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A COUNTRY

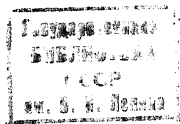
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## INTRODUCTION.

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BETWEEN the years 1861 and 1865, was waged the War for the Union, or, as our Southern brethren prefer to call it, the War between the States. It was the most terrific struggle of modern times, whose appalling cost was a million of men. The merciless god of war demands as its sacrifices, not the halt and crippled, nor the frail of body, but the strong, the rugged, the very flower of manhood. At the desolate hearthstones, from which the shadow was nevermore to be lifted, the mourning was for the father or brother, in the pride of

his splendid vigor, and for the sons in the joyous flush of youth, strength and high hopes. Fearful was the tribute paid for the preservation of the Union, and the blotting out of the foul crime of human slavery.

To those whose memories reach back to those crimson days, the experience will remain vivid to the close of life. Not to them alone who followed the throbbing of the drums or the screeching of the fifes, was the long-drawn trial intolerable, but it was equally so to those at home, whose duty it was to hold up the hands of the brave boys on the long battle line at the front.

How we recall those days and nights of suspense, when the issue swung to and fro like a pendulum, and victory and defeat hung trembling in the balance! Many a