

PREFATORY.

The present, the nineteenth, volume of THE SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY, will be found on examination to contain an unusually large amount of valuable and useful information connected with the city, fully equal in thoroughness and reliability to either of its predecessors.

The number of references contained in the present volume is one hundred and fifty-four thousand six hundred and ninety, viz: Register of names, one hundred and five thousand one hundred and ninety (of which ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty are names of resident males). Business Directory, twenty-seven thousand five hundred. Appendix, twenty-two 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; 1878, ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty, a decrease of eleven hundred since March 1, 1877. The population of this city is estimated, March 1, 1877, at three hundred and one thousand and twenty; February 1, 1878, three hundred and eight thousand two hundred and fifteen, an increase for the eleven months ending January 31, 1878, of seven thousand one hundred and ninety-five, or 2.35 per cent. Although the figures of the adult male population show a slight decrease for the period named, the estimates of the female adults and the males and females under twenty-one and eighteen, respectively, exhibit a gratifying increase. The article on population, on page 41, contains valuable data on this subject, to which attention is respectfully invited.

The number of buildings erected during the year ending January 31, 1878, is one thousand two hundred and fifty, of which forty-two are of brick, at an aggregate cost of \$9,000,000. If the amounts disbursed in improving the water front and public streets, and in beautifying our parks and private residences, be added, the aggregate amount for improvements of all kinds, for 1877-8, will exceed \$11,000,000. In addition to several extensive blocks for business purposes completed during the year, a 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-eight thousand one hundred, of which four thousand four hundred and thirty are brick.

The expense of maintaining the Municipal Government for the year ending June 30, 1877, is \$5,347,538, including the expenses of the Street Department. The Bonded Debt of the city, June 30, 1877, is \$4,322,500 (less amount in sinking funds, \$735,386). This amount does not include the Montgomery Avenue Bonds, \$1,500,000, and the Dupont Street Improvement Bonds, \$1,000,000.

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 1878, 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, 1876-7; a Chronological History of the City for the year 1877; 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 equalled 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 simple 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 nine 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 twentieth volume of THE SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY will be issued in February, 1879.