

## PREFATORY.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY for 1862-3, will be found, on examination, to be fully equal in interest and value to either of its predecessors, and entitled to the flattering support extended to it.

The present issue of the Directory contains upward of thirty-four thousand names, an increase of nearly five thousand over the number contained in the volume of last year, or nearly nineteen per cent. The same gratifying results of the rapid progress of our city during the past year, will be found in every department of the work.

The difficulties annually referred to, which embarrass the efforts of the canvassers employed in the collection of names, have not diminished, but, on the contrary, seem to keep pace with the increasing size of the work. A continued and stubborn reluctance on the part of a *few* to furnish information when politely requested, annually imposes upon the compiler a considerable amount of labor and expense, and in order to prevent, as far as possible, such a result hereafter, he is determined to publish, in the columns of the work, the number of the building where such a course is pursued.

The system of numbering, ordered by the municipal authorities, has added value to the work, and were it universally adopted, would doubtless be received with general favor, and would tend much to simplify future references. In order to facilitate public convenience, a "Numerical Street Directory," in accordance with the new plan, has been prepared, and will be found in the present volume under its appropriate head. The "Business Directory" has received from the compiler especial attention, and he feels confident that the industry devoted to that branch of the work has produced a very complete list of all trades and professions carried on in our city, with an accurate register of the names of all persons or firms engaged therein. In this list over eleven thousand names will be found so arranged as to be of easy reference, and supplying to the stranger ready means for procuring much valuable information in regard to the trade of this city. The "Street Directory" has been carefully revised, and now conforms to the official data in the office of the Assessor of the city and county.