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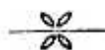


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to the
Pioneers of California,
their
children and their children's children,
wherever scattered
throughout the world.

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INTRODUCTORY.

While gold has been responsible for much evil in the world, it has been the propelling force that has marked the most brilliant epochs of human progress. When Israel was a world power, she owned or controlled the land of Ophir, from which her wise King Solomon drew the gold to build and beautify the temple.

The gold and silver dug from the mines of Europe and Asia created the schools of art, philosophy, and literature of Greece and Rome.

The treasures of North and South America for centuries pouring a golden stream into Europe raised the curtain of the dark ages, ended the night of brutality, ignorance and superstition which enveloped mankind and ushered in the morning of a day, the noonday splendor of which we of the twentieth century now enjoy.

The advance of the human race, during the last fifty years, in all the fields of art, in mechanics, commerce, science and religion is due to the opening of the gold fields of California and Australia.

The stars and stripes was first raised in California above Sutter's Fort near the present city of Sacramento in the fall of 1846. Fremont's command, and Stephenson's regiment and Commodore Sloat's Marines conquered the state, and it became American territory