

Mr. Wong Tuen Po.

It was with the sincerest regrets that we saw Mr. Wong Tuen Po retiring. Not only had he proved himself an able, conscientious and respected teacher over his many years with us, but he had left our Fathers very greatly in his debt for his loyal and self sacrificing readiness to be at our service in many spheres.

In pre-war days when we took over Wah Yan College in Robinson Road from Mr. Lim Hoi Lan, Mr. Wong, drawing on his experience and wealth of wisdom, was ever at our disposal for valuable and valued counsel. After the war, although engaged all day teaching in the Sacred Heart School in Canton, he went to endless pains to further our ventures there. It was he who saw to all the arrangements for the extensive repairs to be done in the Tung Shan Chapel which we were taking over. It was he who sought out a house for us, and found an excellent one in Yuet Sau Pak Lo; and it was he who plodded many a weary mile from prospective plot and Government Office to find a suitable site for the College we hoped to found there. He found it, and then undertook the wearing task of interviewing the owners of the different plots

with a view to buying the latter at a reasonable price. This sole task involved endless journeys and interminable chit-chats, "talking price", and then trying to "talk a lower one". As things turned out, the arrival of the Communists squashed all these plans, but if that College had been ever built, Mr. Wong would have seen a most laudatory plaque in his honour in the Main Hall.

We were very happy to see him rejoin our teaching staff in Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, in the P.M. session when he came down from Canton. Here he met many of his pre-war friends among the Fathers and Lay Teachers, and all were delighted to have him. When that school closed down, he transferred to the newly-opened Wah Yan College, Kowloon, where up to his retirement last year he gave as generously of his varied abilities as he had given in previous years.

Thus, in Mr. Wong's retirement, we feel a sense of the loss of a very great personal friend with us daily; we assure him that he will be ever welcome in the school and with those Fathers with whom that friendship was formed.