

## TO THE READERS OF THE ANNALS.

Custom has long imposed upon those assuming the "chair editorial" the necessity of writing "a salutatory."

For one, and for once, we shall break over this custom. Our own history is thoroughly identified with that of the State. During a residence of more than a quarter of a century, we have been at times intimately connected with its executive, legislative and judicial departments; with its political, agricultural and educational interests, and from first to last working to collect and preserve its historical records, till our private collection has become of surpassing value and far more extensive than any other in the State.

"Working for nothing and feeding ourself," those who subscribe and *pay for* the Annals may rest assured that from "a love of the cause" we shall strive to give them at least the worth of their money, and aim at all times to promote the welfare of the Society and our patriotic State. And further deponent sayeth not.

T. S. PARVIN, Editor Annals.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

*History of Scott County*—is concluded in this number, a very full and interesting sketch by one who has helped to make the history he has written.

*History of Davis County*—will be commenced in the July number, and we are promised a portrait of its author, Capt. Hosea B. Horn, an old and influential settler of the county.

We shall not in the future devote so much space to any one county in a number, but strive to give each its portion in due season.

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