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When Rev. Hans M. Nesse left Hongkong on February 24, he had completed over forty years of service as a missionary in China. The first period of service was under pioneer conditions. The last periods of service were under Japanese rule, including internment in Hankow, and under the present regime. Through these stormy periods as well as in the periodic areas of peace he was a zealous worker, not counting the cost, but working incessantly for the advancement of the kingdom of God. His zest for living and for laboring in the kingdom did not fade with increasing age, nor was it dimmed by adversity. He left Hongkong for retirement in this country, but went by way of Norway where he wished to visit relatives and re-live some of the joys of his early life in that country.

His visit in Norway became a happy blending of work and relaxation. He wrote about fine catches of fish that he made. He visited around in the area of his home community. He preached on an average of twice a Sunday. He was elected as delegate of his home congregation to the annual convention of the Norwegian Mission Society in Aalesund. It was on Monday, June 25, that he was to leave for this convention. He wrote a cheerful letter to his boys in America. His handwriting was firm and strong. He was enthusiastic about his trip and about his return to America, planned in the near future. He called a taxi to take him to the depot. Just as he entered the taxi he passed away.

Having journeyed around the world in service of His Lord and having labored in many places, he returned to his native soil. His body now rests in the old Brennes churchyard with his parents and others of his family.

Mrs. Nesse preceded Rev. Nesse in death by a few years. His sons, Gerhard, Henry and Arthur, reside in this country.

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