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Victor Purcell, C.M.G., Litt.D., was born in 1896 and educated at Bancroft's School and Trinity College, Cambridge. He served in the Green Howards in the First World War and was twice wounded. He joined the Malayan Civil Service in 1921, and held many appointments including Protector of Chinese and (wartime) Director General of Information. In 1945-46 he was Principal Adviser on Chinese Affairs to the British Military Administration.

From 1946-48, Dr. Purcell was a Consultant on Asia and the Far East to the United Nations and from 1949 until his retirement in 1963 he was Lecturer in Far Eastern History at Cambridge. He is the author of many books both on Southeast Asia and China. They include *The Chinese in Malaya* (1948), *The Chinese in Southeast Asia* (1951), *Malaya-Communist or Free?* (1954), *China (Nations of the Modern World)* (1962), *The Revolution in Southeast Asia* (1962), *A Background to the Boxer Uprising* (1962), and *Malaysia* (1964).

He is now engaged on a three-volume history of the Chinese Revolution.

It is regretted that this biographical note, written by Dr. Purcell, was printed just before his death on 2nd January, 1965