

United States Marine Hospital.

Corner of Harrison and Spear Streets, Rincon Point.

Corner Stone laid, April 7, 1852.—Building completed, Dec. 12, 1853.

Commenced under the administration of **PRESIDENT FILLMORE.**

Completed under the administration of **PRESIDENT PIERCE.**

Commissioners of Public Buildings.

RICHARD P. HAMMOND, Collector.

SAMUEL J. BRIDGE, Appraiser.

This building is situate on Rincon Point, an elevated piece of ground on the southeastern limit of the city, commanding a fine view of the surrounding country. The building is four stories high, built of brick. It consists of a central portion 414 feet front, and two wings, each 31 feet front by 96 feet deep, in the form of the Roman letter I. Its capacity is sufficient to contain 500 patients, and 700 might be accommodated. There are four piazzas of ornamental iron work on each side—one in front of each story. The building is admirably ventilated and copiously supplied with water from two wells and two cisterns. Two millions of bricks were consumed in the building, and its cost is estimated at \$250,000.

AMMI B. YOUNG, Architect.

REUBEN CLARK, Superintendent.

CHARLES HOMEY, Builder.

ROBT. McMILLAN, M. D. Phys'n and Sur.

G. VEIGHT, M. D., Apothecary.

GEO. W. KIRBY, Steward.

MRS. KIRBY, Matron.

NOTE.—This beautiful structure is prominent to all observers, and reflects great credit, both upon the Superintendent and Builder, the latter having used his liberal spirit and desire to give to the city of San Francisco a building not only an ornament, but so constructed for ventilation and convenience for the recovery of the sick within, that it will well compare with any Hospital in the States in this respect, or in symmetry and beauty of appearance.

State Marine Hospital.

STOCKTON STREET, BETWEEN BROADWAY AND VALLEJO STREETS,

The present State Marine Hospital was created by act of Legislature, passed May 19th, 1853, and went into operation from and after the 30th day of June, 1853. It was organized by the appointment of the following named gentlemen as a Board of Trustees for the Institution:

JOHN MIDDLETON,
CHAS. GALLAGHER,

THOS. McCAHILL,
JAS. S. GRAHAM, and

WM. McKIBBEN, Esqrs.

Drs. S. B. MILLS and THOS. PAYNE, were appointed Resident Physicians. Drs. T. S. WHITE, WAKE BRIERLY and J. V. DICKINSON, Visiting Physicians. Dr. AUSTIN WING, Apothecary and Clerk. JAMES A. CLAUGHLEY, Steward; and Mrs. ELIZA ELDRIDGE, Matron.

Some 30 persons are employed in and about the institution as nurses, attendants, &c.

The average number of patients in the Hospital is about 250, a large proportion of whom are of foreign birth. \$100,000 were appropriated by the Legislature for its support for the first year of its existence, also power was given the Board of Trustees to contract with the city of San Francisco, for the support of its indigent sick. A contract for the city sick has been made, and the inmates of the Hospital are composed of the indigent sick of the State, and of the city of San Francisco, in about equal proportions.

Previous to the organization of the present Hospital, there were supported by the State three similar institutions, situated respectively in the cities of San Francisco, (the site of the present institution) Sacramento and Stockton. The State Marine Hospital at San Francisco, and the State Insane Asylum at the city of Stockton, are the only institutions for the