



GEORGE HUNTER

APOSTLE
OF
TURKESTAN



MILDRED CABLE
and
FRANCESCA FRENCH

*"Nothing was to enter into his life unpenetrated by its
central enthusiasm"*

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- Men of the Altai listening to wireless propaganda
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- A few miles from Tunhwang are the Caves of the Thousand Buddhas

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- Lanchow city wall
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Authors' Note

This book is a record of the life and work of a unique man, and the authors have endeavoured to write faithfully and sincerely the story of a great soul. All statements and views regarding Church organisation and Mission policies recorded in this book represent the opinions of one man. Therefore, the authors are in no way responsible for the same.



GEORGE HUNTER IN MIDDLE-YEARS AT URUMTSI

George Hunter has become a legendary figure, so closely and for so long has he been associated with Central Asia. He became part of it, and the Central Asian picture would be incomplete without him.

He reached China in 1889, returning to England for the first and only time in 1900, and after fifty-seven years of missionary service in the China Inland Mission he died on December 20th, 1946, in a city of the Province of Kansu. Though he was first and foremost a missionary he was also a great explorer, and knew Turkestan as no other Westerner knew it.

He died as he lived, a lonely man, far from his fellow-countrymen. He was one of the last great pioneer missionaries. It is regrettable that he has not passed on more of the accumulated knowledge which he possessed but his is the honour which he most coveted, not the M.B.E. which the King was graciously pleased to grant him, but that of being a translator of the Scriptures into the language of some remote tribes who otherwise would not yet have had them.

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The lines of Arabic script at the top and bottom of this book-jacket are taken from the Kashgar-Turki Gospel of S. Mark, translated by George Hunter : the Chinese ideographs are copied from the Nestorian Tablet which was erected during the eighth century A.D. after the arrival of missionaries in North-West China by the overland route through Central Asia.