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WE don't consider an apology necessary, in placing this work before the business public, and asking their consideration and patronage, because we feel conscious of having FULLY realized, when commencing this work, a NEED, which has been felt, but which other like productions have but partially and indifferently met. We therefore, send it forth, knowing that it has some defects, yet believing that it has sufficient merit to recommend it to the judgment of an intelligent public. We hope none will presume to judge of its worth without something more than a careless glance at its contents; for we are persuaded that it will fully repay a more careful examination, as much care has been taken in its compilation to render it an accurate guide to any who have occasion to consult its pages.

To our patrons we return thanks, also acknowledging our indebtedness to those who have so kindly favored us with sketches of the several towns.