

## The Life of W. A. P. Martin and His Participation in China's Reception of International Law

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W. A. P. Martin (1827-1916) was an American Presbyterian missionary and appointed to China by ABCFM in response to Qing's new tendency towards religious toleration following the Opium War. However, he is known to modern East Asian people not for his missionary activities, but rather for his classical Chinese translation of Henry Wheaton's *Elements of International Law*. His translation in 1865 introduced for the first time systematic knowledge of modern international law into this area and gave rise to a great revolution in the traditional world view. In addition, he contributed to China's reception of international law through various activities such as publishing and education, as well as serving as a consultant to the Tsungli Yamen. This article examines Martin's entire life, laying emphasis on those activities relating to international law during his long stay in China (1850-1916) and clarifying his views on China's reception of international law.