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*To the soldiers of democracy
on every battlefield this
book is gratefully
inscribed*

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I

IN another and more extensive publication ¹ I undertook to give to the readers of the Bible "an Oriental guide to afford Occidental readers a more intimate view of the original intellectual and social environment of this sacred literature." As one of the Master's countrymen, born and brought up under almost the same conditions

¹ *The Syrian Christ.* (Houghton Mifflin Company.)

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which surrounded him as a Syrian youth and teacher, I have naturally an inward realization of the meanings of many of his sayings which a son of an alien race is not likely to have. And although such an inward sense cannot always be definitely and clearly presented in words, nevertheless it serves a writer in my circumstances as an informing spirit of the tangible word, and thus communicates itself to the reader.

In this brief volume, my purpose is to deal with and to center attention upon a phase of Jesus' mind and teaching which I did not feel called upon to emphasize in "The Syrian Christ."

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In the present stupendous conflict in which the nations of the earth are engaged, nothing can be more natural for Christians than that they should turn earnestly and eagerly to the New Testament, and through it to interrogate their Supreme Master, and, if possible, know his attitude toward the spirit and purpose of the momentous events of the times which are rocking the world to its very center. It is, indeed, of vital importance to the millions of Christians to whom the New Testament, whose life-center is Christ, offers the daily sacrament of life at the home and Church altar, to know whether their engaging in a defensive