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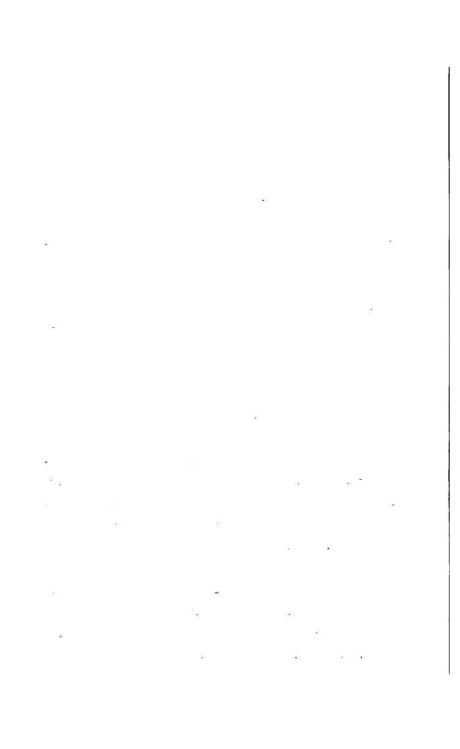
### PREFACE.

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During the summer session of the University of Wisconsin in 1900 there was assigned to me for especial research and report, in the class in History of the West, the subject of Chief Joseph, the Nez Perce. Finding the material abundant, and knowing that this great Indian was still living on the Colville Reservation in my home state of Washington where he could be visited for the latest and unpublished information, it was decided to continue the study.

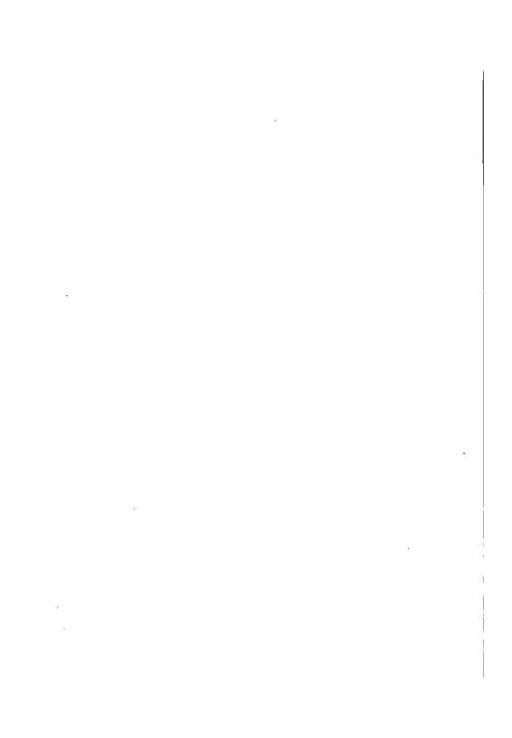
Most of the literature consulted was found in the libraries of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin. This information has been supplemented by numerous letters from and interviews with men who fought against Joseph and others who have known him intimately and by seven personal talks with the Chief at his home on the banks of the Nespilem River, Colville Reservation, Washington.

I have been greatly aided in this work by Professor P. J. Turner and the officers and attendants of the libraries mentioned, while my visit to the Chief was greatly facilitated by United States Senator A. G. Foster, Hon. W. A. Jones, United States Commissioner of Indian



Affairs; Major Albert M. Anderson, Agent and Henry M. Steele, sub-Agent of the Colville Reservation; Barnett Stillwell, teacher of the Nespilem school; and the latter's little daughter Ada C. Stillwell, eleven years of age. This little girl having mingled with the Nez Perce children for four years has learned their language and acted as one of my interpreters.

Madison, Wisconsin, August, 1901.



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