The Historical and General Reviews of the present volume contain a large amount of data, exhibiting the operations of our Municipal Government, and a variety of information connected with the progress of the City, interesting and useful for reference. The enumeration of the number and character of the buildings comprised within our municipal limits, now for the first time published, is an interesting and important contribution to the statistical data of the State. The Chronological History embodies the principal events which have taken place in this City during the past thirteen months, with a variety of useful statistical data of the same period. The Appendix will be found complete and reliable. The Consolidation Act has been carefully compiled, and the amendments in force at the present time, incorporated therein. The Directory of Streets, Public Buildings, etc., has been revised, and the changes and additions of the past year added thereto. The officers and the operations of the different departments of Government, Federal, State and Municipal, and the list of Societies and the various Public Institutions, have been carefully corrected, and throughout this department, a completeness will be observed not hitherto attained in any similar publication. The various changes and removals, which have taken place during the progress of the work through the press, and the different new firms formed since the city was canvassed, will be found at the commencement of the work

In closing these remarks, the compiler would again 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, are warmly appreciated. The SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY for 1861–'62, will be issued in July next.

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