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TO THE READER.

This work, such as it is, now committed to the citizens of Vermont, and, so far as it may concern them, to the general public, and especially to the friends and surviving members of the Tenth Regiment, was authoritatively assigned to the hands that have performed it.

It was the great good fortune of Vermont to have such Executives as Governor FAIRBANKS to put the State into line, Governor HOLBROOK to bear up the standard during his terms of official service, and Governor SMITH to close up the struggle and bridge the chasm to returning peace; and that during all of this trying period, her exchequer was under the experienced care of Hon. JOHN B. PAGE, as State Treasurer, since an honored Governor of the State. These men performed distinguished service for the State and the Nation, in the faithful discharge of their civil offices, and to their acknowledged ability and patriotic endeavors, with the universal sympathy and co-operation of all loyal citizens, those in the field were vastly indebted. We trust that we may ever hold them in grateful remembrance for their valuable services.

The author has apprehended the difficulties to be encountered in undertaking to present the history of a single Regiment, where all of its military operations, its victories and defeats, have been shared by similar and larger organizations, but they have not been mastered. No attempt has been made to give undue prominence to this organization to the disparagement of others from the same or other States; still the TENTH REGIMENT and its operations have been the particular subjects of the following pages. Hence the descriptions of battles,

where we were but a fraction compared with the whole engaged—a grain in the vast weight that crushed the Rebellion—the somewhat detailed account of marches and of time, the careful references to movements and position, and also to commanders, have been more to present these subjects than from any judgment that he was competent to deal skillfully with the vast material that lies waiting for the real historian of the war to gather up and embody in a form which shall tell,

“When many a vanished age hath flown,”

how the Nation was assailed, how it struggled and was saved.

The author claims none of the honors that he has so freely, and it is hoped, justly, accorded to those who bore muskets and girded themselves with the sword: his the pleasant task to record these honors and brave deeds for those whom it is feared would suffer them to be forgotten. He is aware that he repeats the earnest recommendation of others when he here expresses the conviction that a similar service should be done for every military organization that went from the State and served in the War of the Rebellion. Each should have its own particular history. Something of this kind, worthy of the name, has been done. Lieutenant BENEDET has given to the State “*Vermont at Gettysburg*,” embracing, as its title indicates, a brilliant record of the Vermont troops during that brief though important period of their experience. But Colonel A. F. WALKER has performed a more laborious and worthy task in his admirable account of “*The Vermont Brigade in the Shenandoah Valley*,” which is all that it purports to be, and thoroughly exhausts the material furnished by that brilliant campaign. Major WAITE has published a book entitled “*Vermont in the Rebellion*,” in which he has made allusion to all of the organizations from the State. But that his book is made up of mere allusions, brief sketches and outlines—all that he intended to do, doubtless—it is feared will render it somewhat unsatisfactory. Personal histories are wanted, perhaps not of men nor of regiments—but something similar to Colonel WALKER’s and Lieutenant BENEDET’S, which would tell us of Vermont in the Peninsular Campaign

and of the campaigns of 1861 and 1865 with the Army of the Potomac, and an account of the noble service of her sons in the far South; then our duty towards the men who suffered and the men who perished for our beloved country will have been, in one measure, accomplished.

As it will be seen that the roster of non-commissioned officers and enlisted men is imperfect in some respects and incomplete in others; it may be well to state that it was impossible to make it entirely perfect, on account of the lack of information. As, for instance, a great many more men were twice wounded than are so reported, because dates of their wounds are oftentimes wanting. It is incomplete in regard to some instances of transfer, and in regard to every case of discharge during or at the close of the service, because these things were deemed to be of minor importance; but it is believed that the name of every man who was ever connected with the regiment will be found in this list, and had it been practicable much more would have been said of them and of their gallant service. These names with the officers' roster, showing simply the changes in rank and the time when their service ceased, have been taken from the published Reports of the Adjutant-General for 1864, 1865 and 1866. The record of wounds, not found in the body of the work, have been taken from unpublished official reports kindly furnished from the office of Brevet Major-General WILLIAM WELLS, Adjutant and Inspector-General of Vermont.

The author is indebted to the friends of Adjutant JAMES READ for the use of a diary kept by that officer from May to September, 1864, which has been employed to verify, and sometimes correct, his own, covering the same dates; and to Captain GEORGE E. DAVIS for notes furnished for a part of the seventh chapter. To the friends of officers who were killed in the service, he returns brief biographies from the reminiscences which they so promptly supplied. The biography of Lieutenant B. B. CLARK, a brave soldier who was mortally wounded at Cedar Creek, has not been prepared because material for the same *could not* be obtained.

There are some mistakes, which the reader will please correct by reading on page 49, fourteenth line from the bottom, "enemy" for

"army"; on page 63, "straggler" for "struggle," and "Brock road" for "brook road"; on page 95, seven lines from the top, "ten" for "three"; and in every case "Ramseur" for "Ransom," in the account of the Battle of Winchester.

E. M. H.

APRIL, 1870.

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