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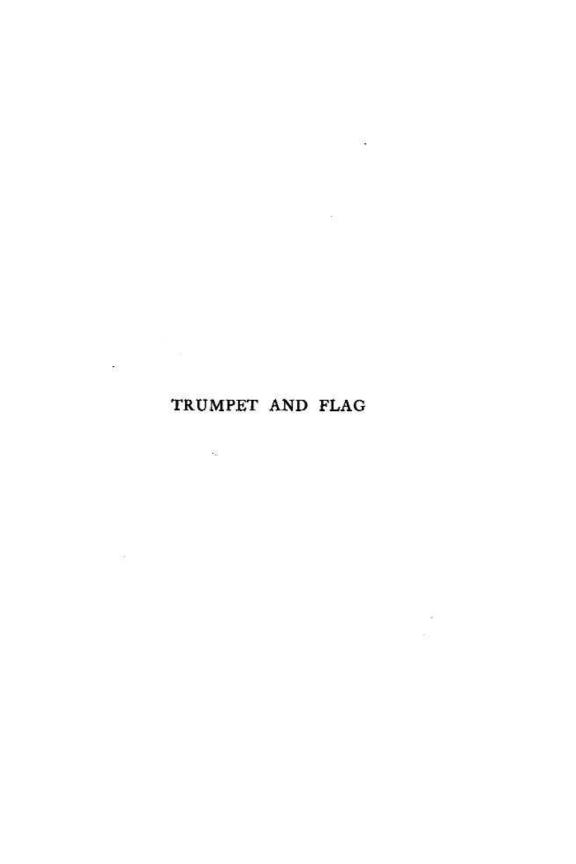
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PREFACE

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THE last bugle's dying echoes falter down the narrow valley

The doubtful battle tarried in so long:

As, turning from their headlong charge, the scattered horsemen rally,

The chiming rocks repeat that fading song.

From the heights where eagles hover, daydark clefts the buck leap over,

The thousand giant voices of the crag

In reverberating chorus speed the musical, sonorous

Silver summons of the Trumpet to the Flag: Awake! Awake! your splendid robe outshake!

Float proudly, lovely Sister, for your mighty brother's sake!