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CERTAIN OF OUR FRIENDS  
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR ENGLAND  
IN REVERENT AFFECTION  
AND TO  
THE PROSPECT OF THE NEW ENGLAND  
FOR THE HOPE OF WHICH  
THEY DIED





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## PREFACE

THESE papers owe their title to the fact that they were written, for the most part, during the fighting on the Somme in the summer and autumn of 1916. They are, however, the result of experience gained not only there but in other parts of France, in Flanders, and in a soldiers' hospital at home.

We do not pretend to have written without preconceived ideas. No one who has any settled opinions can seriously make that claim. We write as commissioned officers in the Church of Christ, and are to this extent prejudiced that we have an unshakeable conviction that Christ alone holds the key to the social and individual problems which the war is forcing on our notice. We have, however, sincerely tried to see facts as they really are, and to record them without

any effort to twist them to suit our theories. If anywhere in these pages we have seemed to state our deductions as though they were incontestable, let the difficulties of writing and revising under the conditions of active service be our explanation and excuse. That such is not our object the many question marks with which these pages are so plentifully besprinkled should afford sufficient evidence. Our purpose throughout has been at all costs to state the truth so far as we have been able to see it, and not so much to offer clear-cut answers and ready-made solutions as to enlist your sympathy and to stir your thought.

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