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The first Directory and Gazetteer of the County of Kent is now offered to the public with the hope that it will be found to supply a want that has long been felt by the business men and others of the County. Its publication has been attended with great expense and labor, and only a generous support from all classes in the County will make it remunerative to the publishers, whose most earnest endeavor has been to make the work worthy of encouragement.

The most scrupulous attention has been given to every item of information that the Directory and Gazetteer contains; but they do not at all claim perfection, difficult of attainment in every branch of business, but especially so in the compilation of a Directory. It is hoped, however, that the work will be found generally correct, and will be a true and reliable index to the growth and prosperity of the county, which the publishers are proud to say is second to none in the Province either agriculturally or commercially.

The publishers would take this opportunity of returning their sincere thanks to the Editors and publishers of the Chatham "Planet" and "Western Reformer" for valuable assistance rendered during the canvas of the work; also to the business men and others who have liberally supported the work by advertising and subscription; and also to the many gentlemen throughout the County, who have given every requisite information with a cheerfulness that was greatly encouraging.

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