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PREFACE

This volume has been prepared at the request of The Publishers, and of various friends from time to time.

It is hoped that the verses and descriptions will prove not only interesting but of value to those who are solving the problems that have interested Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt and Martha Washington, Nancy Hanks, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Julia Ward Howe and the great souls of all ages and all climes.

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*This volume is dedicated to the Young Crusaders, who
fought in the Great World Conflict for Liberty.*

The Authors.

THE FIVE MILLION.

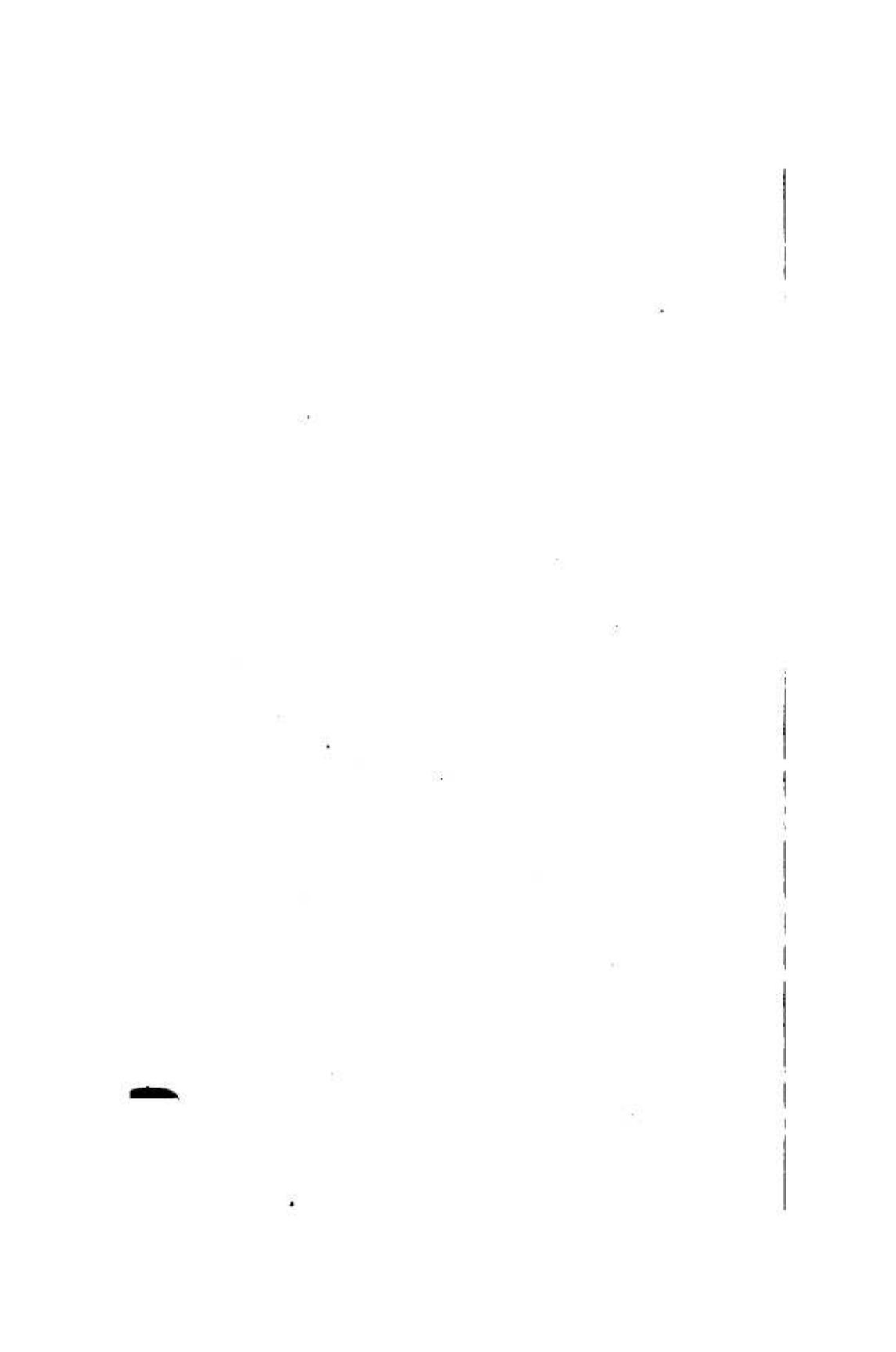
I sing of the brave Five Million,
Who held the foe at bay;
Of that mighty, cheerful legion,
Whose glory will ever stay.

They came from the lovely Southland,
From the North, the East, and West,
And their record, so superb and grand,
By all the earth is blest.

Ten thousands of them sleeping,
On Europe's shell-torn fields;
But Time is ever keeping
Their story bright, that yields,

Inspiration for the Ages
To the Nations of the Earth!
And Memory turns the pages,
And gloats upon their worth.

Honor the brave Five Million,
In air, on land, and sea!
That splendid, mighty legion,
The Sons of Liberty!



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PART I

BY WILLIAM K. PALMER

OLD GLORY.

(At Fort Wadsworth.)

Beneath a stormy sky,
Upon the fortress' height,
I saw "Old Glory" fly
In all its beauty bright.
An emblem of the Peace
That fronts the darkest day,
With cheer that will not cease
To triumph o'er dismay!
Proud banner of the free!
Ne'er be thy colors stained!
Bright pledge of Liberty;
Through God, by freemen gained!

THE SIXTY THOUSAND.

They march, those sixty thousand,
Before us in review;
Americans from sunny Greece,
To God and justice true.