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## PREFACE.

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My purpose has been, in preparing these sketches, to tell the story of each President's life, directing attention to the distinguishing features of his character and the more important events of his career. It will be understood that this work can only present a summary of these movements and incidents, for the full narration of which many volumes would be required. My endeavor has been to be accurate in the record given, at the same time striving to make the biographies as readable, symmetrical and well balanced as their condensed form would allow. In conformity with this thought, care has been taken that all data of historical statements should be reliable; that the individuality of each biographical subject should be made conspicuous; that a proper emphasis should be placed upon the lessons naturally associated with the records of patriotic endeavor and wise statesmanship.

In studying the lives of the Presidents, there is made apparent not only the greatness of these honored men, but the fact of the Nation's progress as it has gathered to itself more and more the conditions and elements of an enduring strength.

H. W. RUGG.

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