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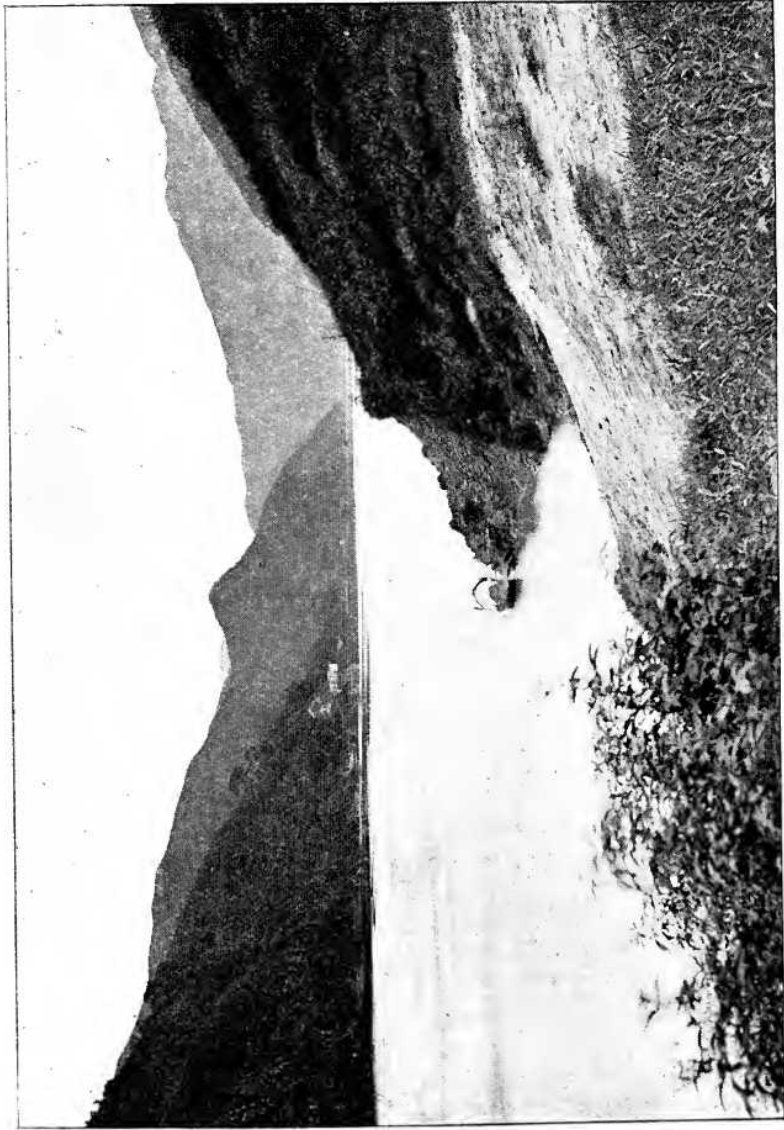
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TO

MY BELOVED FATHER,

MY DEVOTED WIFE,

AND TO THE MEMORY OF

MY MOTHER.



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INTRODUCTION.

KWANG TUNG, Canton, or the Broad East, is the province of which the City of Rams, known among foreigners as Canton, is the capital. Western traders visited it as early as sixteen hundred years ago, and for centuries it was the only point of contact between China and other countries. At Canton also those events took place which led to the war known as the Opium War, and the consequent breaking down of the nation's exclusiveness.

The following chapters contain a description of missionary life and work in this province, together with some information about the history, religions, manners, and customs of the natives; the manufactures and trade of China; town and country life; conditions of travelling in the South; the character of the people; and the prospects of Christian missions among them. An account of Hong Kong and Macao is also included.

The book is mostly based on personal observation and experience; but Dr Williams' standard work *The Middle Kingdom*, *The Records of the Shanghai Conference, 1890*, and other works have been carefully studied. In compiling the chapter on Religions, use has been made of Dr Legge's

Religions of China, Douglas on *Confucianism and Taoism*, Beal's *Buddhism in China*, Eitel's *Fung Shui*, &c. Children reading this book may omit Chapters IV., VI., and VIII.

If the work serve to instruct any, and to stir up an increased interest in the Chinese people, and Christian effort among them, the labour expended during a long convalescence will not be in vain.

I am indebted to my sister for her help in correcting these pages.

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