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THIS book was first published in Japanese under the title "Shisen Wo Koete" and an English version was brought out under the title "Across the Death-line" and met with a huge sale that approximated half a million copies in Japan and the East. The present text has been thoroughly revised by the same translators, and it is a faithful rendering of one of the most remarkable books of modern times. The present publishers must assume entire responsibility for the change in the title. It is felt to be fully justified because of the false impression gained by many who saw the title for the first time and inferred that the book dealt with life after death, whereas nothing in recent years, unless it be the novels of Dostoievsky, concerns itself with this life and this day more passionately or more poignantly than this novel of a human spirit in search of truth.

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