FOREWORD

The following chapters were written with the idea that they might furnish to pupils of the part-time school and to any others interested a simple sketch of certain fundamental features of Wisconsin's growth and contributions to government and to life. This picture may be filled in to good advantage by a study of more detailed text books on Wisconsin history, and of the Blue Books issued biennially, which contain histories and descriptions of the work of the various departments.

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