

P R E F A C E

THE following pages contain records of the personal experience of many of our bravest men, giving particulars of the deeds accounted by them the bravest they ever saw. Many of these are in the nature of phonographic records, spoken into the ears of interviewers and reproduced by corresponding movements of a pen. Others were written at first hand by travellers and special correspondents at the request of the Editor. Some originally appeared in the pages of a popular serial, in reproducing which the opportunity had been taken to add historical parallels and cognate instances. Others, again, appear in this volume for the first time. Two or three of the bravest deeds of history—such as the story of the *Revenge*, as told by Sir Walter Raleigh—have also been included. Together these brave stories bravely told form not only an anthology of brave deeds, but also an interesting collection of appreciations of bravery as witnessed and appraised by brave men in different walks of life and judged from varied points of view.

The Editor cheerfully acknowledges his deep obliga-