

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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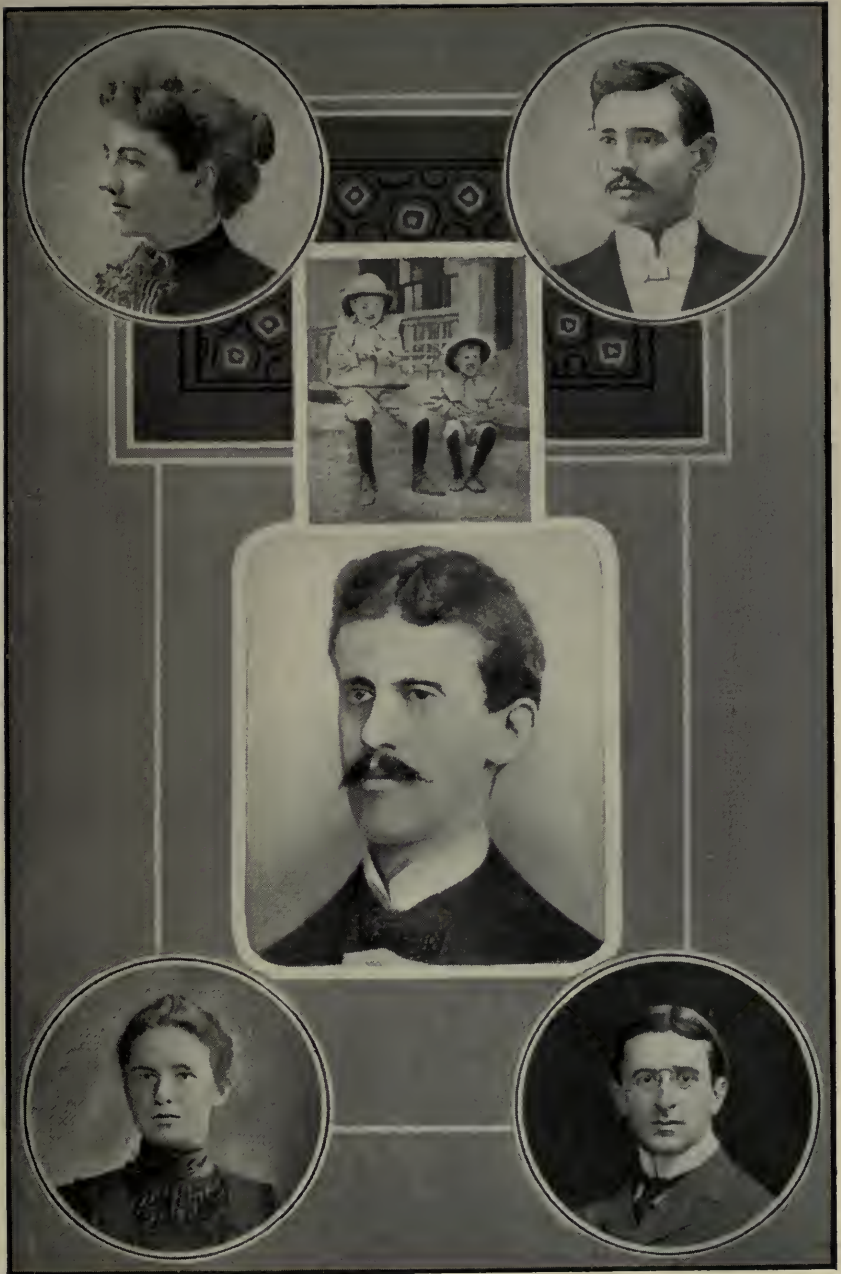
CHAPTER XXI

WHAT MANNER OF MEN WERE THESE?

IN this chapter are brought together brief biographical details of many of those who so nobly laid their lives upon the altar of martyrdom in the year 1900 for the evangelisation of China. The martyrs came from lands far sundered; their race, birth, education, home surroundings and influences differed widely; the one thing that linked them into a compact brotherhood was their personal love for and consecration to the service of Jesus Christ, and their willingness for His sake to lay down their lives in the effort to bring to the millions of China the glad tidings of the Gospel. These men and women, enthusiastic while alive in a common service for humanity, triumphant in the face of death in its cruellest forms, upheld by trust in Christ Jesus, constitute one of the strongest and one of the noblest testimonies to that catholicity of the Church of Christ, composed of those who, however they may differ among themselves in non-essentials, are all united by a living faith to Jesus Christ, their great Head and Captain, and dominated by His own spirit of self-sacrifice in the service of man.

THE PAO-TING-FU MARTYRS

Dr. George Yardley Taylor was born at Taylorville, Bucks County, Pa., May 18, 1862, became



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MRS. SIMCOX.

PAUL SIMCOX.

F. F. SIMCOX.

FRANCIS SIMCOX.

MRS. HODGE.

G. T. TAYLOR.

C. V. R. HODGE.

a communicant in the Presbyterian Church, Burlington, N.J., in 1883, and was educated at the Van Rensselaar Seminary in the same city, and later at Princetown University. In 1885 he took the degree of M.D. at the University of Pennsylvania. He was commissioned as a medical missionary of the Presbyterian Church in 1887. He gave twelve years of faithful service in China, first in the An Ting Hospital in the city of Peking, and afterwards at Pao-ting-fu, where the work was inaugurated and the hospital buildings erected through his personal exertions, and where he laboured alone with singular devotion in the medical department of the mission until the arrival of his friend, Dr. Hodge, in the spring of 1899. Dr. Taylor attained to unusual proficiency in the Chinese language, and to great skill as a surgeon and physician. He was never married.

Mrs. Amelia P. Lowrie, one of his fellow-workers in Pao-ting-fu, writes of him :

‘As a physician he was revered and confided in. His unwearied attention to the poorest so attracted two men who at different times were patients in the hospital, that they became inquirers, and finally professed their faith in Jesus, and have stood firm in the face of many persecutions and trials. One mandarin, a Hanlin, had a paralysed hand. For a year he came every day for electricity treatment. He loved and admired Dr. Taylor, and to give expression to his feelings sent him a tablet on which four characters were inscribed, meaning, “Love others as yourself.” Only eternity will disclose the thousand ways in which Dr. Taylor did kindnesses which cost him the crucifixion of self. In a more pronounced way than many another man he suffered in his daily contact with the Chinese. His high ideal of truthfulness and his exquisite neatness were over and over again shocked.

‘Dr. Taylor’s musical ability brought cheer into our homes; almost every hymn in the new hymnal is associated with him; we sang it through from cover to

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cover, taking sometimes a dozen hymns in one evening. This was his rest and recreation after a hard day's work. Hymn 640, "Crossing the Bar," was a favourite. The last time I heard Dr. Taylor sing this hymn Mr. Norman was our guest; now they have both met their Pilot face to face. This highly cultivated musical talent and acute sensitive ear were wholly laid on the altar of consecration, for it was pain to Dr. Taylor to listen to the Chinese singing, and yet he always led the singing at our meetings.

'Every day of his life expressed some new phase of self-denial. He lived not to please himself, but to please Him who bought him with His own precious blood; and now he has heard the welcome, "Well done, enter into the joy of thy Lord."'

Dr. Cortlandt Van Rensselear Hodge was born in the city of Burlington, New Jersey, on July 1, 1872, while the congregation to which his father ministered as pastor were holding a monthly prayer-meeting for foreign missions. He became a communicant in the Burlington Church at an early age, and received his education at the Van Rensselear Seminary, in his native city, and at Princetown University. He graduated in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1897, and became resident physician in the Presbyterian hospital, serving a full term in 1897-1898. He was soon afterwards commissioned by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to be the associate of Dr. Taylor as medical missionary at Pao-ting-fu. After a year of service in this field, he was appointed by the Board to take charge of the medical work in the city of Peking in the month of April 1900; but before he had moved to that city the uprising of the Boxers occurred, and at the hands of these fanatics he and his wife lost their lives.

Mrs. C. R. Hodge, née Sinclair, was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, December 15, 1874. She was educated in