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INTRODUCTION.

The object of the author in preparing this work was twofold: First, to rescue from oblivion certain important historical facts, fast fading from the memory of men, connected with the struggle in East Tennessee from 1861 to 1865; secondly, to vindicate the course of the Union people of East Tennessee in separating from their friends and kindred in the South, and in adhering to the National Government. Their constancy and fortitude, their trials and sufferings for what they deemed right, have no parallel in the history of this country. To present these in connected and permanent form it is believed will add a new and missing chapter to the history of the great drama known as the Civil War.

The aim and desire of the author have been to discuss and present the facts of the struggle in East Tennessee with candor and truthfulness, and yet without offensiveness. The author was Southern by birth, education and residence, and bound to the South by the ties of interest, association and many long friendships. On the other hand, he was drawn toward the North by a strong love of the Union, and an ardent desire for its preservation. He was a slaveholder, and in sympathy with the peculiar institutions of the South. Besides, time has softened his feelings, and to a certain extent modified his views regarding some of the questions formerly dividing the two sections. These facts, as he conceives, fit him for setting forth dispassionately not only the apparent, but the inner motives that influenced the Southern people in their movement for independence in 1861. In addition, the circumstance that he was an eye-witness of many of the occurrences he describes, and an active participant in them, gives him peculiar qualifications for this work.

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