

Henry McAleavy: A Memorial*

HENRY MCALEAVY spent some years in China during the war and it was there that he met his wife Ayako, then a Japanese journalist, whose devotion and help enabled him to concentrate on his writings undisturbed. It was in China that he became interested in so-called "unofficial history." He accumulated much knowledge through meeting people and collected material on history and politics from popular novels and newspapers, maintaining that there was an abundant untapped source in popular writing on historical topics. The material thus obtained was well used in his articles and books on Chinese history and China's relationships with her neighbouring countries. He used to say that one often found revealing facts in such material which were left out by serious historians. Perhaps he was right in suggesting that we must look at the other side of the coin.

In 1960, he went to Japan on study leave from the School of Oriental and African Studies and, while there, acquired material on modern Japanese and Chinese history from the Japanese viewpoint. This was in keeping with his desire to see a society and the development of its history through his own eyes.

Henry McAleavy will always be remembered by his colleagues for the congenial and effortless way in which he managed to animate a meeting or conference and his death has meant for his friends the loss of a brilliant conversationalist. He was also a very fine lecturer and, through his work with scholars and teachers, made an outstanding contribution to the development of interest in China among young people.

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* Henry McAleavy became a member of the Editorial Board of *The China Quarterly* shortly before his death in October 1968. It is a matter of regret to me personally and all those associated with *The China Quarterly* that his death has deprived us of the guidance of his wisdom and experience. This short memorial note has been written by one of his friends and colleagues of many years standing.—Editor.

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