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PREFACE.

Living in the old town of Kamakura, I have naturally become intensely interested in its ancient history, and this little book practically contains a few stray leaves from my note book relative to the rise of the Feudal system in what is known as the "Kamakura Age," which term is applied to the period commencing in 1186 and ending in 1333.

No attempt has been made at literary embellishment, and I have merely jotted down, in simple language, such facts as have been brought to my notice in the course of reading up the subject. If the results of my study are deemed worthy of consideration by persons interested in Japanese history, it will afford me considerable gratification. There is absolutely nothing new in the book, and everything it contains has been culled from existing Japanese and foreign sources. All I have done is to collate the facts and present them in an English dress.

The whole of the chapters have already been published in the *Japan Herald* as a series of special articles, and I have to

thank the Editor of that journal for his courteous permission to reproduce them in book form.

I desire to acknowledge that in compiling the various articles I have received invaluable encouragement and assistance from the venerable historian Dr. Shigeno and my wife.

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Yui-ga-hama, Kamakura, Japan.
February 1907.

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