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PREFACE.

TOWARDS the close of last summer I was asked to contribute to the All-England Series a practical guide for would-be climbers. In accepting the task I was chiefly influenced by the consideration that many preliminary matters of interest and importance to beginners have hardly received a fair share of attention at the hands of previous writers.

As it was necessary to limit the size of the book, the length of each chapter required careful consideration; and it is not without intention that less space has been allotted to matters which can only be learned by actual practice amongst the mountains, than to those which, though of less intrinsic importance, are more easily explained in writing. The fact that the book is addressed to beginners is, I hope, in itself, sufficient to justify some disproportion in the treatment of the more elementary and the higher branches of mountain craft, and to account for the omission

of all reference to mountaineering in snowy ranges beyond the Alps.

The work has been done entirely in spare moments, and I have had to make the most of a very limited amount of leisure. My best thanks are due to several of my friends and fellow-climbers for their kindly help, and I wish especially to thank Mr. G. H. Morse and Mr. J. H. Wicks for many suggestions and invaluable criticism. I am also deeply indebted to Mr. Ellis Carr for the care, time, and trouble he has expended on the illustrations, which add so much to the interest and value of the book.

C. W.

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