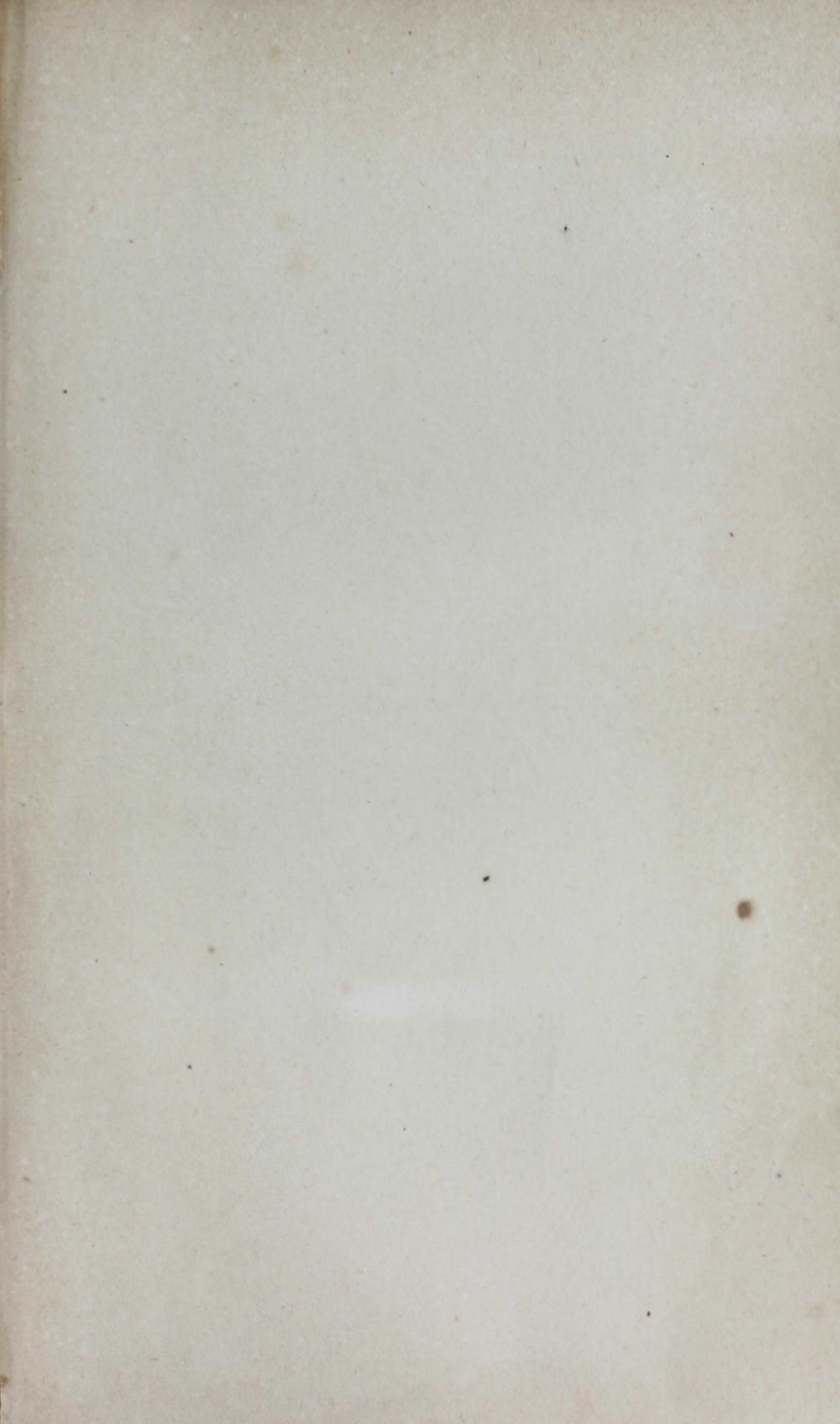




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GENERAL W. T. SHERMAN
TO
HIS COMRADES IN ARMS,
VOLUNTEERS AND REGULARS.

NEARLY ten years have passed since the close of the civil war in America, and yet no satisfactory history thereof is accessible to the public; nor should any be attempted until the Government has published, and placed within the reach of students, the abundant materials that are buried in the War Department at Washington. These are in process of compilation; but, at the rate of progress for the past ten years, it is probable that a new century will come before they are published and circulated, with full indexes to enable the historian to make a judicious selection of materials.

What is now offered is not designed as a history of the war, or even as a complete account of all the incidents in which the writer bore a part, but merely his recollection of events, corrected by a reference to his own memoranda, which may assist the future historian when he comes to describe the whole, and account for the motives and reasons which influenced some of the actors in the grand drama of war.

I trust a perusal of these pages will prove interesting to the

survivors, who have manifested so often their intense love of the "cause" which moved a nation to vindicate its own authority; and, equally so, to the rising generation, who therefrom may learn that a country and government such as ours are worth fighting for, and dying for, if need be.

If successful in this, I shall feel amply repaid for departing from the usage of military men, who seldom attempt to publish their own deeds, but rest content with simply contributing by their acts to the honor and glory of their country.

WILLIAM T. SHERMAN,

General.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, *January 21, 1875.*

N O T E.

It was my purpose to accompany this work with detailed maps, of which I have many that would be appropriate; but the cost of engraving would be heavy, and I am aware that there is in course of preparation by the Engineer Department a series of war-maps, which will soon be issued, and which are far better than any I can offer. I therefore omit all, and believe that each reader can follow the incidents of the narrative by the usual maps found in every library.



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