

Hal' Register of the city of Detroit, I have also had access to the old records, and have brought thence a bundle of gleanings.

I am under many obligations to the "Mechanics' Library Association" of Detroit, and to the "New York Historical Library," "Mercantile Library Association," and "Astor Library" of the city of New York, for the use of books contained in their several valuable collections. Mr. Joseph G. Cogawell, librarian of the Astor Library, has also kindly rendered essential service, by a patient examination of many of the manuscripts, and by reliable advice concerning the plan of the work.

And by no means of the least account in the sum of obligation, is the gratitude due to Rev. Joseph P. Thompson for an introduction to my publishers; to whom I am indebted for the handsome appearance of this volume, and by whose liberality the public are presented with the life-like portraits of some of those distinguished men, whose names are well known in connection with the early American history of Michigan.

Hon. Lewis Cass, second Governor of Michigan—whose portrait, engraved from a daguerreotype taken during the present session of Congress, will be immediately recognized,—retained his office as governor, from the time of his appointment in 1813 till he was appointed Secretary of War in 1831. In 1836 he was appointed Minister to France, and returned in 1842. In January, 1845, he was first elected to the United States Senate.

Hon. James Witherell, one of the "Board of Governor and Judges," was a native of Massachusetts, and was appointed a Judge of the Territory of Michigan, April 23d, 1808. His term of office expired July 1st, 1824, after which he was reappointed