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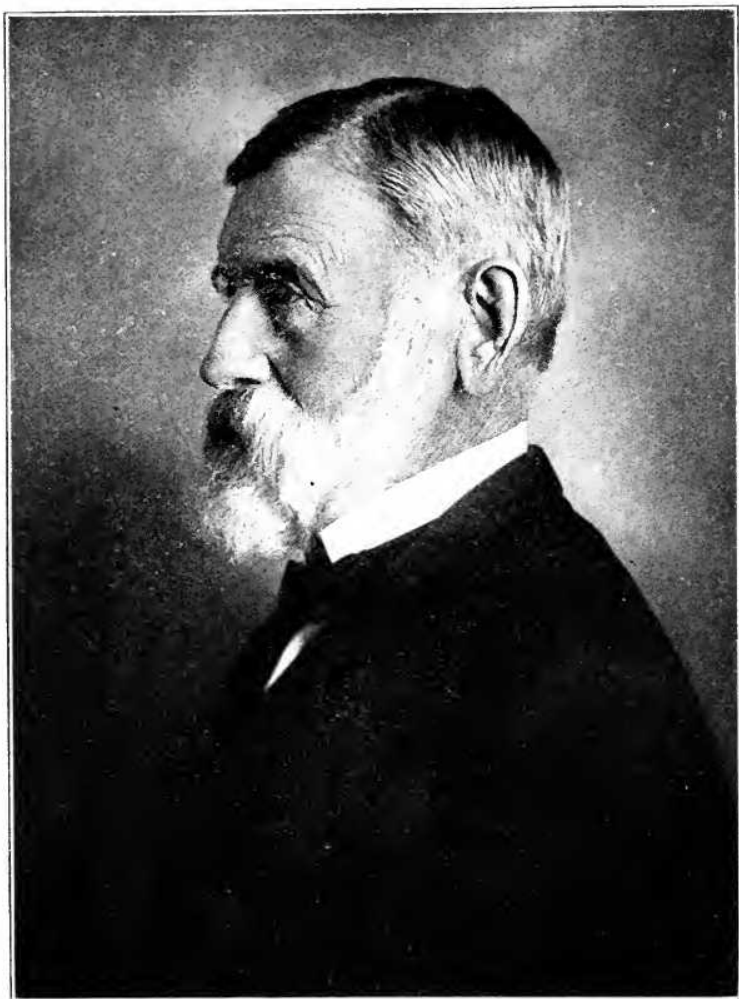
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Preface

So many memoirs, reminiscences and recollections, by authors of distinction, have been published during recent years that a person so little known as I am would naturally hesitate to appear in the same field. But such productions usually describe events, incidents or personages notable in court, camp or forum, and no one, so far as I know, has attempted to present the recollections and experiences of an ordinary life through the changes and advances of this progressive era. I had not thought of making such attempt until strongly urged to do so by my family, and by friends to whom I had related many occurrences—in answer to inquiries or as brought to mind by some new development—which they regarded as sufficiently interesting or instructive as to be worthy of publication. Such urging, and also my desire to correct certain misstatements in harvester history and some other popular misunderstandings, finally induced me to undertake the work.

I have told the story of my experiences and of circumstances attendant, just as these came to mind, without attempting to embellish with fine words or amusing anecdotes, and have confined myself strictly to facts as I have them in memory or memoranda. I have said little about local men or affairs because they have been fully pre-

sented in the local histories. Very likely I have made some mistakes, or left things out that ought to have been in, or put things in that might better have been left out; but my friends have passed favorably upon the work, and I really think it will be well worth the reading, if only on account of such views as it gives of practical progress during the last seventy years. C. W. MARSH.

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