

## PREFACE.

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THE present volume of the CITY DIRECTORY, as will be observed on examination, does not differ in arrangement from those of the last four years, as the Editor is not aware that any change in that respect would have been advantageous.

The alphabetical list of names extends to 270 pages, *being 14 pages more* than ever appeared in any former edition, which, when taken in connection with the fact, that many of the houses destroyed by the great fire of 1852, are not yet re-built, is pretty conclusive evidence that a good degree of industry has been used in collecting the material for the work.

In every case in which a new building was in progress of erection, the enquiry of "Who is to occupy it?" was made, and whenever a satisfactory answer was received, the person's name appears in print as being resident at that particular locality. This was the only apparently proper course to pursue to make the DIRECTORY as full as it should be; and it is hoped that the present volume of the work will be found as useful and satisfactory as its predecessors have been generally considered.

The Typographical portion of the volume is from the Press of Messrs. Moore,owler & Stevenson, and its execution, as all can judge, is highly creditable to those gentlemen, who, it is but justice to say, were very expeditious in getting the work through the Press.

The Editor, in conclusion, returns his grateful acknowledgments to his subscribers and advertisers,

And has the honor to remain,

Their obliged and faithful servant,

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