

P R E F A C E .

IN compiling the **HAND-BOOK AND DIRECTORY OF NAPA, LAKE, SONOMA AND MENDOCINO COUNTIES**, I have endeavored to obtain and give the correct name and residence of all permanent inhabitants, noting occupation, location, and postoffice address of each.

Much care has been used in obtaining the statistical information, and yet it has been impossible to avoid all errors. These, however, are comparatively few, and will lead to still more thorough and careful work hereafter.

In order to make my work equally acceptable to the merchant and farmer, the resident and the tourist, I have added a complete description of each County, City, Town, Village, Hamlet and Farming Centre; also of the Watering Places and all points of natural attraction. For the tourist and invalid who may visit California for pleasure, or for sanitary reasons, this feature of my book, I am convinced, will be of great utility.

I desire also to inform the public that this work is but the initial number of a series which will form, when complete, a Hand-Book and Directory of the State, engrossing the names of all residents.

I hope to have the support and patronage of the public in this undertaking, and shall always strive to merit it by making my publications valuable through their completeness and reliability.

THE PUBLISHER.