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PREFACE

As the Sixth Annual issue of the China Mission Year Book reaches the hands of its readers the great European War, after a year or more, is still raging. We are thankful to the great Head of the Church that the work described in this Year Book does not appear to have suffered much on this account, but the bills are not all in yet. The general impression given by the reading of our chapters is that in China there is an extraordinary preparedness for a forward movement, such as has never been before possible, and notwithstanding war conditions a spirit of optimism seems still to pervade all missionary ranks. Nevertheless every mission could tell a sad tale of retrenchments and hopes deferred. Practically all new schemes have been shelved, and only buildings, for which the money was already in hand, have been gone on with. Some schools, especially the German, have been closed. Work in East Shanfung was stopped during the time of the Anglo-Japanese campaign. The cost of living is still rising. A few doctors have gone to the front. Drugs and surgical material are soaring. The greatness and the newness of the opportunity gives China missionaries special cause to mourn over the war. But, "According to your faith be it unto you." The cause of self-support at any rate should receive an impetus, and Chinese leadership should correspondingly develop.

Much we had hoped to do has had to remain undone. Missionaries being human grow weary of Year Book editors, and will not or can not do what they are asked. Those who have contributed the bulk of the material in these six Year Books have the Editor's profound gratitude. They have, and will have their reward.

Perhaps it is not generally known that the Editor has many other duties which have a first claim upon him, and although the work has been a labour of love, it has not taken more of his time than he thought just to other responsibilities. It has not been an easy thing to keep such a series going

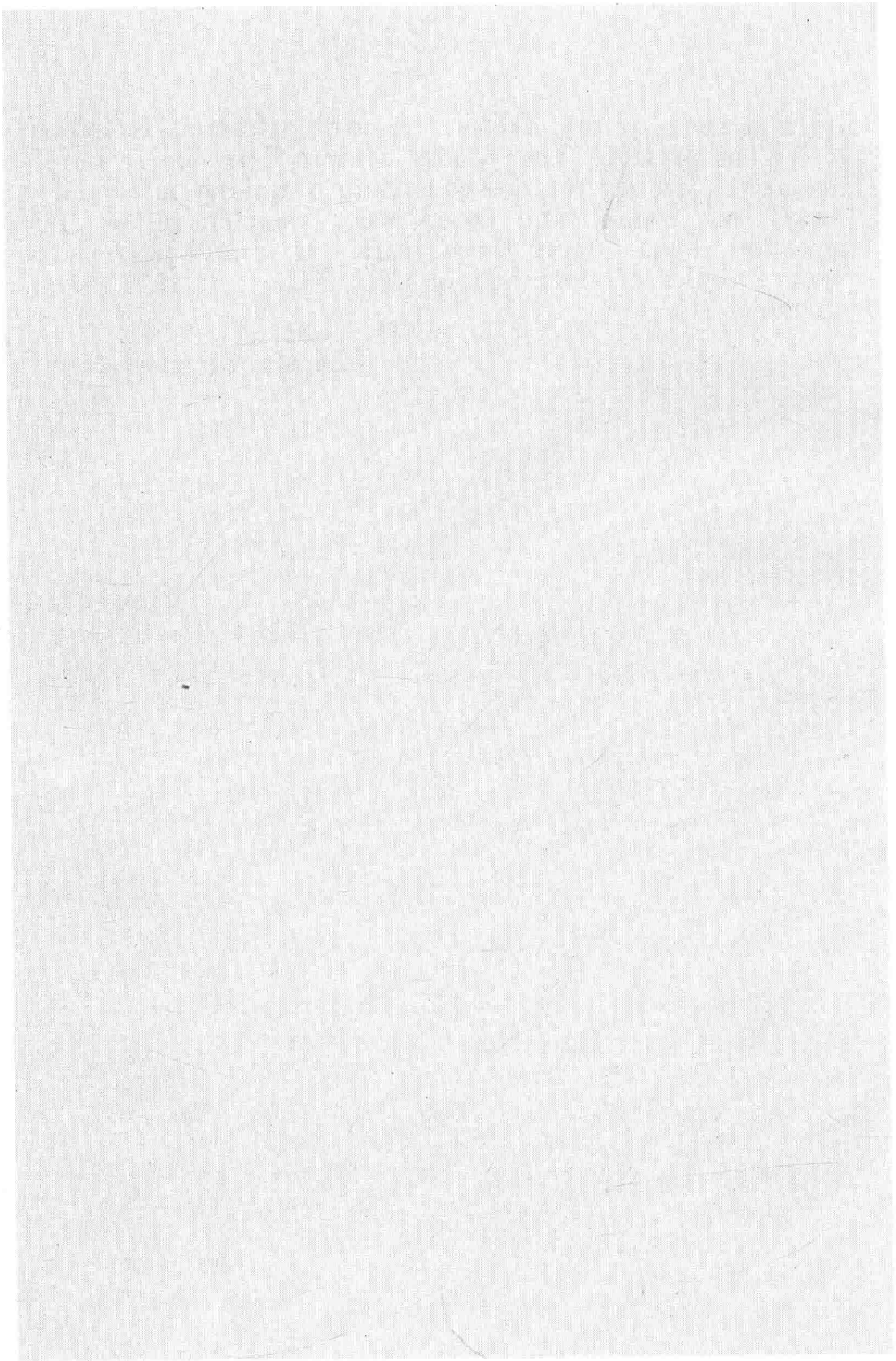
without a break since 1910. If anyone thinks so, let him look at the experience of Indian missionaries, who resolved to commence such a series. The first Indian Year Book appeared in August 1912, but since that time no Year Book has appeared, nor is any in sight. On the other hand the Japanese missionaries are to be congratulated on an unbroken series of thirteen annuals.

Bishop Bashford who was to have prepared the second chapter on the Chinese Church, was at the last moment prevented by an urgent call to return to America, but Dr. Arthur H. Smith filled the gap. Other chapters we had planned do not appear, for the reason that the subjects were discovered to be not yet ripe for treatment, e.g. The Hingwa Jubilee, Self-Support in Fukien, Missions in Peking, City Surveys. The plan of treating missionary work according to denominational groups has not been a success, as explained on page 219 of this book. It should also be said that in previous Year Books a number of Chinese experts have contributed chapters, but this feature is almost wholly wanting this year, chiefly because there is now a Year Book in Chinese, to which contributors are practically all Chinese. The idea of preparing a Chinese version had long been present to the Editor's mind, and he rejoices that the Continuation Committee is now carrying it on. It should also be noted that the positions of the chapters on 'General Education' and the 'China Continuation Committee' towards the end of the book is due to the fact that it was not possible to prepare them in time for early places, such as they deserve.

The Directory has been kindly prepared by Miss M. V. McNeely, B.A., as also the statistics under the direction of the China Continuation Committee, to whom the Year Book is also indebted in many other ways. It is expected that Mr. C. L. Boynton, Statistical Secretary of the China Continuation Committee, will reach China in September. We wish him all success in his arduous labours. The thanks of the Editor and the Christian Literature Society are heartily rendered to all those who have contributed to this issue, and who have in so many ways made happy the

life and work of the Editor. Special attention is called to "What previous Year Books contain" in the front of this book. The six volumes constitute a unique missionary library on China, and cover every possible phase and important event during those years. It is still possible to procure copies of the issues of 1912, 1913, and 1914, from the publishers.

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