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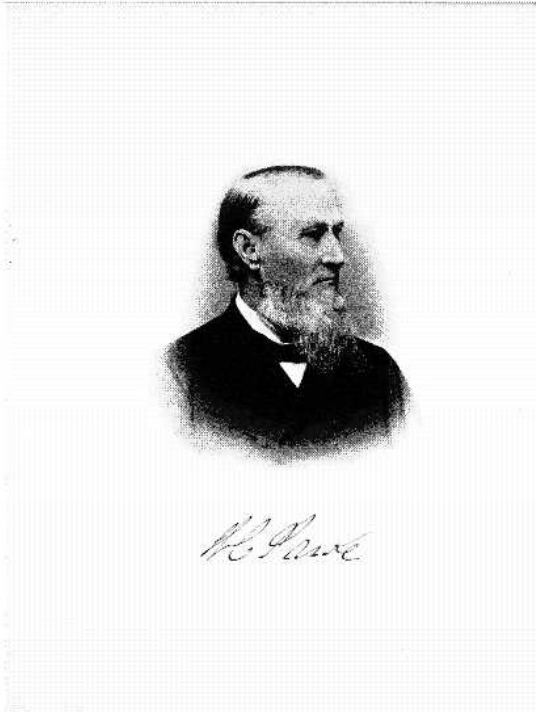
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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE articles which compose the contents of this small work were begun by my late father, and left uncompleted at the time of his death, May 29, 1889.

As no directions were left by him, I felt it incumbent on me to complete these records as best I could. This I have done, although I do not lay any claim to be a writer. I hope that my labors will be criticised gently, and that the records herein made will be found interesting as a brief account of some events which occurred in the Hawaiian Islands in days that are long past, the memory of which is worth preserving, as those who are acquainted with these events are few and rapidly passing away.

I am much indebted to Mr. G. D. Gilman, of Boston, Mass., an old friend of my father, for kind aid and assistance in publishing this book.

W. C. PARKE.

HONOLULU, H. I.

June 27, 1890.

NOTE.

IT is very much to be regretted that the decease of Mr. PARKE has prevented the full record of many stirring incidents in his eventful official life at the Islands which he had contemplated and partly prepared. During the many years he was connected most intimately with the Executive departments of the Hawaiian Government, he was a most trusted and faithful officer. He possessed to a large degree the full confidence of the highest officials of the Government,—from the several kings, under whom he served, to the lowest subordinate.

Mr. PARKE's resignation of the office which he had held satisfactorily for so many years, was made the occasion of a marked testimonial from the Supreme Court to his worth as an officer and to his merit as a man, which testimonial was cordially indorsed by the public. Resigning the cares of office, Mr. PARKE passed his later years amidst the community in which he had lived so long, affectionately regarded as a public-spirited citizen, a warm-hearted friend, and that noblest work of God,—an honest man.

G. D. G.

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