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LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

Preface

This will probably be the last issue of Letters from the Front in pamphlet form. We hope, however, to bring out a reprint in book form, and any further letters bearing on the closing days of hostilities, the redemption of allied, and the occupation of enemy territories will be included therein.

The publication of this series of letters has been received with sympathetic appreciation of so widespread a character that we feel encouraged to embark on a rather ambitious program for the contemplated issue of the letters in book form. As we must continue to depend on the kindness and courtesy of our readers, whether soldier-bankers, their relatives or friends, for the bulk of the necessary material, we should like to briefly outline our plans, and, if possible, to still further enlist their sympathies and support. Indeed, without such assistance our plans could not be carried out.

Briefly, then, we consider that while the letters themselves should stand as already printed, short explanatory notes after each letter which would supply any missing names, dates, places, etc., would throw much needed light on obscurity which hitherto has been unavoidable owing to the zeal of the Censor. Re-arrangement of all the names into one alphabetical list with dates of enlistment would doubtless facilitate ready reference.

The notes would, of course, reappear as already printed, together with the prefaces of all eleven issues preceded by a general preface outlining the purpose of the publication.

We have endeavoured to obtain photographs of all the men whose names appear in the Honour Roll and these, we think, should appear in the book, and possibly also those of men who have won decorations or honours, together with the official description of the deeds for which such honours were awarded.