

German School.

South side Ninth street, between Washington and Clay.

State Deaf and Dumb, and Blind Asylum.

This institution is located near the State University at Berkeley. The farm consists of one hundred and thirty acres, eighty acres of which are on the hills fronting the bay. Pure water is supplied by hillside springs, and the elevated site insures the purest of air. Altogether, a better location could not have been chosen. On the 17th of January, 1875, the beautiful and costly stone building occupied by the institution was destroyed by fire, and the exigencies of the case, with more than a hundred helpless unfortunates to shelter and provide for, were indeed great. But the spirit of energy, coupled with that of benevolence, which inspires the citizens of Alameda County, found means to build a temporary structure without delay, and, as early as April 21st, three months from the time of the disaster, the school was again opened. Plans for permanent buildings have been made, and are now being carried out. They provide for a series of structures including "Homes," a central refectory, school-house, etc., all of which, when completed, will accommodate two hundred and fifty pupils. The buildings are of the most substantial character, having concrete and stone foundations, brick superstructure, walls lined with hollow brick, slate roofs, all partitions of brick, and stone stair-cases throughout. Every arrangement to secure health and comfort has been made, while the system of segregation adopted will not only be a safeguard against fire, but do away with many evils connected with the herding of large numbers under one roof.

The course of studies pursued at this institute is very nearly the same as that embraced in the public schools and in the seminaries, with the addition of music, which is taught the blind as a means of obtaining a livelihood. The institution is sustained by the State, but clothing and traveling expenses must be provided by the parents or guardians of the children, except in cases of extreme poverty, when a proper certificate from the County Judge will authorize the directors to supply clothing.

The management of the institution is entrusted to a Board of five Directors, appointed by the Governor. The present Board consists of the following named gentlemen: J. Mora Moss, J. A. Stanly, E. J. Crane, Thomas Yolland, Oakland,