

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

AMONG the many political histories which furnish a background for the study of the anti-slavery crusade, the following have special value:

J. F. Rhodes, *History of the United States from the Compromise of 1850*, 7 vols. (1893-1906). The first two volumes cover the decade to 1860. This is the best-balanced account of the period, written in an admirable judicial temper. H. E. von Holst, *Constitutional and Political History of the United States*, 8 vols. (1877-1892). A vast mine of information on the slavery controversy. The work is vitiated by an almost virulent antipathy toward the South. James Schouler, *History of the United States*, 7 vols. (1895-1901). A sober, reliable narrative of events. Henry Wilson, *History of the Rise and Fall of the Slave Power in America*, 3 vols. (1872-1877). The fullest account of the subject, written by a contemporary. The material was thrown together by an overworked statesman and lacks proportion.

Three volumes in the *American Nation Series* aim to combine the treatment of special topics of commanding interest with general political history. A. B. Hart's *Slavery and Abolition* (1906) gives an account of the origin of the controversy and carries the history down to 1841. G. P. Garrison's *Westward Extension* (1906)