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## PREFACE

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AN apology may reasonably be expected for another book on Japan by one who has been a mere visitor, not a resident. The following pages are for the most part a transcript of the author's daily journal, written without any view to publication. But when, shortly after his visit, the eyes of the whole world were suddenly fixed upon the Land of the Rising Sun, and its unexpected display of military genius and power, it was suggested to him that his notes might be of interest, not only as describing some parts of the country seldom visited by foreigners, but as touching topics not generally dealt with by previous writers.

The primary object of the author's rambles was to master thoroughly the position of missionary work in Japan, especially that of the Church Missionary Society, and to ascertain the practical working of Buddhism as compared with the Buddhism of China and Ceylon. He had special advantages in being accompanied by his daughter, who, from her residence of some years in the country, her knowledge of the language and customs, and intense sympathy with

the people, enabled him to gain an insight into many things which would otherwise escape the stranger's notice. He trusts also that his readers will forgive him, as a field naturalist, for many allusions to zoology and botany. He will be well rewarded, if he shall, however slightly, contribute to deepen interest in a race peerless among Orientals, and destined, when it has embraced that Christianity which is the only root of all true civilisation, to be the Britain of the Pacific.

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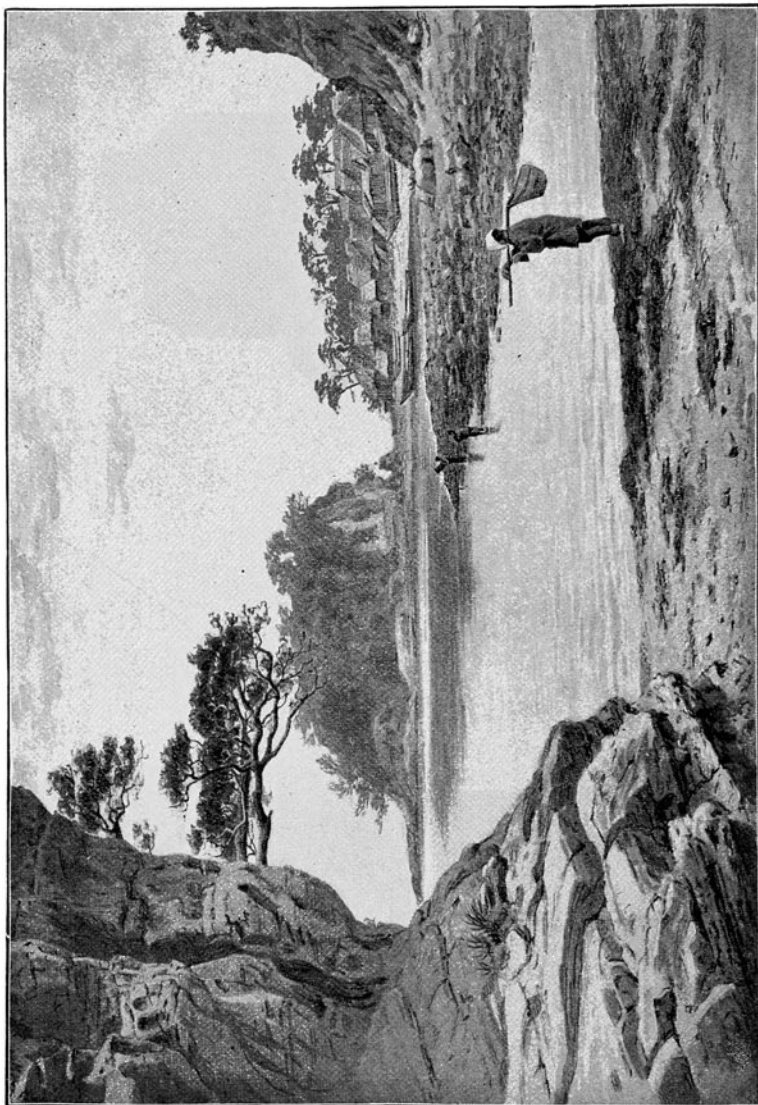
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