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SAN FRANCISCO FEMALE INSTITUTE.

In charge of Rev. Mr. Shepherd and Lady. This school was opened with the express design of establishing in San Francisco a permanent institution, where advantages for a thorough and complete education should remove all necessity or desire, on the part of parents, for sending their daughters to any Eastern school. It has been in successful operation since the early part of 1855. Under the experienced Principal, aided by his accomplished lady and the well qualified instructors in the several branches, a finished female education can be here obtained.

HEBREW SCHOOL.

At the Emanuel Synagogue, Broadway, between Powell and Mason Streets, a school is taught. One hundred pupils in attendance. Mr. Levy, Principal. There is also a school at the Synagogue of the Shireth Israel, Stockton street, near Broadway. Rev. H. A. Henry, Principal. About thirty pupils in attendance.

ST. MARY'S FEMALE INSTITUTE.

Under the care and management of Rev. Dr. Ver Mehr and lady. Situated corner of Powell and Geary streets. Few schools of this class sustain a higher character for the thorough and finished education given those attending, and the high moral influence imparted to all connected with the institution, than does the school in question.

The course of study includes all those common English and advanced branches necessary to a complete system of education; also drawing, painting, music, etc.

The Institute is now in a highly flourishing condition, now numbering in attendance about sixty young ladies. Those who elect are accommodated with board in the family of the Principal, Dr. Ver Mehr, a desirable home indeed for young ladies absent from the parental roof.

Beside the schools, public and private, that we have enumerated, there are a number of others—male and female, Catholic and Protestant—of which we can furnish no particulars; as their conductors have either failed to respond to our inquiries, or we have overlooked them. But the facts shown demonstrate conclusively, that while the facilities for obtaining a finished classical education in San Francisco are second to but few cities in the Union, the means afforded for

good common school instruction are superior to most.

Religion—Churches.

The spirit manifested during the past year in the erection of new and appropriate houses of public worship and the improvements of numerous others, afford the best evidence of the respect the people of San Francisco have for religion. The new Baptist Church on Washington street, erected at a cost of \$30,000, and the First Presbyterian Church on Stockton street, now being finished, are spacious buildings, and well adapted to the holy purposes to which they are dedicated. The St. Mary's Cathedral, now in a state of completion, is the most extensive and imposing church edifice in the State.

For a historical sketch of the organization of the several congregations of this city, and the operations of the different religious associations, our readers are referred to the Appendix, page 373, which will be found complete and worthy of attention.

Religious and Benevolent Societies.

The number of these associations have greatly increased during the year just passed. The liberal spirit manifested by our citizens towards these important public institutions, evince a noble and proper appreciation of the efforts of the directors in relieving the destitute and the needy. The numerous list of associations of this character to be found in the Appendix, and the operations of each therein detailed, are the best evidences of their efficiency and the fidelity of those benevolent citizens under whose superintendence they are placed.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath Schools connected with the different churches are in a very prosperous condition. We are indebted to the courtesy of J. F. Lamdin, Esq., the Secretary, for the following statement of the operations of the

San Francisco Sabbath School Union.—The Union was re-organized May 1857.

The anniversary was held on the 14th June, 1857, at the First Congregational Church, when reports were read by the Secretary from the different schools, showing them to be in a very encouraging state. A number of conversions had taken place during the year, and a religious feeling pervading the schools which gave promise of a still more encouraging result from the labors of the ensuing year. But few deaths were reported to have occurred in all the schools the