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MRS. NELLY KINZIE GORDON

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*In Connection with*

## The Printing Business

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*Ere in time 'tis lost, and memory fail to trace,  
We'll by the printing art ourselves on record place;  
That to future ages and our children may be known,  
How from small beginnings the printing art has grown.*

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1912

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of Chicago



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## PREFACE

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Many histories of Chicago have been written and numerous sketches have appeared in newspapers, periodicals and magazines, but to the writer's knowledge none has taken up the printing industry in its relationship to the city's advancement. This is the justification for this little book. It has been the endeavor to put into narrative form as much as a subject of this character would permit, the matter of statistics having been eliminated to a great extent, leaving this to other hands to place before the business man.

It was conceived by the writer, who has spent the best portion of his life in the printing business right here in Chicago, that it might prove of interest, if not to the general reader, at least to the printer, to have a record of the times preceding the reader's connection with the trade and have conveyed to his mind the origin of the present-day business which from small beginnings has in so short a time grown to such gigantic proportions.

This work does not claim historical merit, but it is gotten up by one who has ever taken an affectionate interest in the art of printing, as well as all that pertains thereto, and who has

observed its growth for many years in the city of his choice—Chicago.

The author has felt it to be a large subject and one that has demanded considerable research, for although it is but a brief period, almost within the memory of some now living, that this history has been made, yet the events have so crowded themselves one upon another that it has been difficult to decide what to retain and what to discard. There was so much to say on every subject touched upon, but in a story it is expected that one should be interesting, otherwise it would lose zest in the telling and prove disappointing to the reader.

The writer is under great obligations to Mr. M. H. Madden for much valuable information and assistance, as well as to many other valued friends.

THE AUTHOR.