

PREFACE.

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In presenting this work to the Public, and especially to the people of Illinois, we are prompted by two motives, one to aid the student of to-day in fixing the most notable events in the history and development of the State clearly in the mind, and the other, still more important, to preserve in condensed form for the future what is known to-day of its history. The researches of Mr. Blanchard, partly given in his "History of the Northwest," and his "Historical Map of the United States," led to this more detailed work on the State of Illinois, as the most permanent and desirable form of presenting the valuable data on the history of the State which has been gathered by him through years of labor.

A trite saying, "stick a pin there," as alluding to the establishment of a fact and its proper location, has been kept in mind in this work, and Mr. Blanchard has stuck pins and labeled them all over the State, simplifying and localizing its history, so plainly that "he who runs may read."

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