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"Traveller, hast thou ever seen so great a grief as mine?"

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Y. M. C. A. WORKER WITH THE A. E. F.

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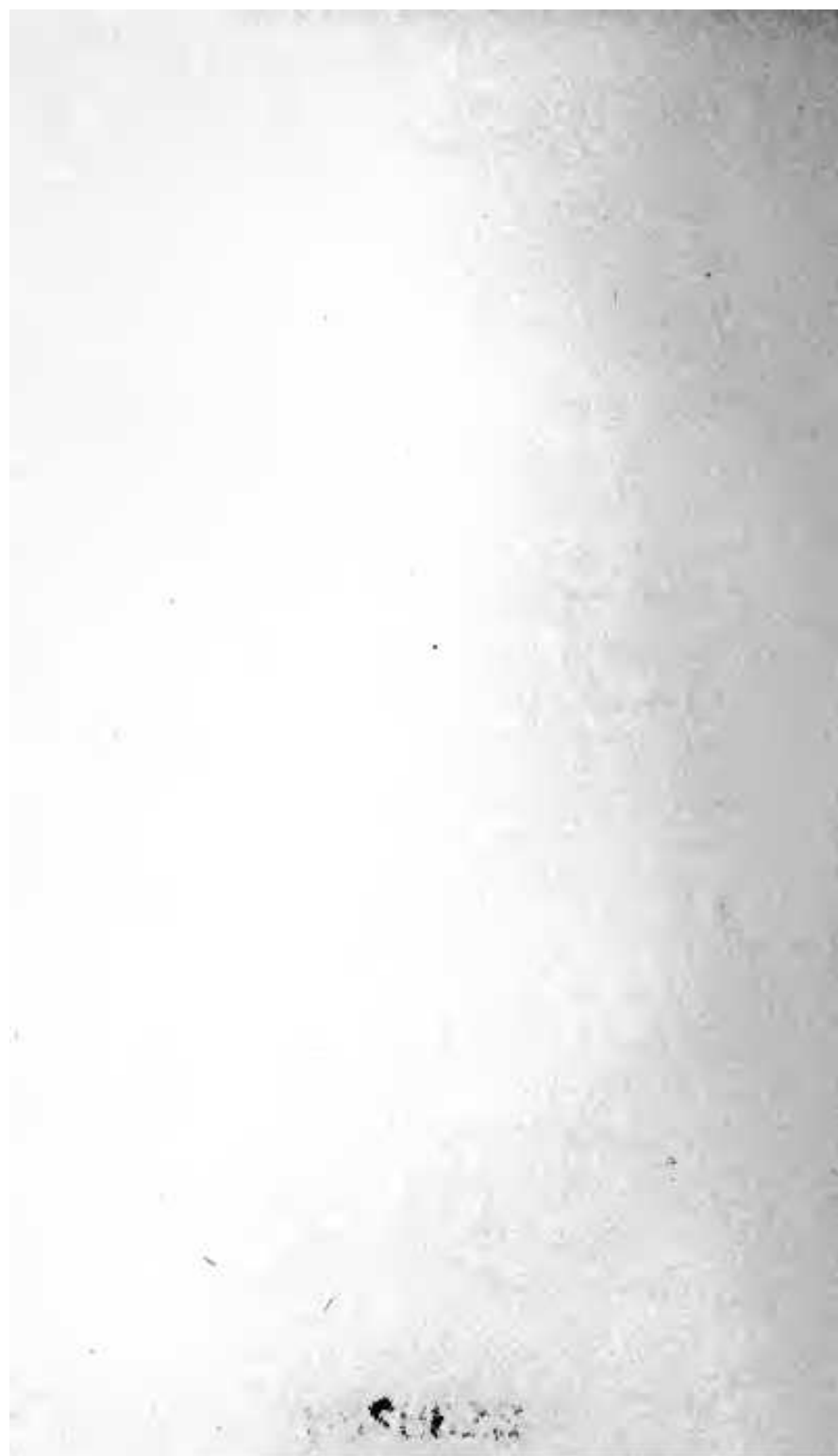
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TO  
DOCTOR ROBERT FREEMAN  
PIONEER RELIGIOUS WORK DIRECTOR  
OF THE Y. M. C. A.  
AND THE HUNDREDS OF PREACHER-SECRETARIES  
WHO ARE SERVING SO BRAVELY AND EFFICIENTLY  
ON THE CRUSADE OF SERVICE IN FRANCE  
AND TO THE CHURCHES THAT SENT THEM

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## FOREWORD

SOME human experiences that one has in France stand out like the silhouettes of mountain peaks against a crimson sunset. I have tried in this book to set down some of those experiences. I have had but one object in so doing, and that object has been to give the father and mother, the brother and sister, the wife and child and friend of the boys "Over There" an accurate heart-picture. I have not attempted the too great task of showing the soul of the soldier, although I have tried to picture him at some of his great moments when he forgets himself and rises to glorious heights, just as he might do at home if the opportunity called.

I have tried to show his experiences on the transports, when he lands in France, his welcome there, the reactions of the