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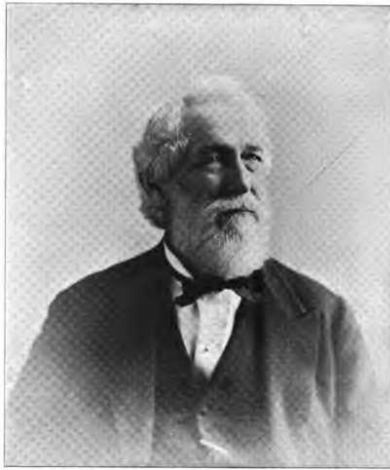
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AS AN INCORPORATED TOWN,

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PREFACE.

THE historical paper read by Reuben T. Durrett, President of the Filson Club, to the Southern Historical Association, May 1, 1880, in commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Louisville, is here issued as No. 8 of the Filson Club publications. Last year, 1892, the Club published "The Centenary of Kentucky" as Filson Club Publications No. 7, and it is thought that "The Centenary of Louisville," the chief city of the State, will be a fitting companion. Mr. Durrett has revised this paper so as to free it from certain omissions and mistakes which appeared in the newspaper reports at the time it was delivered. It was too long for our daily papers to print in full, and the attempt to condense it not only destroyed its unity but marred it by important omissions. Its publication in full, with foot-notes and appendices, will restore an important historic document to what it was intended by the author. It can hardly fail thus published to be grateful to the descendants of the

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founders of the city whose names are mentioned, while it must be invaluable to the future historian. Indeed it is hardly too much to say that the future historian of Louisville and the biographer of its founders can not faithfully tell the story of the city and its pioneers without either this publication or the original sources from which its facts are taken, which sources are to a large extent in manuscript in the possession of the author.

THOMAS SPEED,

Secretary of the Filson Club.

LOUISVILLE, KY., 1893.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 24, 1880.

COL. R. T. DURRETT:

Dear Sir: At a meeting of the Southern Historical Association, held last night, the undersigned were appointed a committee to invite you to read before our association, on next Saturday evening, May 1, 1880, at eight o'clock, a paper upon the settlement and early history of Louisville, that being the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of our city. This request has been made with a desire to preserve for our association and for history all the valuable facts and incidents upon the subject which you, with a taste for such matters, have collected during all the years of your residence in this city, eminently qualifying you for this duty. Earnestly hoping that you will accept the invitation it affords us so much pleasure to convey, we are, etc..

Yours very truly,

E. H. McDONALD,

JOHN S. JACKMAN,

R. H. THOMPSON,

Committee.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 24, 1880.

MESSES. E. H. McDONALD, J. S. JACKMAN, R. H. THOMPSON:

Gentlemen: I have your communication of this morning, inviting me to read a paper before the Southern Historical Association next Saturday, the one hundredth anniversary of Louisville, as a

centennial address. While I would have preferred, if your rules had permitted, to deliver an address to reading a paper, it nevertheless affords me great pleasure to accept the flattering invitation with which I am honored.

Louisville for the last one hundred years is history, and yours being an historical association has very properly determined not to let its one hundredth anniversary pass without making it part of the society records. In the short time which I have I will, therefore, endeavor to prepare the best paper I can on Louisville for an hundred years, and read it before the Southern Historical Association next Saturday evening. Respectfully,

R. T. DURRETT.