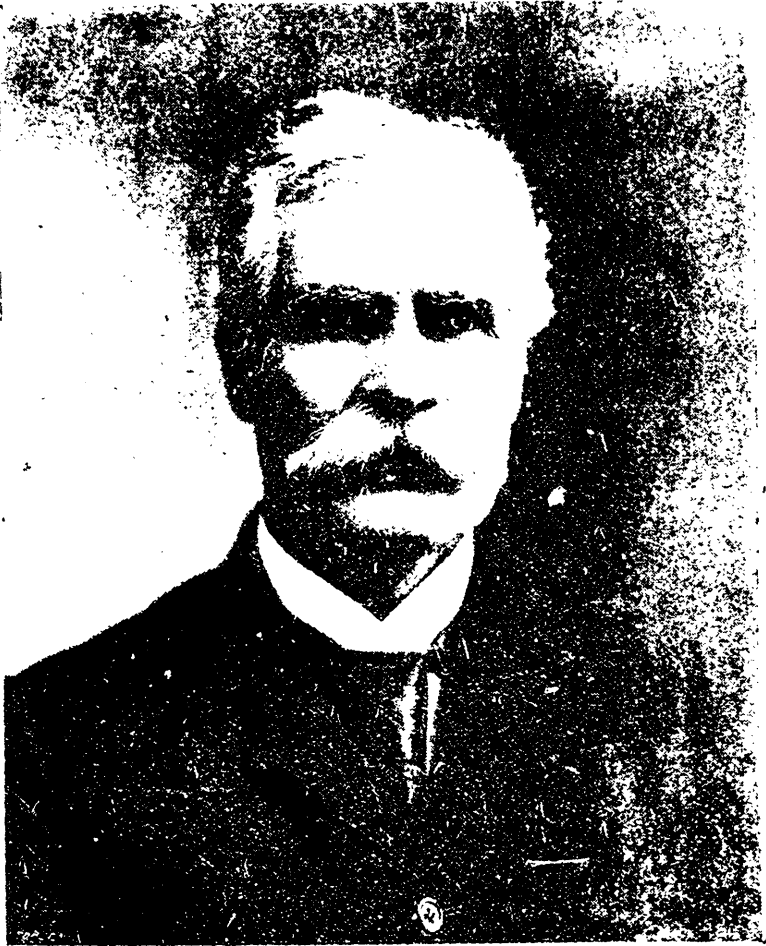


DEATH OF DR. VIRGIL C. HART.



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It is seldom that the Methodism of two countries is called upon to mourn the loss of one missionary, as is occasioned by the death of the Rev. Dr. V. C. Hart.

To preach, to teach, to itinerate, to distribute books and literature for thirty-four years in the strongholds of heathenism—to build a hospital—to assist in the building of a college—to found a mission and watch it grow till its converts are counted in hundreds—to carry the first printing-presses into the heart of West China—what can one say of such a life?

What is there to say more than to trace the steps in this path of glory. "They that turn many to righteousness (shall shine) as the stars for ever and ever." Surely if ever man went to such a reward that man is Virgil C. Hart.

A native of New York State, he was led in his youth, through the reading of missionary literature, to give himself to his great life-work. In 1865, under the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, he sailed from New York for China, accompanied by a young Canadian bride.