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A GLANCE at the contents of this first issue of *THE FAR EASTERN QUARTERLY* will, we believe, quickly disclose to those already acquainted with what is being published in the field of Far Eastern affairs that the *QUARTERLY* fills a gap existing between journals dealing with contemporaneous opinions and events, and the more specialized professional and academic publications.

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