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Introductory

WE take pleasure in presenting to our patrons the twenty-second volume of the Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda City Directory, feeling assured that it will be found equal if not superior to its predecessors.

Great care has been taken in the preparation of every department of the work: experienced men have been employed, and no expense has been spared in making it as nearly perfect as such a work can be.

The present volume, while not as bulky as its predecessor, has not been curtailed in any particular and contains more names than ever before. Abbreviations have been used for the familiar streets and occupations, thereby saving many a line and giving the work a more compact and neater appearance.

Oakland and adjoining cities have continued to grow, notwithstanding the return of many people to our sister city across the bay since its rebuilding. Others have taken their places, and the prospects were never brighter than they are today for a great and prosperous city. With our Chamber of Commerce nearing a membership of 5,000, a new \$210,000 Y. M. C. A. building, a \$1,000,000 hotel soon to be erected, many substantial business blocks springing up, residences being erected in every part of the city, there is no reason why we should not in the near future have a combined population of 500,000.

POPULATION.

The 1908 Directory contained 76,712 names for Oakland, 16,378 for Berkeley, and 11,522 for Alameda. The present volume contains for Oakland 78,412, Berkeley 16,856, Alameda 11,842, showing an increase in the three cities of 2,496 names. Applying the usual multiple to represent the women and children not enumerated makes the population of Greater Oakland 321,318.

Thanking our patrons for their patronage and for the facilities extended us in furnishing data for the work, we remain,

Respectfully,

POLK-HUSTED DIRECTORY CO.