

## BROOKLYN TOWNSHIP.

This township extends from the Estuary at the eastern extremity of the city of Oakland to the San Leandro Creek; bounded on the south by the Bay of San Francisco. There are two towns recognized, but there is no city or town government. The settlement at the head of the San Antonio Creek, and for many years known as San Antonio, is probably the oldest on the creek. Previous to the occupation of the country by the Americans, the small slough at the town of San Antonio was used as a landing place by dealers in hides and tallow. The town has for some years past been recognized by the name of Brooklyn. The pioneer settler is Mr. James B. Larue, now one of the leading business men of the place. The Justice of the Peace of the Township is the Hon. Asa Walker, who was among the earliest residents, of that locality. There are five religious organizations, viz: one Presbyterian, one Catholic, one Episcopal, two Baptist. The Rev. George Pierson is pastor of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. John Francis, of one of the Baptist Churches; the Catholic Church is supplied from the pastorate at Oakland, and the Episcopal services are conducted by an army chaplain, regularly stationed at the Presidio, near San Francisco.

On the banks of the Estuary is located the town of Clinton, which during the past two years has grown with great rapidity. It consists exclusively of dwelling houses.

In the Town of Brooklyn there is an excellent Public School, the Grammar school studies receiving the proper attention. In these two towns the values of real estate have increased as rapidly during the past two years as they have in the city of Oakland, and should the prevailing expectations concerning the future of this city be realized, these towns in common with Oakland, would form one continuous and united city. Within the legal limits of the township are one flouring mill, one pottery, one brick yard, and a cotton mill, enterprises that have elsewhere been noticed. The total number of votes cast in the Township, at the late Presidential election, was 414.