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## PREFACE

THE eyes of the whole civilised world are now turned towards China, where it appears only too certain that one of the most terrible tragedies which history has ever recorded has just taken place.

I spent some eight months recently in travel through China, Japan, and Korea, with the special object of ascertaining from the best informed men on the spot what the political and commercial situation really was.

I visited most of the centres of political interest and of commercial activity, and also journeyed over 5,000 miles in the interior of China. This is my only justification for venturing to issue this book, which is without literary pretensions. It simply contains a brief account of my journey and some of the information I gathered, which may possibly be of interest in view of the present acute crisis in the Far East. I have introduced on pp. 224-48 the statement I made in Parliament on the 30th of March last, which reviewed the situation as it then appeared to me, and I have added a short chapter