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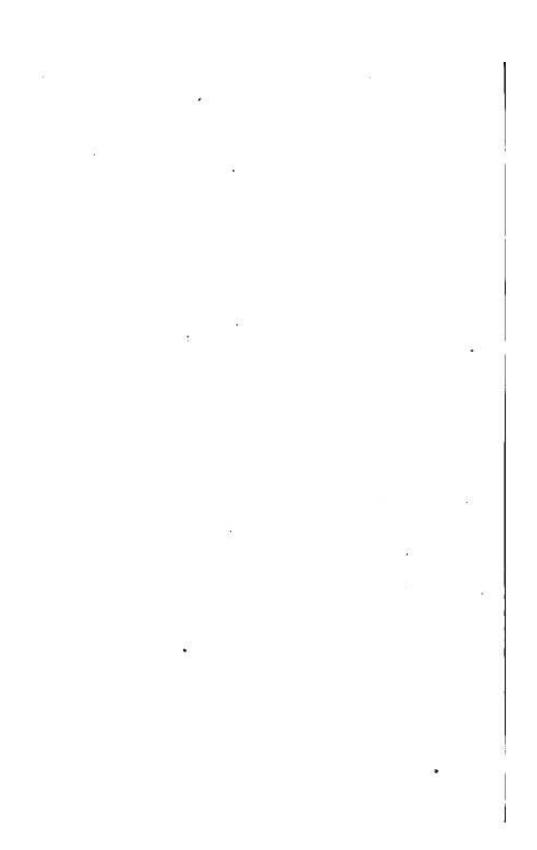
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ONE WHO OFFERS THE BEST AND MOST DISINFERESTED ADVICE TO HIS
FELLOW COUNTRYMEN IN "THE CENTENNIAL STATE;" WHOSE HEART
EEATS EVER WARMLY FOR, AND WHOSE PURSE HAS OFTEN BEEN
OPEN TO, MANY OF ERITAIN'S YOUNGER SONS, WHO HAVE
FOUND TO THRIE COST THAT IN COLORADO LAY NOT
THEIR VOCATION; AND TO WHOM THE AUTHOR IS
INDRHIED FOR THE KINDRET HOSPITALITY,
AND THE REENEST AND MOST HIGHMINDED APPRECIATION OF HIS
MISSION AS ONE OF THE FIONEERS
OF ERITHER KMIGRATION.



PREFACE.

THE reader will perhaps have to make some little allowance for variation of dates and seasons in this book, as occasional expeditions made in three successive years through Colorado, have been mixed up to form one continuous journey through the State; the figures, also, where needful, have been revised, so as to make them as applicable as possible to the present day.

With the exception of this, and a good deal of matter being cut out, as at present of no emigrational importance, the text is the same as that of my letters under the nom de plume of "St. Kames" in The Field of 1876, '7 and '8.

Only one important change has taken place in Colorado since I wrote these letters, and that is the springing up of the town of Leadville, about eighty miles N.W. of Cañon City, and S.W. of Denver. Leadville has now a population of 10,000, yet over the site of it—a grassless mountain desert, with not a human habitation in sight—I walked in 1876. The wonderful progress in this portion of the country is altogether owing to rich silver veins being found there; but as I have only sufficient

technical knowledge of mines to be a dangerous authority on them, I do not include any account of Leadville here.

Should the success of this volume with the public give sufficient encouragement, similar publications will appear; 1, on Nebraska, Wyoming, and Utah; 2, on Kansas; 3, on Texas, that great empire State of the south-west; and perhaps, 4, sketches of Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana.

In all of these States, young fellows with some brains, muscle, and determination, with principle, moral courage, and courtesy, and without any extra amount of nonsense, affectation, political bigotry, or even capital, have succeeded very well and can do so now as well as ever.

Colorado, only because it was the first State I visited, forms the subject of the first of my books of explorations for emigrants, and I in no way wish to have it implied that I think its emigrational advantages are equal to those of Kansas, or Nebraska, or for the pastoral settler, of Texas; but the Colorado climate and its scenery are so infinitely better than those of any of these, that life there offers greater inducements to many.

S. NUGENT TOWNSHEND.

St. Kames Island, Church Cross, Co. Cork.

May 12, 1879.

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