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PREFACE

Western geography and history are slowly but surely gaining their rightful place in the public school system throughout the country.

For a number of years the compiler of this book has been deeply interested in the literature of the West and has directed her efforts toward having it carried along side by side with the history and geography with which it is so closely allied.

It was, therefore, a source of much gratification when James A. Barr, City Superintendent of the Stockton schools, suggested that a book be compiled composed of extracts from the works of Western writers to be used as a Supplementary Reader, for she believed that in this way children would not only gain power in reading, but that they would gradually come to possess a loyalty and love for all things Western.

With this thought constantly in mind, the work required to compile such a book has been relieved of its arduousness and the task has been one of great pleasure and profit.

It has been the aim to make the collection representative of the coast, full of local color from pioneer days to the present.

Many short extracts have been selected rather than a few long ones, hoping that a broader field may be covered. A small amount of preparation by the teacher will enable her to give a setting for any selection. This will not be required for all, as