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To My Friends



## PREFACE.

Anatole France, the distinguished French writer remarks, as if it were the merest truism "that all historical works which are not lies, are insupportably dull"

In view of this sweeping assertion it requires no little fortitude to confess, that this History is absolutely truthful, to the best of the author's knowledge and belief.

In the adjustment of conflicting facts some seeming errors possibly may be found, but none that have not been carefully examined, and have in

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Nor set down aught in malice."

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Hudson, September 15, 1908.





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