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'IN CANTONMENTS' 'IN AND BEYOND CANTONMENTS'
ETC.

Far hence, in Asia,
On the smooth convent roofs,
On the gold terraces
Of holy Lassa,
Bright shines the sun.

MATTHEW ARNOLD

WITH A FRONTISPIECE

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TO
CAPTAIN S. H. SHEPPARD, D.S.O.
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A COMRADE IN TIBET AND ELSEWHERE

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

BY
THE AUTHOR

November 1904



PREFACE

WHEN the Sikkim-Tibet Mission Force marched to Lhasa, it carried along with it, besides fighting men and diplomatists, a strong contingent that represented literature and the deeper sciences. We were full of brains in that Lhasa column. There were men in it who had made the subject of Tibet their own before they had set foot in the country, and were already qualified to discourse upon it, whether in its political, its topographical, its ethnological, or its archæological aspect. There was a man who came with us armed only with a bicycle wheel and a cyclometer, with which he has corrected all preconceived notions of Tibetan distances. There was a man with a hammer (the