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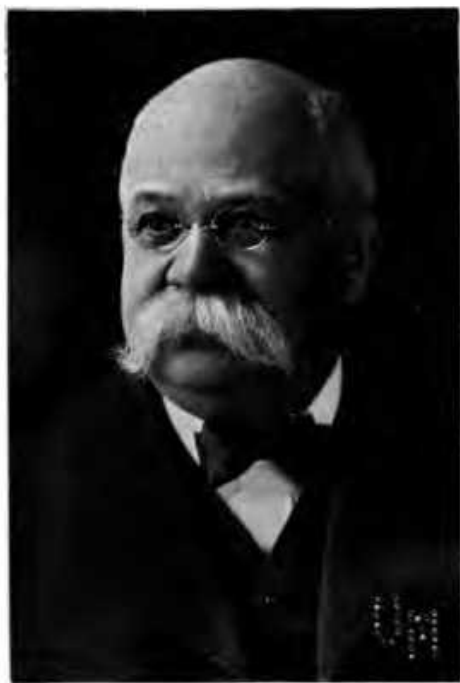
MR. *and* MRS. ERNEST H. STOWE

On behalf of myself and the veteran editors of Grand Rapids, I inscribe this little book to you as an appreciation of the generous hospitality we have enjoyed at your home and the many kindly acts you have extended to our members. Please accept this dedication as a testimonial of our esteem.

*Arthur Scott White*

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## Prefatory

The architect of this publication requested his friend of many years, Ernest A. Stowe, to write a few lines as an introduction to the pages that follow. His reply: "Your request imposes upon me the hardest and most pleasant task ever assigned me. I never wrote an introduction in my life. If you had asked me to write an essay on matches or molasses or prepare a dissertation on ten penny nails, I would have responded with alacrity, but when it comes to writing an introduction to a book such as you have mapped out, I am 'poor indeed'."

Mr. Stowe never "damns with faint praise". If he has respect for, and confidence in, the integrity of an individual, he says so with a full orchestral accompaniment. An individual he distrusts is an object of pity. Mr. Stowe's introduction captioned "A Labor of Love" follows:

"The nestor of Grand Rapids journalism requests me to write an introductory page for the splendid collection of personal reminiscences which he has gathered with scrupulous care and edited with a fondness which approaches affection. I do not agree with Mr. White that such a compendium requires any introduction, any more than Mr. White needs an introduction to the people of Grand Rapids. He has labored many long and weary years for the upbuilding of our city and state and has every reason to feel gratified over the success he has achieved and the victories he has won. "At" White is one of the historic landmarks of the Valley City. His charity and good will toward others is boundless. The calls upon his services have been countless, but he has always responded promptly and cheerfully. Those who owe him debts of gratitude in this city are legion. This booklet, original in conception and bold in execution, is only one of many proofs of his loyalty and devotion to the profession he has always aimed to serve with fidelity and the city he has honored by devoting the best years of his life to her expansion and upbuilding.

ERNEST A. STOWE.

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# William M. Hathaway's Many and Varied Experiences

by WILLIAM M. HATHAWAY

My friend of sixty-three years has written for this booklet a very interesting sketch of his newspaper life. Probably nobody living in the state of Michigan employed as a newspaper writer has had a longer and more varied experience than he. Mr. Hathaway is living on a farm near Ada, Mich., and has full employment for his strength in the care of cattle and honey bees. His experiences, as described by himself follow:

"Like yourself and many others of the craft, I entered it thru the print shop. Born in 1839 on a farm one-half mile west of the cross-roads one store village of Mooreville, Washtenaw county. I was the youngest of ten, and the only survivor. In the spring of 1856 I footed it to Ann Arbor and secured a job as printer's "devil" in the office of the Argus, owned by Elihu B. Pond, one of the noblest of men. You (A. S. W.) at the same time were a "devil" in the Journal office, next door, on the same floor. My first experience as an editor was in 1868, when Mr. Pond went to Lansing as the sole Democratic senator, leaving me in charge of the local, business and editorial paragraph departments, he sending leaders, etc., by mail. An incident I recall was the conviction of one Fuller of numerous burglaries and awaiting sentence; on circumstantial evidence developed at trials he was later convicted and sentenced for life to Jackson for the mysterious midnight murder of a wealthy resident on "Piety Hill" near his own home on his return from a trip to Detroit. Later a motion for a new trial was argued before Judge Lawrence, and, pending decision, the Argus, in a paragraph said "undoubtedly a new trial will be granted, as it certainly ought to be, owing to the flimsy evidence and the great public excitement at the trial."

Within an hour I was haled before the judge, on a bench warrant for contempt, and had some