

INTRODUCTORY.

R. L. Polk & Co., the publishers of the city directory of Lexington, Ky., herewith present to its friends and patrons the 1916 edition of that work.

It is the result of an exceptionally careful canvass of every residence and place of business in the city by a staff of trained assistants and the publishers believe that the book cannot fail to satisfy the most critical.

FACTS ABOUT LEXINGTON.

(Prepared by the Rotary Club.)

LEXINGTON is the Metropolis of the famous Blue Grass region of Kentucky.

LEXINGTON has a population of 41,500 and the last census showed a gain of 33.1 per cent between 1900 and 1910. Still growing.

LEXINGTON has a shopping population of 500,000 within a radius of 50 miles.

LEXINGTON has five steam railroads with forty-two passenger trains daily and is connected with five nearby Blue Grass county seats by interurban railways with hourly service.

LEXINGTON showed, according to the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, during the month of November, 1915, an average increase in retail sales exceeding that of any other city in the United States.

LEXINGTON is located in the wealthiest county in the South; has 30 miles of paved streets in the city limits; 360 miles of free turnpikes in county, and is located at intersection of four National Highways: Dixie, Jackson, Boone Way and Midland Trail.

LEXINGTON has an excellent water works system, electric lines, electric power and natural gas (that burns).

LEXINGTON has a Board of Commerce with 1000 members.

LEXINGTON, known as the "Athens" of the South, has a daily income of \$3,500 from more than 2,500 students attending the University of Kentucky, Transylvania, Hamilton and Sayre Colleges.

LEXINGTON has nine Public Schools: is building new schools, including a new High School.