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## P R E F A C E .

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SOME account of the American war, adapted to the children gathered in our churches, and largely dependent on our Sunday-school libraries for mental recreation, has been thought to be a *desideratum* by those interested in their needs. Such an account, conveyed in a familiar, unpretending manner, has been attempted in this volume, the first of a short series. It is meant to extend through the war, giving prominence, not merely to its important events, but to the generous and soldierly virtues that characterized the times. To this end, and not alone for childish entertainment, many credible incidents have been admitted that illustrate our conflict, if they do not directly make a part of it.

True patriotism is so nearly allied to the religious sentiment, and the conduct of our people during the war was so largely shaped and sustained by American Christianity, that it has been thought unnecessary to give to the present volume a directly religious character. Such facts as these, occurring in the self-defence of a Christian people, would, perhaps, teach more forcibly than exhor-

tations or abstract lessons upon Divine Providence and the power of right.

The writer acknowledges her indebtedness to Greeley's "American Conflict," Putnam's comprehensive "Record of the Rebellion," Holland's "Life of Lincoln," Parton's "Life of Butler," Rev. P. B. Ferris's "Heroes of the War," to the sermons, current magazines, and papers of the time, and other sources, both private and public. For statistics, reference has been mainly made to official reports.

The material of the volume being truthful, will, it is hoped, prove not valueless to the young minds who may receive it. May it help them to maintain "the good fight" of their own lives, with something of the vallancy and success that attended this crisis in their national history!

*November, 1863.*



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