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Dedication

To the Arizona Pioneers and Pioneer Historical Society (really one Society), this little work is dedicated.

Coming to Arizona as a young man, I have been known in the Territory for nearly half a century, and since the year 1862, I have been a permanent resident. To me every name upon the list of old pioneers is familiar, and as their names are called, their faces and acts appear from the distant past; many have crossed the "silent river," and from the farther shore we see them in dreams waving their hands in welcome. We well know that in the course of nature we must very soon follow them.

The Pioneers' Society of Arizona was composed of men above reproach, most of them able, and all entirely fearless. Of necessity, each and all took many chances, as the blood-thirsty Apache was for many years on the watch to waylay and murder the unprotected traveler. This body of resolute, stern men have done more for me than I had reason to expect, and to them this book is respectfully dedicated.

The Author.



Figure 1. Relationship between the number of children and the number of children who are not in school (top row) and the number of children who are in school (bottom row).

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PREFACE

Often the preface to a book becomes a public declaration of what the author does not do, and in many instances never intends to do. What is wished to be presented in this work is a history of Arizona from the time it first became known to Europeans down to the present time. A glance at the antiquities show it to have been inhabited at one time in the distant past, by a race that carried the arts of agriculture beyond that known by the Indian races in the Territory of the present day.

The design of the work is to show the progress made under 250 years of Spanish rule, when the priest and the warrior ruled absolutely. Mexico, from 1821 until 1856, exercised merely nominal sway, and from that time until the present, the United States have exercised jurisdiction, and much has been done to civilize the wild Indian tribes and develop the agricultural and mineral resources.

The object of the historian should be to write truth regardless of whom it may please or displease. In the past, historians of empires and of states have allowed themselves to be partisans, therefore, much that we have been taught to revere as truth, some as Divine, reads like fiction and will not bear analysing at cold Reason's tribunal. The endeavor in this work has been to present the history of Arizona, not particularly in an attractive form, but in a truthful one.

The work has been written under the auspices of the Arizona Historical Society, and to that Society the author offers his sincere acknowledgments for their consideration and universal kindness.

Another great object of this work is to draw attention to the vast resources of Arizona, which has been considered

by many people a desert. Novels have been written, and obtained quite extensive circulation, of "The Country that God Forgot," in which the scenes were located in Arizona. Truth must brush away such cobwebs.

The author acknowledges his obligations to the Hon. Samuel Hughes, to Charles A. Shibell, Hon. William J. Osborn, Charles Connell and to Governor Brodie, for important documents, public or private, and to the citizens of Arizona generally, for their kindness and consideration.

The book is put forth,—the reading public must be the judges. Well wishes and happiness to all.

THE AUTHOR.

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