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"From the forests and the prairies,
From the great lakes of the Northland,
From the land of the Osage,
From the land of the Dakotahs."

LONGFELLOW.

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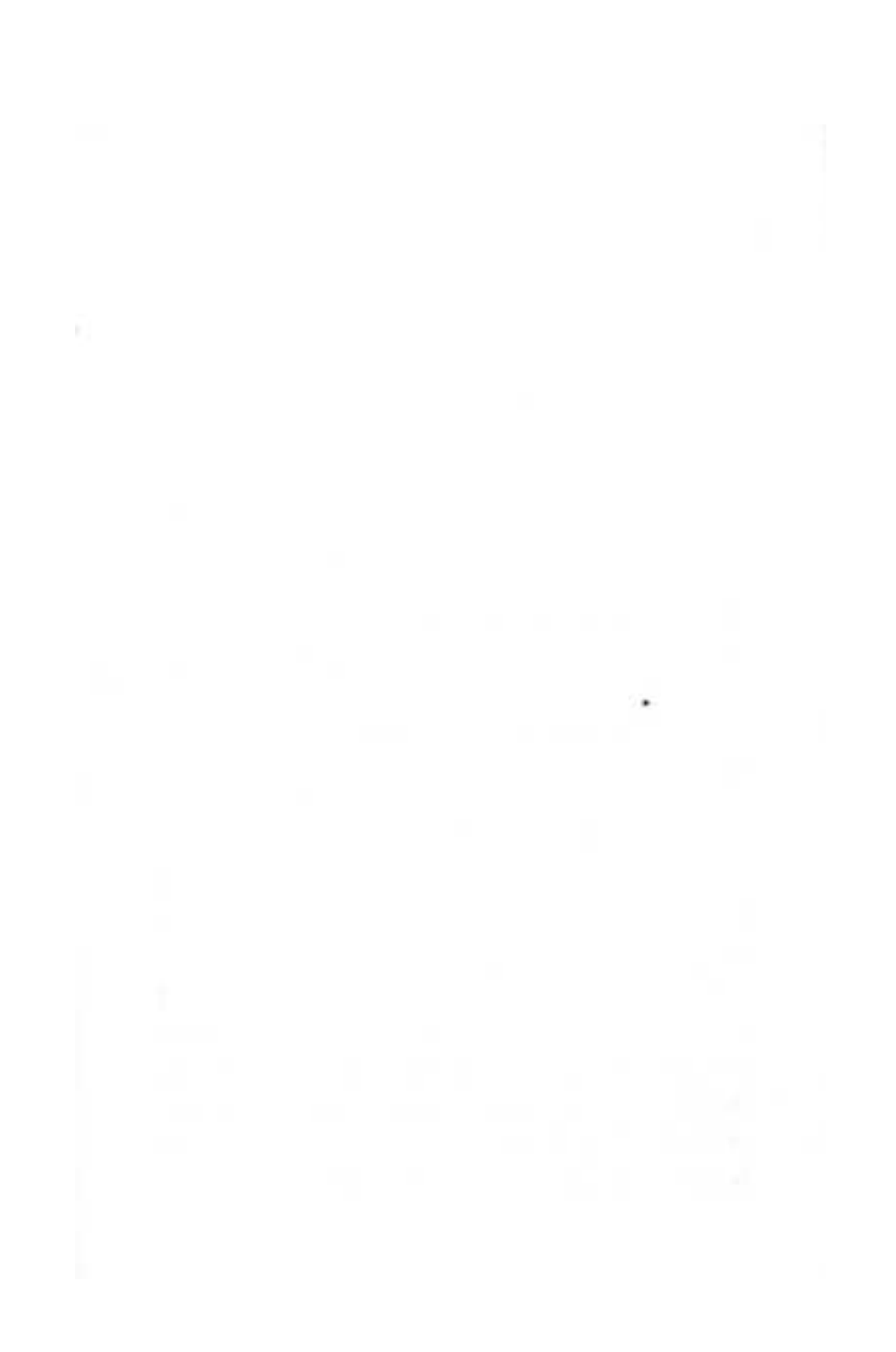
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TO THE

YOUNG MEN OF MINNESOTA.



INTRODUCTION.

THE object of publishing these letters can be very briefly stated.

During the last autumn I made a tour into Minnesota, upwards of a hundred and thirty miles north-west of St. Paul, to satisfy myself as to the character and prospects of the territory. All I could learn from personal observation, and otherwise, concerning its society and its ample means of greatness, impressed me so favorably as to the advantages still open to the settler, that I put down in the form of letters such facts as I thought would be of general interest. Since their publication—in the *Boston Post*—a few requests, which I could not comply with, were made for copies of them all. I was led to believe, therefore, that if I revised them and added information relative to unoccupied lands, the method of preëmption, and the business interests of the territory, they would be worthy of publication in a more permanent form. Conscious that what I

have written is an inadequate description of that splendid domain, I shall be happy indeed to have contributed, in ever so small a degree, to advance its growth and welfare.

Here I desire to acknowledge the aid which has been readily extended to my undertaking by the Delegate from Minnesota—Hon. HENRY M. RICE—whose faithful and unwearied services—I will take the liberty to add—in behalf of the territory, merit the highest praise. I am also indebted for valuable information to EARL S. GOODRICH, Esq., editor of the *Daily Pioneer* (St. Paul) and *Democrat*.

In another place I give a list of the works which I have had occasion to consult or refer to.

C. C. ANDREWS.

Washington, January 1, 1857.