

THE CHINA MARTYRS  
OF 1900. A COMPLETE ROLL  
OF THE CHRISTIAN HEROES  
MARTYRED IN CHINA IN 1900  
WITH NARRATIVES OF SURVIVORS

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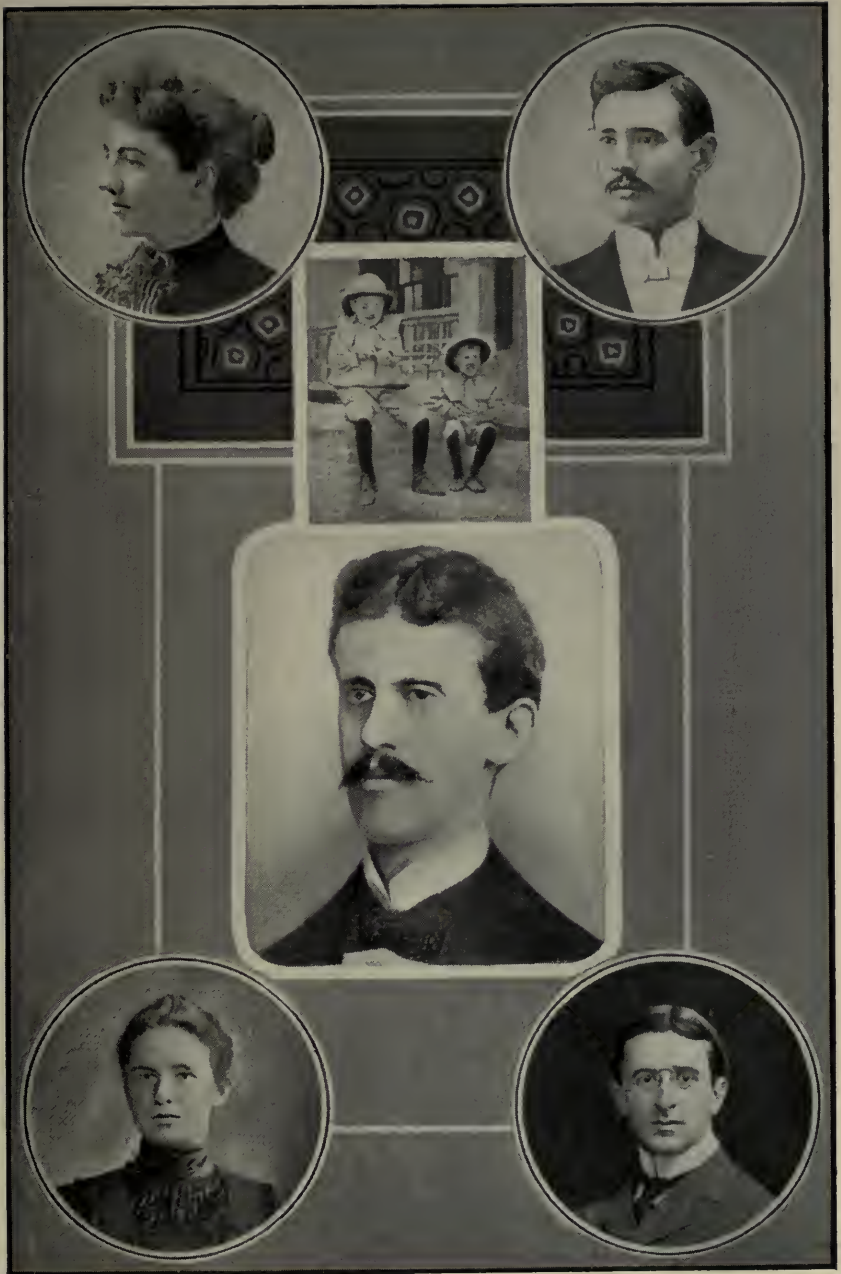
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THE PAO TING FU MARTYRS.

MRS. SIMCOX.

PAUL SIMCOX.

F. F. SIMCOX.

FRANCIS SIMCOX.

MRS. HODGE.

G. T. TAYLOR.

C. V. R. HODGE.

in the same class with his future wife, the companion and partner of his missionary life and labours.

'In the winter of 1884-85 a revival occurred in the college, in which some seventy students professed faith in Christ. Young Simcox was among the number. There are those who remember the young lad with the pale resolute face standing up in the presence of a large student body in the college chapel and saying, "I promised my mother on her deathbed that I would meet her in heaven, and by the grace of God I intend to do so." He immediately united with the Presbyterian Church of Grove City, where he remained as a member till his ordination as a missionary. With unswerving loyalty to his mother's God he identified himself with the Christian work of his college, exerting an influence on the college life which helped many a young man to a better and nobler career.

'Mr. Simcox graduated from the Western Theological Seminary in May 1893, was married on June 7, and in September 1893 he and his wife sailed for China. Mr. Simcox was ceaseless in activity, going from village to village teaching the Word, and daily exemplifying the power and grace of God in his own heart. He was faithful and fearless, and even when surrounded by hooting and threatening mobs he daily risked his life to give instruction and comfort to native Christians. Mr. Simcox had preached the Sunday before his death on "We are pilgrims on the earth," and the natives remarked on its appropriateness. He said in his discourse that he hoped to be a good shepherd and not desert his sheep, perhaps not realising that within a week his word would be fulfilled.'

**Mrs. F. E. Simcox**, *née* **M. Gilson**, the wife of the Rev. F. E. Simcox, was born in February 1863, at London, Pa. Her education was received at the public school at London, and at Grove Street College, from which she graduated in 1890. Like her husband, Mrs. Simcox was led to Christ while in college, united with her home

church, and became an active Christian worker in both church and college. During the three years that Mr. Simcox was student at the Theological Seminary, Miss Gilson was a teacher in the High School at Greenville, Pa. She was then twenty-two years of age, in the prime of young womanhood, in a marked degree beautiful in person, gentle and engaging in manner, cultured in her tastes, sprightly in conversation, apparently unconscious of power, yet winning all hearts without effort or design. Of her Mrs. Amelia P. Lowrie writes :

‘Five years ago I became acquainted with Mrs. Simcox, who has been my nearest neighbour ever since. I have learned to love, admire, and honour her ; she was so faithful to every known duty. In addition to attention to home affairs and a most constant care of her children, she commenced a Girls’ Boarding School two winters ago for the daughters of the Christians, they paying towards their support. Mrs. Simcox never spared herself in this work. Although not a robust woman, she never failed to conduct worship every morning with her school, and once a week examined the scholars. This was not all. They were always on her heart, and everything she could do to contribute to their welfare and promote their improvement she cheerfully did. I can well believe that many a tear has fallen, if these young people know that on earth they will never again see the face of Mrs. Simcox. With the utmost sorrow do I realise that not only have we lost a friend, but China has lost a benefactor.’

Paul Simcox, aged five ; Francis Simcox, aged two ; and baby Margaret went up in the fiery chariot with their parents into the kingdom of God.

**Rev. H. T. Pitkin** was born in Philadelphia on October 28, 1869. He graduated from Yale College in 1892, and Union Theological Seminary in 1896. He married Miss Letitia E. Thomas, of Troy, Ohio, October 6, 1896, and sailed for China in November of the same