

and Japan on the other gave it a military and political importance, the extent of which may be even better appreciated to-day than twelve years ago, we felt that time spent in such a country could not possibly be wasted.

On March 19, 1886, we left Calcutta, and early in May found ourselves at Newchwang, the treaty port of Manchuria. This was to be the base of operations, and we were fortunate enough to be joined here by Mr. H. Fulford, of the Chinese Consular Service, an officer who spoke Chinese thoroughly well, knew all the customs of the country, and was able to give us that assistance which as strangers in the land we so much needed.

It is not, however, my intention to give a full detailed account of our journey in Manchuria, for that has already been done by Mr. James in his book, "The Long White Mountain," in which will be found not only a description of our travels, but a fund of information about the history, the religion, and the customs of the people. I shall merely supplement his more important work with a few of the impressions which were left upon me personally.