

PREFATORY.

The varied contents of the present, the Eighteenth, Volume of the San Francisco Directory, will be found on examination to be fully equal in usefulness, thoroughness and reliability, to either of its predecessors.

The number of references contained in the present volume is one hundred and fifty-eight thousand one hundred and forty-five, viz: Register of names, one hundred and eight thousand six hundred and forty-five (of which one hundred thousand eight hundred and fifty are names of resident males). Business Directory, twenty-eight thousand five hundred. Appendix, twenty-one thousand. The number of names of male residents in 1874 is sixty-five thousand and ninety-two; 1875, seventy-seven thousand two hundred and six; 1876, ninety thousand six hundred and thirty-three; 1877, one hundred thousand eight hundred and fifty. Increase since March 1, 1876, ten thousand two hundred and seventeen, or over eleven per cent. The population of this city is estimated, March 1, 1877, at three hundred and one thousand and twenty. March 1, 1876, two hundred and seventy-two thousand three hundred and forty-five. A gain of twenty-eight thousand six hundred and seventy-five, or over ten per cent. Estimating the population on the basis of the number of names in the present volume—one hundred thousand eight hundred and fifty—and assuming that each name represents three in population, it would give three hundred and two thousand five hundred and fifty as the result. In Chicago three and one-half are taken as a basis; in St. Louis four; and in New York five. These figures may answer for the localities to which they refer, but for this city, where so many peculiarities surround the different elements which compose our population, they would be undoubtedly too high. The article on population, on page 39, contains valuable data on this subject, to which attention is respectfully invited.

The number of buildings erected during the year ending February 23, 1877, is one thousand six hundred, of which thirty-six are of brick, at an aggregate cost of \$3,500,000. If the amounts disbursed in improving the waterfront and public streets, and in beautifying our parks and private residences, be added, the aggregate amount for improvements of all kinds, for 1876-7, will exceed \$10,000,000. In addition to several extensive blocks for business purposes completed during the year, an unusual number of elegant and commodious private residences have been erected, which equal in beauty and cost those of former years. The total number of buildings comprised within the city limits is twenty-seven thousand, of which four thousand three hundred and ninety are brick.

The expense of maintaining the Municipal Government for the year ending June 30, 1876, is \$4,481,187, including the expenses of the Street Department. The Bonded Debt of the city, June 30, 1876, is \$4,322,500, exclusive of the Montgomery Avenue Bonds, \$1,500,000.

The Introductory and General Review present a diary of interesting local events of the year, brief notices of schools, public and private, descriptions of Public Buildings, Hotels, Public Parks, and the operations of the different Railroads and Steamship Lines, together with references to several 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 most interesting features of this department are valuable contributions on the Population of the City; Meteorology and Climate of San Francisco from 1851 to 1877, by Henry Gibbons, M.D.; the Current History and Progress of the City; a Review of its Manufacturing interests, and operations of the Public Schools, 1875-6; a Chronological History of the City for the year 1876; and a statement of the cost and number of buildings erected during the past year and the aggregate number within the city limits.

The Appendix contains a variety of valuable information connected with the different departments of the Municipal Government and the officers thereof. 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, which for reliability and beauty of execution has never been equaled on this coast, and a revised Street Directory, including the new system of numbering the buildings, thoroughly revised, and carefully compared with each street and locality named therein.

The present volume of THE SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY has been printed from new material, cast expressly for the purpose, by Miller & Richard, Edinburgh, and supplied through their agent in this city, Mr. John J. Palmer. A single glance through its pages is only necessary to direct attention to a style of type which for beauty and symmetry it would be difficult to excel.

The compiler respectfully tenders his thanks to Gen. James Coey, Postmaster of this city, for his courteous assistance during the progress of this work through the press. By his kindness, over eight thousand notices of new arrivals, removals, etc., received at the Post Office, have been incorporated with the returns of the regular canvass, thereby securing a degree of completeness and accuracy for the work considerably in advance of previous years. He would also express his acknowledgments for many favors extended by the different public officers, and other gentlemen who have been applied to for information for the work. To his numerous friends for their liberal patronage, and to Messrs. Francis & Valentine, by whom the typographical department was executed, he would especially tender his thanks. The nineteenth volume of THE SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY will be issued in March, 1878.