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- 18.—General Chen Chi-tang unified command of Kwangtung's land, navy and air force.
- 18.—Chen Chung-fu, member of the Southwest Political Council, called on Japanese War Minister Hayashi and exchanged views with him on the Sino-Japanese relations.
- 19.—General Tsai Ting-kai, formerly Commander of the 19th Route Army, arrived at Hongkong.
- 20.—Panchen Lama, Spiritual Leader of Tibet, arrived at Lan-chow, Kansu, by airplane.
- 20.—Akira Ariyoshi, Japanese Minister to China, left Shanghai for Japan to report on Sino-Japanese relations.
- 22.—American Economic Mission to China arrived at Shanghai.
- 23.—New Japanese Military Attache, Major-General. R. Isogai, called on President Wang Ching-wei.
- 23.—Akira Ariyoshi called on Foreign Minister K. Hirota and reported on the Chinese political situation.
- 24.—Ministry of Foreign Affairs cabled Minister Chiang Tso-pin in Japan, instructing him to hasten negotiations with the Siamese Minister in Tokyo for the conclusion of a Sino-Siamese Commercial Treaty and the abandonment of oppressive measures of the Siamese Government against the Chinese citizens in Siam.
- 25.—Kung Shao-jen and Yen Cheng-hung, descendants of Confucius and Yenfutze, arrived at Kobe, Japan, on invitation of Japanese to participate in the dedication ceremony of the new Confucian Temple in Tokyo.
- 26.—National Government issued Mandate ordering exemption of farm land tax in Kweichow for one year.
- 27.—Ying Tung, Managing Director of the Peiping-Liaoning Railway, arrived at Mukden to see Major-General Doihara of the Kwantung Army.
- 27.—Russian Ambassador D. Bogomoloff arrived at Nanking to resume his post.
- 29.—Russian Ambassador D. Bogomoloff called on President Wang Ching-wei and declared on behalf of his Govern-

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PREFACE

This Year Book came very near being a war casualty. But it has so many elements of "survival value" that it just had to appear, in spite of the fact that the Editor-in-Chief, Rev. Frank Rawlinson, was stricken down in the midst of the task of preparing the materials for publications.

The material in this volume presents a remarkable picture of the tremendous program of social, economic and religious work that has been going on in China during the last few years. In modern China the air is full of hope and constructive energy. The Chinese people are in the midst of a new awakening such as is seldom seen in history. Moreover they are not working alone. The task is a co-operative one on an international scale. A new China is facing the new day, and many forces are at work to establish the Kingdom of God in this land.

But dark clouds have suddenly appeared on the horizon. Like a terrific hurricane passing over a beautiful garden destroying all in its path, the scourge of war is sweeping over the provinces of China. Just as the Editor of this volume was suddenly swept away, so the demon of war threatens to destroy all the constructive processes described in this volume. Yet they cannot all be destroyed. Material things may be—how much has already been swept away!—but the spiritual values cannot be destroyed by any external circumstances. They will live on. The soul of the people, made richer by the fiery trial, will carry on with even greater splendor. The visions portrayed in the records of this book will also live on. God, who stands behind the "dim unknown", is keeping watch above his own. He has taught us in Christ to turn all these things

to a testimony. He is able to make even the wrath of men to praise Him. In times of stress and distress spiritual values not only survive but may stand out in truer proportions.

We send this volume forth in the hope that it will help to preserve the vision, now so darkened by war clouds, of all the constructive processes that were being undertaken with such earnestness. When this crisis is over the work described here will be taken up with even greater zeal.

Special thanks are due to all those who have contributed to the materials in this volume. The one to whom has fallen the task of "carrying on" until this volume has seen the light of day wishes to express appreciation for the co-operation and assistance of Rev. C.M. Myers and Mrs. A. R. Kepler, who have helped with the proof-reading; to Rev. C. L. Boynton, who has done much to make the publication of the work possible under these unusual circumstances; and to Mrs. E. M. Smith, who has worked on the Index.

It is fitting that we should give here a brief biographical sketch of Dr. Rawlinson. For this purpose we are adding below, with slight variation, parts of an article by Rev. C. L. Boynton in the September issue of the Chinese Recorder. For fuller details the reader should turn to that article.

Frank R. Millican
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REV. FRANK JOSEPH RAWLINSON, D. D.
1871-1937

Frank Joseph Rawlinson was born at Langham, in the county of Rutlandshire, England, on January 9, 1871. After a brief education in village schools he left at ten to help his father at odd jobs, to supplement the precarious income of the lay preacher. At eighteen, with a younger brother, he came as a

steerage passenger to American landing at Alexandria, Virginia, with \$5.00 to start his American career. The first night was spent sleeping on the floor of the old Baltimore and Ohio railway station in Washington, D. C. He soon found work doing odd jobs as a delivery wagon driver, butcher's assistant, carpenter and railroad fireman.

Before long he found a church home among the Baptists, and took an active part on the Young People's Society. At twenty, with the encouragement of his Baltimore pastor, he began the long road of education for the ministry. An allowance of \$90. per year from the Baptists enabled him to enter Blackburn Academy in Alexandria, where he spent two years. Then He went to Bucknell University where he graduated in four years *Summa cum laude*, and to Rochester Theological Seminary for three years.

His education never ceased. He was always learning. In 1917, he earned the degree of M. A. from Columbia University and Bucknell gave him an honorary D. D. In 1924-25, he secured a missionary fellowship at Union Theological Seminary (New York), where he both studied and lectured.

He came to China under appointment by the Southern Baptist Convention on October 16, 1902, and thereafter Shanghai was his home and the scene of his labors for thirty-five years. After language study (in the Wu dialect) he became a teacher in the Ming Jang Boy's School of which he later became principal. In 1921, his connection with the Southern Baptist Convention ceased and the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (Congregational) undertook his support.

In February, 1914, he became Editor of the Chinese Recorder, in succession to Rev. G. F. Fitch, D.D., who had served in that capacity for nearly twenty years. In December, 1912, appeared the first of many articles which were to appear on