

contain a music hall as large or larger than Platt's. On Battery Street several stores have been built. The block bounded by California, Sacramento, Drumm, and Davis streets, destroyed by fire, has been rebuilt by a much better class of buildings than those destroyed. Market Street looks as though it had passed through the hands of the magician, for on every side large, commodious, and well-finished buildings have been erected. The region of the Mission and the Willows has been transformed from dismal hills covered with a stunted growth of sage bush to beautiful residences with blooming roses and climbing honey-suckles. As we look upon this great change, we realize the power of money, and are pleased to see such evidences of prosperity on the part of our citizens. It also convinces us that California is winning its way into the hearts of her citizens, and that they are content to live "all the days of their lives" under her radiant sun. The completion of the Central Railroad to Lone Mountain Cemetery has been followed by the erection of a large number of dwelling-houses in the western portion of the city. In fact, look where we may, we can see the evidences of unexampled prosperity and content. While our brethren in the East have been striking for the life of our country, we have been living in comfort and gathering together our share of this world's goods, and beautifying our homes where we can live in peace.

STONE DRY DOCK.—A company has recently been incorporated for the purpose of building a stone dry dock, near Hunter's Point. The necessary land has been already purchased from the South San Francisco Homestead Association, and arrangements have been made for the immediate construction of the works. These docks, when completed, will be large, commodious, and amply sufficient to accommodate our merchant marine.

SYNAGOGUE EMANU-EL.—The corner-stone of a Jewish Synagogue for the accommodation of the Society Emanu-El has been laid on Sutter Street, between Stockton and Powell. The edifice will be one hundred and fifty-four feet long by seventy-six feet wide, and ninety-five feet from the ground to the roof. There will be a basement with rooms for the meetings of the Society, etc. The auditorium will be ninety-seven feet by fifty-three feet six inches, and fifty feet high, beautifully and elegantly finished. There will be two towers, each one hundred and sixty-five feet high, and the building will in other respects bear favorable comparison with any other house of public worship on this coast.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The rapid extension southward necessitated the construction of a theater more convenient of access in the Metropolitan and Opera House; and to meet this want, Mr. Thomas Maguire, early in 1864, purchased a lot on Pine Street between Montgomery and Sansom. Work was commenced thereon about the first of March, and in two months thereafter the Academy of Music was opened to the public. The building cost about \$40,000 and, though exceedingly plain, is one of the most beautiful theaters in California.

CITIZENS' GAS COMPANY'S BUILDINGS.—The buildings erected and in course of construction by the Citizens' Gas Company, form one of the marked features of our city's progress. About the beginning of the year 1864, the Company commenced to reclaim the water block bounded by Townsend and King and Second and Third streets. Piles were driven along the outer edge of the block, some three