parts of the volume, we should estimate that the population of the city is about 8,000.

In the present volume we have extended our research OUTSIDE of the city of Oakland, believing that Oakland is NOT the whole county. The industrial enterprises in the county east of Oakland are extensive and numerous, and will constantly increase as the regions settle up, and ere many years the shores of the Bay will present a series of thriving towns and villages unknown at present on the Pacific Coast. Oakland will, in all probability, grow rapidly, and continue to be the leading city in the county, but it is the intention of the publishers and proprietors of this work to make it general, and not local, and assist in doing away with the prejudice now existing in some localities against Oakland. The present volume is valuable not only to the student and historian, but would be beneficial to the county at large, if our citizens would circulate a few of them among their acquaintances and friends in the East. The names for this work, excepting Oakland, and a part of Brooklyn, were taken from the poll lists of the several townships, and it is quite probable that there are several hundred men in the county whose names do not appear.

In canvassing in Oakland for a Directory, all kinds of individuals are met with. Some are unwilling to give their names and occupations, and others would not answer the repeated ringing of the door-bells. When we canvass for a Directory, we carry with us neither warrants, duns nor peddlers' trinkets, and hope our residents will get over such "bashfulness." We think the present volume will give general satisfaction, as we intend to issue another volume in January next.

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