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Singapore—"The Gateway of the Occident and Orient."

EARLY DAYS.

The first Englishman to visit Malaya was Drake in 1578. Cavendish followed in 1588. Then came Lancaster in 1592. He was the first Englishman to open up trade with the Malays, and upon his reports the famous East India Company was organized.

Singapore Island was taken possession of by Sir Stamford Raffles, the Governor of Bencoolen, in 1819, in the name of Great Britain. It was a jungle waste and its inhabitants were three hundred naked savages. To-day, ninety-one years afterwards, the memory of Raffles is revered through all Malay, and many stately memorials

have been erected in his honour by a grateful people. In 1823 the Island was placed under the Bengal government. In 1826 it was incorporated with Malacca and Penang. It became the seat of Government in 1867, when the entire Straits Settlements were made a crown colony whose first Governor was Sir Harry St. George Ord, the "terror of the Malay pirates." The present Governor is Sir John Anderson, who has done much to advance the best interests of the Malay Peninsula.

Singapore, the Lion City,—from *singa*, lion, and *pura*, city—is at the southern extremity of the island, which is south of the Malay Peninsula and separated from it by the old north strait through which, in early years, was floated

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