

The number of students, as given by the Secretary in his report to the Legislature, in December, 1873, was 199.

The number of volumes in the library, 10,000; cost of buildings and improvements at Berkeley, \$350,000.

INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND.

This institution, situated at the base of the foot-hills, four and a half miles north of Oakland, and in immediate proximity to the State University, was originally located in San Francisco. It was started—and for some time sustained—through the exertions of the benevolent women of that city. The school was opened April 30, 1860, with three pupils. As the institution grew in numbers, State aid was obtained, and 1865, it had increased to such a degree as to justify its entire organization under State auspices.

A law was passed March 3, 1866, “providing for a removal of the school from the limited and inconvenient quarters in San Francisco”—for enlarging the scope of its beneficence—for vesting in the State the title to all property held by the institution, and providing for a Board of Directors, under the Code appointed by the Governor. Suitable appropriations were made to carry out the purpose of the Act.

After long and patient examinations, the Commissioners decided upon the present location. Plans—drawn by Messrs. Wright & Sanders, of San Francisco—were adopted, and the buildings now occupied were erected.

The ground was broken June 29, 1867, and the corner-stone was laid September 26, of the same year, and the new building was occupied for school purposes October 20, 1869.

The institution is built of stone—is three stories in height—having a total frontage of 264 feet, a depth of 140 feet, and the height to the top of the spire is 160 feet. It is admirably planned for the purpose of such an establishment.

The whole cost of building, grounds, shops, heating apparatus, laundry, and the furniture, has been about \$180,000. The institution has a present capacity for about 150. During the year 1872-3, 112 persons received instruction.

The benefits of the institution are free to all resident deaf and dumb, or blind, persons, between the ages of six and twenty-five, who are of sound mind, free from contagious or offensive diseases, and of correct moral habits.

It is not an *asylum*, in any sense of the term, as its inmates are received only for purposes of education.

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