

this matter in a proper light, are the Chinese merchants, who, without an exception, have their places of business correctly and conspicuously numbered—an example that should not be lost sight of by their more intelligent neighbors.

The contents of the present volume will be found, on examination, to be of considerable interest to the citizens of San Francisco, and in its selection the compiler has aimed to include, not only a register of the residents, but such information connected with the progress and present condition of the city as would best illustrate its importance and character. The register comprises eighteen thousand, five hundred names—nearly seven thousand more than are contained in the Directory of last year published by Mr. Colville. This addition is not owing altogether to an increase of the population, but from the fact of a more thorough canvass of the city having been made, and many portions included which hitherto were omitted. In the arrangement of the different firms, the style of the Boston Directory of Mr. Adams, has been adopted, and a thorough alphabetical arrangement pursued throughout.

The Business Directory, a feature introduced in a General Directory for the first time in California, comprises over six thousand different persons, residents of the city, arranged and classified under appropriate heads. This department will be found useful for reference, and a valuable addition to the work. The Appendix contains the organization of the municipal government, including the various departments and the officers thereof, together with appropriate references to the different associations, and a variety of information connected therewith. The Historical Review also contains many interesting facts and statistics, exhibiting the progress and present condition of the city, worthy of attention and consideration.

In closing these remarks the compiler would express his thanks for the uniform courtesy extended to him during the progress of his labors; the prompt and ready acquiescence exhibited by the different public officers in furnishing information, and the valuable assistance rendered by numerous friends is warmly appreciated. The San Francisco Directory for 1859, will be issued in January next.