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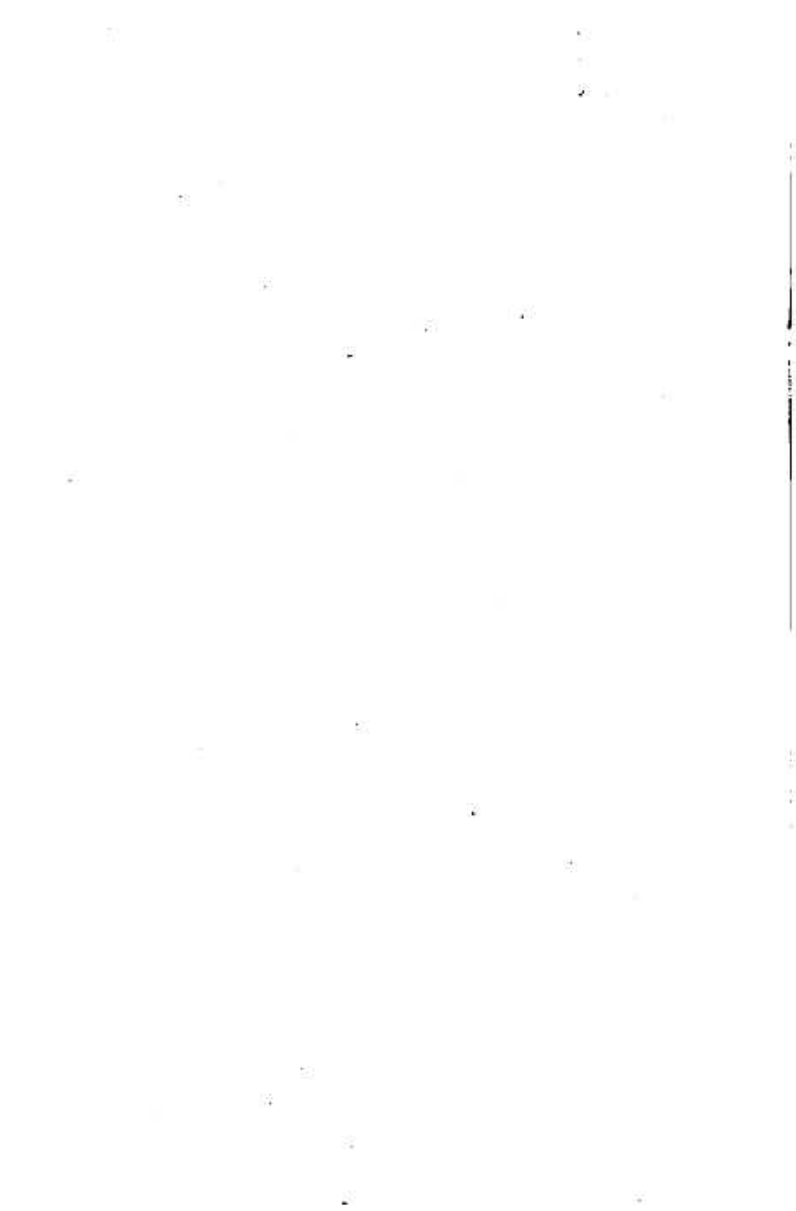


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P R E F A C E.

Few words of mine can add anything to the story of the present First Magistrate of the United States as graphically told here. The Author has given his reason for telling that story in the fact that, until the first Tuesday in November, 1880, the life and name of the man who to-day takes his place among the potentates of the world, was doubtless unknown to the English public. But as it is equally true that the Author of General Garfield's history is still less known to an English audience than his hero, it is my wish to say briefly that, as friend, colleague, and compatriot of the Author of this book, I have known him as a gallant soldier, an earnest student, and

one of the first among American Western Journalists. No one could probably be more fitted for the work done here than the enthusiastic young student and staff officer of General Garfield; no one more qualified to tell the story than he who has modestly left his own personal record out of a struggle in which he was in the field a hero, and in Libby Prison a martyr.

BRET HARTE.

LONDON, *4th March*, 1881.

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