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INTRODUCTION.

THE civilized world never again will see a people who are called happy because they have no history. There was a time—it may be said to have terminated with the reign of Henry VII. in England—when History was a record of kings and knights, of wars of conquest and quarrels about succession to thrones. We have begun to be civilized since those days; and in a few centuries more we shall no doubt be able to write, "Happy is that people who have a long history." For History now-a-days is the record of the development, the advances, the progress of a people.

That is why a sketch such as these

covers enfold, is worthy of a place in a historical collection. The modesty of the authoress, which, according to a Gaelic proverb, is "the beauty of women," and according to Diogenes, is "the color of virtue," leads her to underrate the value of her own work. Her noble husband, at whose request, before his death, these pages were written, was one of the most eminent men in the South during and after the great conflict. He is said to have been the first man in Alabama to enlist in the war for the Confederacy. As Major General in the Confederate army, Judge of the circuit court of Alabama, and President of the University of Alabama, he may easily be picked out as a true representative of the men of the Old South; as his white-haired widow, whose sweet nobility of character shines out in her every deed, is of the women of the same.

And the Claytons have been no un-

known quantity in the history of the nation. The senior branch, whose ancestor, Joshua Clayton, came over with William Penn, and settled in Delaware, has given to the country three United States Senators, one of them being also the Secretary of State under President Taylor, who negotiated for the United States and gave his name to, the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The junior branch of the family, which is settled in Virginia and Georgia, traces its history to John Clayton, attorney general of colonial Virginia, and has also produced the renowned botanist, son of the attorney general, a senator from Georgia, and a number of men familiar in the local history of Virginia.

It is the middle line, the descendants of James Clayton, who settled in Maryland at about the dawn of the eighteenth century, of which Major General Henry D. Clayton, the husband of this present