in his present position, the abridgment of the life of the writer's comrade, the late Col. S. M. Rice, which I have just read, is a matter of especial interest to many of his friends and admirers. In the foreword to his "Life of the late Col. S. M. Rice," the author says: "Mr. Rice was a man of strong and original mind, of great and independent spirit, and of much literary ability. His life was a remarkable one, and his death an event of great public interest. He was a man of great loyalties, and his friends were many. His death is a great loss to the country, and his memory will be cherished by his many friends and admirers."