

and sacrifice were always typical for his missionary career.

"The Old Pastor," as he was respectfully called by his wide Chinese acquaintances, has always given evangelistic action a place of central prominence. The founding and growth of several local Christian Churches in the district of Kiaohsien will remain the best living monument over his life. During many years he has been Chairman of the Swedish Baptist Mission in the south-eastern section of Shantung. His sound judgment and progressive leadership has been a not unimportant reason for the success of the said Mission. Long before the Chinese Government had accepted Western educational ideals, he advocated the use of modern schools in the missionary enterprise. Philanthropy has always been close to his heart. He has often been engaged in different forms of relief work, twice at the request of the local Chinese Government. The Post Office in Kiaochow was started by him and he was some time in charge of it. In order to be more efficient in supervising the ever growing missionary activity, he learnt to drive first a motor cycle and later a car on not too good dirt roads at an age very close to 70. During almost half a century in his adoptive land he has only had three short furloughs in Sweden. On behalf of the Swedish Academy of Science (Vetenskapsakademien) he has sent home a valuable collection of things Chinese which now can be seen in its museum at Stockholm. He is author of five books in Swedish and a great number of special articles in different journals.

J. A. Rinell's name is indelibly written in the annals of the Swedish Baptist Mission which this year celebrates its 50th anniversary.

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The funeral service for Rev. J.A. Rinell was conducted Saturday afternoon at the International Cemetery. A large gathering of friends representing different nationalities were present to pay their last respects to this pioneer Swedish missionary. Rev. J.E. Lindberg, an old schoolmate and coworker for some 50 years of the deceased, conducted the impressive service. A great number of beautiful wreaths were laid and sympathetic speeches held by representatives of Church organisations and a wide circle of friends.

With the passing of Mr. J.A. Rinell yet another old landmark has been removed from Shantung. He arrived with his young wife at Shanghai on April 12th. 1894 and they have since then been stationed as missionaries of the Swedish Baptist Mission at Kiaohsien. Before the German occupation of Tsingtao he found the surroundings of the then Chinese fishing village a happy hunting ground and a pleasant summer resort. During his sojourn in Shantung he has seen this port grow into a modern city, while flags have often changed. Every summer-vacation was spent in this "Pearl of the East." It was his plan to spend his retirement also here. Now that his overworked heart has ceased to throb it is fitting that he has found a resting place close to the graves of such well known Tsingtao-ites as Dr. Faber and Dr. Voskamp, not to mention other names.

Mr. Rinell has had thrilling experiences and lived to see great changes in the history of China. He had only been in Kiaochow five months, when he was compelled to flee with other missionaries on account of the war between China and Japan (1894-95). Chinese troops mistaking these foreigners for enemies opened fire on them. Luckily the party was rescued by an American gunboat and brought to safety. During the Boxer Rising (1900) he had to flee again from Kiaochow, this time to Tsingtao. The German Custom house at Mato on the Kiaochow Bay was partly put on fire the same night the missionaries stayed there. While on an overland trip to Chefoo, Boxers destroyed his bicycle, but the brave "Viking" walked some 400 kilometer before returning home. During later years of banditry and war unselfish service