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In the preface to the first edition of his personal memoirs, dated St. Louis, January 21, 1875, General Sherman alludes somewhat sarcastically to the delay in issuing the books, at which time, in fact, not a volume in their present form had appeared He said: "At the rate of progress for the last ten years, it is probable that a new century will come before they are published and circulated."

This sneer was boubtless thrown out for the purpose of expediting the work. Little did the old hero imagine at the time that 25 years would be consumed in its publication, and no more did he comprehend the scope of the work. At that time it was estimated that 40 volumes would cover the whole. Ten years later in a preface to a second edition of his revised memoirs, the irascible Sherman, in a similar strain, again reverted to the war records. "I am afraid if I assume again the character of prophet, I must extend the time deep into the next century, and pray meanwhile that the official records of the war may approach completion before the next war, or rather that we, as a people may be spared another war until the last one is officially recorded."

His prayer was not fulfiled; there was another war ere the records of the rebellion were finished in book form; but their completion will not extend any deeper into the "next century" than a few months hence. There has, perhaps, been cause for complaint, although it was the sort of critical undertaking which required care and time. The job was tentatively started 36 years ago, but it did not take actual form until 1874. Volume one was issued in 1880. The compilation was at first in charge of civilians connected with the War Department, but afterward was more fully organized by an army officer—Lieutenant Col. R. N. Scott. After Scott's death a board of publicatian was provided for by Congress, composed of an army officer, who was president, and two civilians. In 1889 Leslie J. Perry, of Paola, Kan., was appointed the senior civilian member of this board, and was connected with the work until December, 1898, when the greater part of the books being now completed, this board was dissolved by the Secretary of War and the unfinished ones handed over to an army officer again.

From 1891 to 1898 over one hundred persons were employed in the War Records Office—a heterogenous body of compilers, proof-readers, copyists, copyholders, messengers, mailers and laborers, besides the printers and binders in the Government Printing house. It has been a gigantic undertaking, but after all has repaid all its cost. It is largely by means of this vast goverment publication, involving such enumerous outlays and so many years of painstaking labor, that the true greatness and patriotism of the people on both sides of the line are now fully understood and appreciated, and the the animosities of the war days greatly allayed.

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