

Y ASSOCIATION FOSTERS HEALTH

Conditions in China That Y. M. C. A. Is Combatting, Told By Eugene Turner.

Last year in a health campaign in the city of Hangchow, China, the fathers of two sons who had enlisted for service, called their sons home because they could not sustain the taking of life, eye and nose. This year, in the same city, 1,474 volunteers, workers, most of them students, took part in the largest campaign for better health that the city has ever known, states Eugene A. Turner, of Hangchow, China.

"Sweat the Fly" is a common phrase in other lands, not so in China. Here, one has to say "Please kill the fly," taking their toll of thousands every day, says Turner. Then add to this picture a health

mothers and good citizens of the cities and towns of America were opposed to killing flies then you could visualize some of the difficulties a fly swatter is up against out here. Priest and temple, parent and home, teacher and school room have been the friend and refuge of our enemy, the fly. There are no great industrial organizations with their welfare work, or city departments of health, to educate the public on the dangers of disease from fly, mosquito, rat and flea. Here, then, is where the Young Men's Christian Association steps into a new opportunity for education and service.

Sanitary Condition.

Visualize this: "A great city of 2,000,000 people! Not a flush toilet in the entire city, outside of the Y. M. C. A. Food and fruit exposed to flies in shops and restaurants throughout the city! Exposed public comfort stations in almost every street of the city, and flies, flies, flies everywhere! No conscience on civic or individual health! Recurring epidemics of disease summer after summer! Typhoid, cholera, diarrhea, malaria and typhus one has to say 'Please kill the fly,' taking their toll of thousands every day, says Turner. Then add to this picture a health

campaign, centering around and radiating from an exhibit in the most modern and up-to-date building in the city, the Y. M. C. A. To this exhibit there came in three days, in spite of inclement weather, 22,037 people, to see and learn through their eyes and ears new lessons of health and physical strength. Thirty-two students gave their time to measuring and weighing 1,044 men. Four hundred fly swatters were sold. Fly and rat traps were on exhibition and for sale. The Provincial Medical College had wax models showing the effect of skin and blood diseases. Microscopes and bacteria cultures added emphasis to the big message of better health.

Other features of the exhibit were 240 charts on Modes of Infection and Prevention of Disease; Hook Worm; The Danger of the Fly; Our Enemy the Fly; The Dangers of the Fly; Sex Hygiene; Care and Feeding of Infants.

The end of the campaign was marked by a parade of more than 500 students, each carrying either a banner, a lantern illustrated with a health lesson in picture, or a huge model of a fly, rat, mosquito, or flea. Fully 250,000 people are estimated to have seen this parade.

Another method of effective publicity was the enlistment of the rich-shaws of the city. There was scarcely one which did not have a flag announcing the exhibit and the campaign and so great was the crowd in the afternoon of the last day that the doors of the exhibit had to be closed and the people allowed to enter in relays. They were an enthusiastic audience and readily gave their co-operation.

Co-operating with the Association were shops, stores, hotels, and restaurants, all giving publicity. Poles helped in the parade and distributed flags to the rich-shaw men. The boy scouts gave fine service as messengers and in other ways. The council on Health Education furnished charts. The local Y. W. C. A. furnished women workers who added to the efficiency of the work accomplished.

The effort will be continued with special smaller campaigns, fly killing contests and distribution of literature at intervals through the summer. One city reports a fly contest in which one small cash prize was paid for each dead fly brought in. At that rate 30 cents paid with 1,400 flies. Prizes are given to the winning schools. The school boys fight, but the community receives the educating.

There is scarcely a large city in China today in which the Y. M. C. A. has not introduced the practice of an annual health campaign. The idea, too, is spreading to the smaller cities. The heaven is in the hand.

ADVENTUROUS CREW TO FIND WILD SAVAGES

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where the dynamite will be delivered to the United States navy. At Apia, British Samoa, the last of the cargo will be discharged.

Leaving Samoa, the Narwhal will set sail for islands seldom visited by white men—lands of romantic legend, of languorous breezes and love, of typhoons and cruel death. These islands are in the New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Solomon and New Guinea groups.

To obtain pictures of the islands and their people, the Narwhal's crew declared themselves willing to undergo any hardships, and to take any risks. Their vessel will anchor near the shore, and in a power launch a party will go ashore and proceed to the interior.

With trinkets they will attempt to conciliate the savages, but if hostility be shown they are prepared to defend themselves with revolvers and rifles. One of the party is an experienced motion picture photographer, and it is from pictures that he will take that the members of the expedition expect to make their chief profit, if there is to be any.

From the many islands visited the Narwhal is expected to acquire a load of copra. Then, turning northward from the South Seas, the island of Guam is to be visited on the return voyage to San Francisco. The cruise will cover approximately 25,000 miles.

The president of the corporation is H. J. Richardson, a mechanical engineer, who was lieutenant-commander in the United States navy during the war. Thomas J. Watson, secretary, is an insurance man of San Francisco who served in the United States medical corps in the war.

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