

P R E F A C E .

THE present is the eighth volume of the SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY, issued by its present compiler, and the fifteenth Directory published in this city.

The first Directory of this city was published in September, 1850, by C. P. Kimball. It was a small pamphlet volume of one hundred and thirty-six pages, containing three thousand, two hundred and eight names, of which fifty-one were Smiths, twelve were Jones, and thirteen were Robinsons. The second was issued in September, 1852, by W. A. Morgan & Co., in an octavo form of one hundred and twenty-five pages, containing about three thousand names, and a classification of trades and professions. In December of the same year, J. A. Parker published the third Directory. It was an octavo volume of one hundred and eighty pages, embracing eight thousand, five hundred names, together with an admirably compiled sketch of the rise and progress of San Francisco, written by Dr. H. Gibbons. The fourth was published by Lecount & Strong, in February, 1854, under the editorial charge of Frank Rivers. It was a volume of three hundred and fifty pages, of octavo size, containing nearly thirteen thousand names, together with extensive references to the municipal government, associations, and other items of valuable information. In December, 1855, Baggett, Joseph & Co. published a Classified Professional and Business Directory, of two hundred and twenty-two pages, octavo, containing the addresses of nearly six thousand business firms. The sixth Directory was issued in October, 1856, under the editorial charge of C. C. Sackett and Samuel Colville. It was a volume of three hundred and fifty pages, in octavo, containing over twelve thousand names, and a large amount of information connected with the rise and progress of the city, and very complete references to the different organizations then in existence. It also embraced a valuable historical sketch of the city, written by Frank Soulé, Esq., and a number of short biographical sketches of the leading firms. In October of the same year, Messrs. Harris, Bogardus & Labatt published a Directory of one hundred and twenty-five pages, octavo, containing about ten thousand names, with a variety of information connected with the city. The eighth, the first of the present series, was issued in January, 1858, by the publisher of the present volume. It was an octavo volume of four hundred and ten pages, containing eighteen thousand, five hundred names. The ninth was published in June, 1859, containing four hundred and ninety pages, and twenty-one thousand, five hundred names. A very valuable historical sketch of the city, written by Clement Ferguson, Esq., accompanied this volume. The tenth was published in July, 1860, containing five hundred and fifty pages, and twenty-six thousand names. The eleventh was published in September, 1861, containing six hundred and twenty-four pages, and twenty-nine thousand names. The twelfth was published in September, 1862, containing six hundred and ninety-four pages, and thirty-four thousand names. The thirteenth was published in October, 1863, containing six hundred and sixty pages, and thirty-eight thousand names. The number of pages of this issue was somewhat reduced from that of the preceding volume, in consequence of the use of a smaller-sized type in the printing of the work. The fourteenth was issued in November, 1864, containing seven hundred and forty pages, and forty-two thousand references.

The foregoing presents an interesting account of the different directories of San Francisco, published since the foundation of the city—exhibiting at a glance the rapid growth of the city, and the progress of an enterprise, which is now regarded as one of the “features” of our metropolis.

The number of references contained in the present volume is nearly forty-five thousand, of