

compiler deems it necessary to call attention to a few of the advantages of the present volume over either of its predecessors.

The Register contains over twenty-one thousand five hundred names—over four thousand more than are contained in the Directory for 1858. The Business Directory comprises nearly eight thousand different business firms, arranged and classified under appropriate heads. This department will be found useful for reference and a valuable addition to the work. The Directory of Streets, Public Buildings, Etc., has been carefully revised. The Appendix will be found very complete and reliable. The Consolidation Act has been closely examined and the amendments recently adopted by the Legislature, incorporated therein. The officers and the operations of the different departments of Government, Federal, State and Municipal, and the list of societies and the various public institutions have been carefully corrected, and throughout this department a completeness will be observed not hitherto attained in any previous publication. The various changes and removals, which have taken place during the progress of the work through the press, and the different new firms formed since the city was canvassed, will be found at the commencement of the work. An improvement in the arrangement of the Advertisements is for the first time introduced, by which the objection of having them inserted with the Register of Names, is obviated.

The Historical and General Reviews contain many interesting facts and statistics exhibiting the progress and present condition of the city, worthy of attention and consideration. The abstract of the population of San Francisco, contained in this department, has been carefully compiled and will be found to be an important contribution to the statistical data of the State.

In closing these remarks, the compiler would again express his thanks for the uniform courtesy extended to him during the progress of his labors; the prompt and ready acquiescence exhibited by the different public officers in furnishing information, and the valuable assistance rendered by numerous friends, is warmly appreciated. The SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY for 1860-'61, will be issued in June next. The change in the date of publication of the work has been found necessary, in consequence of the numerous alterations of business firms taking place during the first four months of the year.

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