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INTRODUCTION.

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The number of names in the Directory last year was 16,178, and this year is 16,448. Multiply by three (the figures generally used by Directory Publishers; some multiply by three and a half), and it will be seen we have a population of 49,344, an increase over last year of 810.

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