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## PREFACE.

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To the soldiers of the Army of the Cumberland, and to their friends at home, the author presents this volume of portraits, sketches, and incidents,—a work undertaken at the solicitation of many friends, with the view of affording pleasure to our soldiers and imparting information to the people, and, if it may be, to secure a fund for the erection of a monument to overlook the battle-field of Stone River, Tennessee, where rest, “unknelled, uncoffined, and unknown,” hundreds of American citizens.

This work is not intended as a history of the Rebellion, in a general sense, nor even as a detailed account of events occurring in the history of the Army of the Cumberland. It is simply a collection of sketches and portraits of many of its representative men, and a narration of many interesting events which have transpired within its lines. The more important of its military operations are given up to the time of going to press. The various departments are sufficiently described to illustrate their practical operation, at every fireside; and in the grouping together of incident and anecdote, and of spy and smuggling events, the author has aimed to give life and zest to the volume. The work is issued almost regardless of cost, and is intended as a souvenir that shall remain when this army shall have been disbanded and these stirring times and scenes have passed away,—one which, it is hoped, the soldiers of the Cumberland will prize as *their book*, to be preserved by succeeding generations as a household treasure, its pages to be scanned by the descendant, while glorying in the deeds of a patriot sire during the dark days of the Great Rebellion.

The author has endeavored to be modest and impartial in his meed of praise,—a most difficult task, where so much can be truly said of so many. The thousands of noble men in the Army of the Cumberland, who have left home, friends, fortunes, and high position, to brave the perils of camp and battle-field, all merit mention in such a work. Especially was it desirable that many particularly daring deeds of our officers and privates

should find record within these pages; but the original limit of the work has already been greatly exceeded, and prudence restrains from a further advance.

Although intended as a picture of our army, it is far from being complete. We have used but a small portion of attainable matter and portraits; and many of our best and most notable generals—as Crittenden, Reynolds, Wood, Granger, Mitchell, Morgan, Turchin, and other high officers—we are unable to properly present in this volume. Ample material is left for a second volume of the “Annals,” should its publication prove desirable.

To many friends in the army the author is indebted for assistance in collecting material, and with them any credit arising from the work is duly shared. The composition of such a volume amid the incidents and excitement of the camp will, we trust, constitute some apology for literary deficiencies. All responsibility respecting misstatement of fact in military movements, or of dulness or exaggeration in estimating individual character, rests with the author. Brief outlines were furnished, in some instances: for the rest, we have garnered here and there, with these pages as the result.

This volume is published under peculiar circumstances; and, in behalf of the officers of our army,—whom it represents,—the author tenders acknowledgment for its successful presentation to the public, as a work of art, to MESSRS. ILLMAN BROTHERS, the contracting engravers, for the surprisingly faithful likenesses of the portraits,—to MESSRS. L. JOHNSON & Co., and to their admirable proof-reader and critic, for elegance of typography and correctness of diction,—to our publishers, MESSRS. J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co., for their encouragement, enterprise, and generous expenditure of capital,—and to all connected with the work, for despatch, it being issued within a period of ninety days from the commencement.

Should the work prove sufficiently successful, the monumental idea will be carried out, and a shaft will be erected upon the battle-field, similar in design to that upon our title-page,—not of a boastful and vainglorious character, but simply to proclaim the story of the conflict and to transmit to posterity the moral of civil war.

TULLAHOMA, TENN., August 10, 1863.

## PREFACE TO THE FOURTH EDITION.

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THE author, in behalf of the officers of the Army of the Cumberland, makes his grateful acknowledgments for the flattering reception given thus far to this volume. To the public press of the country he is especially grateful for their most liberal, and to himself gratifying, mention of the work.

The present edition contains additional matter of much value, viz.: an account of the campaign of Chattanooga and the consequent battle of Chickamauga, with a map exhibiting the strategic operations of our army. With this addition the work is complete as a history of the Army of the Cumberland under Major-General W. S. Rosecrans.

This work having attracted unexpected attention, and its authorship having been questioned, and attributed to various persons in order to injure them by an implication of self-praise, the author, in justice to those gentlemen, appends his name to the title-page of this edition. His only motive for withholding it was a desire to avoid any notoriety in the connection, as book-making is not his trade.

The author desires to assure the public that the work originated solely in the desire *to do good*,—to cheer and encourage the army, to enlighten the people at home, to advance the Union cause, and to erect a stone upon the first great battle-field of our army. This latter idea will be faithfully carried out if the work be sufficiently successful. If, however, the scheme shall prove inexpedient, owing to unquiet times in Tennessee in the future, or from other cause, the fund accruing from the sale of the volume will be directed to some charitable purpose or channel for the benefit of the invalid or crippled soldier of the Union, his widow or orphans.

THE AUTHOR.

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