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## PREFACE.

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THIS history contains an outline of school legislation, school reports, and educational conventions, from 1850 to 1876, and a statement of the leading facts connected with the organization of the school system of California.

This Centennial year seems a fitting time to gather up the scattered and fragmentary records of the beginnings of our schools, and to trace the development of our system of public instruction during the first quarter of a century of our history as a State.

I have undertaken the work, because I felt that it ought to be done, and no one else seemed ready to do it. I have endeavored to make it accurate and impartial. It is published on my own responsibility solely, and at my own expense.

Only a limited number of copies has been printed; it is not stereotyped, and the type is distributed. It is submitted to the pioneer teachers and school officers of California, with the hope that this record of the history they helped to *make* may not be wholly devoid of interest.

J. S.

SAN FRANCISCO,  
August, 1876.





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