Famous American Statesmen, published in 1888, is a collection of 10 biographical sketches of America’s most famous statesmen. With the great, one’s thoughts and manners easily become great; what this country longs for is personalities, great persons, to counteract its materialities, says Emerson. Such lives as are sketched in this book are a constant inspiration, both to young and old. They teach patriotism—a deeper love for and devotion to America. They teach that life, with some definite and noble purpose, is worth living. (Imprint: SNOVA).