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P R E F A C E.

The compilation of the statistics and other matter which precedes the body of the Directory, has been a task that was by no means easy. We have aimed to give the outlines of the leading industries of the county, and have briefly noticed the most important towns. We have also given a full statement of the general condition of affairs in the city of Oakland, official matters, and the condition of the more prominent private enterprises. We are indebted to many persons for valuable information: To the City Clerk, Mr. Hillebrand; to the City Marshal, Mr. McKay; to Mr. E. C. Sessions for our real estate summary and map, and to Mr. A. L. Fuller, County Superintendent of Public Schools, for a mass of interesting statistics. We feel that the work has been made as complete as the matter at hand would permit. There having been no previous volume upon the same subject, we have in most cases had no previous work to rely upon. The Directory for last year contains a full statement of Oakland City matters, which we have drawn upon only for the purpose of giving comparative statements. This volume is intended to be but another of that series, so that the varied information contained in its pages has not been repeated, and in but few cases even alluded to. The present volume will be found to be fully up with the times, and cannot fail to be of value to all who are interested in the city of Oakland, or in any other part of Alameda county.

The canvass made for the Directory, shows that there are within the limits of the city 1,200 houses, sixty of which have been built within the year. There are thirty-two brick buildings. From the data to be found in various