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Preface

This book had its origin in one of the great camps in France where some of the chaplains had a weekly meeting presided over by the Rev. J. Harry Miller, one of the senior chaplains. At these meetings the problems which confront the soldiers and the Church were freely discussed. At a time when the writers were working in that camp—the one as the Director of Religious Services in behalf of the Y.M.C.A. and the other as preacher and lecturer with the Scottish Churches Huts—they were invited to open these discussions on alternate weeks. The addresses then delivered are now published in this form at the suggestion of those who took part in the discussions.

The authors do not pretend to have arrived at any final conclusions. They only hope that these addresses will indicate the direction

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in which they found their thoughts moving when in touch with the grim realities of war. They do not claim to have given an answer to the questions which the war has evoked from many troubled hearts; they are only able to show how urgent these questions are.

The different chapters were written without the advantage of mutual consultation, and they now appear with but slight alterations. If this book but show how the writers' minds were stirred by contact with the great army, and by intercourse with the men who are garrisoning its soul, and if it will lead others, with greater experience and fuller knowledge, to express frankly their thoughts on these problems, their purpose will have been served.

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