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*A PERSONAL STORY OF THE REVOLUTION
IN RUSSIA*

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'We feel ourselves akin to those great spirits
That struggled out of Chaos to the light.'

GOETHE.

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PREFACE

My life, as I describe it in these pages, may seem unreal and strange ; yet it is the natural outcome of an insupportable condition, and typical of thousands and tens of thousands of lives in Russia under our present crushing system. I am one of the rank and file whose eyes have now been opened to the needs of this great downtrodden people, and who have but one definite purpose in life—to strive and struggle for the emancipation of their less-favoured fellows.

I realize that this is neither a full record of my own experiences, nor yet a perfect picture of the intricate political difficulties in which my country has long been involved ; still, I hope the reader will gain some insight into the longings and struggles of our poor Russian people, so richly endowed by Nature, and so deeply wronged by man.

I hope, too, to awaken the sympathy of all English-speaking peoples for those brave men whose noble altruism and blind patriotism are often misconstrued. And, above all, my aim is to impress

it upon the world that our ideal revolution is not to be attained by violence, but by systematized and concerted action on the part of men with lofty principles and a spirit of deep self-abnegation, whose life-work is the establishment of a better public polity.

THE AUTHOR.

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