

PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

CALIFORNIA MILITARY ACADEMY.

This military institution, opened January 9th, 1865, is the first of the kind that has been established on this coast. Rev. D. McClure is the proprietor and Principal. The academic staff is composed of nine experienced teachers.

In the academic department, well defined and extensive courses of study are pursued in the English branches, ancient and modern languages, natural science, mathematics, and commercial knowledge—such as will prepare students for college or business. The institution is also organized as a military post, and it is obligatory upon every student to attend the daily military drill, and perform the duties of a cadet—which do not interfere with hours of study. There were 131 students in attendance during the last year.

LOCATION.—The location on Telegraph Avenue, nearly one mile north of the City of Oakland, is one that affords the cadets a scene of rare beauty. From the rise of ground upon which the buildings are situated, an extensive view is had of Oakland and the surrounding valleys, of the Bay and City of San Francisco, and of the Ocean through the Golden Gate. The Academy may be reached by the Telegraph Avenue cars.

BUILDINGS.—In location, style and general adaptation to the purposes of education, they are unsurpassed by any similar institution in the State. Every care has been taken to secure the best arrangements for the comfort, health and refinement of the cadets. A large two-story armory has been erected, which affords ample room for in-door recreation and drill during stormy weather. To increase the usefulness of the Academy, and to provide for the numerous applicants who have been refused for want of room, during the past year, it is proposed to extend the main building eighty feet to the north.

DESIGN OF THE INSTITUTION.—It is the fixed purpose of the Principal, and those associated with him, to render the institution an efficient instrument for the symmetrical development and discipline of the mind, and the formation of a good physical constitution. Ease and grace of manners, kindness and courtesy in social intercourse, are matters of constant oversight. That education is more anxiously sought for the pupils, which has special reference to the best practical preparations for the duties of this life, and also to that moral and religious culture which will fit them for the life to come.

MILITARY.—The military system of drilling and discipline has been adopted to secure physical culture, promptness, decision of movement, erect carriage, submission to constituted authority, presence of mind, ability to govern, and the repression of the tendency to rudeness, natural to an assembly of boys. This department is thoroughly organized, affording an opportunity for obtaining a complete knowledge of the duties of