

NEBRASKA AND KANSAS.

BY ONE WHO HAS BEEN THERE.

The following letters; descriptive of some portions of the territories of Nebraska and Kansas, copied from the Worcester Spy, are said to be from the pen of DR. CHARLES ROBINSON, of Fitchburg, who visited those territories in 1849.

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In the *Spy*, some time since, I noticed a call, anonymously signed, for a meeting of persons interested in the settlement of the proposed new territories of Kansas and Nebraska, to be held at the City Hall in Worcester. Having spent several weeks on the eastern border of those territories as well as having passed through their entire length in 1849, and believing them to be the very garden of the world, for situation and fertility of soil, as well as for loveliness of climate and scenery, I am deeply interested for their future condition; and, as I am often questioned upon the subject, I propose to pen a brief, general description of the country for your columns.

The situation of this territory, as all are aware, is in the very heart of the country, it being about 2000 miles from its eastern boundary to the Atlantic at Boston; and also the same distance to the Pacific Ocean. It is connected with the finest commercial emporiums of the West and South, by the Missouri, Mississippi, and Ohio rivers, and thence to every State, and important city in the Union, by Steamboat or Railroad communication. The great Pacific Railroad, will undoubtedly pass through this whole territory, thus opening a more direct route to California, and Oregon, as well as make one of the links in the great chain of steam communication that is soon to girdle the whole earth. When this road is built, and a line of Steamships established between San Francisco, and China, it will be the great thoroughfare for the commerce of Europe, and the United States, with Asia, as well as between the Atlantic and Pacific States. So far, then, from being out of the world, as some seem to suppose,