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PREFACE.

It was on the early morning of Easter Day 1888 that, after thirteen years of active service in China, Dr. Mackenzie was suddenly called to rest from his labours.

During this time he had been used by God in a wonderful way to overcome the great prejudice existing in China against Western medical science, and was the means of founding and conducting the first Government medical school in the Empire.

His labours, indeed, had no small share in giving that impetus towards foreign methods in medicine and surgery which has of late been so noticeable. But while thus singularly successful as a physician, it was in the consecration of all his powers to the attainment of a yet higher end than even the healing of bodily disease that Dr. Mackenzie was specially remarkable.

Few men have kept more constantly before them the spiritual good of those with whom they came in contact. It was ever the evangelistic side of medical work, and the opportunities thus given him to bring
to men the healing message of the gospel of Christ, which called forth his enthusiasm, and sustained him amid difficulties and discouragements which otherwise would have been insuperable. When the announcement of Dr. Mackenzie's death was received there was a widespread feeling not only among his own personal friends, but among the friends of Missions generally, that the story of his life and labours would prove helpful to the cause of Medical Missions.

Having had the privilege of the Doctor's friendship from the year 1875 till his death, and been a witness of the wonderful results of his unwearying labours, first in Central China and afterwards on the banks of the Pei-ho, I felt unable to refuse to tell the story of a life devoted, like that of our Divine Master, to the healing of the sick and the preaching of the gospel.

With many other duties to occupy my time and attention, but on the spot where Dr. Mackenzie carried on his benevolent labours, and where his name will for many a year be remembered by Chinamen of every rank with gratitude and esteem, these memorials of him have been written.

As far as possible my aim has been to allow "our beloved physician," by means of his own letters and diaries, to tell of the wonderful way by which the Lord led him.

My special acknowledgments are due to the Doctor's
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brother, Alexander Mackenzie, Esq., of Bristol, and to the Directors of the London Missionary Society, for allowing the use of valuable collections of letters. Also to Lieut.-Colonel Duncan and many other friends, both in England and China, for their kindness in contributing letters and reminiscences.

I have throughout received valuable assistance from my husband, who was Dr. Mackenzie's colleague for many years, both in Hankow and Tien-tsin; and also from Dr. F. C. Roberts, who succeeded the Doctor in the Tien-tsin medical work, and to whom I am indebted for the chapter contained in the Appendix, giving an estimate of Dr. Mackenzie's labours from a professional point of view.

My best thanks are also due to Dr. Maxwell, Secretary of the London Medical Missionary Association, and a valued friend of Dr. Mackenzie's, for his kindness in seeing the book through the press. It is my earnest prayer that this record of a consecrated life may prove a source of encouragement to some who have long toiled for the coming of Christ's kingdom, and that many others may be induced to devote their lives to the bodily and spiritual healing of the millions in heathen lands who have never heard of Christ, the Great Physician.

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