

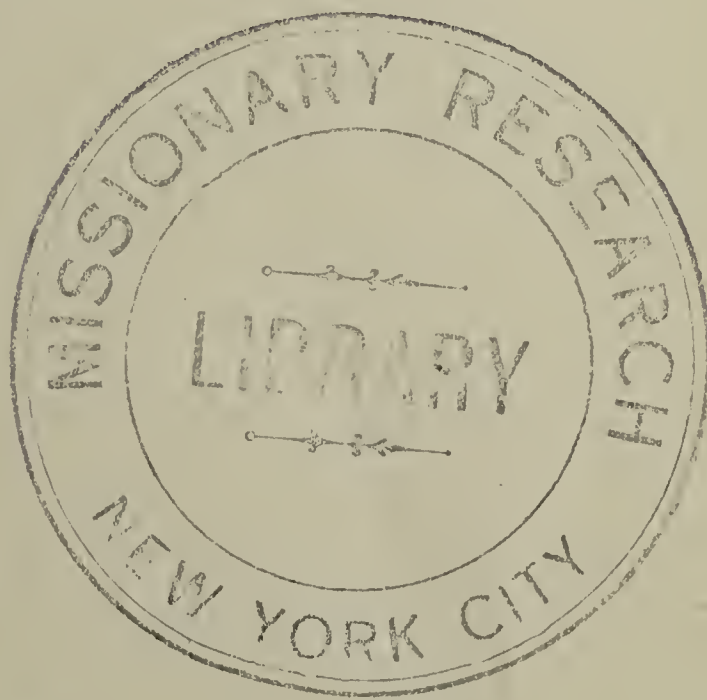
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In Memoriam

Harlan Page Beach



HARLAN P. BEACH, who died at Winter Park, Florida, on March 4th, 1933, was one of the richest and most fruitful personalities in the past generation in the missionary cause. After graduation from Yale in the same class as President Taft and from Andover Seminary, he was for six years in North China under the American Board. Detained in America on account of family health conditions on his return from furlough in 1890 he devoted himself without withholding to the work of foreign missions. He was Educational Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement; Professor of Missions in Yale Divinity School; foremost in his usefulness in the work of the Board of Missionary Preparation; active in the agencies of the Congregational Church and one of the most influential and beloved leaders in the Christian student life of America. His sense of humor, his contagious good fellowship, his sound sense, his solid and practical scholarship, his unselfishness, his perfect probity, his directness, sincerity and Christ-likeness marked him out as one of God's best gifts to his generation. He enriched missionary literature with many valuable books, and his work as a missionary biographer and statistician was unique and unprecedented.

For some years he was disabled from active service but at Weld in Maine, where he spent his summers, and at Winter Park, Florida, where he spent his winters, his mere presence was a source of strength and benediction. There will be thousands all over the world who will remember his great figure, his strength of character, his breadth of human interest and sympathy, his distinctive voice, so positive and yet so gentle, his genial laughter, his grave and honest reverence. Happy are all our recollections of him.

Robert E. Speer.

