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## INTRODUCTION.

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Having brought to a successful termination my arduous undertaking of compiling and editing the historical matter, as well as the biographies and statistics herein contained, I desire, in presenting this book to patrons and the public, to make a few necessarily brief remarks in regard to the value and importance of a local work of this nature. Though it only seems a few years since the Republican party came into existence, both in the State, and nation, and it also seems only a short time since the first Republican convention was held in Chicago, which nominated that great apostle of Republicanism, John Wentworth, who was the first Republican mayor of Chicago. I find that many of the organizers, as well as several who afterwards became prominent in the ranks of the Republican party in Chicago, and Cook County, have paid the final debt of mortality; and in rare instances only, left any record of the acts of their lifetime. Therefore, to the rising generation, this volume will prove as valuable and interesting, as the history of the founders of Republicanism is to the present generation. Hence, I agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson, that "Biography is the only true history." A collection of biographies of officials and leading men of the Republican party of Chicago and Cook County, would give a more interesting as well as authentic history of the party than any other that could be written.

With each succeeding year, the haze of obscurity removes more and more from our view, the fast disappearing landmarks of the past. Oblivion sprinkles her dust of forgetfulness on men and their deeds, effectually concealing them from the public eye. Therefore a local history of the Republican party, affords the best means of preserving ancient history and also becomes immediately upon its publication a ready reference book.

The representative leading men of the Republican party, whose personal sketches it has been a pleasure for me to write, and give a place in this volume, are the men whom, in their

time, are deserving the credit of the upbuilding, prosperity and growth of the great Republican party in Chicago and Cook County.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining the ancient historical data contained herein, chiefly on account of the fact that no history has heretofore been published, which gave any of the desired information pertaining to the Republican party in Chicago and Cook County, which is contained herein.

With sincere thanks to my liberal patrons, and trusting that my humble effort in dedicating this volume to the Republican party and the public in general, will be appreciated,

I remain very respectfully,

R. P. O'GRADY.

CHICAGO, ILL., February 8, 1900.