

EDWARD EGGLESTON.

[As a widely-traveled man, and a widely-read author in matters of history, fiction, religion, and the general application of good sense to social life, Dr. Eggleston ranks among the most influential kind of legislators. His opinion, therefore, is quoted here,—and it is worth reading.]

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*Edw. Eggleston*

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A General Testimonial.

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The following persons who have become familiar with "Face to Face with the Mexicans," by Mrs. Fanny Chambers Gooch, hereby give their indorsement of the book, and express their hearty co-operation with the author in her philanthropic effort to bring into a closer union the social and commercial relations of the people of the two republics of North America.

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