

THE PUBLISHER OF THE BALTIMORE DIRECTOR.

After a lapse of a little over two years, with their thrilling vicissitudes of weal and woe, again presents its patrons *particularly*, and the public generally with a new edition of the book, and in yielding to the almost imperative habit of making some prefatory remarks on such occasions, will be as brief as practicable. The multifarious task of compiling a register of householders' names, with their occupations and locations, is under any circumstances, monotonous, laborious and tedious, and but ill requitted, but where the general mass are intelligent, courteous and desirous from a thoughtful appreciation of having such a work as unexceptionable as practicable cheerfully impart the required information, the labor and monotony is greatly alleviated; not that we complain of discourtesy generally, by any means. The head of the family cannot always be at home, and we must take the required information from illiterate servants or children, &c., and in the absence of proprietors of stores, workshops and professional men, we are in no better dilemma. In no case have we ever depended on any other means of getting the information for the Director than by visiting from house to house, though we have endured the ignorant calumny of compiling it from other sources. We barely make these remarks, (unnecessary for discreet, intelligent persons, who are thoughtful enough to consider the difficulties of getting out the work,) and desist from *harping* on a subject fully and frequently explained here and elsewhere.

We have endeavored to obtain discreet and intelligent men to collect the names, business and location of every householder, have personally transcribed the names in alphabetical order, which has occupied us many tedious months; have gone to the expense of a *New Map* of the entire city, handsomely printed and colored, and believe the publication as correct and useful as it was practicable to make it, and during the process of printing we have kept standing invitations in the newspapers to those who moved, changed business, &c., to furnish us with their address for insertion, and are in no sense accountable for their neglect to avail themselves thereof; but we have been buffeted by unforeseen and uncontrolable disasters unnecessary to detail, which has defeated some intended arrangements for further improvements in this edition, as well as delayed its appearance before the public somewhat, though we stipulated no given time for its appearance.

This Director contains 30,000 names, 2500 more than the last. In addition to the names, there is a Brief Sketch of Baltimore, which will be interesting —also, a variety of Business cards, which, we judge will be mutually beneficial to those who ordered their insertion, and strangers visiting the city on business, as well as those who reside here in facilitating their knowledge of where they can be accommodated in making purchases, or getting mechanical work done to the greatest advantage.

For the advance in our subscription list, over former editions, we feel grateful, and have printed but few copies over, which we hope to sell. Subscribers, however, will be served with their copies before the work is generally offered for sale.

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