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WITHIN THE HALO OF OUR WATCHFIRES

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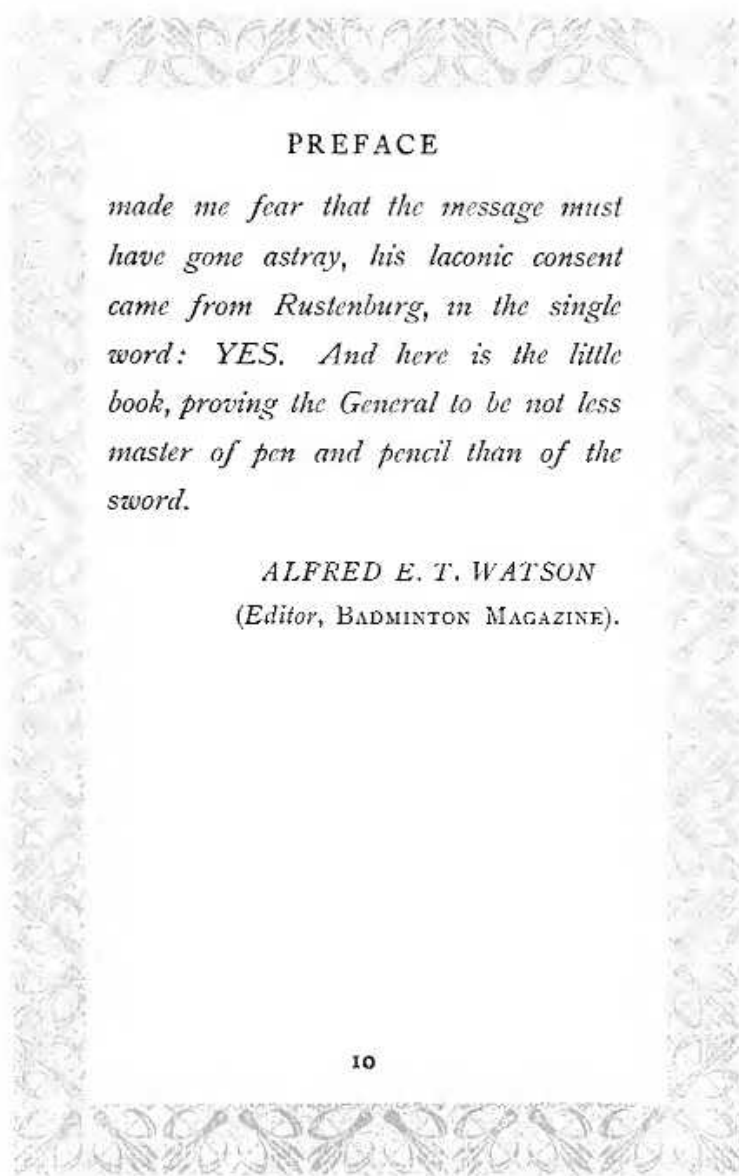
IT seems desirable to write a few words of preface to this book, chiefly with the object of stating what it is: a reprint of sketches which have appeared in the Badminton Magazine. Before the first number was published in August 1895, I was gratified by receiving from Major R. S. S. Baden-Powell the offer of an article about Pig-sticking, illustrated as well as written by himself, and called "The Sport of Rajahs." I knew that

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he wrote and drew as well as he did a great variety of things, and gladly accepted the paper, which appeared as the first article in the second number. I told him I should always be delighted to receive anything he cared to send, and from time to time other contributions followed. Then came a pause, while this most wonderful of all-round men was occupied with sterner work. This is not the place to dilate upon the feverish earnestness and anxiety with which for many months the eyes of the civilised world were turned to Mafeking, nor upon the almost delirious joy with which news of the relief was at last welcomed. The Commander of the little town has

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made for himself an imperishable name, not only by the gallantry and marvellous resource that marked his defence of the place, but by the unfailing cheerfulness with which he sustained and revived the spirits of soldiers and civilians under his charge. The personality of the General, all that he said and did, had said and done, became matters of intense interest, and naturally induced me to turn up these sketches, only again to be delighted by their freshness, vigour and charm. To preserve them in book form became at once my keen desire. The only point to be considered was the author's views on the subject. I therefore cabled to Mafeking, and after a long wait, which



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made me fear that the message must have gone astray, his laconic consent came from Rustenburg, in the single word: YES. And here is the little book, proving the General to be not less master of pen and pencil than of the sword.

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