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THE HISTORY OF CHINA.

CHAPTER I.

THE EXPULSION OF THE MONGOLS.

Choo Yuen Chang.—His Origin and Early Career.—The Course of the Hoangho.—What Choo wished to accomplish.—His Policy.—Development of his Power.—The Public Weal.—Fangkue Chin.—A Mongol Success.—Chahan Timour.—Rival Generals.—Alouhiya.—Murder of Chahan.—Koukou.—Yunnan.—Mingyuchin.—Corea repudiates the Mongol Alliance.—Wang Jwan.—The Liberator.—Choo prepares to move.—His Opponents.—Advances on Pekin with Three Armies.—Suta.—Victories.—Capture of Pekin.—Flight of Emperor and his Court.—End of Mongol Dynasty.—Reflections.

THE prevailing disorders, which revealed the full extent of the people's misfortune,* attracted, among

* Among their principal causes of grievance was one relating to the Hoangho river, which, as Professor Douglas has said, may be truly styled, "China's sorrow." Two of Chunti's ministers proposed, in A.D. 1351, for reasons that are obscure, to alter the course of that river. Up to that time the Hoangho had emptied itself into the Yellow Sea, but its course was then diverted, at a point near where it entered the province of Kiangsu, into a