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PREFACE

To Mrs. C. F. G. Masterman

I AM afraid that this book will present the aspect of a number of essays thrown together. That is not the case; it is owing simply to my want of experience in the handling of controversial matter. What happened was that I set out to confront various pacifist writers or other writers who were opposed to the Government of this country entering upon a war side by side with France-to confront them with various facts and with various figures. But I dislike denouncing my fellow-beings, even though they be pacifists, and it seemed to me to be only fair to present these gentlemen with my own constructive view of the state of Europe before the outbreak of the present war. Thus it has come about that the constructive portion of the work has overshadowed the controversial, so that the form of the book resembles somewhat a small cottage tacked on to a large greenhouse. I am sorry. But I hope that the uninstructed reader will pay attention specially to pages 251-273, which form the real crux of the book, and will thus, at least, gather some facts from these pages; and that the reader of goodwill, but of not

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very strong opinions, may have his opinions strengthened and confirmed, since, as Novalis says, "It is certain that my conviction gains immensely as soon as another soul can be found to share it."

I have to thank the Editor of the Outlook for permission to reprint the Epilogue, which appeared serially in the columns of that journal, and I have again to thank Mr. A. W. G. Randall for extremely valuable and indeed indispensable—assistance in the compilation and checking of instances.

F. M. H.

September 1915

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