

PREFACE.

THE history of the Indian tribes of our country is intensely interesting, and is eagerly read by all classes of people. This work embraces a full account of all the memorable Indian wars in the United States, together with a record of terrible personal encounters with the Red Men, hairbreadth escapes, thrilling captures and bloody massacres.

Daring deeds, desperate conflicts and examples of personal courage appear throughout the narrative. The reader beholds celebrated chiefs in their strange costumes, wonderful acts of heroism and personal characteristics, which, if their possessors had lived in a civilized community, would have rendered them the most famous men of the nation. Here is the record of battles fought with sublime courage, exciting adventures and achievements unsurpassed by the story of Thermopylæ.

A full description is given of the Indian "ghost dances," which have awakened intense curiosity and interest throughout the country. Indians perform many dances, but the "ghost dance" is something quite new and peculiar. What it is and how it is performed can be learned from the following pages.