PUBLISHERS' PREFACE.

It is with the confident feeling that they have not merely fulfilled, but far exceeded, all promises made at the outstart that the publishers present to their patrons and the public, after considerable more than a year's labor from the time of its inception, the now completed History of Lehigh and Carbon Counties. As the result of the united and careful labors of men thoroughly experienced in the collection, compilation, and writing of local history, and of scores of residents of the region which is the province of the work, including not only those who are mentioned as the writers of certain chapters, but others who have made lesser contributions,—all especially qualified by original knowledge, by investigation, or by virtue of their positions to be the purveyors of local lore,—we think that the volume will merit and receive the favorable indorsement of those most competent to criticise the work which it contains, and that time will not modify in the slightest degree, but, on the contrary, greatly increase, their estimation. In the broadly comprehensive sense, Mr. Alfred Mathews was the author and editor of the history. He was assisted by Mr. Austin N. Hungerford of the publishers' corps. To these gentlemen should be accredited almost everything in the volume not especially denoted as the work of others, embracing the larger part of its contents, and of course implying supervision of the whole. Other writers who have been engaged upon the work are here designated: Rev. A. R. Horne, D.D., was the author of the voluminous and interesting chapter (vi. in the history of Lehigh County) on the Pennsylvania Germans. E. V. d'Invilliers was the writer of the chapter on the geology of Lehigh County, and Charles A. Ashburner, M.S., of that on Carbon County's rock and mineral formation. Of the townships of Lehigh County, Heidelberg and Lynn were written by Samuel J. Kistler, Esq.; Upper Macungie, by Rev. M. J. Kramlich; Lower Macungie, by E. R. Lichtenwallner, Esq.; Upper and Lower Milford, by P. W. Flores; Salisbury, by Professor J. O. Knauss; Upper Saucon, by Frank B. Heller; Weissenberg, by Solomon F. and Henry F. Rupp; Whitehall, by T. F. Diefenderfer, Esq., and F. J. Newhard, Esq.; North Whitehall, by James L. Schaadt, Esq.; South Whitehall, by Rev. F. K. Bernd; and the borough of Emaus, by H. W. Jarrett. In the history of Carbon County, two of the general chapters—those on the legal and medical professions—were contributed by Dr. R. Leonard, of Mauch Chunk. Towamensing and Lower Towamensing were contributed by Col. John Craig; the borough of Packerton, by W. Lee Stiles; the borough of Parryville, by Dennis Bauman; and the borough of Weatherly, by Dr. J. B. Tweedle. Besides these writers there are many others who have contributed church and school histories, etc., whose names are, as a rule, mentioned in connection with their articles. The number of these is very large.

On behalf of themselves and of the writers in their employ the publishers return their most sincere thanks to all who have assisted in the compilation of the history by furnishing information or extending courtesies to those in search of it. To mention individually all of those who have thus aided our efforts (and indirectly benefited themselves and their posterity, making possible the preparation of an ample and authentic history of these counties) would be impossible, as the list would include the names of the county, city, and borough officials, the members of the