

gardens and play grounds. Connected with it is a German Kindergarten taught by Miss Anna Kutnow, a graduate of the Froebel Training School in Hamburg. In this are received children from four to six years of age, where their mental powers and their perceptions are developed without the use of books, by a great variety of order, by games and exercises. They learn to speak and to sing in German. They are taught to distinguish colors and forms; to reproduce the forms shown them on colored worsted, on perforated paper and with blocks, and finally with slate and pencil, thus gaining the first ideas of drawing. This beautiful system of training children is fully developed in Mrs. Head's school, and it is a matter of regret that she has limited the number of pupils to thirty-five.

#### SEMINARY FOR YOUNG LADIES.

Mrs. Poston's Seminary for young ladies was removed from Marysville in 1873, and is located on Oak Street, on the elegant premises formerly occupied by General R. W. Heath. The grounds are elegantly adorned and sufficiently secluded for their present uses. Each pupil is under the direct influence of the Principal, and the management is similar to that of a large and well regulated family. The course of study is similar to that followed in the best appointed institutions for the education of young ladies. The pupils form no acquaintances except by the consent of the Principal, and they mingle in society only under her supervision, an excellent feature of this seminary. The number of scholars is limited.

#### PREPARATORY SCHOOLS.

P. E. Bornand, of the University of Geneva, Switzerland, has opened a school on Twelfth Street, between Alice and Harrison, designed for the preparation of youth for admission to the State University. It is proposed to follow the European plan of instruction, which some may regard as slow, but which lays a solid and substantial foundation for the pursuit of higher studies. It is intended to devote five years for the preparation of a student for admission to the College of Letters. The cramming hot-house system will be avoided; instruction in the classics will be unusually thorough and the value of the mental discipline thus obtained will be proportionately great. The necessary English branches will be taught and there will be instruction in mathematics as far as requisite for admission to the University. Attention will also be given to the teaching of modern languages. The main object of the school will be steadily kept in view, and its curriculum will contain all that is necessary in preparing for the University and nothing more. The want of such institutions has long been felt, for the University needs "feeders," and Professor Bornand has clearly comprehended the necessity for such a school as he has established.

Kirke W. Brier, has opened a school for the preparation of boys for the State University. It is located at the corner of Locust and Valley streets. It is intended to meet the generally expressed need for such institutions, and the course of study will be neither more nor less than what is essential in fitting young men to enter the College of Letters. A competent corps of instructors is connected with the institution and in addition to the regular instruction there will be particular attention to the conduct and deportment of the pupils.

#### HOME INSTITUTE.

Miss Fields' Home Institute is a school for young ladies. It is located on Hobart Street, between Telegraph and San Pablo avenues. The curriculum and general management are the same as in other schools for the education of girls.