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It is for the amusement and entertainment of the thousands of young Kentuckians now enlisted beneath the Stars and Stripes in the world cataclysm of war for the cause of humanity and righteousness that these recollections and reminiscences are published. The author believing they will enable the "boys" to pass what might otherwise be at times lonesome and monotonous hours.And while refused by the Secretary of War (by reason of age) the opportunity to participate in the great struggle now raging, it is his province now only to watch their career, to pray for them and their success, for their successful and triumphant return. And by reason of his experience as a soldier he can enter into fully their aspirations and ambitions and share their hopes, rejoice in their victories and their triumphs. He understands the dread suspense of the impending conflict, the thrill and shock of battle, the victorious shout, the gloom and chagrin of defeat, the pangs of hunger and suffering from wounds and disease - for he has seen war in all its horrors. And he knows that when the supreme moment comes that Kentucky blood will assert itself; that her traditional honor will be upheld, her renown glorified anew. He knows that these inspirations will insure steadiness of step, strength of arm and force of stroke. He rejoices that the ever assertive blood of the Anglo-Saxon flows through the veins of these young Kentuckians, ready at all times and under all circumstances to be dedicated to the cause of humanity and righteousness.

About the AuthorLot Dudley Young was born on January 22, 1842 in Nicholas County, Kentucky. He joined the Fourth Kentucky Infantry in 1862 after spending two years as a citizen soldier of the "Flat Rock Grays." Because of the State's precarious neutral position, any Kentuckian who wished to fight for the Confederacy had to travel to Tennessee. Young's unit became part of what was later christened the "Orphan Brigade." He actively served until the end of the war when he was wounded at the Battle of Jonesboro in Georgia. After convalescing for six months in hospitals, he returned to Kentucky and became a prominent farmer. In 1866, he married Belle Davis, and the couple had five children. Young died on April 3, 1926 and was buried in Carlisle, Kentucky, with the flags of both the United

States and the Confederate States of America in his hands.

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