

PREFACE.

IN the compilation of the "MINERS AND BUSINESS MEN'S DIRECTORY" we have not confined ourselves to the registry of names alone, (as we have not given over one-eight part of the population,) but have endeavored to collect such other matter concerning the territory embraced as would be of interest not only to our own people, but also those at a distance, many of whom have an idea that the mining community are but half civilized, savage, and dangerous to meet. To this class of our readers we beg to refer them to the "Report of the Superintendent of Public Schools," our Churches, our Masonic, Odd Fellows, Sons of Temperance, and other praise-worthy organizations, and see if we do not contrast well with any like number of population on the face of the Globe.

In order to get reliable information as to the rise and progress of the different Camps, we have visited most of them in person, and are happy to state that in most instances the citizens have furnished us with the desired information. Those Camps that have manifested little or no interest in the enterprise, cannot attach any blame on our part for not giving them a more conspicuous notice—the fault is theirs, and not ours.

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If this, our first effort, in the mountains of California, meets with the approbation of the public, we will be more than remunerated, and in all probability present another of like character, but greatly improved on the 1st of January, 1857.

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