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## PREFACE

Again two years have elapsed since the China Christian Year Book appeared. The tendency is for this publication to become a biennial rather than an annual. That follows the obvious tendency for national Christian gatherings to extend the periods between their meetings.

If anything the Editor has found it more difficult than formerly to secure writers for the forty-six chapters in this volume. This is due to increased pressure of work on a decreased staff of workers and to the shifting of responsibility from missionaries to Chinese leaders resulting in a heavier load upon an already inadequate number. One consequence is that the number of Chinese writers has fallen from one-half (in the 1931 issue) to about one-third. These two factors together have militated against securing some articles for which plans were made. Again there is no chapter on "Government Education." It was impossible, also, to secure a chapter on the "Types of Christian Literature now Being Produced." Three articles for which writers were secured have also been left out because of the fact that circumstances over which they had no control forced them to change their plans too late for the Editor to secure substitutes. This accounts for the absence of chapters on "Re-Thinking Missions," "Higher Education for Chinese Women" and "Religion in China." All but one of these missing chapters were to have been written by Chinese.

The general use of statistics in this volume is found in connection with four chapters only. Each chapter is usually a summary of activities along one particular line. Of these some indicate a growing momentum along lines relatively new. Six aspects of the Christian Movement in China today stand out in this volume.