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ON THE FUTURE OF THE MISSION AT VAN

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PREFACE

So many distorted reports of events in Van have appeared in the papers that it has seemed desirable that our friends should possess an accurate description of the situation there and our experiences in war-time.

It has seemed wise not to touch upon the educational and evangelistic work of the mission during the past year; the attempt to do so would tend to lead us away from strictly war-time experiences, and we may plan for another pamphlet which shall more adequately treat of what has been accomplished along these lines and what we hope can be done in the future. But because events have laid special stress on the mission's ministrations to the physical needs of the people, a chapter has been added concerning the work of our hospital, and Dr. Ussher has contributed an appeal for the means to resume this work among the stricken survivors of the massacres.

Because I am endeavoring by means of this pamphlet to make known to a wide circle of friends of the mission and of the missionaries, and former contributors to the hospital, the project we cherish of erecting a hospital as a memorial of Mrs. Ussher, I have used her portrait as a frontispiece. Thus my little book may also in a way become a memorial of her. A memorial of Mrs. Reynolds with her portrait will shortly be printed for private distribution.

We members of Van station welcome an opportunity to express our gratitude to our friends and the friends of the mission for all they have done for us and for our work in the past, and especially for their generosity and sympathy since our arrival in this country.



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Finally, I would like this little book to be for each member of the Van circle a memento of the experiences we have lived through together and which have bound us together with the unbreakable bond which can be welded only by common sorrow and suffering, fear, and hope, and joy, and mutual helpfulness and comfort and cheer.

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