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## PREFACE.

THERE is no monument at the battle-field of the Blue Licks to commemorate the valor and chivalry of those who, on its rugged hillsides and in the Valley of the Licking, gave their lives for the protection of the settlements then scattered over the three counties into which Kentucky was divided.

This conflict was the last battle of any consequence in Kentucky between the settlers and the savages. In it, some of the most brilliant and courageous men who lived in that period of the world, poured out their blood for the common defense.

An association has been organized at Carlisle, Kentucky, for the purpose of erecting a monument to the men who, on that eventful day, perished in that conflict.

The history of the Battle of Blue Licks, contained in the succeeding pages, was written at the request and for the use of the Filson Club, of Louisville, Kentucky, as a sequel to the history of the Siege of Bryant's Station, and it is a part of the Twelfth Volume of the Filson Club Publications.

By the courtesy of the Club, through its president, Colonel R. T. Durrett, this account is published in separate form and with the hope of creating an interest in an effort to erect a fitting memorial on the battle-field.

The officers of the Blue Licks Monumental Association are: G. R. Keller, President; Bennett H. Young, Vice-President; F. B. Lindsay, Second Vice-President; H. M. Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. H. M. Scudder, D. D., Hanson Kennedy, Thomas Hunter, J. T. S. Brown, R. T. Durrett, Directors, and they have undertaken to secure a fund for the purpose of placing over the common grave of the heroes who perished there a stone of lasting and appropriate remembrance.

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