

PREFATORY.

ON presenting to the public the SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY, for 1859 and 1860, the Second Volume of the work issued by the present compiler, and inviting attention thereto, he would repeat what was set forth in his introductory of last year:

"In the preparation of the present volume, the compiler has aimed to arrange a Directory more comprehensive in its plan, and more systematic in its arrangement, than any publication of a similar character hitherto issued in California. He has endeavored to present a Manual of Reference so useful and valuable, that its successors may be deemed welcome annual visitors to every citizen. To this end he has devoted unremitting industry and the most vigilant care. How far he has given evidence of his ability to accomplish this, must be determined by the succeeding pages; and in referring thereto, he only asks that indulgence for any defects which may exist therein, that he has a right to expect, when the peculiarities of the undertaking are taken into consideration. There is, probably, no literary enterprise which is surrounded with so many obstacles to its successful prosecution, as the preparation of a work like the present; and especially in this city, where there is so much reluctance expressed by many persons to communicate the necessary information. In this respect, the compiler has met with so many cases where parties have refused their names, occupation and residence, that it has required considerable time and labor to complete the work in a satisfactory manner. He anticipates, however, that these difficulties will not exist to any considerable extent hereafter, and that a more universal desire will be exhibited to assist him in his efforts to establish, permanently, a work of so much importance to the city, as a complete and reliable Directory."

An examination of the present volume will better convey a proper idea of its importance to the residents of this city, and the amount of labor necessary to prepare it for the press, than any particular description of its contents, which might be referred to here; but in justice to himself, the