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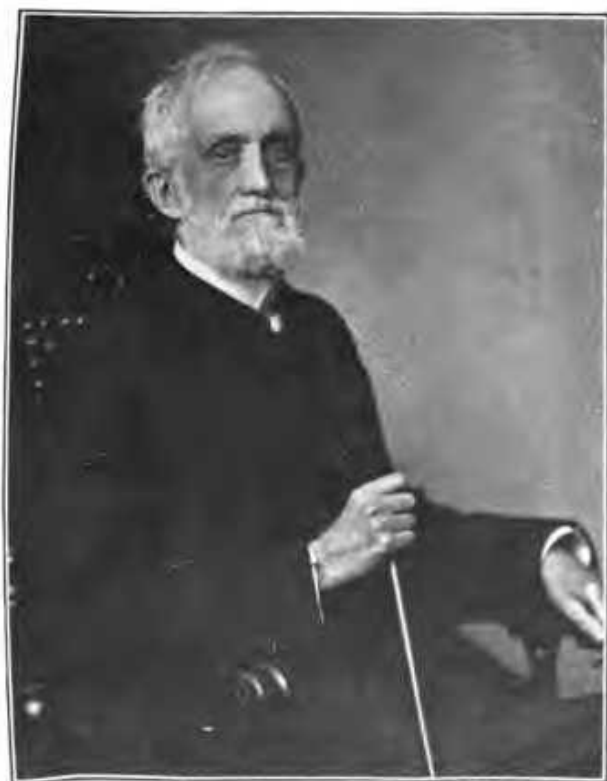
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*"We spend our years as a tale that is told."*—PSALM XC. 9.

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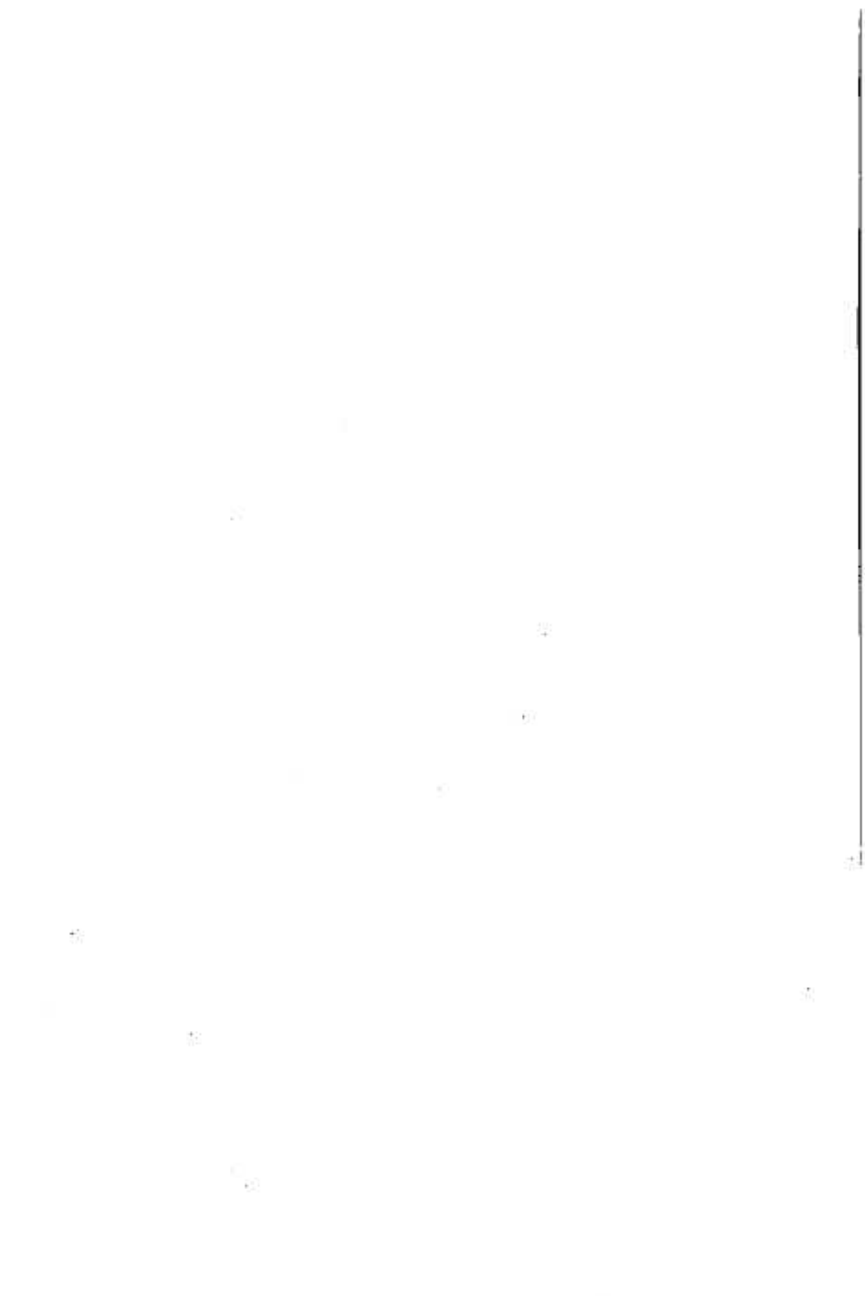
It does seem that what is to be will be. In good faith, and for what seemed to be good reasons, I gave up the purpose to write a book on the men and the times I have seen. I so announced in the preface to another book which I did risk in print, and which has had a kindly reception from an indulgent public. Since then I have had another shut-in season, and from force of habit, and with some hope that these chapters might also be read with some profit and pleasure, I let them take shape as they are. Observations—Opinions—Experiences—things that I have seen, thought, and felt from time to time, off and on during the last fifty years—this indicates the scope of this volume.

The time cannot be far off when the date of my last appearance will be definite. The conviction that this must be so has perhaps imparted more of freedom to some of these chapters—a sort of posthumous tenderness and solemnity, so to speak. At this moment there is in my heart only good will to every human being: if anything said in these pages seems to breathe a different spirit, put it down to my awkwardness. And if, on the other hand, I should seem to be effusive in speaking of persons I love in different relations, they will have to stand it.

O. P. FITZGERALD.

Nashville, Tenn.





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