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PREFACE.

We herewith submit our fourth issue of the Lexington Directory. In gathering the data for this Volume, the publishers have endeavored to make as complete and accurate a canvass for the information that was possible to be made. The failure to produce a directory that is absolutely accurate does not rest with the publishers. The public in general is equally responsible. The failure on the part of business men to give a small portion of their time to furnish the canvasser with a correct list of their employes, and also of a householder in permitting domestics and others not competent to give the information, results in many of the inaccuracies that are charged against a directory.

This volume of the Lexington Directory contains 19,903 names. Calculating the population upon the lowest basis used in any city, the multiple of $2\frac{1}{2}$, the population of the city and district adjoining is 49,763.

Lexington has reached that point in her growth that an annual issue of the directory becomes a necessity. Hereafter the annual issue of the directory will be made about Oct. 1st.

Respectfully,

THE PUBLISHERS.