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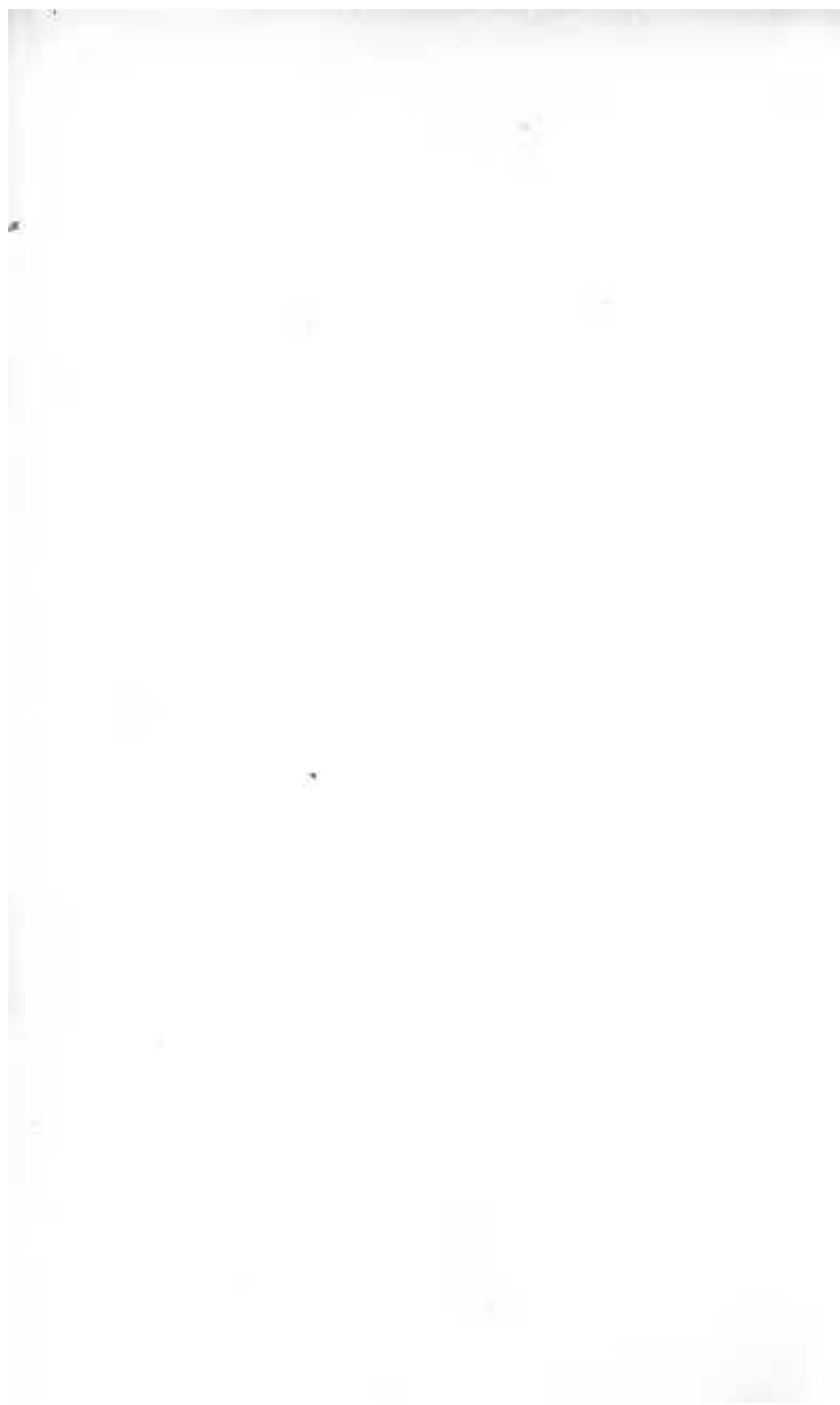
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INTRODUCTORY

WITH China and Japan the world has at length grown familiar; in as far as the Occident can comprehend the Orient, the daily life of the Mongolian race has been made known to us.

There are, however, some branches of this race of which little is said. Since 1884 the French have had possession of the northern province of Annam, and it is this part of the extreme Orient that the following short tales may serve to illustrate. Even in this province of Tonkin, — or Tonquin, as we write it in English, — the Annamites are divided into several distinct peoples; but how each may differ from the other would be a problem for the ethnographer. French rule was not gratefully accepted in Tonquin. These poor "savages" did not at once comprehend or appreciate the honor of being subject to France; so they made desperate efforts to resist French invasion.

France professed to have right as well as