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PREFACE.

IT IS A common error to suppose that prefaces are never read, and that the task of writing them is a perfunctory conformance to the requirements of custom, yet, despite this fact, the editor and compiler of this volume does not feel at liberty to put it to press without a few introductory and explanatory remarks.

It may, perhaps, be necessary to state that there has been no attempt to write a detailed history of Atlanta, but merely to present in the historical portion of this volume a vivid, truthful, out-line sketch of prominent and important items in the record of Atlanta's progress, and to supplement these with such facts and incidents in regard to the city of to-day as will best serve to illustrate her wonderful growth and present prominence in the pursuits of civilization. The information in the work has been gleaned from many sources.

Every volume known to have been written in relation to the history of the city has been examined, and files of newspapers have been consulted from the earliest times. The actual data with regard to the business concerns mentioned has been obtained by house-to-house canvass and personal interviews with their respective owners. The information contained, therefore, in such articles, is entirely trustworthy, and represents the constant labor of a corps of reporters for several months. It has, in fact, been the aim of the publishers to produce a work that will become a standard authority on the matter it contains, and no labor or expense has been spared to make it the most attractive and useful book of its kind ever published on Atlanta.

Many of the business men of Atlanta failed to take any interest in the work, because they had been duped so often by proposed publications, hence, in this respect, the work is not as complete as desired, but the historic and biographic departments will certainly prove very satisfactory.

The illustrations made by the publishers are artistic, appropriate and attractive, yet some cuts were furnished by those interested, hence a variety of cuts appear.

Money has not been spared in its typographical execution—a fact which ought to go far towards its favorable reception by the public and those residing in this and foreign countries to whom it will be sent, informing them of the great and growing prosperity of this section of this truly “Almighty Republic.”

The best historians of the South were engaged on this book in the preparation of both city and church history.

With sincere thanks to those who have received the representatives of this work with a spirit of courtesy, to the public for whatever support it gave, to the press for its wise discrimination that induced its hearty aid, and the expression of a hope that the work will be received favorably, and its usefulness felt generally, we take the liberty to subscribe ourselves,

THE PUBLISHERS.

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