

PREFACE.

THE importance of placing in book form biographical history of representative citizens—both for its immediate worth and for its value to coming generations—is admitted by all thinking people; and within the past decade there has been a growing interest in this commendable means of perpetuating biography and family genealogy.

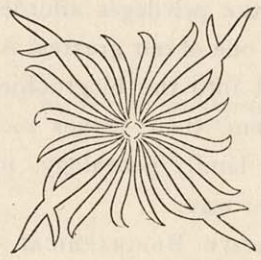
That the public is entitled to the privileges afforded by a work of this nature needs no assertion at our hands; for one of our greatest Americans has said that the history of any country resolves itself into the biographies of its stout, earnest and representative citizens. This medium, then, serves more than a single purpose: while it perpetuates biography and family genealogy, it records history, much of which would be preserved in no other way.

In presenting the *COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD* to its patrons, the publishers have to acknowledge, with gratitude, the encouragement and support their enterprise has received, and the willing assistance rendered in enabling them to surmount the many unforeseen obstacles to be met with in the production of a work of this character. In nearly every instance the material composing the sketches was gathered from those immediately interested, and then submitted in type-written form for correction and revision. The volume, which is one of generous amplitude, is placed in the hands of the public with the belief that it will be found a valuable addition to the library, as well as an invaluable contribution to the historical literature of the Fox River Valley.

THE PUBLISHERS.

LIBRARY

The purpose of this work is to provide a comprehensive survey of the history of the United States from the first settlement to the present time. It is intended to be a reference work for the general public and for the student of American history.



In the early days of the settlement of the United States, the people were scattered and lived in small groups. They were engaged in agriculture and stock raising. The first settlers were the Pilgrims, who came to the Massachusetts coast in 1620. They were followed by the Puritans, who came to the New England coast in 1630. The first settlement in the South was the Jamestown colony, which was founded in 1607. The first settlement in the West was the Santa Fe colony, which was founded in 1610.