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BY
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To my friend

Major C. Kay, M.D.

Royal Army Medical Corps (Territorial Force)

WHO FOUGHT THROUGH THE BOER WAR; IS FIGHTING THROUGH
THIS WAR AND, HAD HE BEEN ALIVE, WOULD NO DOUBT HAVE
FOUGHT THROUGH THE PELOPONNESIAN, MEDIEVAL,
NAPOLEONIC AND ALL OTHER WARS, SERENELY CON-
VINCED THAT WAR WAS THE ONLY MEANS BY
WHICH MAN COULD RISE TO HIGHER
THINGS. LITTLE INFERENCE HAS
YET BEEN DRAWN FROM THE
FACT THAT MAN DIFFERS
FROM THE BRUTE NOT
IN MUSCLE BUT
IN BRAIN.

To my children

Eber, Ken, Kay and Bud

IN THE SURE HOPE
THAT THEY WILL LIVE TO SEE THAT DAY DAWN
WHEN

MEN WILL KNOW AT LAST
THAT THEY ARE OF ONE
FAMILY. COLOURS AND
LINES ON MAPS MAY MARK
POLITICAL AND ADMINIS-
TRATIVE FRONTIERS, THEY
DO NOT SEPARATE REAL
INTERESTS. ALL MEN ARE
ETERNALLY OUR FRIENDS,
NEVER OUR ENEMIES. TO
READ THAT LESSON IN THE
LIGHT OF HISTORY IS THE
TASK OF THE DAY. OUR
CHILDREN WILL MASTER IT.

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