetery.

All friends please accept this intimation.

"Greater love hath no man than
this, that a man lay down his life
for his friends." John 15:13.

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Dr. Elmer Floyd Coulston, eldest son of . C. and Mable Coulston, was born in Los Angeles, California, October 24, 1905 and died at Peiping, China, May 26, 1934, at the age of 28 years, 7 months and 2 days. His early life was spent in Battle Creek, Michigan, where he attended our denominational church school and academy. Later he attended Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he finished his pre-medical course.

Having been born of Adventist parentage, there arose early in his life the desire to be a worker in God's cause. With the appeal of the mission field in his mind, and in order that his training might be completed, he enrolled as a student of medicine in the College of Medical Evangelists, class of 1924. Shortly before completing his year of internship work with the St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, there came the call for him to join the force of workers in the Far East. On August 17, 1930 he was united in marriage to Miss Leatha Wenke of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and on August 30th, the same year they sailed thru the Golden Gate bound for service in needy China.

It is interesting to note the early connections of Dr. Coulston's family with the cause of missions. His grandfather, Elder C. H. Gage, former Mayor of Battle Creek, was one of the first pastors of the Battle Creek Tabernacle. His uncle and aunt, Dr. Paul Roth and wife, who was also a doctor, were our first medical missionaries to France. His Great-uncle, C. H. Jones, operated the first power printing press in our denomination, and later was elected President and General Manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Ass'n, which position he has held for over fifty years.

In the minds of those who have been closest in touch with the work of Dr. Coulston, there is no doubt regarding his call to this field of labor. The first year of his term was spent in language study. From the very beginning it was seen that the doctor revealed special talent in the study of this difficult oriental tongue. He early began the study of the Bible in Chinese and found in it his daily comfort and inspiration until the very last. After the year of study he and his wife responded to the call of the North China Union Mission to connect with the new hospital then being opened at Kalgan, the gateway into Mongolia. Here together they served the people they learned to love and for whom he so gladly gave his life.

Our brother will be laid to rest, to await the call of the great life-giver, in the mission cemetery at Kalgan, beside the grave of their only child. We sorrow, but not without hope, "For so he giveth his beloved sleep." In the beautiful language used by Mrs Leatha Coulston, his beloved wife, we believe she has expressed the sentiments of all the relatives and many friends, "He has left us a life of happy memories to cherish and to bless us."

*Historical sketch prepared &
Read to day in the church
service
H. H. Huston*