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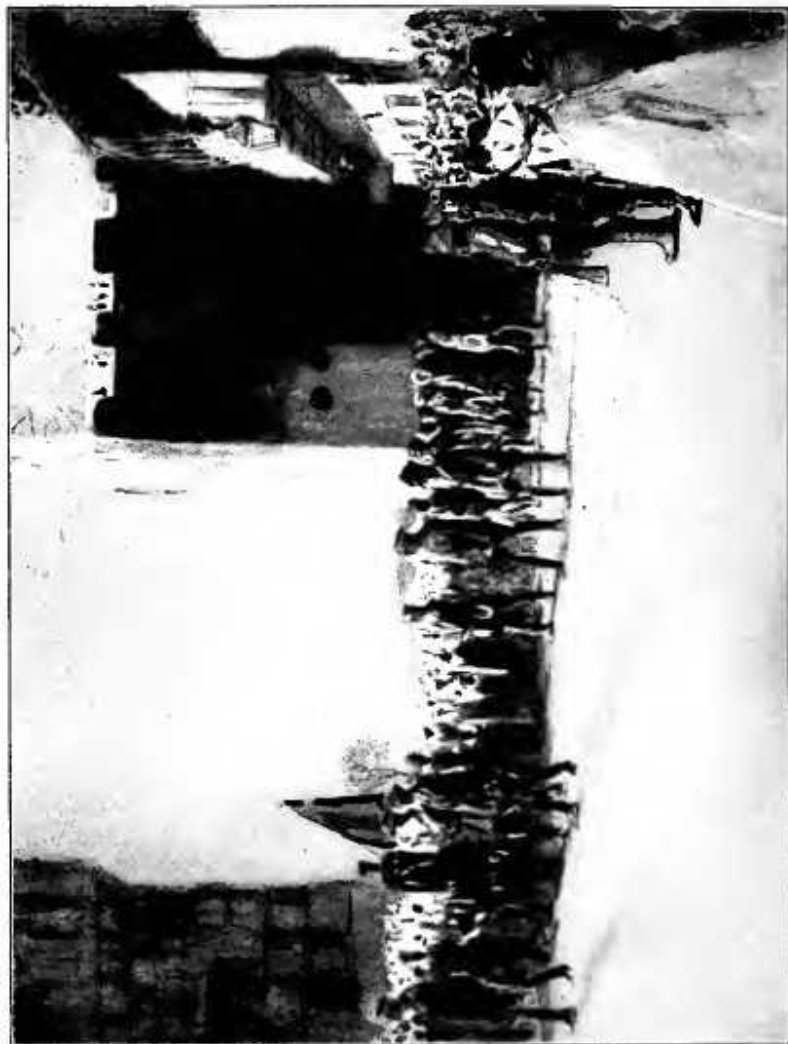
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General Allenby entering Jerusalem, December 11, 1917.

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TO
M. B. F.



PREFACE

A FEW nights before I left America for the Holy Land, she who was Eleanor Robson and who as Mrs. August Belmont has done such womanly valiant work for the Red Cross, gave me a copy of a letter written by a British "Tommy" out in Palestine to his wife in England. I have carried it to Palestine and back and from Jaffa to Jericho and from Beersheba to Dan; and now I make it my preface to this unpremeditated book which has grown out of some casual notes made especially for the "pastor":

"Ay, Dearie—When I comes home again and please God that will be soon now Dearie, the Pastor can't say nothin' to me Dearie about the Holy Land, but I'll have sommat to say to he. He only knows it from books and such like Dearie, an'

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showed it on lantern slides—while all these days I'm here walkin' in holy places, an' knows 'em like Dearie, fightin' for 'em, which you would be surprised to know where I'm writin' Dearie. Ay! I'll have zommat to say to Pastor, so will close Dearie.—

“From your loving husband.”

I've seen him out there walking in holy places. I've enviously seen him fighting for them. And now I have to thank him and his great leaders for making it possible for Christendom to walk again in its holy places free of the Turk. I assume to say this word of gratitude for Christendom because I was the first of pilgrims to follow “Tommy” into some of them, the first to walk the breadth and the length of the Holy Land after its deliverance.

I am consenting to the publication of these notes in the hope that they may help other pilgrims, and especially those who cannot in person go and on foot to these holy