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AMONG the publications written during the last few years to which, in the preparation of this brief work, I have been under obligations, are "L' Empire des Tsar et les Russes," by Leroy-Beaulieu, (1886); Rambaud's "History of Russia"; Stepniak's "Russia under the Tsars," "Underground Russia," and "The Russian Storm Cloud"; Vámbéry's articles in the *Nineteenth Century* entitled "Will Russia Conquer India?"; "The Russians at the Gates of Herat," by Charles Marvin; and Tissot's "Russes et Allemands," as well as Wallace's "Russia," and Dixon's "Free Russia," published some years earlier. the literature upon the subject is comprehensive, and I have drawn freely from many sources, but more especially from the foregoing.

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CHAPTER I.

THE COMING STRUGGLE.

IT was said in an article published in the *St. Petersburg Novoë Vremya*, about a year ago, that Mr. Gladstone had recently uttered these words: "I like Russia, not without reason. I recognize in her a true and logical ally of England. The vital resources of the states of Europe are rapidly becoming exhausted. Their bone and sinew are going to Asia, Africa, and America. But long experience proves that there are only two nations who know how to colonize—England and Russia. The other nations totally lack this quality. Therefore England and Russia only have a future. The other powers are on the decline. The time is not far off when Germany and France will disappear from the horizon of first-class powers. I hold, therefore, that it is bad policy for England and Russia to quarrel. Let us look at the question from the standpoint of mere profit. Where are the principal interests of Russia? In the Balkan Peninsula. And ours? In India and Africa. Therefore we might easily and advantageously