

Introductory

GREAT care has been taken to make this, the twenty-first annual issue of the Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda City Directory, equal if not superior to its predecessors. No pains nor expense have been spared to make it complete, thorough and accurate. To successfully compile the minute details of a directory for a city of the proportions of Oakland is a work which only experience and the operation of a perfect system can make possible and valuable.

Men well qualified for the work have visited every dwelling in the city, have visited every workroom and office, and persistently and patiently plied their questions; have hunted up citizens in the most remote and obscure locations, ascertained the names of those residents who were temporarily absent from the city, and of all the humbler citizens whom circumstances force to move frequently.

POPULATION.

This directory contains 76,712 names of adult residents of Oakland, 16,378 for Berkeley and 11,522 for Alameda. An increase of 4,296 since the last issue. Applying the usual multiple to represent the women and children whose names are not taken, the population of Greater Oakland at the present time is 313,836.

A general directory library is maintained by this company at its office, 906 Broadway, Room 43, for the free use of its patrons and the public generally; this library contains the directories of all the principal cities of the union, and the citizens of Oakland may therefore communicate with the entire country.

The Oakland City Directory is placed in the libraries of the directory offices in all the important cities of the country, where it is frequently consulted by non-residents and travelers, and where it serves as a lasting advertisement for the city, its business men and its public and private institutions.

Extending thanks for the courteous treatment extended our employes during the canvass of the city and the liberal patronage bestowed, we remain,

Respectfully,

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