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THE OFFICERS AND MEN  
OF THE 127th REGIMENT, P. V.,  
AND ALL THE BRAVE DEFENDERS OF OUR NATION,  
WHO, RALLYING ROUND THEIR COUNTRY'S FLAG,  
HAVE VINDICATED ITS HONOR, AND SECURED FOR THEIR POSTERITY  
*The Birthright of Liberty, Union, and Peace;*  
TO THE MEMORY  
OF THE MULTITUDE OF WORTHY PATRIOTS,  
WHO HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES UPON FREEDOM'S ALTAR;  
AND TO  
MY FELLOW-LABORERS IN THE GOSPEL,  
WHOSE FRIENDSHIP I CHERISH,  
THIS WORK  
IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED,  
BY THE AUTHOR.





## P R E F A C E.

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THE reader, may desire to know the why, and wherefore of this publication. It is due that I should briefly meet, and satisfy such an inquiry.

When appointed Chaplain to the St. James' Army Hospital in New Orleans, La. I beguiled an occasional hour of loneliness, by jotting down some observations of men and things, which to me appeared novel, and worthy of note. To this I added, as time allowed, the reminiscences of my experience in the Army of the Potomac, during the stirring period I was in active service, with my recollections of great battles, and brave men. I then, to give a degree of completeness to this memoranda, tried to recall the scenes of my early youth, my conversion to God, entrance into the ministry, and the events of several active years, on various fields of labor, within the bounds of the Philadelphia Annual Conference.

On my return from the Department of the Gulf, and after being honorably mustered out of the service of my country, I occupied a short respite from duty in arranging the desultory material thus collected, and now yield to the request of my friends in giving my manuscript to the public, in the form of a book. It

is simply a record of facts, experience, and observations, without pretension to literary excellence or merit; and hastily prepared, without the advantage of diary, journal, or access to sources from which, a more extended, and accurate production might have been compiled. My volume will merely claim an humble place among the many which have been the offspring of the great rebellion, and will stand as a memorial of many events, connected with the gallant Regiment, with which I had the honor to serve, and with my own personal history. To my friends, I hope its perusal will be a source of pleasure and profit, and to all into whose hands it may fall, a means of some good.

J. C. GREGG.

PHILADELPHIA, *February 22d, 1866.*