

Cadets are required to wear the uniform during the term time, except when visiting their homes—then it is optional.

PASSES.—No cadet is permitted to leave the Academy grounds unaccompanied by one of the Academic Staff, unless he has obtained a pass, stating the place to which he is going, the hour of departure, and the time he is required to return. A violation of this pass, in any respect, is considered a breach of confidence, and deprives the cadet of a pass for a length of time depending upon the circumstances of the case.

CADET OFFICERS.—The appointment of every cadet officer of the corps is made by the Superintendent, and is based upon his qualifications as a student and a soldier. He must have a high standing in the following particulars:

1. Deportment and Academic scholarship.
2. Theoretical and practical military knowledge.
3. Natural ability to command.

This basis of appointment has been in operation during the present year. Previous appointments were made more with reference to military knowledge than deportment, and did not, therefore, represent the most distinguished scholars and soldiers, as is the case with the present appointments.

In the choice of officers, preference is given to members of the first and second classes in the Academic Department.

GRADUATION.—Cadets who have honorably completed the Academic Course of Study will receive a certificate of graduation at the close of the academic year.

#### MILLS' SEMINARY.

The Young Ladies' Seminary of Benicia was founded in 1857, and after various vicissitudes of fortune, became the private property of Rev. C. T. Mills, in 1865. Under his control, the school became exceedingly prosperous, and the old and inferior buildings were no longer serviceable. It was decided to remove the seminary to a tract of land near Fruit Vale, in Brooklyn Township, and in June, 1870, work was commenced upon the new building. On April 8, 1871, the structure was completed, and accepted from the contractor. From one of the circulars issued, we copy the following description:

“The building is an imposing structure, presenting a front of two hundred and eighteen feet, with a wing of one hundred and thirty feet, and is two stories in height, surmounted by a Mansard roof. The outline is well broken; the center and end wings project well forward; the main building, somewhat higher than the wings, is surmounted by a cupola, from which there is a splendid view of the surrounding country. The great size of the structure, its fine proportions and details, give it an air of solidity, as well as an inviting and home-like look.

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