

of the home-circle, reads this volume, it is to be hoped — for, of course, he is well-bred — that he will consider himself in the position of the chance guest!

In the preparation of this work, the amount of letter-writing has been very great; and the labor of ferreting out facts which could be relied upon will readily appear to any who have undertaken such a task; especially, when it is considered that the descendants of Nicholas Starin may be found in nearly every State and Territory in the Union. It cannot, indeed, be expected that the work will be found free from errors; still, I have in all cases sought to record that which appeared most reliable. It has also been my endeavor to bring into prominent relief sterling character, kind dispositions, patriotic purposes, and such qualities of head and heart as make valuable citizens and impart a healthy moral sentiment to community — traits which, as previously hinted, are marked characteristics of this line. Some of my letters to descendants still living, have, I regret to say, met with no response. Still, many have replied most sympathetically; and in this connection, I would state that I have derived much kindly assistance from Mr. George Moser and Mrs. Emelio Puig of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Hiram Baker, Mr. Mason B. Starin and Mr. William A. Starin of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. Frederic J. Starin of Whitewater, Wis.; Miss Jane Ann Starin of Hinsdale, Ill.; Mr. Josiah N. Starin and Miss Helen C. Starin of Germantown, Pa.; Mr. Frederick R. Starin of West Plains, Mo.; Mrs. William O. Jewett of Albion, Mich.; Mr. Alva C. Starin of Washington, D. C.; Mr. Adam L. Starin of Utica, N. Y.; Gen. Frederick A. Starin of New York city;