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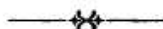
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To my first teacher in Japanese
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“ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear ; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and advocate. Amen.”

Part of the prayer for the Church Militant.



PREFACE.

Canon Tristram of Durham, England, has recently visited Japan, China, and Ceylon. Concerning the Buddhism of these countries he says: "If this is the light of Asia, all we can say is that the light that is in it is darkness." Of Japan he says: "Has Japan hope? What hope is there in Buddhism, beyond the yearning for all their subsequent life to be obliterated in "Eternal sleep"? You see it in their faces. While the children are bright and happy, as children always are, I never saw an elderly Japanese whose face, unless he was a Christian, did not seem gloomy and hopeless and vacant." In this humble attempt to show what "the Light of the World" can do towards dissipating this gloom and vacancy of life, I must acknowledge indebtedness to several Japanese friends who have put me in possession of historical and other data and to Rev. H. J. Foss, of Kobe, Japan, for some of the translations. Also to Mr. W. D. Cox of Tōkyō for a revision of the text.

I have also availed myself of translations contained in Rev. William Imbrie's "Handbook of English and Japanese Etymology," and in Prof. B. H. Chamberlain's "Romanized Japanese Reader."

All of the verses contained in this memoir are correct renderings of the Japanese originals.

J. C. A.
