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PREFACE.

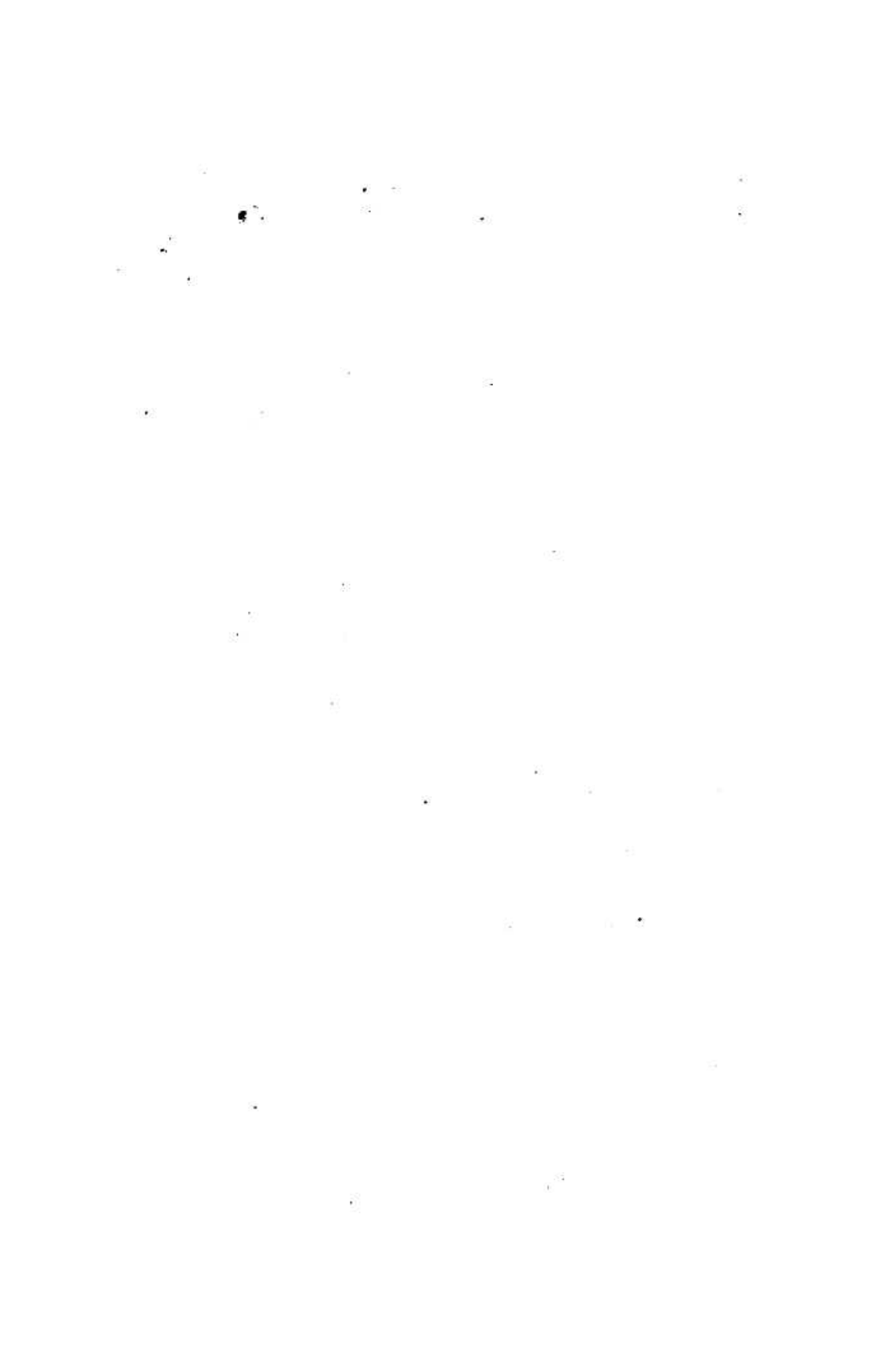
OF late years tourists are beginning to find their way to the West Indies. Their mild and equable climate, beautiful scenery, the hospitable character of their inhabitants, are thus becoming known; and as time rolls on, these islands will become as frequented as other routes of travel, recommended as interesting and delightful to invalids and pleasure seekers. Most of the steamship lines bringing them call at St. Thomas. It is generally the first glimpse they get of West Indian life, its picturesque town and romantic old towers always exciting their curiosity. For such as these this book has been written, for in it will be found almost everything that is known about them. Should anything be omitted, it is to be hoped that some excuse will be found; one cannot always particularize, especially where the exact items are wanting. The illustrations will, no doubt, recommend themselves. They are reproduced from photographs by our local artists, to whom the thanks of the writer are due for their kind permission to use them.

To those who have encouraged him to bring out "An Island of the Sea," he begs to express his gratitude and sincere appreciation.

And now, having got through the most difficult part of his book, he begs to subscribe himself most faithfully,

THE AUTHOR.

August 31st, 1895.



PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE favourable reception which the first edition of this work has met with at the hands of an appreciative public has induced me to issue a second, with the addition of a few words about St. Croix, "The Garden of the West Indies." This, I trust, will be acceptable to those who desire to know more about these beautiful "Isles of the Sea." There is so much to be said of their attractions, bright spots, and romantic history, that whole volumes might be written about them. If I have not been able to say more of them in this, it must be attributed to the expense which such a work would entail, rather than to any design of mine to leave anything unsaid to their advantage. Some day, perhaps, I may bring out a third and improved edition. This, however, depends upon the approval of my readers. Till then, with thanks for past favours, I have the honour to subscribe myself,

THE AUTHOR.

St. Thomas, *June* 1896.

