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## INTRODUCTORY.

THE idea of preparing this volume for the public was suggested by the many tourists and visitors to our city, met in the Rapid Transit cars as I daily went to Oakland and Potwin Place in the capacity of a music teacher. The various questions asked the passengers and conductors in regard to our city by those visiting here, who seemed desirous of obtaining so much more information than could be given them in a few moments' ride, inspired the author to prepare a volume which would give strangers some idea of our city's history, its population, and some of its views.

In the historical and biographical sketches the truth has been strictly adhered to, and records have been carefully traced for correct dates, etc. The miscellaneous poems and stories are written at random, but are all in some way connected with the early history of our State and city.

To Revs. Hayden and Knox, Maj. T. J. Anderson, and Messrs. F. G. Trestrail, N. D. McGinley and Lee Jones, I most sincerely desire to return thanks for their assistance in getting a complete roster of the officers of the various organizations in the city.

To the conductors and motorncers of the Rapid Transit Railway, are due the most heartfelt thanks of the author for the interest they have taken and the encouragement given this work.

The photographic views were furnished by Mr. W. F. Farrow, who took great pains in selecting them for this volume.

I have endeavored, in placing this book before the public, to give to strangers some knowledge of our "Golden City," and to present something of interest to our own citizens as well.

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