

The census for some of the years mentioned above shows the total number of children under twenty-one years of age, while at other times it shows the number under eighteen years of age; and the census for the last year gives the number under fifteen years of age. A strictly accurate idea of the increase of population cannot, therefore, be derived from these figures.

During the year 1863, the average daily attendance at the Public School was 115. From July, 1866, to July 1867, the average daily attendance is estimated at 311. The estimated average daily attendance from August, 1867, to June, 1868, is 461. At the present time the number of school children for which Oakland is entitled to draw State and County moneys is 1,038.

The school improvements made during the past year are extensive. At the Oakland Point, an eight-room school house has been erected, at a cost of \$8,000. The four rooms upon the lower floor only are finished, and will be used for both grammar and primary classes. School house No. 1, has been so altered as to contain three rooms instead of two, as formerly, and a wing containing one room has been added to School-house No. 2. Other improvements are in contemplation.

The school houses are furnished neatly, though not expensively, and each building is provided with a parlor-organ, except Lafayette Grammar School, for which a piano has been procured. The studies pursued are similar to those in the San Francisco Schools, and the pupils in our Grammar School are carried through precisely the same course of study as the youth of that city.

The Lafayette Grammar School is located on the block north of the Public Square of that name, and is under the control of J. B. McChesney, the Grammar Master. The Assistants are Mary Lichtenthaler, Fanny E. Willis, and H. E. Jackson. The attendance during the past term has been on the average two hundred scholars.

Primary No. 1, is located on the same block with Lafayette Grammar School. Mrs. M. W. Phelps is Principal, and Eliza