

will be our apology and may serve to govern them in the future.

Although in the foregoing we have spoken only of matters disadvantageous to ourselves, yet we claim that the work presented possesses more than ordinary merit as regards its systematic classification and arrangement throughout. In this respect we are willing to compare it with any Directory of similar size that has ever made its appearance on this coast.

The compilation of the statistical matter presented in this volume has been attended with more difficulties than might be anticipated. The city officers are in few or no cases required to present annual or semi-annual reports giving the details of the business of their offices, and it was necessary to examine a mass of documents to ascertain but few facts. In some cases there has been a neglect on the part of persons connected with institutions or business enterprises to furnish us information as requested. The various matters treated of in that portion of the work which precedes the tables of names, has been under the supervision of Mr. Wm. D. Harwood.

In conclusion we would tender our thanks to those who have kindly furnished us with statistics from our *Institutions of Learning*, the Churches, the Municipal Officers, and all other sources from which we have obtained information, that has assisted us in compiling the work, and with the knowledge and experience derived from our past labors and with the confidence that our efforts have not been thrown away, we shall very soon commence the compilation of the second DIRECTORY OF OAKLAND for the year 1870, with such alterations, additions and improvements as present themselves.

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