

It is the design of those who control this institution to furnish a Christian home for youth, during the most perilous period of life; to afford them a general culture that will refine and ennoble, and to offer them the best advantages for thorough mental discipline. The Principal and his Associates are graduates of the first schools in the Atlantic States; and having thus had, as instructors, large experience in the best methods in use, are well qualified for the enterprise entrusted to their care.

The institution embraces two departments of instruction, under the supervision and government of the Principal, D. P. Sackett, A. M.

The Classical Department includes the course of study necessary for admission to college. Its graduates are at the State University of California, also at "Yale," "Dartmouth," and elsewhere East. Its design is to furnish young men with a most thorough and complete preparation for college. Special importance is attached to the rudimentary instruction. Reviews are frequent and thorough.

The course of study pursued in the Scientific and English Department embraces the branches of a complete English and scientific education, and occupies four years. Its object is to give that mental discipline which will prepare the student for any position in active life.

The Department of Physical Culture embraces the military and gymnastics for boys, and the light gymnastics for girls.

CALIFORNIA MILITARY ACADEMY.

This institution, under the proprietorship of Rev. D. McClure, D. D., was first opened January 9, 1865. The location is on Telegraph Avenue, a most eligible and healthful site, and commanding a very extensive panorama, including valley, bay, city, and mountain scenery. It is the only school for the instruction of young men in military studies and practice on the Pacific slope.

The system in all departments is very strict and thorough. Quite a number of the lads taught in this academy have attained high standing at the West Point Military Academy, and Annapolis Naval School. The academic course includes ancient and modern languages, as well as the various branches of an English education. There are daily military drills had, and on Friday afternoon a general parade and review on the spacious campus. Major Stewart McClure is military instructor. The present number of students is eighty-four, all sections of the country west of the Sierra Nevada being represented.

MILLS' SEMINARY.

This institution, formerly known as the Young Ladies' Seminary of Benicia, was removed to its present location, near Fruit Vale, five miles east of Oakland, Brooklyn Township, in 1870. The Seminary buildings are extensive and commodious, and admirably adapted to the purposes to which they have been dedicated. Rev. C. T. Mills is principal, and Mrs. S. L. Mills associate principal. They are aided by an efficient corps of teachers.

CONVENT OF OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART.

This institution is for the education of girls, and is located on Webster Street near the head of Lake Merritt. It was dedicated in 1868. The teachers are Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary, who came from Canada for the purpose of acting as instructors in this school. The funds for purchasing the grounds and erecting the buildings were raised through the personal exertions of Rev. Father King, of the Church of