

PREFACE.

in a laudable enterprise, and at the same time paying a merited tribute to the men, the history of whose achievements they have recorded.

While the work is invaluable to those whom it represents, how much more so must it be to their children and families, and the generations that follow. What legacy can a father leave that will be more highly prized, than the record of an honorable and successful life. These and kindred considerations give to the **BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY**, an intrinsic worth.

With the conscious assurance of having done their best in the duties entrusted to them, and with a feeling of gratitude towards all who have aided them in bringing their work to a successful completion, the publishers present the result of their labors, asking the kind indulgence of a generous public.