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## P R E F A C E.

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THIS book was first published, under the title of "Modern Warfare," in 1903, at the close of the South African War. The author is an officer of the Royal Engineers. He has succeeded in presenting in these pages the best popular description ever published of the organization of a modern army and its operations in the field.

When the book first appeared, it was commended by Marshal Oyama of Japan, and other distinguished soldiers.

In issuing a cheap edition at the present crisis, the publishers have not forgotten that since 1903 some minor details of military organization have been changed, and that motors and aeroplanes have been added to the engines of war. At the same time, this book, with those qualifications, gives a true description of war as it is fought to-day.

The volume is of special interest at the present moment, from the fact that *it describes in detail a struggle in Belgium almost identical with that now raging.* Not only is the theatre of strife the same, but the combatants, the forces, in some cases the very generals whose operations are described in the pages of this book, are those actually engaged in the present Belgian campaign.

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