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PREFACE

EVERY year brings the Far East into closer touch with England. Tourists and war-correspondents and picture-papers are constantly giving us fresh glimpses into the Celestial Empire. Before many months we shall be able to take a through train from Paris to Peking. Nevertheless, multitudes of English people, especially young people, still go on thinking of China as an unreal, fantastic region, where things happen after the impossible fashion represented on willow-pattern plates. The following pages show us that in China the boys and girls, at any rate, are thoroughly and naturally alive. The illustrations themselves have all been reproduced from original drawings by a gifted Chinese artist. And the chapters about Chinese children are written by one of those rare Englishmen who have lived so long in the Flowery Land that they think and feel, as well as speak, like the natives. For forty-seven years Archdeacon Moule has devoted his life to preaching and teaching the Gospel in that wonderful country. Hardly any living missionary has more thoroughly identified

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himself with its people. And for describing the children of China, he possesses a further qualification, quite as precious as long experience. Among veteran missionaries Archdeacon Moule remains incurably youthful. It might sound undignified to refer to Peter Pan, "the boy who wouldn't grow up"; so I will quote Hartley Coleridge, and say that the author of this book preserves "by individual right a young man's heart among the elder flocks." And by virtue of this delightful gift he is able both to understand the children of China and to exhibit them to the children of England.

The Bible Society owes Archdeacon Moule most cordial thanks, not only for his help as a Chinese scholar and a warm friend and promoter of its work in China, but also for this charming little volume which he has written on its behalf.

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