

P R E F A T O R Y .

NO BETTER evidence of the continued progress and prosperity of the city of San Francisco need be required than the pages of the present volume. An examination of the different departments of the work, and the consideration of a few facts derived therefrom, will unmistakably prove that, notwithstanding the recent severe monetary pressure, its progress for the past year, in all the elements composing its population and wealth, has been fully equal to any similar period of its history.

The number of references in the present volume is over sixty-five thousand, of which fifty-nine thousand five hundred are males over twenty-one years of age, an increase since 1868 of fourteen per cent., and over those contained in our issue of 1867 of thirty-three per cent.

The population of the City of San Francisco, September, 1869, is estimated at one hundred and seventy thousand two hundred and fifty, of which fifty-two thousand are white males and females under twenty one and eighteen respectively. The white females over eighteen are estimated at thirty-four thousand three hundred. The number of Chinese is estimated at eight thousand six hundred. These figures are based upon the most reliable data, and may be regarded, in the absence of an official canvass, as a fair approximation of the population of this city. Total increase since the Federal census of 1860, fifty-six thousand eight hundred and thirty-five—two hundred per cent.

The number of buildings erected during the year is eight hundred and fifty, of which two hundred and fifty are brick. Total number in the city and county, eighteen thousand six hundred and fifty-nine. The value of improvements for the year ending June 30th, 1869, is estimated between nine and ten millions of dollars, exclusive of the amount expended by the Superintendent of Streets, one million six hundred thousand dollars.

The Appendix contains a variety of information connected with our municipal organization, the Consolidation Act, with its Amendments arranged under each appropriate head, and several Acts of the Legislature referring thereto. There will be also found in this department of the work a large number of references to the different organizations in this city, embracing lists of the Federal, State, and Municipal Officers, notices of local Societies and Associations, Churches, Military organizations, Incorporations, etc. Attention is invited to a new Map of the City and County of San Francisco, and the new Street Directory, including the correct system of numbering the buildings, both of which have been compiled from official sources, and carefully compared with each street and locality named therein.

The Introductory and General Review present a diary of the interesting local events of the year, brief notices of Schools,—public and private—Benevolent Associations, Banks and Insurance Companies, and references to the different mechanical enterprises in operation at the present time in this city, together with 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 work are a series of valuable Meteorological Observations of the climate of this city from 1850 to 1869, contributed by Henry Gibbons, M.D., a description of the Railroads of the Pacific Coast by H. D. Dunn, Esq., and a series of tables presenting a correct census of the city and county for 1860, 1861, 1863, 1868, and 1869; also a review of the improvements made from July 1st, 1868, to November 30th, 1869, and a statement of the number of buildings within the city limits.

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