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To

ALL WHO WISH OURS TO BE A
LAND OF HONOR AND NOT OF "SPOILS,"

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED BY

F. C. S.



INTRODUCTION.

"You are much condemn'd to have an itching palm;
To sell and mart your offices for gold
To undeservers,"

said the old Roman to his colleague.

Two thousand years ago the "spoils" system was a dishonor.

Yet today our land of churches and missions and all benevolences bears this stigma of "Spoils."

At least, we ought to be better financiers than to give money with one hand to Indian missions and with the other to vote into office men whose example does more to demoralize the Indians than we can build up in thrice the time. What use to say that our rulers do this, when we make the rulers? "If it were in one party alone, the evil could be easily met," we say?

It will be met now, when all honest men everywhere arm themselves with justice and law, and march against it.

Let us open our eyes to the evils that "Spoils" is marshalling on all sides of us, let us form against it, charge, and overthrow it.

Among the many faults that critics will find in this book, the author points out one. It does not tell one half enough of the mischief and disaster that follow in the wake of "Spoils."

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I.



HE wind swept along the road clouds of dust that now chased, now rose and danced on before the riders as if it were a part of the grotesque procession that was galloping and checking and wheeling, turning and returning, weaving itself in and out like the bright threads of a braid, now in view, now disappearing, now glancing out again far up or far down the road, to lose itself once more, and reappear. Flashes of yellow and