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## Publishers' Preface

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THE publishers of The Lakeside Classics have held themselves free to take any material that comes to hand, which promises to be interesting and worth while, regardless of its chronological relation to previous volumes, and this year they turn back from the early years of the Nineteenth Century to the stirring period of the Revolution.

Most of us think of the Revolution as being fought only in the Colonies stretched along the Atlantic Seaboard. Yet out in what is now Illinois and Indiana, a frontiersman by the name of George Rogers Clark carried on a campaign for American supremacy that for enterprise, daring and determination, is equal to any in our history. To his foresight and success is due the fact that the great country lying west of Pittsburgh, north of the Ohio and stretching to the Mississippi, was saved for the Colonies, and did not fall to the lot of Canada under the Treaty of Paris.

Clark's Memoir was written in illiterate style and with the spelling and punctuation of the frontiersman, and, in its original form, makes difficult reading for any but the historical scholar. We are, therefore, indebted to Mr.



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Milo M. Quaife not only for his continuing to act as editor, but also for his appreciation of the necessity of transcribing the Memoir and for accomplishing it so successfully.

The publishers feel that they are especially fortunate in being able to put this heroic, in readable form, into the hands of their friends and patrons, and do so with their annual message of Christmas Good-Will.

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## Historical Introduction

