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"That life is long which answers life's great end."—YOUNG.

"God buries his workmen, but carries on the work."—CHARLES WESLEY.

"The righteous hath hope in his death."—PROV. xiv. 32.

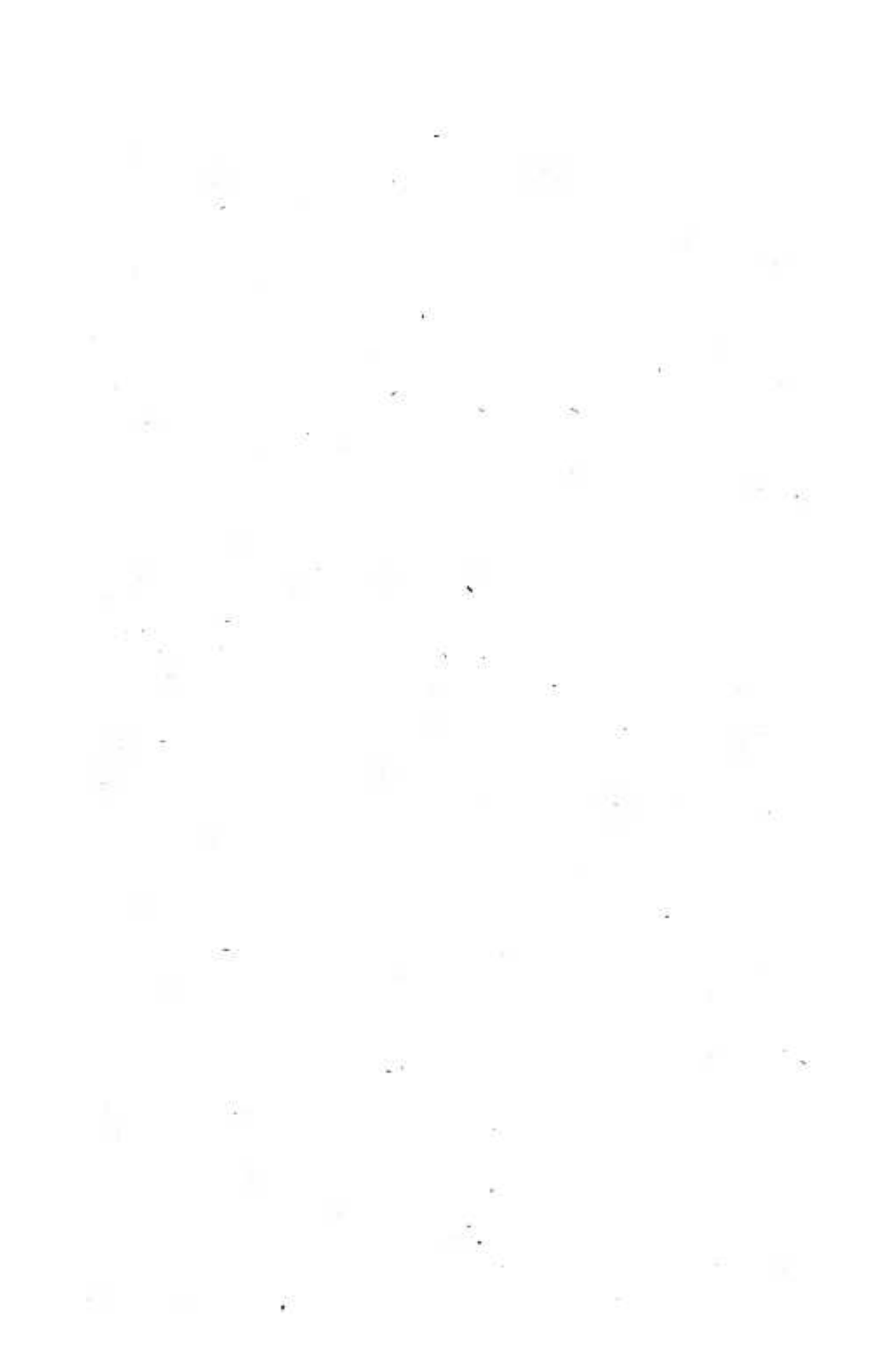
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TO
ALL LOYAL MEN AND WOMEN,
NORTH AND SOUTH, EAST AND WEST,
TO
THE UNION ARMY AND NAVY,
AND ESPECIALLY
TO THE LONG-OPPRESSED RACE FOR WHOM
President Lincoln
WROTE
THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION,
THIS RECORD OF HIS STAINLESS LIFE AND
MARTYR'S DEATH IS NOW
INSCRIBED.



P R E F A C E.

It has been thought that a biography of our martyred President, brief yet comprehensive, and published in a style which would bring it within the limits of all who would buy any volume, ought to be published at once.

Of this remarkable man it can be said, as it was said of our Lord Jesus Christ, "The common people heard him gladly;" and therefore a memoir expressly designed for the mass of readers in our country cannot fail to be warmly welcomed.

There will doubtless be many biographies of our late President, written by different pens, and of varying size, style, and merit. But the field is open to all; and no one has a right to monopolize it, and thus prohibit others from labor in the same direction. Every new book finds new readers, and meets some unsupplied demand. If a volume, like this now offered, be indeed — as it is supposed to be — a *desideratum*, its own readers, for whom it is designed, will cluster about it, and the hopes of its author and publisher be realized.

The special aim of this volume is twofold: First, To present a truthful picture of the character of the great and good man who has fallen among us; delineating, as far as possible in narrating the events of his life, the growth and development of those grand and heroic virtues which stamp him with the unmistakable seal of Heaven's approval, and make his name

" One of the few, the immortal names
That were not born to die."

And, secondly, To show that "the course of human events" was such, during his earthly existence, and his relation to them so peculiar in the providence of God, as to indicate that he was specially commissioned for his day and work, — a

man *of* the times, and a man *for* the times; that he lived long enough to be able to say, like his Lord, "It is finished," and then passed on to hear from divine lips the unrivalled words of welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant! enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

Should this volume deepen the convictions of its readers in the grand truths of God's sovereignty on earth as well as in heaven, and of his love to all the family of man, shown especially in his care for the outcast and oppressed; and should it make them love freedom and righteousness more and more, as they contemplate the character and life of the Martyr-President,—the labor spent in its preparation will not have been in vain, and to God will be ascribed the glory.

P. A. H.

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