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TO  
MY DEAR WIFE ELIZABETH  
I DEDICATE THIS  
BOOK





## FOREWORD

**T**HIS book is not intended in any way to represent History. So many excellent and detailed accounts have been written of the Indian Mutiny by Lord Roberts and others, and of the China Campaign by Lord Wolseley, &c., that I feel it would ill become me, even if I were able, to enter into any sort of competition with such well-known authorities and authors. On the contrary, all that I have set down in these pages is a true account of such episodes and events as have come within my own personal experience, and this only at the oft-repeated request of my many friends and acquaintances.

With reference to the name "China Jim"—after my return from China, in 1861, I found myself constantly addressed and spoken of by this sobriquet; possibly because I got more valuable "loot" from the Summer Palace than any other man in the force. Moreover, the amount that I did get was very much exaggerated, so that I was erroneously supposed by many of my friends to have

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made an enormous fortune. Hence the title of this book.

I am getting on in life and shall be eighty years of age in May next, and it has given me a certain amount of pleasure and occupation to put down for those who are interested what may seem to others a somewhat egotistical record. Yet I venture to think that we are all more or less egotists at heart. But in the Great Human Family there are always some who respond in harmony to our little note of humour, sentiment, pathos, love of adventure, or what not—and to such I appeal.

J. H.

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