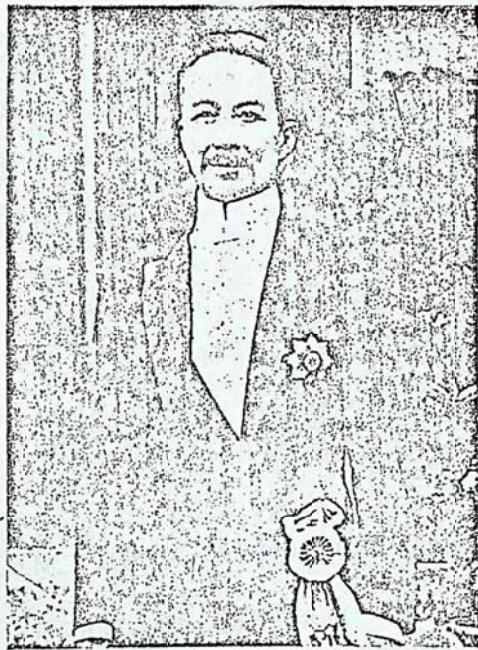


劉公鑄伯

鑄伯劉公。寶安縣人。性聰穎。甫七歲。即慕學。以家貧。肄業於西營盤馮富義學。苦讀不綴。試揮列前茅。以候補而嘉之。十二歲喪父。賴母勤事女紅。以供脩脯。未幾。兼習旁行文。益自刻苦。獲獎免費生。旋致進皇仁書院。



THE LATE HON. MR. LAU CHU PAR.

○入者多死。欲遷內地。又為法令所禁。且患疫之家。例須焚洗。經連及十餘戶。家具推殘。不可以目。居民畏擾。至有棄屍不顧。伺隙逃去者。全港蕭條。如避瘟疫。公惻然傷之。具以聞於港史。且與清淨局力爭。當黃洗時。公必親往監視。不應洗者。禁勿洗。應洗者。禁勿擾。奔走汗喘。若無倦容。吏役受約束。居肆獲保全。且力請當道除禁遷之例。民心始定。漸復舊觀。公在局凡十二年。局例有不便者。必據理辯爭。爭之不獲。則奮其軀。未嘗少屈。務得當乃已。故華僑除受其福者。噴不勝舉。此則其較著者也。當其被任為定例局員也。所以為華僑謀者。益復奮厲。遇事靡所阿附。新然以風骨自見。一如其在清淨局時。公僑港數十年。了無於此間利病得失。復肯

○學益大進。試輒獲獎金。學費衣服。皆有以自給。十七歲畢業。獻身社會。初浮沉于士商者十年。而學行言論。已超然其於眾。中西人士。咸倚重之。每遇艱鉅。恒引公為助。前後歷任地方要職。以數十計。靡不竭其心力。為僑胞造福。當其被選為東華醫院總理也。同時被任為香港清淨局員。會疫甚。港史防傳染。斯夕。飭屬稽察。遇病者。即昇入醫院。舉與書

精研政治法律。故於立法行政。多所獻替。歷任凡九年。僑胞以公一言而獲安居樂業者。亦更僕難數。局外人固不盡知之也。公雖生長香港。學成後固未嘗一日忘祖國。雖清戊子。應台灣巡撫劉中丞之聘。任淡水西學堂教席。兼洋務委員。越二年。清充總教員。乙巳。應北洋大臣楊制府之招。任漁業總辦。兼洋務會辦。而衛生局。巡警局。皆資助理。徒以當時國

是未定。寂然引退。其後農工商部茶鉅公。屢電促入部。軒昇以要職。及民國初立。粵吏欲任以財政廳長。均辭不就。公語人曰。吾性不樂仕進。但欲於國事有所補救耳。既一再格於時勢。屢出亦復何補。故終不願為鴻臚。非敢以是為高也。聞者避其言。而元首及疆吏。益知其賢。屢禮聘為顧問。公雖無官守言責。然為國努力。曾不少懈。如勸學也。公與嘉道理籌集貳十餘萬。設育才書社於港滬粵。以培育華人子弟。廣州之有公立學校。自公始也。其後港立大學等款達七十餘萬。亦公贊助之力為多。如敬教也。公倡設孔聖會於香港。附設義學三十餘所。以為宣傳孔教之地。就學者幾逾千人。海外之有孔聖會。亦自公始。一以興邦為主旨。論者謂其知所此務焉。公既愛其國。尤愛其鄉。當廣九鐵路方建議時。公請於粵當局。將原定路軌改近其故里平湖。於其地設車站。鄉人稱便。而路亦不迂。又鄉農貧苦。時以子女質錢。困於重息。子女多淪為奴婢。公憫之。乃創設昌裕公司。儲資出貸。取息甚微。農人咸稱頌不置。吾國前無市政。公條陳省史。小試於其鄉。創市場。設學校。立工廠。建醫院。附以農林實業。規模租具。成一模範村焉。其施於鄉有如此者。其間在港等設。則有華人永遠墳場。恤孤寡局。福流所。種痘局。公立警局。華商總會。東莞商會。寶安商會。廣華醫院等。其餘若中外凶災。莫不竭力捐募。以資賑恤。氏二。漢陽慘罹兵禍。公以義當急賑。毅然發公儲銀十五萬。肅付災區。存活極眾。聞者嘉之。歐洲戰起。

吾國參馬。公使國民外交之義。協大有銀號贈聯軍以飛機一架。已則贈以紅十字摩托車一輛。而中英邦交。益加親睦。論者咸以為德大駐云。公歷任治安局員。國防局員。公立醫局副局長。保良局副局長。東華醫院長年顧問。保良局總理。搜查特審值理。衛生局則例審查員。糧食價值稽核員。徵收輪船戰務用品值理。考戰務恤款值理。兼幹事員。教員研究值理。考查工程師局員。法例審察員。公項稽核局員。孤寡恤款幹事值理。英國欽設工藝製造研究會會員。北般島工藝製造會永遠會員。華人永遠墳場幹事值理等。貴重事繁。心勞力瘁。其病殆早伏於此矣。公性恬淡。徒以榮親故。納粟得同知。尋以劉中丞奏保加知府銜。實戴藍翎。乙卯順直賑捐出力。楊制府奏保。以道員候選加監運司銜。賞換花翎。鼎革後。以有功民國。獎給四等嘉禾章。尋晉給二等大段嘉禾章。二等寶光嘉禾章。以聚募國內公債。傳令嘉獎。賞給樂善好施。樂公好義。等匾額。以襄辦滙事。企著勞績。英廷傳諭嘉獎。并獎給二等寶星。公致力羣事。猶念食貨者。國之大命。遂以貨殖為本業。先後創設銀肆凡十有二。皆歸公主持。治事之暇。亦間著述。刊行於世界者。有自治須知。西禮須知。社會主義平議。各一卷。壬戌年春。海員罷工事起。相持久不下。商民交困。羣推公出任調停。公為華僑大局計。不憚趾履舌敝。屢向司力爭。局外亦多有不及知者。衆情不諒。疑謠交集。迨事獲解。而公之心力益瘁以至不起矣。公於壬戌四月七日仙遊港寓。享壽五十有六。哲嗣四。長子德譜。現在本港享有盛名。

THE LATE HON. Mr. LAU CHU PAR. J.P., C.M.G.

As the successful career of the Late Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Par may be an encouragement and an inspiration to every poor youth, the author has endeavoured to collect the materials and write this biography.

The late Hon. Lau Chu Par was a native of the Bo On district in Kwangtung Province. He was born in Hongkong in 1856 and was gifted with a high talent for learning. As his parents were so poor, they were compelled to send their child to study in a free school in West Point. His father died, when he was only twelve years old. He had a very good mother who realized that a higher education was necessary to her child and tried her best to send him to the Queen's College.

As the late Hon. Mr. Lau was a good and obedient son, he understood that the school fee he paid was obtained by his mother's hand works, he made his hardest effort in studying. Consequently, he was always stood first in his class and was much praised by his teachers and school mates. The bounties and prizes he received every year from the college were sufficient to cover his school fee, and thus he lightened the burden of grief of his mother.

After he had been graduated from Queen's College at the age of seventeen, he began, at once, to give his efficient and trustworthy services to his community. He held many appointments and served on many committees. It is hard to give a complete list of them here. However, a few of important ones must be mentioned. He was chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital; Member of committee of Po Leung Kuk; Member of committee of the Hongkong District Watchmen; member of the Sanitary Board (Now Urban Council) and member of the legislative council of the Hongkong Government. He was also made as an official in the Ching Dynasty.

He died in 1922 at the age of fifty six.