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PREFACE.

THE present issue of the *Victorian Year-Book* contains information under the usual heads brought on always to the end of 1882, and frequently to much later dates.

It also contains lists embodying the most recent particulars respecting the latitudes and longitudes of principal places, the heights of mountains and hills, the lengths of rivers, the areas of lakes, the position of bays, inlets, capes, and points, the position and population of islands, the times of high water on full and change days, and the variation and dip of the magnetic needle.

In the Victorian Year-Book 1881-2 I gave a short digest of the results of the Census of 1881, so far as the Numbers, Distribution, Religious Belief, Nationality, Age, Education, and Conjugal Condition of the People of Victoria are concerned. The completion of the Victorian returns now enables me to give a full statement of the Occupations of the People, and of the Sickness and Infirmity prevailing at the time of the Census; and the publication of the returns of the other Australasian Colonies enables me to add comparative tables under all the Census heads of inquiry respecting the whole of the Colonies of the group. These particulars will be found distributed over Part I., Population; Part IV., Vital Statistics; and Part IX., Religious, Moral, and Intellectual Progress.

The information in the three folding sheets at the beginning of the work has been brought on to 1882 by the addition of the figures for another year.

The Australasian Statistics for the year 1882, which were not compiled in time to be printed in the body of the present volume,

will be found in Appendix A. They will be dissected and commented upon in the next issue of the *Victorian Year-Book*.

The Tariffs of the various Australasian Colonies being now published in so many hand-books, almanacs, &c., I have not thought it desirable to repeat them on the present occasion, especially as no important changes have taken place since last year. Such alterations, however, as have been made have been carefully noted, and are given in Appendix C. The Tariff of the United Kingdom is published as usual, and will be found in Appendix D.

Every portion of the work has been, as usual, carefully checked by the officers of this Department; should, however, any errors be detected which may have escaped observation, I shall be glad of information as to their nature and position.

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