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P R E F A C E.

As the present volume gives information relating not only to 1876 but to various periods in 1877, I have thought its contents would not be accurately denoted unless the names of the two years were to be found in its title. I have therefore styled it the *Victorian Year-Book, 1876-7*.

In order to render each succeeding Year-Book equal to its predecessors in point of comprehensiveness and accuracy, it is essential that the work should each year be rewritten from beginning to end. This has been done on the present occasion; and if it should be decided to continue the publication, and I can by any means command the time necessary to perform such an amount of labor, I intend to pursue the same practice in future years. In the present issue a considerable number of the tables are necessarily in the same form as heretofore, but many new ones have been introduced, as well as much additional explanatory matter, and the figures have in many cases been dealt with in an entirely different manner from that adopted in previous volumes.

Of the subjects respecting which information is given in the present work, but which found no place in former issues, the following will probably be considered of especial interest:— Infantile mortality in Australasian colonies, page 68; Age and period of residence in Australia of the victims to phthisis, page 75; Wheat-producing counties, page 93; Breadstuffs available for consumption, 1840 to 1876, page 96; Excess of imports over exports, and the contrary, 1837 to 1876, page 149; Distinct individuals arrested, page 189; Private schools connected with

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The *Victorian Year-Book*, 1874, contained estimates of the value of agricultural, pastoral, and mining produce, but for several reasons these were not continued in the issue for 1875. I have, however, made similar calculations for 1876, and the results will be found at pages 106, 110, and 126.

The three folding sheets published in the *Victorian Year-Book*, 1875—viz., the “Statistical Summary of Victoria,” the “Summary of Agricultural Statistics,” and the “Summary of Australasian Statistics”—have each been amended by the addition of figures relating to another year, the information being thereby brought down to the latest date. These are inserted after the Table of Contents which follows this Preface.

Attention is directed to the Alphabetical Index at the end of the work, which will be found no less copious than on previous occasions.

It now only remains for me to repeat the request made in former years, to the effect that the discoverer of any errors in the work will kindly notify to me the fact of their existence.

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Melbourne, 10th September 1877.

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