

## INTRODUCTION.

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AN opening presenting, early in the spring of 1871, for engaging to an Indian agent, in the south-western part of Indian Territory, as teacher of an Indian school, I accepted it, and left home, early in the tenth month of that year, and taught a school among the Caddoes, on the False Washita River, for eight months. Of my labors there, my journeys to and from there, and my subsequent life among the wild Kiowas, the following brief narrative — compiled from a diary kept at the time — will, it is hoped, prove interesting. Though not written by a hunter or a frontiersman, and consequently devoid of wild and thrilling adventure, — which might engage the attention for a time, fire the mind with excitement, but leave nothing permanently instructive, — it may yet contain many incidents of general interest, and afford pleasant entertainment to the reader.

It was more with the view of instruction than excitement that these memorandums were made at the time,