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PREFACE.

Much has been already written concerning the most important features of Japan by authors of recognised high ability;¹ but I suggest that much still remains to be told of the minor lights and shades which illustrate the features of the nation and country by humbler writers who, like myself, have taken the trouble to detail minutiae which are perhaps below the attention of greater luminaries. At all events, the statements contained in this book have the advantage of having been recorded on the spot, as was the case with English Life in

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China, and at the time when they were originally deduced. Taken down day by day in shorthand, I venture to hope that the opinions may possess the freshness, sometimes so conducive to accuracy, of first impressions; while the authenticity of the facts has been safeguarded by subsequent careful revision.

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Those who would obtain a more thorough knowledge of Japan than can be gathered from the statements contained in this book may with advantage make a selection from the following list:

HISTORY OF JAPAN. By F. O. Adams, formerly Her Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Yedo.

HANDBOOK OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN JAPAN. By Satow and Hawes.

JAPAN: ITS HISTORY, TRADITIONS, AND RELIGION. By Sir E. Reed.

UNBEATEN TRACKS IN JAPAN. By Miss Bird.


TALES OF OLD JAPAN. (Mitford.)

KEELING'S GUIDE TO JAPAN.

L'EMPIRE JAPONAIS. (Metchnikoff.)

JAPAN, NACH REISEN UND STUDIEN. (H. Rein.)

IL GIAPPONE AL GIORNO D'OGGI. (Savio.)

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