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PREFACE

WE MAY ardently hope for the day when war shall be no more, but so long as our race endures we shall never forget the illustrious dead who have fought for this glorious land of ours. It would be most inglorious to deny honor to our heroes. Their names will be remembered by Americans long after the war virtues have passed away, and their valorous deeds will serve as everlasting memorials of the cost of human liberty. Whatever may become our American ideal of service to country, the patriots who brought honor to the flag will continue to occupy their high places in our national history.

These leaders in American life and their deeds of service have been praised by our poets; writers of prose have made memorable the stories of council chamber and camp. In their works exists today the most stirring record of our national life, and from this literature the generations of tomorrow will gain inspiration to higher patriotism. With this belief the editors have tried to present the material in a way most useful to the youth of America.

In the following pages the selections are arranged chronologically, so that the record of American history may be traced roughly from page to page. In addition to this material appears something on

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each distinctively American holiday of patriotic sort. With the selections are given brief biographical notes and authentic data regarding the circumstances under which the pieces were composed. In every case the aim has been only to make clear, not to burden the reader with needless comment. In spite of the omission of much that might have been included, it is hoped that herein will be found every familiar selection that records a story of brave deeds, patriotic endeavor, or undying patriotism.

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