

a-half feet in diameter. The whole is under the direction of the Rev. John Chittenden, of St. John's College, Cambridge, England, and of University College, London; A. S. Lowndes, of Oxford University, England; with other professors from the continent for the foreign languages, and others for music, etc.

#### ST. MARY'S HALL.

Under the care and management of Rev. Dr. VerMeir and lady. Situated corner of Bush and Taylor 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.; and for the practical acquisition of modern languages, this institute may be especially recommended.

The institute is essentially a boarding-school, and offers a desirable home indeed for young ladies absent from the parental roof.

#### SAN FRANCISCO FEMALE INSTITUTE.

In charge of Mrs. M. B. Swedenstierna. Located East side Third between Folsom and Harrison. 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 the well-qualified instructors in the several branches, a finished female education can be here obtained.

Beside the schools, public and private, that we have enumerated, there are a number of others—male and female, Catholic and Protestant—which deserve particular mention, had we the necessary space to spare. 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.

#### Religious and Benevolent Societies.

These institutions have continued to increase 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 prosperous condition. We are indebted to the politeness of J. O. Pope, 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 12th June, 1860, at the Calvary Church, when reports were read by the Secretary from the different schools.

The nineteen Sunday Schools now comprising the San Francisco Sunday School Union, are in an encouraging and prosperous condition; affording great cause for present thankfulness, and encouraging renewed efforts for the increase of the numbers, efficiency and usefulness of those, the nurseries of the Church upon earth. While none of them enroll so large a number of names, or enjoy the advantages of an enlarged liberality, flowing from abundant and sanctified wealth,—yet, in all that concerns punctuality and regularity in attendance, discipline and order during the sessions, and interest in the exercises exhibited by teachers and those taught, we are led to believe they will compare favorably with an equal number in any of our elder sister cities.

During the past year, the number in attendance has been increased about one-fourth; additions have been made to the number of volumes in the several libraries; more systematic and effectual means have been used in the distribution of good Sunday School papers; and an increased zeal for the work has been manifested by all concerned.

Five Sunday Schools have been admitted during the past year into this Union, namely: the Industrial School, the Pacific M. E. South, the Union Mission, St. Paul's Mission, and the Spring Valley Mission.

*Officers*—President, J. Burns; Vice-Presidents, Wales Palmer, E. P. Flint and Charles Spencer; Secretary and Treasurer, J. O. Pope.

The following returns to July 1, 1860, exhibit