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## PREFACE.

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THE following notes were written, and the sketches which illustrate them were drawn, not with the object of presenting a sensational picture of the military prisons of the Confederacy, but simply to while away the idle hours of a tedious and protracted captivity. Such scenes were therefore preferred as, owing to their entertaining character, were best calculated to dispel the gloom of the prison, and those were treated as briefly as possible, which would have only added to that gloom, by a prolonged contemplation of their miseries. A journal, or connected narrative, would have proved too monotonous; I have endeavored, however, so to arrange the order of events described, as to preserve a sufficient degree of chronological consistency. My