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*The glamour of the East is like the glamour of
the Stage: it appeals chiefly to those in front of
the footlights.*

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INTRODUCTION

THE author of this book was born in China and has spent two-thirds of his life there. He has lived in North China, in Mid China, and in South China. He is conversant with the official language. The book is the outcome of personal observation.

LONDON, *15th February 1912.*

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CHAPTER I

HISTORICAL PROLOGUE

THE Manchu dynasty has fallen. However pigheaded, however unprogressive and reactionary, however antagonistic to foreign intercourse the Manchus might have been, they have always had the saving grace of weakness. Concessions could always be extorted, commercial relations could and were, without difficulty, forced upon them. The Young China party is composed of two main divisions. Both are united in their antagonism to foreigners, but whereas one party desires to utilise

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foreign capital, brains and methods in the development of their country, the other is all for the total exclusion of the foreign element. Should the progressive anti-foreign party prevail, China's relations with the Powers will be much the same as Japan's. The predominance of the reactionary anti-foreign party would be a very serious thing for China.

The man in the street, whose interest in China may have been excited by the periodical outbreaks of fanatical fury which beset that country, will perhaps wonder who the Manchus are, and how it is they have been able to rule and control an Empire of four and a half millions of square miles and with a population of four hundred millions. The history of China dates from about 2000 B.C.; the civilisation of which the Chinese are so proud dates from nearly as early a period. Dynasty after dynasty has established itself in China, grown effete, and been supplanted by force. It was in one of

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