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## PREFACE.

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AT Belle-Isle, St. Stephen's Parish, South Carolina, is a marble slab, bearing the inscription:—  
“Sacred to the memory of Brigadier-General Francis Marion,—who departed this life on the 27th of February, 1795, in the sixty-third year of his age, deeply regretted by all his fellow-citizens. History will record his worth, and rising generations embalm his memory; as one of the most distinguished patriots and heroes of the American Revolution—which elevated his native country to Honour and Independence, and secured to her the blessings of Liberty and Peace. This tribute of veneration and gratitude is erected in commemoration of the noble and disinterested virtues of the citizen, and the gallant exploits of the soldier who lived without fear, and died without reproach.”

This volume is presented as an humble echo to the labours of those who would keep the memory

of such men green among the people. While more elaborate and particular biographies appeal to the men, this book is addressed to the youth of the country which Marion fought to deliver. The principal and most interesting events in his life, and such incidents as tend best to illustrate his noble and daring character, are preserved. The writer will feel more than rewarded if his unambitious work shall lead the attention of those who are coming forward to fill men's places to such examples as will make them worthy to be the heirs of the self-denying and patriotic men of our American Revolution.

Philadelphia, March, 1847.



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