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To see oursel's as ither see us."

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This Book is dedicated to the Honorable gentlemen  
whose names grace its pages,  
as a  
token of my honest admiration and esteem.  
Its merit lies in the fact of its sincerity and fidelity to truth.  
As such a memento it is  
offered to them by the hand of Friendship.

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## PREFACE.

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THIS work consists of biographical notes of Kentucky politicians, sketches of representative Corn-Crackers, and miscellany; reminiscences of the past forty years, army experiences, glimpses of Southern life; a reliable account of how the great Cavalryman, General John H. Morgan, was killed; a eulogy on General U. S. Grant; bits of philosophy, and distinctively a compilation of historical facts in the lives of the leading young men of our State who have reflected credit on Kentucky by their independence, their courage, and their genius. It also contains the history of their ancestry—tells who they were, their places of nativity, their Alma Mater, and a list of the public offices they have held.

As a book of accurate reference, and the means by which one can easily acquaint himself with the experiences of those lofty spirits who opened up Kentucky while yet a wilderness, the home of the savage and the wolf, I bespeak an indulgent recognition of whatever merit it may possess.

THE AUTHOR.



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The noblest aspiration of the human heart is, or ought to be, the desire to be and to do right, and to deserve the encomiums of our fellowmen. Every one who lives up to this high ideal, according to his best ability, has triumphed over the lesser ills of life, which great minds ignore. If from such a man the careless world should withhold the praise he seeks, and to which *per se* he is entitled, it is a wrong, whose perpetration may never be offset by any amount of good in another direction. If, on the contrary, he should receive the meed of praise which his upright and manly course merits, his happiness, his pride, and his ambition being assured, his emulation to rise to a still nobler plane of well-doing is forever awake. Such a man, born to the luck of appreciation among his fellowmen, is the gentleman whose biography engrosses my mind and pen to-day—Robert T. Albritton. His father, John Albritton, Esq., was a gentleman of great probity and excellence, whose ancestors were among the first settlers of North Carolina, but uniting his life with that of Miss Conway, of Virginia, one of the brightest and prettiest belles of her day and time; the two