

PREFATORY.

We present our edition for 1880, with every confidence that it will meet with the approval of our patrons.

In the present issue, we have taken extraordinary pains in canvassing, &c.—in many instances sending back as often as five or six times for a single individual—and if omissions occur at all we can scarcely be blamed as many *refuse* to give information, or give it wrongly for reasons which perhaps it is not our province to inquire into.

We may allude to the many difficulties encountered by some who seek the Directory for information, and we would suggest that great caution should be exercised before condemning the book on the part of those who hastily glance into it for the name of a person which they do not easily find. It must be remembered that all names are arranged in strictly alphabetical order, according to the manner in which they are spelled instead of their pronunciation; therefore, in looking for the name of a person which is spelled BROWNE, remember it *cannot* be found in the same arrangement as BROWN, and that such names as *Bailey, Bailie, Baillie, Baily, Bayley, Bayly*, are each to be found in different places.

The custom of borrowing Directories has become so general that, though seldom proffering advice, we cannot refrain from suggesting that a chain attaching the book to the counter will most effectually abate the nuisance, and compel those to purchase who, if not so ready, are just as able as their more liberal neighbours.

We are happy to state that the number of our subscribers is steadily increasing, but still we think the public fail to fully appreciate the merits of a Directory, not only for locating individuals, buildings and all points of interest, but as an advertising medium. An advertisement in the Directory brings your name and business before the public for one year at a mere ~~trivial~~ minimal price, possessing an advantage over ordinary advertising in its being carefully preserved with the book, and not read and thrown aside.

We feel under obligations to our advertising patrons, and those who have occasion to consult the Directory should feel the same; for without this patronage