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His Grave

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PREFACE

THIS little volume has been written as a text-book for voluntary mission study classes in institutions of higher learning. Such a use calls for brevity, and at the same time for possibilities of further reading and study, a requirement partly met by the readings suggested for each chapter in the Bibliography. It also accounts for peculiarities of typography, such as the Clarendon type headings, which mark the main divisions of chapters, and the numerals and words in italics found in the minor divisions. Ten years' supervision of such classes has shown their value as aids in preparing teaching outlines and questions, as well as in helping the student to see at a glance the subject of a given paragraph.

When it is remembered that this series of text-books has been used in more than 700 colleges, universities, etc., of North America and Europe, and by members of every branch of the Christian Church, the reader will not expect to find any detailed reference to the work of individual missionary societies laboring in China. The main items can be found in brief form in Appendixes C and D and in the Statistical Table; for further information the publications of the various societies must be consulted.

The Romanization of Chinese words calls for explanation. The meaning of the ideographs used in

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Chinese writing is the same all over the Empire, but their pronunciation is as varied as are the equivalents in various European languages of a given Arabic numeral. Hence literature relating to China is a hopeless sea of variant spellings of Chinese words, in many cases the same writer inconsistently employing various systems. In this volume the Romanization of Sir Thomas Wade is used throughout, except in place names that have become very widely known in an earlier Romanization. The system is a reproduction of sounds of the Mandarin form of the language, which is familiar to more than two hundred millions. If it be objected that Sir Thomas has followed in the main the Peking form of the Mandarin and that it would be better to use the Standard System of Romanization, we would reply that Pekingese is to China what Parisian is to France, and that as the Wade system is used increasingly in the best dictionaries and text-books in the language, it is desirable to abide by it here, even though it is open to criticism on phonological and other grounds. An approximately correct key to the system immediately precedes Chapter I., while in Appendix D a simpler table of equivalents is given in connection with a list of all the mission stations in China, as well as of other Chinese words used in this text-book. So far as the author knows the literature, this greatly needed aid to pronouncing Chinese words is more complete than any other. It is hoped that it will contribute toward a better conception of Chinese sounds, even if there is no attempt made to suggest their proper tone, or intonation.

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