

PREFATORY.

IN presenting this, the thirteenth volume of the **SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY** to his patrons, the compiler would respectfully invite attention to a few of the prominent features contained therein, and the many evidences of the progress and permanent prosperity of the City to be found throughout its pages.

The number of references contained in the present volume is over 92,000, as follows: Register of Names, 64,294; Business Directory, 17,238; Appendix, 11,000. The population of this City is estimated at 178,276—a gain since January, 1871, of 5,526. The data upon which these figures are based, with explanatory remarks, together with several valuable and interesting tables connected therewith, will be found comprised in the article on Population, on page 11, to which attention is respectfully invited.

The number of buildings erected from January, 1871, to March, 1872, is estimated at 920, at a valuation of over \$2,500,000. The expenditures of the Department of Streets and Highways, for the year ending June 30th, 1871, amounted to \$843,415. Among the buildings erected during the year are several valuable and extensive structures of a public character, and numerous elegant private residences. The total number of buildings in the City and County is 20,287.

In the Appendix will be found a variety of information connected with our municipal organization, the Consolidation Act, with the Amendments adopted to March 1st, 1872, arranged under each appropriate head, and several Acts of the Legislature connected therewith, to which has been added an analytical index, which will facilitate reference 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 and corrected map of the City and County of San Francisco, and a revised 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, Mining and other Incorporations, and references to the different mechanical enterprises in operation at the present time in this City, together with other subjects worthy of special mention and historical data of present interest, 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 1871, contributed by Henry Gibbons, M. D., and articles on the Railroads of the Pacific Coast, and the progress of Improvements and Manufactures in this City during the past year; also a review of the improvements made from January, 1871, to March, 1872, and a statement of the number of buildings within the City limits.

The compiler would respectfully tender his thanks for the prompt coöperation extended by the different public officers, and other gentlemen who have been applied to for information for the work. To those who have refused their names, or other items of information, he would refer them to the pages of the work; they will there find, arranged in its proper order, the desired data, obtained without their assistance. To his numerous patrons for their substantial evidences of good will, and to Messrs. **BACON & COMPANY**, to whom the typographical department was intrusted, he would especially offer his thanks. The fourteenth volume of the **SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY** will be issued in March, 1873.

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