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State of Ohio

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## PREFATORY NOTE

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The prefatory note to the first volume of the Proceedings and Debates leaves little to be said by way of introduction to the second. The work, it will be seen, extends considerably beyond the limit of fifteen hundred pages contemplated in the contract with the printer.

The appendix to this volume is self-explanatory. It contains a list of the members of the convention similar to the one on pages one and two of the first volume, with the addition of the country and date of birth of each member. These items have been taken from the biographical sketches compiled by Captain N. W. Evans, delegate from Scioto County and historian and reference librarian of the Convention. These sketches, together with the photographs of all the members of the Convention, have been transferred, in compliance with Resolution No. 162, to the library of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, as have also the itemized account of all expenditures, duplicate copies of bills and vouchers, the original manuscript journal and other documents in the office of the secretary of the convention.

The constitution of Ohio, followed by the facsimile signatures, has been compiled from the best texts available. A few very obvious omissions or inaccuracies have been indicated by the proper word or letters in brackets. The date of adoption of all amendments prior to those submitted at the special election September 3, 1912, is given in every instance in order that the reader may determine what provisions are now in force. The Convention did not essay the task of eliminating all portions of the constitution of 1851 that had been superseded, modified or repealed by amendment.

The proposals introduced in the Convention were all printed, some of them more than once in amended form. These are available in libraries. The printed journal of the Convention contains the full text of the constitutions of Ohio of 1802 and 1851 respectively, and the constitution proposed for the state by the convention of 1873-74, with references from the sections of each to corresponding sections of the other.

Much has been written and more will doubtless yet be written of the work of the Constitutional Convention of 1912. A list of references to published articles was prepared for the appendix, but it has been omitted because it would soon be incomplete and for the further reason that such a list corrected to date may be found in many libraries of the state. While a number of these are well supplied with printed matter relating to the subject, the most complete collection will be found in the library of the Ohio State University. This collection, with the documents transferred to the library of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, located on the university grounds, brings within easy reach of the students of that institution and others interested practically all of the available source material on the Constitutional Convention and its work.

In these days, when the light of publicity shines upon all public events, great and small, it is needless to say that there will be found abundant source materials for the study of the Fourth Constitutional Convention and its work.

The index with which this volume closes, it is believed, will be found a comprehensive and satisfactory guide to the Proceedings and Debates.

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