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PREFACE

THIS is a book of stories about the Civil War. It is not a history—only a book of stories edited for school and home use. Our aim has not been to crowd the mind with facts, but to arouse in the younger generation a lively interest in the brave men who fought in the war for the Union.

We have tried to present a series of pictures of our national life during the late war, around which a fuller knowledge of the course of its history may gather.

These stories are designed to interest as well as to instruct young people, and to excite in their minds a keen desire to know more of the noble deeds of their fathers and grandfathers, who sacrificed so much during this momentous period of our country's history.

In making selections from the great mass of books

about the war, we have kept in mind these three points:

First, to make such selections as are interesting, graphic, and founded on fact.

Second, to select those written by men who personally took part in the scenes which they describe.

Third, to prepare such pieces as will arouse a greater love and reverence for those who fought, bled, and died, that we, as a people, might live to-day in peace and prosperity.

The stories are written in a lively and attractive style, and in very simple language. In many of them a graphic style and terse diction will more than make up for any lack of rhetorical finish.

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