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以一中國女子而能在外人治下。建設宏偉完善之學校。使桃李成林者。實非易事。以一中國女子。而能足跡遍歐美。且叨異族君主之賞賜。及他邦學府之榮銜者。尤為難能。今胡素貞女士。竟克兼此。則其才德超羣。志氣過人。至為



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吾儕所羨佩者矣。女士原籍粵之鶴山。而生長於香港。現年四十六歲。幼時活潑聰明。已具蔚蔚龍鳳之概。稍長攻讀於本港安立門女學校。畢業。一九一二年。獲英倫倫敦大學。進士打尼女子學院。繼進牛津大學。下惟數載。至一九一六年。畢業。且得學士學位。還離英。時香港聖保羅女學院。由林護先生創辦。僅及一年。原聘英人主校。既聞女士學成返港。遂改聘女士為校

長。任職迄今垂二十年矣。女士既熱心於教育。尤致力於基督教務。及公益慈善事業。為中華國內佈道會七位發起人之一。亦香港女青年會五員創辦人之。曾主席女青年會兩任。現充該會司庫。創辦香港女聖軍。歷任香港西人教員會副會長。凡三載。聯香港慈善會董事。幾十八年。香港作義兒童會董事。中華女公會。香港中華總商會。香港中華公會聯區值理。

聖保羅堂董事會永遠會員。上海中華全國女青年會協會董事。香港分會主席等職。一九二六年。英前皇佐治第五。頒以二四四獎章。開合華女界受勳之新紀錄。一九三零年。當女士遊美洲加拿大時。溫殊利市長。賜以貴市之金鑰匙。又為我國女界生色不小。而女士為益漸知。乘便更向美國哥林比亞大學研究院專修教育科。迨一九三三年。美國南加州大學。錫以教育博士學位。尤令外國人士。矚目以前獲授金鑰匙之觀念。女士向抱獨身主義。以身獻國。樂育英才。等廷聖保羅女書院新校舍。不惜多年奔走。卒能在本港徵集二十萬圓。往新大陸之美國各埠勸捐十五萬金。共得三十五萬元之鉅款。以完成其志願。故才德並茂及毅力。均超人一等。稱之為女中豪傑。不亦宜乎。

Dr. F. C. WOO, M.B.E., D.Ped.

One of the most prominent ladies in Hongkong is Dr. F. C. Woo. She is a native of Hoek-shan District, Kwangtung Province, and was born in 1891. She procured her early education from the Church Missionary Society Girls' High School in Hongkong. Then she proceeded to England and studied in the Chatterham Ladies College and later transferred to Cherwell Hall, Oxford.

Returned to China in 1916, Dr. Woo was appointed head-mistress of St. Paul's Girls' College of Hongkong and hitherto she is still in the post. For a long span of twenty years she has devoted her sole interest and energy on the institution, and to-day it becomes one of the most famous girl schools in the Colony.

Dr. Woo is a faithful Christian and has taken much pain in developing Christianity in China. She is one of the seven founders of the Chinese Home Missionary Society and one of the five original members who organized the Chinese Y.W.C.A. in Hongkong. For eighteen years she has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Ministering Children's League (British Empire) and she was for two years Chairman of the Chinese Y.W.C.A., where she is now treasurer. She was Vice-president of the Hongkong Teachers' Association for three years; member of the standing committee of the Diocese of the Chinese Episcopal Church of South China; member of the "Church Body" of that organization in Hongkong; life member of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church; member of the committee for the Protection of Children; member of the National committee of the Y.W.C.A. (Shanghai); member of the National Christian Council (Shanghai); Chairman of the Chinese Home Missionary Society of the Hongkong branch; member of the National Committee of the Home Missionary Society (Shanghai).

Dr. Woo determined to establish a good and complete girl school in the colony and she sailed to America in 1923, and two years later she returned to Hongkong with \$150,000 which she raised from U.S.A. and Canada. With this money and \$200,000 which she raised in Hong Kong, she built a magnificent edifice for the purpose of the school.

When she was in America, she entered the University of Columbia, N.Y., to do research work in American education. In 1930, she was presented by the Mayor of Windsor, Canada, the key to the city. She was conferred the Honorary degree of Doctor of Pedagogy in 1933 by the University of Southern California, U.S.A.

Dr. Woo is the first to start Chinese Girl Guides in Hongkong, and is Vice-president of the Girl Guide Association. She has done a wonderful lot in the cause of education and in promoting religious activities in the Colony.

His late Majesty King George V. decorated her with the insignia of M.B.E. in 1926, and she was presented the Jubilee Medal in 1935.