

PUBLISHERS' REMARKS

WE herewith submit our first volume of the Lexington City Directory. During the fall of 1901 we made a canvass of the city with a view of issuing a directory at that time. While the canvas was being made we found that J. "Hub" Prather, who had published previous directories, had secured considerable patronage for another issue, and not wishing to interfere with his work, upon consultation, we entered into an agreement to publish our directories jointly.

We had already begun work gathering the data when the project to renumber the houses was introduced, and the prospects were favorable for its early completion. In view of this fact and at the suggestion of many of our patrons, we decided to delay the work for a short time until the numbering was completed.

During our temporary absence another publisher proposed to publish a directory at once. When this matter was brought to our notice we placed our men in the field and learned that many of our patrons had given subscriptions to these parties, upon the representation that we had abandoned the work.

The new numbers not being placed on the houses at that time, but the committee in charge having located the new numbers, we have made a canvass of the city giving the old and new numbers and the public will doubtless feel no inconvenience during the time the new numbers are not up.

We began the publication of this directory in good faith, did not intrude upon the right of any other publisher previously engaged in the work, and are therefore occupying the position of being the legal publishers of the directory.

The publication of directories is our special business. We have all the advantages of experienced workmen in all departments and are therefore prepared to make directories that will come up to the standard of other cities.

In coming to Lexington, we came to a practically unoccupied field for the purpose of making an annual publication, as the demands of the now rapidly increasing population requires.

We do not ask anything in the way of charitable preference. We have not attempted to evade the laws of the city, have paid the license the city imposed for the privilege and made no subterfuge plea to evade it, and only ask that fair play that all legitimate business men are entitled to receive.

While this directory may be issued at a financial loss to the publishers, it will not influence our future arrangements. We will issue the directory hereafter annually, if the business men feel that an annual publication is necessary.

Lexington is one of the growing cities of the country, and has a national reputation. In population and business it now takes a prominent position among the inland cities, and should have all the benefits of a city of its importance.

We have established a directory library at the store of J. "Hub" Prather, where directories of the leading cities of the United States will be found for reference. In exchange for this we send a copy of the Lexington Directory to every city represented. This gives Lexington prominence in libraries of all other cities.

There are 14,820 names contained in this volume of the directory. Estimating the population of the city by the names contained in the directory, the lowest multiple used in any city is $2\frac{1}{2}$, makes the population 44,600. The census report is strictly confined to territory within the city limits, while the names contained in the directory take in the adjacent suburban territory, which properly is a part of the city population. The large number of names contained in the Rural Postal delivery is not considered in this calculation.

Respectfully,
THE PUBLISHERS.