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PREFACE.

This is a volume of simple narrative without any effort at literary skill. It is not fiction, but truth; and truth is stranger than fiction. In connection with this story of the life of "Andele" among the Kiowas, much of the habits, customs, and superstitions of the Indians is given; and, indeed, no incident is related that does not set forth some phase of Indian life in its real light. When historical events are given there may be some discrepancy as to exact dates, but the actual events themselves are as related. The condition of things, as exhibited in this little volume, is fast passing away; indeed, many changes have already taken place, and the Indians are taking on gradually, but surely, a real and permanent civilization. Years of association with the Indian has increased my hopefulness for him. His salvation and his development into a permanent and substantial civilization are as bright as the promises of God. This is being demonstrated all the while, as the work of the church and the government goes on with them.

To start with, there never was a people, perhaps, in whom there was so little upon which to base a hope of building a civilization. No homes or home life, no enterprise, no written language; but wild, nomadic, barbarous, savage, their glory the glory of war and plunder, their religion that of bloody revenge; the conscience and

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moral instinct dead. But among the wild tribes, as well as the civilized, the gospel proves the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. There is a wonderful chapter to be written in this respect, but what God has wrought among them will be told in a separate volume later on.

The author sends forth this true story of Andele's life with the hope that the young people of the church to whom it is affectionately dedicated may find both pleasure and profit in reading it.

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