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## Preface.

THIS little book is designed to anticipate and answer many of the questions which would be asked by persons contemplating a removal from some other region to Kansas. At the same time it has been my purpose to convey information which will be of service not only to Kansas immigrants but to all other immigrants as well. For instance, the articles upon "The Survey of Government Lands," indorsed by the Surveyor General of Kansas; and upon "Acquiring Title to Government Lands," indorsed by the United States Land Officers, are intended to be so explicit that with their help any person may locate Government Land by its corners, and then take proper steps to acquire a title by any of the various methods established by Government.

I have endeavored to be strictly impartial as relates to different localities in Kansas, and have written as if addressing an intimate friend who was entirely ignorant concerning the subjects discussed. It is designed to furnish a hand-book which will be worth all its costs to any person interested in the West.

This book is the outgrowth of experience in relation to the matters of which it treats, and the reader is requested to bear in mind that it is not written by a professional author. It is hoped that upon this ground its many defects will be more leniently regarded.

The map has been drawn and engraved with great care, and everything upon it is from official sources excepting the proposed railroad lines. With this exception it is intended to be strictly accurate, and it is probable that most of the projected roads will be constructed in a few years.

I gladly record my gratitude to the numberless friends who have rendered valuable service in furnishing material for this work, and especially to the members of the Legislature of 1871, which almost without dissent appropriated twenty-five hundred dollars to aid in its publication. Without these kind offices on the part of my friends and those who desire to see the State correctly described, it would have been impossible to sell the work for the small sum at which it is offered.

To Mr. J. G. Haskell, the accomplished architect of the State Capitol, State University and many other buildings which bespeak his taste and skill, I am deeply indebted for assistance in the matter of engravings. Through his introduction I have been able to obtain precisely what was wanted from Mr. S. S. Kilburn, 96 Washington Street, Boston, Massa-

chusetts, whose promptness and accuracy I can commend and whose work commends itself. Two or three coarser engravings were obtained from other sources, but they give accurate views of the objects presented. The views given are only samples of what is to be seen in Kansas. From several towns it happened to be impossible to procure such views as were wanted; and there are buildings, bridges, water powers, etc., in all parts of the State which would interest the reader equally with those given. The engravings are nearly all from photographs, but in a few instances, the buildings are not yet completed, and the views given are from the architect's plans. It is believed that this feature of the book will commend itself to all who desire to know Kansas as it is.

This book points out various means whereby more extended information can be obtained in regard to any particular locality, and the author will also answer all letters addressed to him at Topeka, with stamps inclosed. I shall give especial attention to all changes in the laws, or in the rulings of the General Land Office, in relation to public lands, and will furnish the same at a trifling expense to my correspondents.

C. C. H.