

P R E F A C E.

THE SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY for 1864-65, the seventh issue by the present Compiler, contains over forty-two thousand references, of which over thirty-seven thousand are male residents of the city—an increase of nearly ten per cent. over that of last year. In every department of the work the same gratifying evidences will be found of the rapid growth of the city.

The present population of San Francisco is estimated at one hundred and twelve thousand seven hundred, of which thirty-three thousand are under twenty-one years of age. These figures, made to some extent from official data, may be regarded as a fair approximation of the population. The number of buildings erected during the past twelve months exceeds one thousand, many of which are costly private residences that would ornament any city in the Union.

As an evidence of the progress of San Francisco from 1856 to the present year, we annex the number of references contained in each yearly issue of this work and the number of buildings:

REFERENCES.—1858, 18,000; 1859, 21,800; 1860, 26,000; 1861, 30,000; 1862, 34,000; 1863, 37,000; 1864, 42,000.

BUILDINGS.—1861, 11,285; 1862, 12,303; 1863, 13,303; 1864, 14,443.

The Business Directory contains over twelve thousand business firms, so arranged as to be of easy reference, to which especial attention is invited. This department has been prepared with great care, and it will be found to embody a mass of information relative to the trade of this city not to be found in any other work.

The "Street Directory" has been carefully revised and now conforms to the official data of the office of the Assessor of the City and County.

In the "Appendix" the Consolidation Act has been republished, with all the amendments so methodically arranged that the changes in the law are perceptible at a glance. Also the local laws relative to this city, passed by the Legislature of 1863-4—a mass of information extremely varied, and much of it very interesting, embracing lists of the Federal, State, and Municipal Officers, notices of Local Societies and Associations, Churches, Military Organizations, etc., etc.