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OF  
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AND CONTAINING

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF

PROMINENT MEN AND PIONEERS.

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## PREFACE.

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I HAVE been asked to sketch the history, topography, resources and progress of the city and county of San Diego, up to date. To do so in full is to write a ponderous book whose size would at once seal its fate. To sketch the whole in brief and readable form, giving due importance to all parts, omitting unimportant details fit only for an advertising pamphlet, is a greater task than to write the whole in full.

Neither history nor geography is of any value if one-sided. There is little use in writing anything unless written in a way that will make the reader believe it. The day has long passed when a one-sided tale about California can be palmed off on an intelligent reader. As a mere matter of policy, to say nothing of honesty, such writing is unwise.

A fair account of the whole necessarily requires the statement of some cold facts. It is difficult to see any reason why these should not now be given. They are certainly a part of our history. Heretofore they have generally been concealed. Surely the time has come when all may afford to laugh at them. If a sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things, so is the memory of the dark and stormy waves a pleasure when the bark is once safe in port. There is little credit in a fight won against no enemy; slight glory in a field where there were no odds. The trials of San Diego really brighten the triumph of to-day, and form a setting for the picture that it would be foolish not to use.

T. S. VAN DYKE.

*San Diego, March 1, 1888.*

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## BIOGRAPHICAL.

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THE biographical sketches of the prominent and pioneer citizens of San Diego that appear in this volume, have all been prepared from data furnished by those interested. If we have, in some instances, enlarged and embellished this material, it has been because we believed that the subjects were deserving of it. It would be difficult in any part of the country to find a group of men more worthy of praise, to whom the community where they make their home owes more, than the older citizens of San Diego. For many long years they waited patiently for the coming of the day that was to bring a realization of their hopes; when the world was to acknowledge what they had long contended, that here on the shores of the Bay of San Diego was the fitting place for a great city—a metropolis. That day has come, and is it to be wondered at that they feel proud of their constancy, their faith in the future?

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Editors and Publishers.

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