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## INTRODUCTORY.

**A**LTHOUGH the author cannot undertake within the limits of this volume to deal, in an elaborate way, with the vast and varied resources of Alaska, he is of the opinion that the matter contained in its pages is such as will give the reader an intelligent idea of this great territory, its past and present, and the outlook for its future. The contents will be found reliable, and the information touching the leading industries of the country and its resources, including the great Yukon gold fields, which are now commanding attention, has been prepared with care, and with the view of ensuring the greatest possible accuracy. A more complete reference to the Eskimos of Arctic Alaska and the introduction of domesticated reindeer among them can be found in his report to the Bureau of Education at Washington, and his monograph in the census report of 1890, will furnish further information than is here given upon the southeastern portion of Alaska, both of which may be had free upon application to the respective departments.

Six years spent in Alaska, first in the interest of journalism, and later in other pursuits, have enabled him to present an accurate and truthful account of his observations concerning the developments of the past few years.

The field is large, and already the dawning of great enterprises fills the minds of ambitious projectors. Gold fields are to be opened up, railways built, possibly with a span of communication with the Old World, besides many other projects which will cause the active American brain to vibrate with new vigor. And if the writer can awaken any patriotic sentiment to further and protect the interests of this grand territory, he will be satisfied.

He cannot consistently advise those seeking a place to make a home, or those looking for a new field of labor, to choose Alaska, unless they have some means, and a reasonable amount of stamina, and good health. To any one possessed of these qualifications, he unhesitatingly and unqualifiedly says "Go."

He is in earnest when he says that he believes the next few years will present many opportunities for investment, and for laying a foundation for lucrative business enterprises, and, perhaps, wealth. But if any one expects to acquire these without experiencing the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, he will be disappointed.

MINER W. BRUCE.



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