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## PREFACE.

The present volume is intended to meet an existing demand for a text-book on the history of Arkansas which shall reflect the most advanced historical and pedagogical methods, and at the same time be adapted, in style and matter, to our public schools, our high schools, and our academies.

The attention of teachers is called to the following special features:

1. The chronological treatment of the subject from the days of De Soto to the present time.

2. The subdivision into chapters with titles, which serve as great general topics upon and around which the side heads arrange themselves in a natural and easy manner.

3. The grouping of the side heads as subordinate titles immediately under the principal title. By this means the topical method of presentation is aided without destroying the chronological order. It also facilitates reviews, and enables teachers who have the time, to develop the subject more exhaustively.

4. The schemes for the presentation of the subject at the close of certain chapters; the notes at the foot of pages; the questions for review; the maps and illustrations; the tables showing the battles and skirmishes in Arkansas during the Confederate States' War; the list of regiments and their commanding officers, and other valuable tabular matter.

The author has endeavored to be fair and impartial in the treatment of all political questions, and to present every feature of our state growth with accuracy, clearness, and force.

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The book is submitted to the teachers and directors of the state with the hope that it may stimulate not only a genuine love of our country and of our state, but also the sturdy qualities of industry, energy, and self-denial.

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