

inadequate size of the Mint, has curtailed the amount of the coinage. Yet it has reached a figure sufficient to warrant in the estimation of all reasonable men, the construction of a much larger and more commodious building.

Thus in as limited space as possible, a sketch of the history of San Francisco has been given. The theme is one upon which the writer could delight to linger, full as it is of most stirring incidents, phases of life and colorings of character, to be found in real life, perhaps no where else. But time for this, was limited, as intimated in the preface; and besides, in such a rushing community as ours, he who would be read, must make his writings short. Those who have watched for six or seven years, the city's growth, physically, morally and socially, scarcely need the aid of what has here been written. But to the stranger, and him whose residence here dates but recently, the facts stated will serve to give a general, and as nearly as possible, correct idea of the origin, growth and importance of a young American city, destined yet to be the grand metropolis of the Pacific, rivaling perhaps in riches and renown the great ones of antiquity, the greater ones of modern times.