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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

IN the following pages I tell the story of my life during those five years in which I was cut off from the world of the living.

The events which took place in France in connection with the trial of 1894, and during the following years, remained entirely unknown to me until the trial at Rennes.

A. D.



## EDITOR'S PREFACE

**F**OR the full understanding of the frequent references made by Captain Dreyfus to circumstances of his trial and the events consequent upon it, it is necessary that the reader should have in mind the principal features of the far-reaching and involved "Affaire Dreyfus." For this reason it has seemed best to give the following brief synopsis of the case in its salient features.

In September, 1894, the fragments of a document said to have been found in the overcoat pocket of Colonel Schwarzkoppen, German Military Attaché in Paris, were brought to the Intelligence Department of the French War Office. On being fitted together, they constituted a report obviously written by a spy who had access