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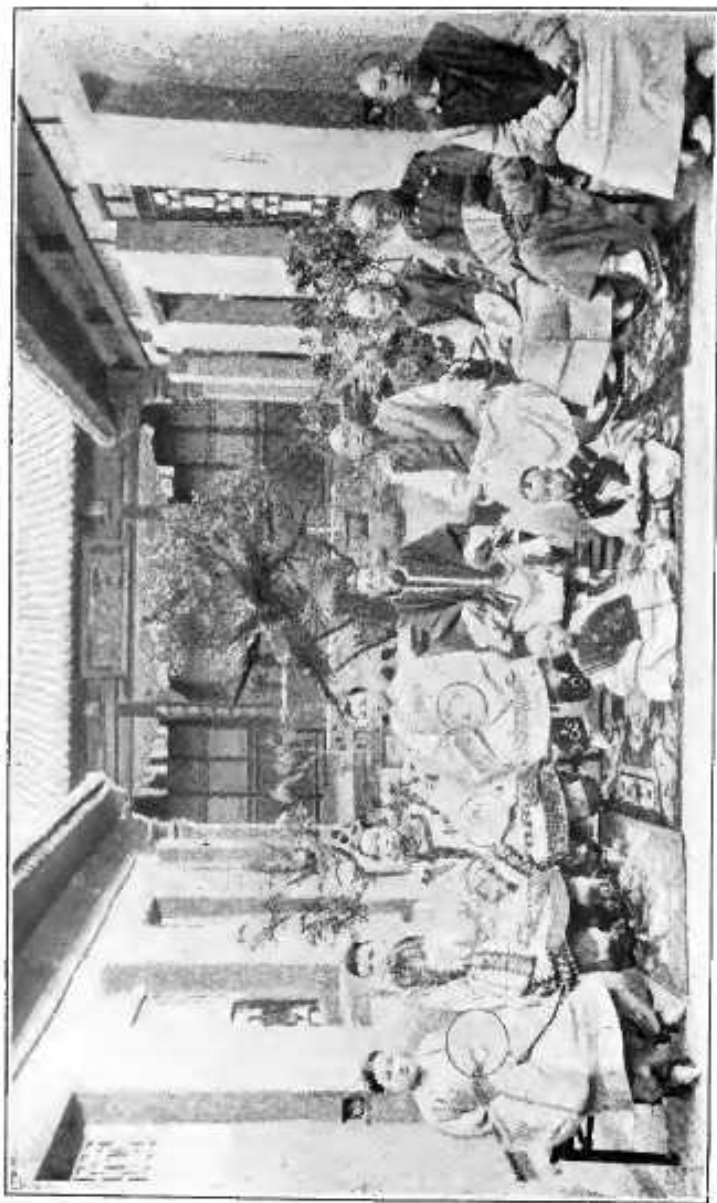
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Uncle
A COURT IN MR. KUNG'S HOME IN TAI KU

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Note

The Author's royalty on this book will be devoted to the college expenses of the two young men whose trying experiences are herein outlined. As explained in the concluding chapter, the laws of the United States do not allow them to undertake remunerative labor in this country. It is therefore hoped that friends interested will promote the circulation of this little work.

Preface

MR. FAY'S simple narrative, dealing with the most tragic event of the nineteenth century, has been freely translated, with a few omissions. The first chapter will be interesting only to those who wish to study the life of the middle-class Chinese; the second and third chapters give glimpses of the life of a Chinese boy in mission schools. Perhaps his narrative may seem to move too slowly, his pages to be overcrowded with details. But the Occident, if it would get into heart touch with the Orient, must take time for it. The merchant, the diplomat, the missionary who would be successful in the Far East must sometimes turn his back on his clock.

Were the story of Mr. K'ung's boyhood days given as fully as is Mr. Fay's, we should have a strongly contrasting picture, one of life in a wealthy, aristocratic family. For him there was less of peril and adventure, less of external loss, in that sad, last year of the century, but the sympathetic heart will catch the deep pathos of this tragedy of the inner life.

If these young men succeed in their noble purpose of obtaining in America a mental and

spiritual training which will enable them to do more effective work in lifting China out of the darkness of her past into the light of the new century, and into the glorious possibilities which lie before her as a nation, a sequel to this little volume may sometime be written. That God's kingdom may come in China is the deepest longing in the hearts of our "Two Heroes." It remains to be seen whether the training received abroad, the special needs and opportunities which will appeal to them on their return to their native land, and the guidance of their Master, will lead them into the high calling of the ministry, or into that of the teacher with its boundless opportunities for molding the intellectual and spiritual life of the new China, or into that of the editor and translator, with its ever-widening influence.

If, on laying down the book, any heart is stirred by the thought of the grievous wrong inflicted on these noble men by our Chinese exclusion laws, let it not be the idle emotion of a moment. We have made the laws; if they are working injustice it is ours to change them. Is it not a sad anomaly—the doors of a Christian land bolted and barred against Chinese Christians who have shown such heroic loyalty and tender love to her citizens, while they are swung open wide to the off-scouring of every other nation under heaven?

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