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PREFACE

IN the preparation of this book several unexpected obstacles have been met. In the first place many traditional stories popularly regarded as substantial history have been found to be without historical foundation. In the second place there is no considerable collection of historical material to draw upon. Other States have published their documentary materials and thus made them available to historians, but that work remains to be done in Indiana. In the third place many of the State publications have been found, after close study, to be unreliable, others are bound without indexes, tables of contents, or even continuous pagination. In many cases it is necessary to turn through a record, page by page, to find any desired information. These conditions have made it necessary to found every material statement on a primary source. Such work is slow and very tedious.

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