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## PREFACE

These sermons were written over fifty years ago, during the stress and conflict of a great civil war. They are not published because the public responds to this class of writing, but because they are charged with the life throes of brothers in conflict, they are alive with the instincts and anxieties of differing views, and because it was thought that words written at the time might preserve some sense of that vital four years' crisis to a generation that can learn of it only from the fathers.

This year the author of these sermons has joined the great majority of those who have left a debt of gratitude to their descendants for a preserved and united country.

May not the final message of peace and victory bring a note of hope from the past to our warring world?





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