

PREFATORY.

The number of references contained in the present volume of the San Francisco Directory, including the Register of Names from page 77 to page 967 and Supplementary Names from page 69 to page 76 is one hundred and nine thousand five hundred and forty, being a small increase of the number contained in the Directory of 1879. It has been customary in former volumes to give an estimate of the population, based on the number of names obtained by the Directory canvassers, but the near approach of the time when the Federal Census will be taken makes an estimate this year unnecessary. It may be stated, however, that a comparison of the number of names published in the volume of 1879 with that of 1880 will show but little change in the aggregate population since our last issue, notwithstanding the decrease during the past year of the Chinese element, which is estimated by good authorities to be about seven thousand.

The statement prepared for the State Controller by direction of the Board of Supervisors, giving an exhibit of financial affairs on October 6th, 1879, places the value of real estate at \$123,114,905; improvements, \$43,314,940; personal property, \$50,959,491. Total, \$217,389,336.

The funded debt of the city June 30th, 1879, was \$4,018,500; deducting the sinking fund on hand, \$1,016,433.99, leaves the net funded debt \$3,002,066.01. The rate of taxation was: City and County, \$1.37; State, \$0.62½. Total \$1.99½. The Auditor's report gives the amount of demands audited during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1879, \$5,103,398.65.

In the General Review will be found much valuable information in regard to Trade and Commerce, City and County Finances, Registration of Votes, Real Estate, Public Buildings, Hotels, Theaters, Public Parks, Water Front and Harbor Improvements, Water Supply, Public Schools, Colleges, Public Libraries, Manufactures, Banking, Insurance, Health of the City, Hospitals, etc.; also, a resume of the operations of the different Steam and Street Railroads and Steamship Lines, together with other data well calculated to make the volume a valuable book of reference in future years. But the most interesting features of this department are valuable contributions on the Meteorology and Climate of San Francisco from 1851 to 1880, by Henry Gibbons, M.D.

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 Street Directory, including the official system of numbering the buildings, thoroughly revised, and carefully compared with each street and locality named therein.

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, several thousand notices of new arrivals, removals, etc., received at the Post Office, have been incorporated with the returns of the regular canvass. 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, and to his numerous friends for their liberal patronage to the work.