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## PREFACE

The author was a great believer in dissemination of knowledge for the common good. This manuscript is an accumulation of facts obtained from the author's field observations of Baja California, plus additional information obtained by others, since the author made his examination of the area in 1921. An interpretation of factual data is given with special emphasis on oil possibilities.

This work precipitated as a result of the ever-growing need for new oil in North America. The author's purpose was to prepare the work for the benefit of those who are in search of oil with the hope that his work might eventually contribute to its discovery.

The author passed away in September 1946, having virtually completed the manuscript. Prior to this time, a number of authorities, including Dean A. I. Levorsen, Stanford University, reviewed the work for which the author would have expressed his appreciation. Particular gratitude is given to Dr. W. P. Woodring who made innumerable changes in the text and gave the author valuable comments, all of which were taken.

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