

Chinese Educational Mission students during their Hartford days, ca. 1876 中國留美學童,於1876年左右攝於康州 (Captions continue on page 3, 詳細說明見第三頁) Courtesy of the Thomas LaFargue Collection. Washington State University

Yung Wing (1828 - 1912) and 120 Young Chinese Students in America (1872 - 1881)

Their Times and Works

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Yung Wing first came to the United States in 1847 and graduated from Yale in 1854, becoming the first person in Chinese history to hold an American BA degree. He believed that, "The rising generation of China should enjoy the same educational advantage that I have enjoyed; so that through western education China might be regenerated, become enlightened and powerful."

At his suggestion, a Chinese Educational Commission (1872-1881) was sent to Hartford, Connecticut which brought four detachments, totaling 120 young Chinese students. [The Chinese Educational Mission is less commonly known as the Chinese Educa-

容閎(1828-1921)與 120位中國留美幼童

其時代與貢獻

高宗魯

一八五四年(咸豐四年)容閎 (生於一八二八卒於一九一二)成爲 第一位畢業於美國耶魯大學的中國學 生;經過他多年的努力,清廷終於在 一八七二年(同治十一年)到一八七 五年(光緒元年),派幼童官費赴美 留學, 四年之間共派出一百二十名, 他們抵美時平均年齡爲十二歲半。

此舉實開中美文化交流的先河, 亦為中國早期現代化運動極具重要性 的一頁。誠如曾國藩、李鴻章所說: 「幼童出洋肄業,故屬中華創始之 舉,抑立古來未有之事!」

原計劃以二十年爲期,後因清廷 「保守主義」抬頭,到第十年,即一



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