

PREFACE

FORWORD OR WHAT HAVE YOU?

Good friends, who for various reasons may read what is written here, having been initiated into the ancient and honorable "Order of Sons and Daughters of the Loyalsock", in these pages you will have an opportunity to read between the lines many personal experiences recorded only in the sacred tablets of your own memories.

Under the intoxicating thrill of unexpectedly meeting several hundred former friends, amid scenes that were familiar to us all some thirty years ago, the inspiration to create these word pictures was conceived.

Our brain child is intrusted to your care and protection, its mission is not to instruct but to interest you and recall to your memory: heroic deeds, amusing incidents, scenic beauty and what not which were a part of Hillsgrove, the land of our childhood.

Strangers, perhaps reading to pass an idle hour, you are also requested to read between the lines, for these pages could by a more talented pen, be better written of your home town and you can readily see in the stories retold, experiences that were yours with other faces and places substituted.

To good friends and neighbors, who have contributed to the success of this project, we offer grateful thanks, mentioning especially Mrs. Mary Streby, who has permitted the use of the valuable reference, a complete history of Sullivan County, published in 1903 by her late husband, George Streby of Dushore, Pa.

Kind Reader: If for any reason you do not like this effort, written with the kindest thoughts and best intentions, you will confer a real favor upon the authors by keeping still about its faults and remembering that it is offered without excuse or apology.