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PREFACE

IN spite of the war, and in spite of the friendship between Russia and England, a friendship becoming more firmly cemented every day, there are still a great many people to whom our Slav ally remains merely a name. True, books in plenty have recently dealt with that country in many varying forms, but, in the main, they have consisted either of consecutive narrative requiring steady reading, or have been serious works making appeal chiefly to the student.

The joint authors of this little book hope to find their public amongst those whom Russia is beginning to interest but who, perhaps, have neither the time nor inclination for a more connected work. These sketches are all short; there is, as a rule, no relation one to the other, and their separate perusal will only occupy a matter of minutes. But—and this is the end

the authors hope to have attained—it is possible that they may whet the appetite of the reader to know more about Russia ; they may encourage enquiry and study ; and they may be the seeds from which will arise a love for greatly misunderstood Russia, such as the authors have for her themselves. If, in a single instance, any one of these things is accomplished, they will feel that their labours will not have been in vain. Acknowledgment is due to *The Outlook*, *The Standard* and *The Evening Standard* for permission to reproduce many of these sketches, and the grateful thanks of the authors is extended to the editors of these papers.

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