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DEDICATED
TO
MY FRIEND AND CONFRÈRE
FRANCIS YVON ECCLES.

*Que tout s'arme contre eux, contre eux que tout conspire
Que, quels que soient le chef, la route et les moyens,
La France et les Français n'aient qu'un seul but : détruire
La Prusse et les Prussiens !*

*PAUL DÉROULÈDE,
Chants du Soldat.*

DEDICATORY LETTER

MY DEAR ECCLES,—You and I have long agreed that such a book as this needed to be written. Had you written it, it would have been a much better book; though—if you will pardon an esoteric allusion—it would probably have taken longer to write, even with locked doors. However, as you would not write it, I had to do so, and I dedicate it to you, not only in gratitude and admiration, but also as a sort of incarnation of the Great Alliance in which we both believed, I think, before we had seen it, and in which we both now see the only hope for the deliverance of Europe.

In the same spirit I append to this volume a verse which I came across the other day in the works of a poet to whom you introduced me—a poet, and something more than a poet, a prophet. He was a man who saw through forty years of apparently hopeless defeat what it was that Europe had to destroy; and who, by a very tragic irony, died on the very eve of the war which, unless we are fools or cowards, will end in the fulfilment of his vision. It is an additional

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motive with me that dedicating this book to you, I feel that I am dedicating it to the spirit of Paul Déroulède.

In revising the proofs of this book I realise how fast events are moving. The return of Russia, which even when I wrote was as obvious to me as it must, one would think, have been obvious to everybody except Mr George, is already an accomplished fact. The offensive in the West, which I speak of as a future event, is already in progress. It would be unwise to prophesy concerning these matters. Before my book is out the military situation may have changed for the worse or for the better. But it is important to emphasise the fact that the peril of which I write in this book is one which increases instead of diminishes with the improved prospects of victory. The greater the measure of our apparent success, the larger the concessions which the enemy will be disposed to make, and the more dangerous the possible effect of such concessions upon uninstructed opinion.

For, as you and I realise, in dealing with the thing called Prussia, the acceptance of any concession short of unconditional surrender, is an act of suicide.

I am, my dear Eccles, yours very sincerely,

CECIL CHESTERTON.

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