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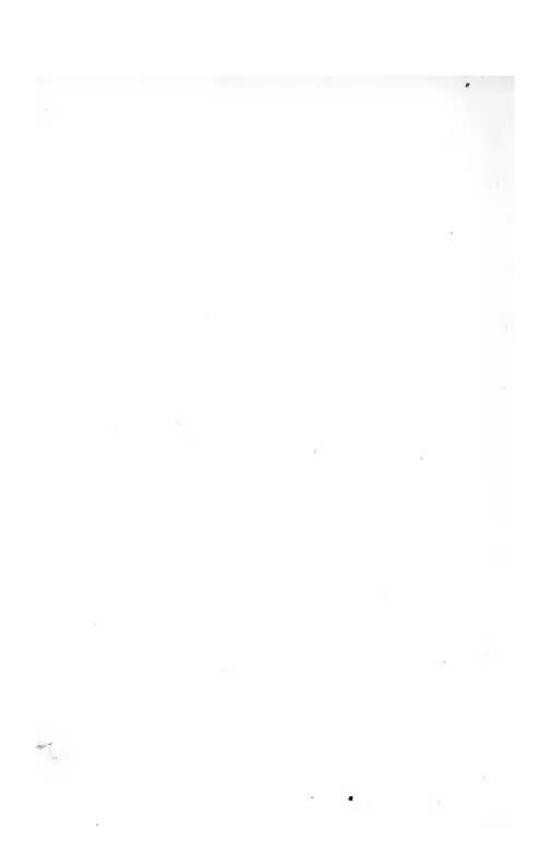
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PREFACE

In presenting these memoirs to the public my aim is simply a plain, unvarnished tale to tell of the gallant deeds of a Battery which, to use the words of the official report of the Adjutant-General of the State of New York (Vol. I, page 169, 1868), "served during the war with as bright a record as any in the whole Army," and, incidentally, to correct some erroneous statements and reports in the light of the fuller information now attainable regarding the tremendous events of the memorable epoch in our Nation's history to which they relate.

This sketch of its marches from the uplands of Bull Run to the swamps of the Chickahominy, from the malarious Peninsula to the breezy Pennsylvania hills, is measurably a contemporaneous history of the battles of the Army of the Potomac, for there were but few of them that this Battery did not participate in. I have endeavored to state facts, and trust that the verdict of my readers may be: "He nothing extenuated, nor aught set down in malice."

J. E. S.



A FAMOUS BATTERY.

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