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TO THE
LOYAL SOLDIERS OF OUR LAND,
WHO PERILED THEIR LIVES AND THEIR FORTUNES FOR
HOME AND COUNTRY,
THIS LITTLE VOLUME IS SINCERELY AND
RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED

General G. A. Milles Long

PREFACE.

Through the earnest solicitation of friends, Mrs. Pomroy consents that a portion of her life shall go before the public.

With the increase of years, the natural desire for quiet and seclusion makes it less and less an object of interest on her part, but all the more desirous are friends that the work of collecting and arranging in permanent form the incidents that occurred during her public service, should not be delayed until the channels of information, which grow less with every increasing year, shall be insufficient to furnish material for the work.

This little volume is not intended as a biography; it is simply an eventful chapter out of her history—a leaf from the book of life. A leaf blotted with tears, it is true, yet showing so unmistakably God's guiding hand in every line, and exhibiting the relation between pure motives and noble achievements so clearly as to stimulate rather than depress.

The stirring events of our Civil War, in which

she bore her part so well, are fading from memory. They live in history, it is true, but who shall rehearse the story of those lives offered as a sacrifice on the altar of their country, when this generation shall have passed away?

The lessons taught by their fortitude, valor, and self-sacrifice, are needed for the inspiration and incentive of coming generations.

We regret that our sources of intelligence, with regard to the special events of Mrs. Pomroy's service, are not more ample, particularly that portion of it during which she was a member of President Lincoln's family at the White House. A journal which she had carefully kept during that period, in which she had recorded her most interesting interviews and conversations with the President, was lost during one of her furloughs, and we are thereby deprived of much valuable material.

Personal recollections supply this deficiency in part, which, together with letters and information derived from a few who were privileged to call her "Mother," in the hospital, furnish the chief source of supply from which we obtain our information.

A. L. B.

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