

It is refreshing, however, to think that in some localities people have retained their senses sufficiently, not to long for hybrid growth in matters educational, and understand the force and see the necessity of building the edifice of American education upon the broad and sure foundation of a thorough English training. This the School Commission of San Jose appear fully to understand.

There are seven public schools, in which the course of instruction includes mathematics, progressing as far as geometry; physiology, practical and physical geography, English composition and analysis, and penmanship. Two of these school buildings are remarkably fine structures, having been erected at a respective cost of twenty-five and fourteen thousand dollars. The remainder, though answering every requirement, are more primitive, and are used for primary and intermediate grades.

The San Jose Institute and Business College, ably supervised by Prof. James Vinsonhaler, offers all the advantages of a thorough private day and boarding school. It is graded, having primary, intermediate, grammar and academic departments, and, connected with it, has a business college and telegraph institute, fitted with all the business and banking appliances so necessary in the conduct of such an institution. It is meeting with the success it so deservedly merits.

The Academy of Notre Dame enjoys a central position. The buildings and improvements, occupying some twelve acres of ground, are valued at above a half a million of dollars. Its name sufficiently indicates its sectarian character; it is under the control of the Catholic Church, and under the immediate auspices of the Catholic Sisters. There is also a Catholic school connected with Saint Joseph's Church, supervised by the "Fathers." Smaller private schools flourish in different portions of the town, generally under neighborhood patronage.

Gracing the Alameda, between San Jose and Santa Clara, is an imposing structure known as the "University of the Pacific," recently erected at a cost of sixty thousand dollars. It is designed for both sexes, is denominational in its character, devoted to the interests, and under the patronage of the Methodist Church, a body religious, which has given more educational institutions to the State than any organization within its limits.

The State Normal School building occupies a site in a park, known as Washington Square, comprising about twenty-seven acres. It is a donation from the city to the State for this purpose. The building is exceedingly spacious, being two hundred and eighty-four feet in length, one hundred and sixty feet in depth, and is surmounted by a tower one hundred and fifty feet in height; the basement of brick, the superstructure being of wood, three stories in height. It contains a fine exhibition hall. The entire cost of the building was two hundred thousand dollars.

San Jose has its full quota of

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

The most noticeable of which, from the massiveness of its architecture, combining strength with beauty, is the County Court House. It is built in the form of a parallelogram, with walls of brick masonry. The front is relieved by a portico extending across the full width of the building, supported upon massive columns, Corinthian in architecture. The structure is surmounted with a dome, elevated to a height of one hundred and fifteen feet from the ground. Quite a wide and extensive view can be enjoyed from here, the topography of the surrounding country being spread before the vision of those ambitious enough to overcome the difficulties offered by this elevation—as for ourselves, we never achieved it. It will do well enough for the light dragoons of humanity, but we belong to the heavy horse, and the mere thought of such an elevation, with its accessories of winding stairs, is sufficient to open our pores, and induce short respiration.

The County Jail, in the rear of the Court House, is said to be the best in the State, and cost \$80,000.

The old City Hall is occupied by the officers of the city, also by the Fire Department.

The Opera House is a neat and convenient theatre, with a seating capacity of about seven hundred. It is not an established theatre, and is used by traveling companies only.