press and clergy, numerous persons identified with the railroads and with manufacturing interests, and a long array of the old citizens. At the risk, however, of appearing to make an invidious distinction we will present the names of a very few, whose positions in life or the possession of peculiar or extensive information has enabled them to be of especial service to the writers. First among those, so far at least as Lehigh County is concerned, should perhaps be mentioned Robert E. Wright, Esq., the veteran lawyer, and the late Christian Pretz, who was a pioneer in Allentown's period of growth. Of the same city should be mentioned also in this connection Augustus L. Ruhe, Tilghman Good (recently chief of police), the late Hon. Samuel A. Bridges, the late Peter Huber, Samuel Lewis, Joseph B. Lewis, Eli J. Saeger, James L. Schaadt, Esq., C. W. Cooper (of the Allentown National Bank), Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, Rev. Joshua Yeager, Rev. Schindel, Rev. Thomas N. Reber, Professor J. O. Knauss, Maj. E. R. Newhard, Thomas B. Metzgar, Esq., B. F. Trexler, Robert Iredell, Jr., C. Frank Haines, Jesse Grim, Ephraim Grim, A. G. Reminger, Col. T. H. Good, and Joseph F. Newhard. The history of Allentown has been enriched by Rev. J. H. Dubbs, of Lancaster, and that of half a dozen or more townships in Lehigh County extensively increased in value by the contributions of Rev. William A. Helffrich. Especial mention should be made of the friendship of Samuel Thomas, Col. M. H. Horn, Rev. Cornelius Earle, Oliver and John Williams, Joshua Hunt, Samuel Glace, William H. Glace, Esq., Jacob Laubach, and Charles G. Schellner, all of Catasauqua, and of F. J. Stetler, Charles Peters, and D. D. Jones, of Slatington.

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In concluding these few lines a word concerning the department of illustrations, which supplements the literary contents of the volume, is not out of place. The illustrations consist largely of portraits of some of those men who have been or are prominent residents of the territory to which this volume is devoted. These portraits, with the accompanying biographical sketches, form a feature which is sometimes the subject of ill-considered criticism, on the ground that some of them are of persons living. Nevertheless, in the judgment of the publishers and of a great many persons who have given the matter careful consideration, the department is one which should not be omitted or limited by the insertion of none but the portraits and sketches of those who are deceased. When it is borne in mind how swiftly the stream of life and time sweeps onward,—how swiftly the present becomes the past,—there will be few to find fault with this department; and when a score or more of years have elapsed,—when the generations now marching in the front and in the closely-succeeding ranks shall have passed away,—this feature will be invaluable, serving as the best reminder of some of their most conspicuous and honored characters to those who remain.

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