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COUNTESS OF DENBIGH

You said, dear Lady Denbigh, that you would find pleasure in having this small book dedicated to you when it should be written. Here it is, then; and I am especially glad it contains St. Francis Xavier. Not, as you quite well imagine, that it is to supersede the memory of the little thumbed, purple-covered, rain-sodden *Life*, or of any *Life*. For these studies are not *Lives*. In them I give nothing complete, not even in outline. I make no lists of miracles or catalogues of virtues, no account of post-humous cult or honours. But if this or that be omitted, it is so simply for the sake of my object, which is to make the character of the Saint stand out intelligibly, within a very brief compass. By this I don't mean what was "merely human," "exclusively natural," in

him. You can't divide, in a living person, natural from supernatural, as with a hatchet. All Christians are "supernatural" men; but each Christian is different from his neighbour. It is the "personal accent," so to call it, of these Saints which I have wished to catch, and I should like so to write that a reader may perhaps feel he has met, and in some measure been in genuine soul-contact with them, for by soul-contact alone souls are changed. Virtue went out of Christ because His soul and the sick woman's were "in contact"; yet that contact incarnated itself, so to say, in the touching by her of His garment's fringe. So in these pages I should love to think some one or two might touch the extremest verge of the garments of God's Saints. How glad, too, should I be if you found in them as sane an air as that which pours so pleasantly through your many and wide-windowed house.

Always most sincerely,

C. C. MARTINDALE.

FOREWORD

A WORD of explanation, and perhaps even of excuse, is requested by the title of this short series. When I wrote the studies of the three young Saints which compose its third part, it was, as may be noticed, the vivid individuality, and especially the masculinity, of each which struck me. Yet by the title *Christ's Cadets* I meant that I had thought of them, at that time, rather as the younger members of His family than as His younger soldiers. When, however, it was suggested to me that I should continue the series, I tried to find a title somewhat analogous to *Christ's Cadets* for the two further volumes I foresaw. Calling, therefore, the entire series *In God's Army*, I chose *Commanders-in-Chief* and *Captains of Christ* to describe the Saints they should include, thereby attaching a definitely military significance to