

thin soil of decomposed shale rock, etc. It would be difficult to find within so small an area as the University site a spot with so many varieties and capabilities in the way of soils, irrigation and exposure. The view, too, is magnificent. Facing the Golden Gate, the eye takes in the whole peninsula at a sweep, with its great mart of commerce, its shipping, and the bold yet lovely islands that deck the bay, while to the eastward the towering hills afford a fine background of relief to the eye, as it turns from the extended plain below."

The Constitution of the State requires the legislature to provide for the maintenance of a university, and in March, 1868, a law was passed, creating and organizing the University of California. The State appropriated \$200,000 from the sale of tide lands, as part of the Endowment Fund. A "Seminary and Public Building Fund," amounting to \$100,000, existed, which was made another part of the endowment, while the old College of California, which had been in existence since 1855, and had accumulated a large property, transferred it entire to the University; this latter property was valued at \$120,000. Congress had already made a donation of 150,000 acres of land for the establishment of an Agricultural College in California. Nothing could be more pertinent or proper than making the Agricultural College a part and portion of the University, and it was done. This combination of circumstances gives the University a very handsome Endowment Fund, which will be largely increased from the advance in real estate held by it under the grants. Two large and commodious buildings were occupied, though not fully completed, at the commencement of the college year, in September, 1873.

The south hall is of brick, one hundred and fifty-two feet in length, average width fifty-six feet, and four stories in height. It contains thirty-four-rooms, six of which are thirty-two by forty-eight in size.

The north hall is built of wood, is one hundred and sixty-six feet in length, average width sixty feet and four stories in height. It is divided into twenty-eight rooms. The assembly room is forty-three by fifty-eight feet, and the philosophical lecture room thirty-six by fifty-eight feet. The cost was \$357,000.

The institution embraces seven distinct colleges, as follows: Scientific, Agriculture, Mechanics, Engineering, Chemistry, Mining and Medicine.

In the College of Letters the Degree conferred is that of