Business Directory and Mercantile Guide.

The large and extensive Marble Works of Messrs. PALTENGHI & LARSENEUR was established in San Francisco in the year 1854. Since then the proprietors have continued to identify themselves with the growth and prosperity of the country, and from time to time so enlarge their facilities for doing business, as to meet the constantly increasing demand for work in their line. Among the advantages possessed by them over other similar establishments, is in being so situated as to be able to send orders for the finer and more difficult kinds of Sculpture, Statuary, etc., direct to their agents in Italy, where the work is executed with dispatch, and in a style of art unexcelled in the world.

In addition to the manufacture of every description of work, from the plain to the ornamental and artistical, they also keep on hand every kind and quality of Marble to be found in the American market, including Italian Statuary, Vein Italian, California, American, and Colored Foreign Marble. They also have at their works a large variety of plain and ornamental work completed, which will be worth the while of those having either interest or curiosity to gratify, to call and inspect.

PACIFIC MONTHLY.

The Pacific Monthly commenced its career under the name of the "Hesperian," and under the editorial control of Mrs. F. H. Day. It was published for some years under that name, sustaining the reputation of a first class high-toned periodical, devoted to the life and literature of the Pacific coast. In the year 1862, Mrs. E. T. Shenck became its Editor and proprietor, and soon after was joined by Rev. J. D. Strong, whose ability and uprightness contrasted well with the general idea pertaining to the uprightness of an editor. Mrs. E. T. Shenck became editor of the "Hesperian" at a most unfavorable period. It was in debt, in bad repute, small, and struggling for the last breath of life. She bought up out of the law estate, and to her is now due to no small degree the present existing Magazine. In a few months Rev. J. D. Strong and lady became sole proprietors of the work, and in November, 1863, it passed into the hands of its present editor. Mr. Strong made the change of name from the "Hesperian" to the " Pacific Monthly," and gave it a certain popularity, which will ever be remembered, and, we trust, still eling to it.

The Magazine is now on a permanent basis. It has increased its size to four forms, and is circulated to two thousand readers, many of whom are Eastern people. Its aim is to illustrate the life and many interests of this coast, and rank first in worth, as well as age, in the State.

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