

Introduction

Miss Bertha Smith was appointed in 1917 for missionary service in China by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. She served in North China where, along with others, she experienced the great revival. This revival strengthened Baptist churches in Shantung Province and resulted in the conversion of many unbelievers and the transformation of many Christian workers.

Her book is a testimony of her experiences with her Lord in the responsibilities of missionary service and the dangers through which it was necessary to go, both during the time of war with Japan and the Communist upheaval in China.

In 1948 she was transferred to Taiwan as the first missionary of our Board on that island. Many other missionaries were assigned to that field, and the Taiwan Mission has grown to be one of the most fruitful and effective in the Orient.

This book reflects the vital faith of this missionary in her Lord and indicates the consequences of that faith in a life of service and victory. Those who read it will find it spiritually profitable.

BAKER JAMES CAUTHEN

Preface

This book has been written in response to suggestions by friends who have heard me relate incidents of answered prayer during my forty-one and a half years in China.

I have not depended upon my memory for anything related, even though all that I have written is still fresh in my mind. I have notes which were made at the time, and letters home in which the experiences were described.

I wish to thank my praying friends who upheld me as I sat at my typewriter a day here and there. I am deeply indebted to my college and seminary friend, Mrs. E. D. Poe, of Roanoke, Virginia, for her counsel; to Mrs. William McMurry for encouraging and advising me; and to the missionaries mentioned for permission to relate their experiences.

My prayer is that all readers will become so transparent before the Lord that he can hear their prayers for such a quickening in our American churches as will result in the knowledge of the Saviour being sent to a lost world.

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