

PREFACE.

IN offering this the third directory, covering the territory embraced herein, the publishers are only giving another proof of the interest and business inquiry, which is continually growing larger, in the development, business facilities, and opportunities for settlement to be found in this section of the State. Our last issue has been entirely taken up over a year since, and the large and continual demands for another and later issue is our justification for this.

Considerable difficulties have been met with in the way of securing satisfactory and complete information, occasioning some little delay in our publication beyond what was at first anticipated. This will, we trust, be pardoned by our patrons in view of the more perfect character of the work given them.

Changes that have occurred since the original canvass have been kept pace with, as far as possible, and the publishers send out this issue in the full belief that it is a complete presentation of the present composition of the territory covered.

Attention is called to the *San Francisco* and *Sacramento Business Departments* appended to the work as a comprehensive list of the enterprising merchants of these cities respectively, eminently worthy of patronage in their various lines.

In thanking the patrons and promoters of our work for their favors, we only have to say that their reward will, we believe, be found in the value of the work to them.