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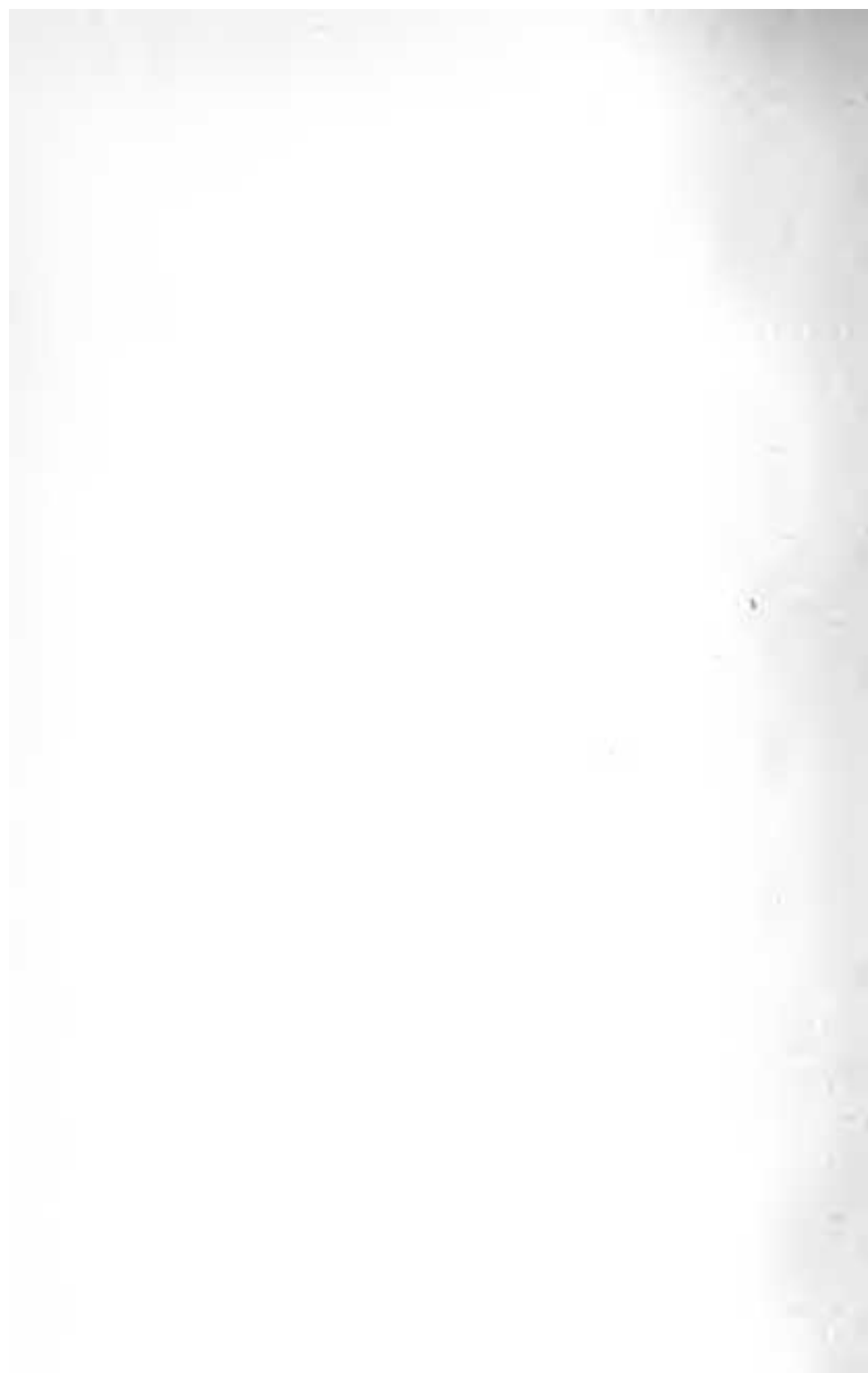


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TO THE
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
WORKERS OF ALL ORTHODOX CHURCHES,
WHO ARE LABORING FOR THE UPLIFTING
AND CHRISTIANIZATION OF THE WOMEN
OF CHINA, THIS VOLUME IS DEDICATED

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PREFACE.



IN this little volume an attempt is made to describe the condition of the women of China; many of their peculiar customs, both social and religious, are explained; and the earnest and successful efforts of lady missionaries in China are described. The ripe fruit of missionary work is illustrated by giving a biographical sketch of a "Christian Chinese Lady," Mrs. Sia Ahok. That the reader may appreciate the possibilities of pagan womanhood at its best, a description is given of that remarkable woman, the Dowager Empress of China.

In preparing this work the author has not only drawn from his own observations and investigations in China, but has searched through many books on *things Chinese* written by various authors, in order to find facts that would illustrate the subjects under discussion. Credit is given to these authors in the

body of this book. Names of individual missionaries are not given, for time and space would fail me if I undertook to describe the work of each missionary heroine. For the sake of clearness, and in order to make each chapter as independent as possible of every other chapter, a few facts have been used more than once in the preparation of this volume.

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