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PREFACE

IN this work the publishers have endeavored to give a faithful history of Los Angeles County fl from the earliest times to the present, and believe that it contains an account of all the im-™ portant events, and many of less note. They have taken unusual pains and incurred many unexpectedly heavy expenses in the search for material and its compilation into a symmetrical form: and the work is certainly more correct than standard general histories. Ten to twenty per cent, of the latter kind of literature may be erroneous and still appear straight and veritable: while if even only one statement in a hundred in local history is found to be erroneous, it will cause some persons to use extravagant language concerning it.

As to the proportion of space allotted to each topic, especially in modern affairs, it is not expected that the compilers could satisfy all parties, as individual tastes and self-interest are more or less involved in them. The historical material in the biographical sketches were obtained with great difficulty, and therefore none of that matter is supposed to be dictated by those interviewed, for the purpose of advertising themselves or their business. Two or three citizens absolutely refused to give any dates with reference to their public career.

For the earlier records the magnificent histories of Hubert Howe Bancroft have been largely drawn upon, by special permission of the author, who, more than any other man having access to the archives, deserves special acknowledgment for his peerless work. The extensive collection of 1!. A. Stephens, which he has been making for years, has largely been utilized. Due acknowledgment is also made to such writers as -I. J. Warner, Dr. J. P. Widney, Dr. Walter Lindley. Benjamin Hayes, H. D. Barrows, G. F. Parsons, Hugo Reid, A. F. Coronel. Rev. Jose Adam, Fred Hall, W. Ham. Hall, George Butler Griffin, J. Albert Wilson, W. McPherson, J. M. Guinn, II. Wellington Brook, J. D. Lynch. J. R. Brierly, Alice P. Adams, R. W. C. Farnsworth, George Rice, D. M. Berry, Mrs. Jeanne O. Carr, and many others.

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CHAPTER I.

AS no full, systematic geological survey has ever been made of the southern portion of California, we are unable to compile a satisfactory account under this head.

MINERALOGICAL NOTES.

The following miscellaneous notes are from the last State Report:

San Gabriel Cañon has some auriferous gravel scattered about high up on the spurs of the range, similar in its general character to that which forms the great hydraulic mines of more northern counties. There is every reason to believe that these high and ancient auriferous gravels of the San Gabriel Range, and also the great mass of the whole range itself, from the Cajon Pass West nearly or quite to the Los Angeles River, belong to the same geological ages, and derived their origin from the same causes, as those of the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. The amount of denudation which has taken place since these ancient gravels were deposited has, of course, been something enormous, and no man can measure it.

To the west of the point where the Santa Ana River issues from the San Bernardino Range, the southern flanks of that range, so far

west as the Cajon Pass, are not flanked on the south by any heavy body of unaltered tertiary strata, while the southern flanks of Mount San Bernardino itself, to the east of the Santa Ana River, bear very heavy masses of such strata, which rise high against the mountain. Again, from the Cajon Pass west, nearly to the Los Angeles River, the San Gabriel Range itself is not flanked on the south by any such accumulations of tertiary rocks. These facts would seem to indicate either that the date of upheaval of the great mass of the range from the Santa

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