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PREFACE

THE centenary of the Louisiana purchase, now close at hand, about to be commemorated by the St. Louis Exposition, is turning the thoughts of men to the region in which lies the heart of the Union. At the present moment, too, the Mississippi Valley is about to become, so to speak, politically complete. Oklahoma possesses every requisite for statehood; and will, so says report, probably with the Indian Territory make application for admission as a State at the next session of Congress. Should the application be granted, the last unorganized fragment of the area of the Mississippi Valley will receive a formal constitution. Such an event marks an epoch. In view of these circumstances, it is hoped that this little book may seem timely and prove useful.

The writer believes that his best qualification for the task he has undertaken lies in the fact that he has spent most of his life in the Missis-