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A **DIRECTORY** is essential to every business man, and with the enlarged population of each new year, it becomes more and more necessary. Our city was estimated in 1853 to contain at least 45,000 inhabitants. The census which is now being taken, will no doubt show an increase of population. The great number of elegant and costly public buildings, and private dwellings, erected within the past two years, give evidence of the permanent growth and general prosperity of the city.

No one can tell in advance, how much labor may be saved, and how much inconvenience may be obviated, by having at hand such an index as this, for reference and consultation. It contains a full register of names, a list of streets, an exhibit of all the public institutions, benevolent, religious and financial, and a mass of general statistics, attainable in no other shape, and indispensable to every citizen. Every public office, store, counting room, hotel and mechanical establishment, should possess this Directory.

The publisher, in presenting the Directory for 1855 and '56, takes this occasion to state that no effort has been omitted, in the gathering and compilation of matter, which would tend to render it accurate, reliable and full, and worthy of the entire approval of the public. good Directory is only to be made by immense labor and diligence, and it would be claiming an impracticable degree of perfection, to say, that the work now submitted, is free from omissions and errors. There is, in many instances, great difficulty in obtaining the requisite information in correct form, owing to the carelessness of individuals in giving their names, residences and business. All we can say, is, that every effort has been used, to have the mistakes as few and immaterial as possible.

The compilation and publication of a Directory is attended with great expense, and it cannot fail to be a loss to the publisher, unless

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a liberal and numerous subscription is made to it. The publisher designs in future to issue an ANNUAL Directory. This is demanded by the size of the city, and the multifold changes incident to a busy and growing population. The success of the present, will determine with what degree of safety an annual enterprise of this kind can be entered upon. It is hoped that the excellence of this volume will commend it to all business men.

The usual statistics and other local information, will be found much enlarged in the present Volume, by the addition of a large quantity of new matter of local interest, that has not heretofore appeared. We need not attempt to particularize in this respect, the book will show for itself.

The statistics, &c., of the various Benevolent, Literary, Horticultural, Fire, and Military Associations, &c., of the city and county, are believed to be full and accurate, affording much valuable information. The statistics relating to Religious Societies have been greatly enlarged by giving the names of the officers connected with each. It is believed that this record will be found useful.

The table of Streets, Alleys and Public Squares, alphabetically arranged, will be found of great convenience, not only to strangers, but to our own citizens.

A colored Map of the city, altered and corrected expressly for this work, and conveying a correct idea of the topography of the city as it is, is inserted. It delineates the names of the Streets, the Public Squares, the location of the Churches, Schools and the Wards, with their boundaries. The importance of such a Map is obvious to every one.

The publisher tenders his acknowledgments to those ladies and gentlemen who have kindly furnished statistics, in regard to the Societies with which they are connected.

The reader is particularly referred to the Advertisements at the close of this work. That portion of the business community, who have taken this prominent means of giving extensive and permanent publicity to their several kinds of business, cannot fail to reap a rich remuneration.

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