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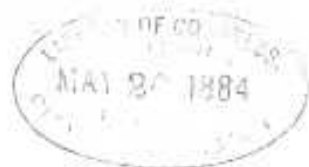
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SIX SEASONS ON OUR PRAIRIES:  
A DIARY.



## SIX SEASONS ON OUR PRAIRIES.

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A PREFATORY MAY.

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**W**AS on the first of May, in the year of grace 1882, we three—a practical Irish Kentucky farmer, his sturdy son, a young man of good, hard sense, and an ailing ecclesiastic—started to travel North and West by the circuitous but interesting route, across Southern Indiana and Illinois, and from St. Louis by water to the other saintly city in Minnesota. We went sight-seeing and health-seeking, as well as on business intent, to secure personal knowledge of prairie farming, by “doing” the Northwestern Catholic Colonies—with possible and probable choice of new homes for some families who were wearing out both patience and good Irish and American muscle on Middle-Kentucky farms lying back from the Ohio, and cut off from railroad lines. The agitation for the migration of Catholics from the crowded cities East, and the poorer agricultural districts South, was inaugurated fourteen or fifteen years ago. The plan was carried into execution beyond the Mississippi River, so that we find a more or less connected system of plantings scattered in every State bordering its western banks. Practical laymen have joined hands with practical prelates all