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PREFACE.

IN presenting this the first Directory of Marquette county to the public the compiler has necessarily encountered many difficulties always to be found in a new country.

It was the intention to publish the names of every male adult in the county, and a canvass was taken with that object in view but it was found highly impracticable. The population, especially amongst the laborers, is a floating one, and John Smith at work in one mine to-day, may be Tom Jones at work in another mine to-morrow. Consequently the names of those living in the principal towns have been published which we think will meet the wants of all interested in a Directory at present. The compiler desires to return thanks here for courtesies and assistance rendered by the citizens of Marquette County, where these favors have been so universal it is impossible to particularize individuals.

We are also especially indebted to Hon. C. J. Walker, of Detroit, for a very interesting and ably written article on the "Early History of Lake Superior," and to the "*Mining Journal Co*" for copious extracts from their "History of Lake Superior Iron District." It was deemed important to republish some part of the history of the mines, etc., inasmuch as the work is to find its way into the public libraries of Europe and America, the boards of trade of the principal cities of the Union and in other localities where a truthful account of Marquette county and its mineral resources may be of interest and profit to outside readers.

In conclusion the publishers beg the forbearance of the public for errors which will unavoidably creep into every work, to which none are more liable than a directory. We have taken much pains and trouble to present a first class "Directory and History of Marquette county," and hope that it will meet the expectation and approbation of our patrons, as this will be the only profits accruing to

Yours, truly,

THE PUBLISHERS.