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Dedication.

TO THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS,

WHOSE LOVING PURPOSE IS TO KEEP ALIVE THE MEMORY
OF THE TEXANS WHO WON AN EMPIRE FROM THE
WILDERNESS, AND CONSECRATED IT TO
LIBERTY AND CIVILIZATION,

I DEDICATE THIS WORK,

WITH THE HOPE THAT IT MAY PROVE HELPFUL
IN THE SAME CAUSE.

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PREFACE.

Texas, included in Spanish Florida, was one of the earliest discovered and explored of the territories now constituting the United States.

But without metallic treasures to tempt Spanish cupidity, and unknown to the colonizing nations on the North Atlantic, this region long remained unsettled.

By mistake a company of Frenchmen under La Salle landed in 1685 on the Texan coast, and made a settlement, which four years later perished in blood. Next, moved by jealousy, came the Spaniards and occupied Texas by a system of presidios and missions till the triumph of the Mexican Revolution in 1821.

Nothing remained of the efforts of France at colonizing Texas save the shadowy memory of a few great names like La Salle, St. Denis, and La Harpe.

The chief impress of Spain upon Texas was in geographical names; and besides these, there was at the end of Spanish rule only feeble settlements around the presidios, and a few stately mission ruins to tell the story of the unavailing labors of the Franciscans.

Retgression had long set in before the coming of the Anglo-American. Austin's "Original Three Hundred" were the first to inaugurate permanent settlement. The descendants of the home-builders on the Atlantic and in the Mississippi valley were the first home-seekers in Texas. And it was they who builded and compacted the Republic of Texas, developing into orderly communities and uniting for defense against the encroachments of tyranny.

The struggle in Texas was between the Anglo-American and the Indo-Spaniard.

Almost without exception, the raw troops who stormed San Antonio de Bexar, and who annihilated the Mexican army at San Jacinto, were Americans all, and sons not unworthy of the

sires of '76. And no truer oblation was ever offered to Liberty than the blood of the Alamo Martyrs and of the Victims of perfidy on the Coleto.

From those heroic times of the Republic have come down to us a corporal's guard of the Texas Veterans, with forms once proud and erect in the ranks of freedom, but now bent with age and infirmity. Surely, Texas, created and ennobled by their sacrifices, can not do too much to honor the Veterans, and make pleasant their declining days.

With the growing importance of Texas has come a desire for more accurate knowledge of its origin and history.

Failures in our historical work have been due chiefly to unscientific methods and inaccessibility of the earliest material. But the treasures of *Americana* relating to Texas are now coming to light, and the canons of history-writing are being scientifically taught in the University of Texas, and doubtless in our other educational institutions. In the new epoch just at hand the historian of Texas will be expected to go over the whole ground of inquiry, to state nothing except upon authority, and to be loyal to the truth, above man, party, or country.

This Bibliography should be helpful to workers in this field, by pointing out the sources of information, and perhaps also by the critical notes.

For its preparation, I have had exceptional advantages by virtue of my connection with the State Library, it having been part of my duties to collect historical data for Texas.

With reference to its arrangement, I have regretted that I did not see Dr. Week's "Bibliography of the Historical Literature of North Carolina" until near the end of my labors. Other defects I would fain excuse by pleading the difficulties inherent in all pioneer undertakings.

It is not claimed that this work is complete in its list of books; but it is at least a beginning.

The labor of its compilation has been to me a source of pleasure; and my gratification will be only increased should it tend to push investigation into the sources of Texan history.

My acknowledgments are due to many persons; particularly