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## PREFACE

I READ these Lectures in the Schools before the University of Oxford during May 1912. They are printed as read with no very important exceptions. A few paragraphs and sentences as originally written were omitted in the reading to keep within the conventional fifty-five minutes; these are here restored. The account of Pickett's Charge in Lecture III has been expanded for the sake of greater clearness; likewise my story of Grant's Vicksburg campaign which, as read in Oxford, was excessively compressed.

The work of literary revision of the Lectures has been entrusted to my son, Daniel P. Rhodes, to whom, amongst other changes, I owe the re-writing of the Pickett Charge and the Vicksburg campaign.

Footnote references, in which only volume and page numbers are given, are to my History of the United States from the Compromise of 1850 to the Final Restoration of Home Rule at the South in 1877.

I have had the further benefit of a critical survey by David M. Matteson; to him I owe the



plan of the map which shows the country at two different dates — an undertaking fraught with considerable difficulties. For the careful execution of the map I am indebted to George P. Brett.

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