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November 1915.

PREFACE

This book is for boys and girls only. If it should guide them toward more careful study of the War, that is all that it was intended for. If they do not like the essays, they will none the less enjoy the illustrations: and I am very grateful to the proprietors of *Punch* for allowing me to reproduce these memorable cartoons by Mr. Bernard Partridge, Mr. L. Raven-Hill, and Mr. F. H. Townsend. I have kept them in the order in which they were published.