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PREFACE

It is singular but not entirely exceptional that John Hay and his career should have received no extended treatment within a decade after his death. Doubtless the subject is difficult by reason of rare qualities and of far-reaching diplomacy, but these need not have prevented a plain narrative of his personal, literary, and political life. In the lack of such an account thousands pass the John Hay Memorial Library or read in its rooms without understanding its full significance, and thousands more all over the land are equally uninformed as to the position this scholar and statesman occupied. Many know that his name is the most distinguished on the graduate roll of Brown University; a goodly number will recall the authorship of the "Pike County Ballads" and other "Poems"; also the partnership with John Nicolay in "Abraham Lincoln, a History." Fewer will remember the "Castilian Days," the anony-