

Oakland, and considerable information concerning the affairs of the City of Oakland and the County of Alameda. These two volumes, (with the exception of a worthless publication issued in 1871, under the title of a "County Directory") comprise the list of Oakland Directories published to this date.

The number of references contained in the Oakland Directory for 1872 is 3,984, of which 3,350, are adult males. Population estimated at 12,011; number of buildings in the city, estimated, 1,450, of which 45 are of brick. Number of references in the Brooklyn Directory, 783, of which 680 are adult males. Population estimated at 2,750. Thorough and reliable statistics on these subjects will be found in the Historical and General Review.

The Map of Oakland and its environs, which accompanies the present volume, has been corrected in accordance with recent surveys; and the additions incident to the recent extension of the city's limits have been included therein. The Directory of Streets, now for the first time published, has been compiled from the official surveys of the City Engineer, and other data obtained during the progress of the canvass for the work.

In the absence of a system for numbering the buildings of the City of Oakland, considerable difficulty has been encountered in definitely locating the residences of many persons referred to in the Register of Names. It is to be hoped, however, that before another year shall have passed away, some plan will have been adopted and enforced to remove what is now regarded as a public inconvenience.

The pages of the present volume afford abundant evidences of the present prosperous condition of Oakland and "her neighbor" Brooklyn. In almost every department of human industry, the most unmistakable signs of advancement are observed, and a reference to the "facts and figures" presented in the Historical Review cannot fail to produce a result in every respect worthy of the progressive and enterprising spirit of their people.

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