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In submitting the fourth volume of the History of Colorado, a tinge of regret mingles with the author's satisfaction that the task, somewhat reluctantly undertaken, in 1887, is completed. There is intense relief that the trials and difficulties attending my endeavors at every stage, at times inexpressibly discouraging, are at an end. Whatever of regret there may be, arises from the realization that in a literary sense, if indeed any such merit appear, I am bidding a final adieu to memories and scenes with which I have been so long associated. And, more than all, that under happier auspices much that has been omitted might have found honorable place in these annals. When, in June, 1887, I engaged to prepare four volumes of 500 to 700 pages each, the magnitude of the work prearranged seemed appalling, for it appeared to me then, before a scrap had been gathered, quite beyond my capabilities to find sufficient important, and at the same time generally interesting, material for so large a space. I now, after eight years of labor, very forcibly comprehend that the room afforded was inadequate to the enormous supply. Two or three hundred pages more might have been profitably devoted to such subjects as the development of agriculture, irrigation, annals of the bench and bar, statistics of mining, climatology, municipal government, schools, churches, manufactures and commerce, with a well-digested epitome of the resources of the state, all of which, from the necessities of the situation, have been passed with only brief mention. Indeed, numerous outlines of these topics were drawn from time to time, but lacking facilities for perfecting them, they were, perforce, laid aside to be taken up and properly elaborated by later and more capable writers. The political annals from 1888 to 1890 inclusive are hastily summarized in the first chapter. It will be observed that in treating of mining districts, old and new, little description of mines has been attempted. Sufficient reason may be found in the fact that in most sections the chief producers of 1890, for example, which then attracted wide attention, were mainly or wholly obsolete a few years later, having meanwhile been superseded in public regard by an entirely new series of discoveries. One is reminded of these transitory conditions by reading Hollister, Fossett, Cushman and other book-writers of the first and second decades, who, in their histories have given extensive accounts of the mines of their respective epochs, scarcely one of which attracts even casual mention to-day. The whole face of mining and metallurgy has been revolutionized in the last ten years, and these industries, like the lives of men, have been utterly changed in the third and most radical epoch of advancement.

The delay of this volume beyond the anticipated time for its production was caused, partly by the disastrous financial revulsion of 1892-93 and partly by events which cannot well be explained. Nevertheless, the long interval has enabled me to incorporate much valuable matter bearing upon the origin of settlement in Denver, and in some of the mountain districts, which would have been overlooked had the publication occurred as previously announced.

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