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TO THE SOLDIERS OF THE CONFEDERACY, THEIR WIVES,
DAUGHTERS AND SONS WHO EVER STRIVE TO KEEP
ALIVE THE GALLANT, DEVOTED SPIRIT OF THE OLD,
AND COURAGEOUS, OPTIMISTIC SPIRIT OF THE
NEW SOUTH, THIS VOLUME IS AFFECTION-
ATELY DEDICATED BY THE AUTHOR
AND CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPTER,
DAUGHTERS OF THE
CONFEDERACY.

PREFACE

The Story of Corpus Christi, presented in this book form as the labor of Mrs. Mary A. Sutherland and with biographical sketches by Mrs. Sam Rankin, Eli T. Merri- man and others, does not undertake a general and compre- hensive review of the many years' history of Corpus Christi and section, nor does it pretend to detail the many activities that have contributed into making Corpus Christi the beauti- ful gem city of the Texas Coast.

Rather the efforts of the author have been devoted to presenting in plain narrative form, a recountal of the days when Corpus Christi was young, of the trials and tribulations that fell to the lot of her residents in the war periods, and finally to emerge as a fast growing and progressive city of the Southland.

If an error has been made it has been of the head and not the heart. Honest effort has been made to present a book that will reflect great credit on Corpus Christi and her people and to be remembered with pride by Corpus Christi- ans in the years to follow.

With the author the work has been a labor of love. For years it has been with her, a cherished ambition to give to the people of Corpus Christi a history of their city. Through the untiring energy of Corpus Christi Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, the volume has been published with the hope that it will meet with the approval of those men and women who know and love the Corpus Christi, of yesterday and today.

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