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EDITOR'S NOTE

THE stories and articles by Lafcadio Hearn in this volume are now collected in book form for the first time. They rank with his best work. The opening story, "Karma," is the most personal product from Hearn's pen, as he rarely took the public into his confidence. No doubt the ideal love described in this great tale was an experience of his own. The story originally appeared in *Lippincott's Magazine* for May, 1890.

"A Ghost"—a beautiful prose-poem—appeared in *Harper's Magazine* for December, 1889.

"The First Muezzin" was a work of great labour and love. In his letters to H. E. Krehbiel he makes numerous references to "The First Muezzin." It appeared in the *New Orleans Times-Democrat* in 1884. The sketch was considered to be lost to the world. I inquired from Mr Krehbiel about it; he discovered it in a scrap-book, which he kindly placed at my disposal.

"China and the Western World" appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly* for April, 1896. This article shows a keen insight into

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international relations, and is particularly timely to-day.

I wish to thank Captain Mitchell McDonald, Hearn's friend and literary executor, for permission to reprint "Karma" and the four tales which complete this collection. I also wish to thank on behalf of Captain McDonald Messrs Harper Brothers for permission to include "A Ghost" in the present volume, and the Atlantic Monthly Publishing Company for permission to include "China and the Western World."

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7. The seventh part of the document discusses the importance of collaboration and teamwork. It highlights the need for researchers to work together and share their knowledge and resources to achieve their goals.

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