

sustained and admirably managed. Reference to an article on the public schools of Oakland, on another page, will be found of interest. The State University, yet in its infancy, is rapidly being developed, under the charge of the best educators of the land, into an institution that shall take rank with the most renowned of the East. There the child of the poorest and humblest individual can secure the highest education attainable, without charge, provided only that his qualifications upon application are sufficient; and no ambitious and intelligent youth but can, with our excellent system of graded public schools, the highest of which is almost a college in itself, attain that proficiency which, with a little additional exertion on his own part, will enable him to pass muster at an examination for admission to the University. Here, too, we have such sterling schools as the Golden Gate Academy, McClure's Military Academy, and Mills Seminary. For polite and useful education, the Convent of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart offers unsurpassed facilities. Candidates for the ministry can become initiated into the mysteries of theology at the Pacific Theological Seminary, an institution conducted by able, learned and earnest divines. Young ladies may find at numerous good select schools besides the instruction they need; and young men seeking a business education can obtain it at several well-known schools, in connection with or separate from other studies. In short, all the educational needs of the rising generation of the city, or of those who come among us for the advantages we have to offer, can be thoroughly supplied. These excellent facilities for the education of the young attract numerous families to our midst to permanently reside here.

The many natural advantages of the location, aided by the energy of a people ambitious to place Oakland foremost among the cities of the Pacific Coast, have combined to effect the wonderful changes of the past few years. From a mere hamlet Oakland has grown to be a city of over thirty-five