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PREFACE

IN this little book I have brought together the material of certain lectures recently given in Chelsea and at Harrow School. As some of my hearers wished for a full account of what I said, I have collected together my notes and arranged them in chapters. It will be seen that they deal with the less official aspects of the journey. Questions of high policy, which I have purposely omitted, can be discussed in Parliament, and I will only say that the result of our journey should show itself in a substantial saving upon the Middle East Vote.

Thanks to Captain Euan Wallace, M.P., and others of my travelling companions, I have been able to illustrate the notes with some excellent photographs.

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