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IN submitting to the Public a work even so inconsiderable as this Directory, we feel called upon to offer a few remarks. The novelty of the undertaking, in this Town, must be our apology for any defects in its execution, and these we venture to hope, may be remedied in a second Edition, which we are so sanguine as to expect may yet be called for.

Our aim has been to afford to strangers a ready index, as it were, to every branch of commercial industry carried on in this our flourishing Town, as well as to our Public Institutions of every description: and to our Townsmen, a little work we trust even they will find occasionally useful.

Should any errors or omissions be discovered,—and in a first attempt of this kind, it is almost impossible but that such will be the case,—we do not doubt but that a considerate allowance will be made for them. However ardently we may aspire at perfection, it is rarely attained.