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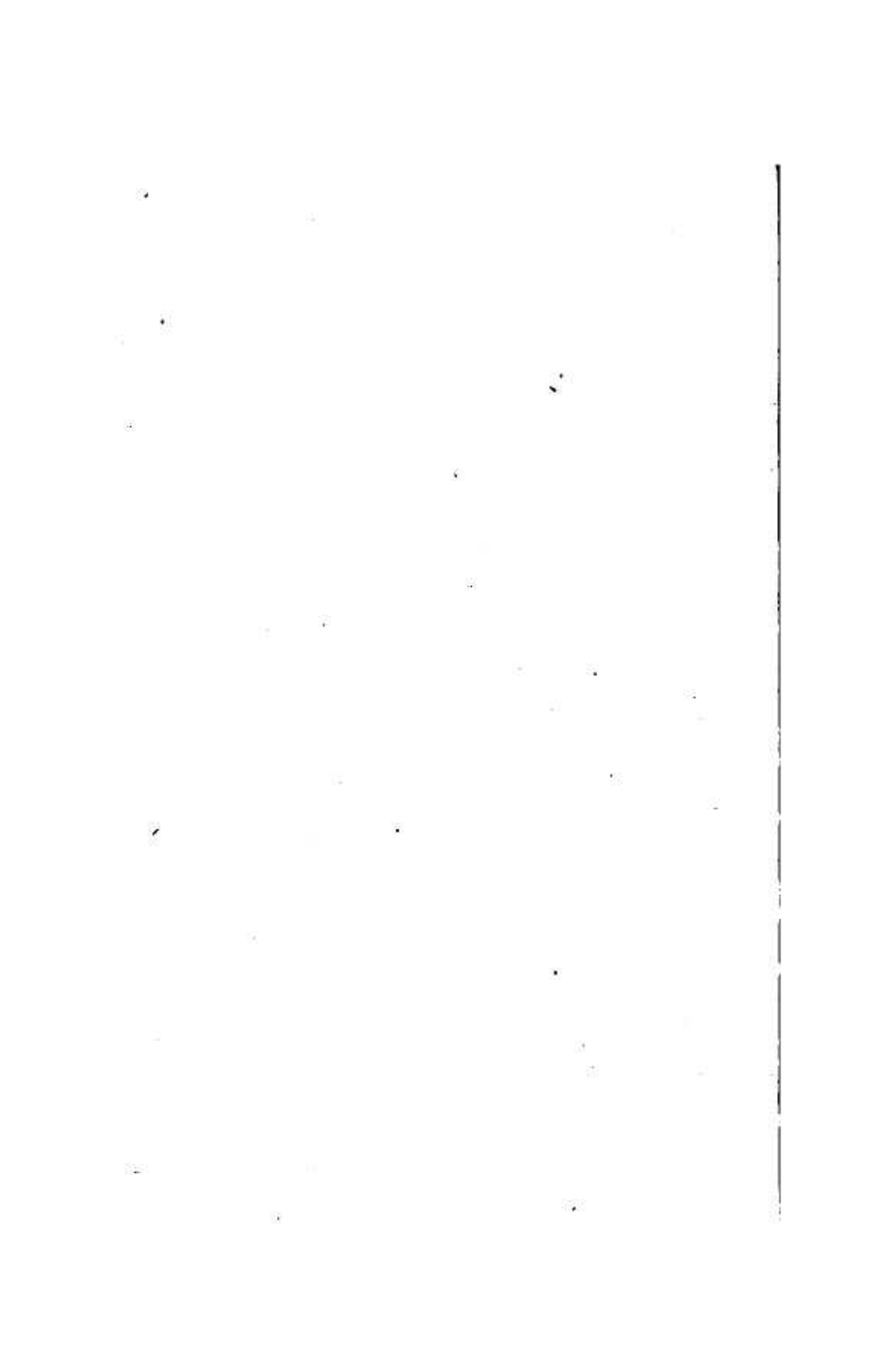
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To the Brave,

WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF COUNTRY OR CLIME,

THIS STORY OF VALOROUS DEEDS

IS DEDICATED.



PREFACE.

THE following Biographical Sketch is given to the public in obedience to a general desire for information relative to the soldier who has during the past two years occupied so much of the public attention, and has played so important a part in the stirring scenes of the great American Rebellion. The work claims to be a narrative of facts and a detailed description of the leading events in General Jackson's military career—events exhibiting such a high order of military skill, such indomitable energy, and such exalted courage, that they have caused the story of his deeds to travel far and wide, and have stamped his name as being that of the most brilliant commander of the war.

It was on the battle-field that Jackson achieved his renown, and it is to the history of the battles in which he fought that we must naturally look for a record of

the most important incidents of his life. In describing these, the author has found it necessary to do so with some degree of completeness, as it was only by following this plan that the importance of Jackson's operations in some particular part of the field, or the full force of one of his celebrated flank movements, could be properly estimated. The main spring or the lever forms but part of the mechanism of a watch, but it is impossible to thoroughly appreciate the importance of either without a study of the whole. The analogy holds good in the principal battles in which Jackson fought. It was almost invariably some well-conceived movement or some sudden dash of his that turned the tide of battle in the Confederate favor, or enabled him to ward off some disastrous blow; but this movement or this dash would be only a part of some prearranged plan, the effect of which would be felt throughout the entire battle-field.

So remarkably successful was Jackson in his peculiar but brilliant style of fighting, that his presence in the combat invariably inspired confidence on one side and dismay on the other, causing him to become the popular hero; and the name of "Stonewall" Jackson to