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TO
THE MEMORY OF
MY BRAVE MOTHER

who with unswerving devotion, gave all she had to the service of her country and followed her absent sons day and night with her prayers, this little volume is dedicated. Graven on the writer's memory is the intense longing on his mother's face as, not knowing she was seen, she stood watching the train which took him back to the army after he had been at home recovering from a wound.

INTRODUCTION

It is hoped that the reader of this story may share to some extent the interest which the writer found in recalling events of more than half a century gone. The present generation has been so absorbed in the recent European War that our Civil War seems like ancient history.

The feeble old veterans who gather on Decoration Day are ghosts of a bygone age. The stories which they rehearse of the mighty events in which they were a part are no longer listened to with interest by the general public.

There are some, however, and their number is increasing, who are pleased to recall the privations and the patriotism of those who fought for the preservation of the Union and made it possible for this country to take a deciding part in the World War.

I trust that the frequent use of the first personal pronoun may be pardoned, in view of the fact that the events here related consist mostly of personal reminiscences written almost exclusively from memory.

