

The "General Review" presents a diary of the interesting local events of the year, brief notices of Schools, public and private Benevolent Associations, Cemeteries, Public Improvements, Railroads, and other subjects worthy of special mention, with historical data of present interest and well calculated to make the book a valuable work of reference to future generations. But the particular features of this department of the Directory are the Tables, presenting a corrected census of the city and county for 1861, 1863, and 1864, the compilation of the United States census of the city and county for 1860, and the statement of the buildings within the city limits. To these there has been devoted immense labor at considerable expense to the compiler, but as they satisfactorily prove the permanent growth and prosperity of the city, constitute most valuable data for subsequent reference, and set at rest speculation on a much-vexed question, he is fully rewarded for the expenditure.

Prefixed to the Directory is a valuable map of the City of San Francisco carefully revised and corrected to 1864, with the different railroad routes and new Election Districts.

The difficulties in obtaining information for the work, so frequently referred to in former volumes, have greatly increased during the present canvass. The hesitation and in many instances the positive refusal to furnish information when politely requested have occasioned a considerable amount of extra labor, thereby seriously retarding the progress of the compilation. The condition of our public affairs, the fear of the draft, and the visit of the Tax Collector have each contributed to this result, and it is to be hoped that good sense and a more intimate acquaintance with the importance of the work will remove for the future what has become a serious impediment to its completeness.

The compiler would again acknowledge his thanks for the courtesy extended to him during the preparation of the work. The prompt and willing assistance extended by public officers, officers of societies, and others who have been applied to for information, is warmly appreciated. To his numerous advertising patrons, for their substantial evidences of good will, and to Messrs. Towne & Bacon, to whom the typographical department was intrusted, he would especially offer his thanks.

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