



## **Leonora King, MD**

After graduating with her MD, Dr. King spent almost fifty years as a Methodist missionary doctor in the northern Chinese province of Chihli. Besides practicing medicine and teaching public health – she devoted her work mainly to the care of women and children – she exerted her influence with local nobles to set up dispensaries, hospitals, and even a Government Medical School for Women, which trained doctors and nurses in Tientsin (1908). At a time when foreigners were viewed with suspicion in China, Dr. King fostered international understanding in an exemplary way through her medical work and her sacrifice of self for the benefit of others.