

The exports of gold alone from California from 1848 to January 1, 1856, amounted to about \$330,000,000. This amount does not include the sums taken or sent away without record, by passengers—this it would be difficult to ascertain, but the estimate of \$180,000,000, would be low, which would make the total exportation of gold amount to over five hundred millions of dollars. (See *State Register* for 1857, p. 219.)

The operations in the Branch Mint at San Francisco during the year 1856, were as follows:

DEPOSITS.	
Gold, ounces.....	\$1,645,655 50
Silver "	69,873 68
COINAGE.	
Gold coin.....	\$25,146,700 00
Gold bars.....	3,547,001 30
Gold bars, refined.....	122,136 65
Silver coin.....	184,000 00
Silver bars.....	25,343 30
Total coinage.....	\$29,025,181 25

The City Sexton reported the whole number of deaths in the City and County of San Francisco, during the year 1856, at 1346, being 54 more than during the preceding year, and 359 less than during the year 1854. The deaths are classed as follows: men, 292; boys, 460; women 119; girls, 262; still-born, 133. Of the number 23 were colored persons. During the year 15 persons were killed or murdered; 4 hanged by the Vigilance Committee; 1 by the civil authorities; 62 were drowned and 49 committed suicide. 622 were natives of the United States, and 724 were born in other countries.

JANUARY 2, 1857.—The ship *Bostonian* arrived bringing the celebrated *Sam Brannan Engine*, made to the order of Mr. Brannan, in New York, at an expense of \$11,000, and presented by him to the Brannan Fire Association of this city.

JAN. 5.—Consul Patrice Dillon, for several years resident Consul of France in this city, took his departure on the *John L. Stephens*.

The State Legislature met at Sacramento. During the session, David C. Broderick was elected U. S. Senator for the long term, and Wm. M. Gwin for the short term. The Annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the year 1856 was read; from which it appears that there were, at the close of the year, in thirty-four counties, 316 schools, 30 of which were in the County of San Francisco. There were in all, 26,160 children in attendance—4,751 of these, in this city.

JAN. 8.—D. C. Broderick was elected by the Legislature, Senator for the long term. The election was made on the first ballot, which stood: for Broderick, 81; scattering, 28. The news was telegraphed to this city, when the friends of Mr. Broderick turned out *en masse*, fired guns to his honor, and made bonfires on the hills overlooking the city.

The first public Temperance Meeting in this city was held at the Baptist Church, on Pine street. It was well attended, and about twenty names were added to the pledge. The meeting resolved to hold public meetings every month throughout the year; but the slim attendance at the two next meetings induced the friends of temperance to abandon the movement.

The annual report of the Trustees of the Catholic Orphan Asylum, shows that on the 31st Dec. there were one hundred and forty-five children in that institution. The expenses from May 25, 1855, to Dec. 27, 1856, amounted to \$30,007 43.

JAN. 9.—The city was visited by a violent earthquake, which seemed to have extended nearly through the entire length of the State. In San Francisco it was felt at a quarter past 8 o'clock, A. M.; in Sacramento, at a quarter before 8 o'clock; and at San Diego and all along the Southern coast, at about half past 8 o'clock. On the coast it is represented as having been the severest shock experienced by the oldest inhabitants. In this city in many places, the clocks were stopped, and boxes and bales thrown from the shelves in stores, and a small frame house at the corner of California and Market streets, thrown several feet from its foundations. In the last five years, no less than sixty shocks of earthquakes have been felt in this city and vicinity.