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THE CONQUERORS! 1. ALBERT, WHO DID NOT DIE CHRISTMAS EVE. 2. MATTHILDE, OUR ORPHAN. 3. HENRI, WHOSE MOTHER IS DYING OF TUBERCULOSIS IN THE HOSPITAL. AT EDISON AND WHOSE FATHER IS IN THE TRENCHES. 4. LOUIS—AGED FOUR, WHO CAME INTO EVIAN, TAGGED THUS—"MOTHER HELD FOR SLAPPING A GERMAN." FATHER IN THE TRENCHES. 5. GASTON, WHO WAS SO SICK AND DID NOT SMILE FOR TWO MONTHS.

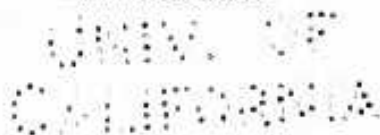
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and  
*The Red Cross*

By  
*June Richardson Lucas*  
(*Mrs. William Palmer Lucas*)

*With Seventeen Illustrations from Photographs*

inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least  
of these my brethren, ye have done it to me.

—ST. MATTHEW, 25:40



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To  
"W. P. L."

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## INTRODUCTION

*On August 12, 1917, the National Red Cross organized its work for the women and children of France under the Children's Bureau of the Department of Civil Affairs in France, with Dr. Wm. Palmer Lucas, Professor of Children's Diseases at the University of California, as Chief of the Bureau. Dr. Lucas' work in 1916 for Mr. Hoover in Belgium, where he made a careful health survey of the Belgian children for the Commission for Relief in Belgium, brought a wide and valuable experience to the French problems.*

*Mrs. Lucas accompanied her husband to France, and for ten months worked with him in the organization and establishment of the American Red Cross work for the children.*

*Many formal reports of the work have been issued by the National Red Cross Headquarters. Many splendid accounts of the scope and magnitude of the work of the American Red Cross in France have been published by*

*the Press. This book, made up of the daily journal letters written by Mrs. Lucas during those ten months, has an unique value for the American people. It is an intimate, tender picture of the way in which our great National Relief Organization meets, with a warm personal touch, the most poignant tragedy in France today, the devastated lives of brave women and little children.*

**HENRY P. DAVISON,**  
*Chairman, RED CROSS WAR COUNCIL*