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## PREFACE.

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IN presenting this book to the public, the author lays no claim to literary merit, neither does he intend to bring himself or his labors too prominently before the world. Should anything, however, herein written appear to have the "ring" of egotism, it has arisen from his incapacity to separate himself from many of the incidents narrated. This book has been prepared, in view of the amount of "sensational" literature with which our country is flooded, as a "little drop" among many which go to swell the insupportable tide of less exciting, less imaginative, but more healthful, more instructive publications, destined, to some extent at least, to take the place of the former.

The author went not among the Indians as an adventurer, but as an instructor and civilizer; and his aim in this work is to give a truthful and impartial narration of the home life of the Indian, and to exemplify the efficacy of the principles of peace in the life of one, who, for a period extending to years,