

P R E F A C E .

THE publisher in presenting this his First Edition of the Baltimore Directory, does so with a great degree of confidence that it will give satisfaction to all discriminating and reasonable persons. Having procured the best of canvassers for taking the names and other information, for which he paid very liberally, and having devoted his own unceasing watchfulness in the transcribing and preparing for the press—going in person and sending to remote sections of the city for the correction of names, &c., in some cases many times before the facts could be obtained, and in every possible way soliciting all the needful information—if there are errors still, (and no doubt there are,) with all the labor and drudgery bestowed to make the work correct, he must crave the indulgence of the public.

He has aimed to spell the names correctly, and has repeated no name for the purpose of guessing the right way, therefore, persons must know how to spell a name before they can find it, or if they do not know how, let them try every possible mode of spelling it; for instance, if the name is Steuart, not to look for Stewart, or Stuart; and of churches, public institutions, &c., First Presbyterian Church will be found under First, not Presbyterian; Baltimore Athenæum under Baltimore, not Athenæum.

There are in this Directory, in the aggregate, 33,000 names, (whites,) and upwards of 5000 more than was in the last Directory: not only householders, but clerks, porters, salesmen, journeymen, &c., being inserted, when permanently located. Of these classes, however, great difficulty was encountered in getting information correctly, not having the time to trace persons from place to place.

A Business Directory has been added to this publication, which it is hoped will be found of great utility to the business community; as this is a new feature, (never having been done before,) in the Baltimore Directory, the publisher regrets that it is not as full and correct as it should be, having discovered in transcribing it the great difficulty in classifying the businesses; many individuals having several branches under a general head, and the liability of getting them under a wrong head without specially canvassing the city for that object alone, which would have caused too great a delay. In the next edition he will know how to anticipate those difficulties.

The elaborate and artistic Frontispiece from the Lithographic Press of MESSRS. A. HOEN & Co., with miniature views of some of the public buildings, will be acknowledged by all to be a rare and beautiful specimen of the art.

The Commissioners for Equalising the Wards of the City are now progressing with their work, which, when completed, the undersigned will print the New Division in such form as to take the place of the old one now in the book; purchasers of the work will be entitled to a copy by calling for it at the Directory Office.

One word more, and he will submit the work to the seeker of names. He had reasonably expected that a largely increased subscription list would have cheered him through the labor of the work; though he is still grateful and makes his particular acknowledgments to those having given their names as subscribers. He is placed under obligations to his many advertising friends for the handsome display which they make through the work, and which will be returned to them certainly more than tenfold.

For his Canvassers he returns thanks to all classes for the uniform and courteous kindness extended to them in their calls.

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