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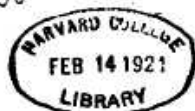
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TO THOSE
WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR
"La Patrie"
THIS LITTLE BOOK IS
DEDICATED



INTRODUCTION

THE writer of these letters first came to this country in 1909, and, after teaching here for five years, returned to France in the spring of 1914, meaning to visit her family and then to study at the Sorbonne. Soon after reaching France war was declared, and, being one of a large family, many of whom were immediately mobilized, she began at once to help among the sick and wounded. She would have liked to give all her time to this work, but, after consulting with her brothers, it was decided that in case they were killed or crippled for life it was important for her to continue her studies in order to be better able to support those of her relatives who might be left destitute after the war. She has therefore worked hard at the Sorbonne, but during all her va-

cations, and even while at work, she has found time to help in hospitals or among the refugees, and these letters, written bit by bit, show what she has accomplished. The translator regrets that they could not have been published in the original French, but for various reasons it was deemed best to translate them; and it is with the hope that they will interest others in their bits of local color that she now offers them to the public.

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