

pied by the Bank of British North America; the others, with the upper stories, will be occupied as offices. Next to Mr. Friedlander's, on California Street, a building is being erected by Mr. Willey, and next to that is the California Insurance Company's office, all built in the same style. These buildings, like the Pacific Bank, are secured by iron braces to an inner structure of wood, to render them, as far as possible, earthquake-proof. The cost will be \$160,000. Wright & Saunders are the architects.

On the junction of Market, Ellis, and Stockton streets, Mr. John Nightingale has replaced a series of one-story shanties by a three-story and basement frame building, which is an ornament to the Eighth Ward. It extends one hundred and twenty feet on Market street, and the same on Ellis Street, and presents an architectural appearance at once unique and graceful. The lower part is occupied as stores, and the upper stories as lodgings. It was the original intention of the proprietor to erect a brick building, but the earthquake of October, 1868, caused him to alter his plans, and he has erected the present frame building as less liable to damage from that cause. In the building there are thirty-three oriel (or bay) windows, which impart an airiness to the building which is pleasing to the eye. The cost of the structure was \$30,000. Mr. Charles Geddes is the architect.

SAVINGS AND LOAN SOCIETY BUILDING.—This association has had erected a building which for richness of design is superior to anything of the kind in the city. It is situated on Clay Street between Montgomery and Kearny, three stories and basement; the entire front, the first of the kind erected in this city, is of iron, each story supported by Corinthian columns, the façade beautifully ornamented with architectural designs, and the whole presenting an appearance of beauty combined with strength. The style of architecture is what is called the modern, an innovation on the ancient designs, but of great strength and solidity. The building cost \$50,000. J. P. Gaynor, architect.

GIRLS' NEW HIGH SCHOOL.—On the corner of Bush and Stockton streets, the site of the Girls' High School, the Board of Education are erecting a new school house, having found the old one inadequate for the increased number of pupils. The building is fifty-six by ninety-two feet, three stories high; to secure it as much as possible against earthquake shocks, it is built of heavy timbers, anchored and bolted together on a solid brick foundation. The exterior of the building will be finished in the Ionic order of architecture, and the roof will be surmounted by a cupola. All the modern improvements of egress, in case of alarm, have been attended to, such as wide stairs and halls, with an uninterrupted communication through the interior. The ceilings are respectively fourteen and a half and fifteen and a half feet high; the rooms are well ventilated, and every convenience for cleanliness and comfort is adopted; in fact, it is a model school house.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL.—On the corner of L Street and Fourteenth Avenue, there is being erected a public school, which when finished and occupied, will prove of lasting benefit to South San Francisco; the building is fifty-eight by ninety-five feet, two stories high, and built like the Girls' High School, of timbers solidly bound together with iron anchors; there is ample accommodation for four hundred and eighty scholars; the interior is well lighted and ventilated; the rooms are fifteen feet high; halls and stairs wide and easy of egress. The exterior will present a solid, plain, and pleasing appearance. Mr. Wm. Crane is the architect of both buildings.

SCHOOL OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION—Corner of Taylor and Ellis streets. This commodious edifice is now completed by the addition of the western wing; it covers the fifty-vara lot on the southwest corner of Ellis and Taylor streets, and extends one hundred and twenty-seven feet on each street; it is a two-story and basement building; the school rooms which are large and lofty, are capable of containing fifteen hundred pupils. The system of ventilation is on such an improved principle that the lungs of the scholars will be at all hours inflated with an abundance of fresh air, which will tend to prevent that lassitude of the pupils often observed in close school rooms. The style of the building is Italian, and the entire cost \$60,000.

HARPENDING'S BLOCK.—On the south side of Market Street, between First and Second, Mr. Harpending has erected a block of eight brick buildings, with a frontage of two hundred and fifty feet on Market Street by one hundred and fifty-five feet deep to Stevenson Street. They are three stories and basement in height. The lower story is divided into eight lofty stores, the fronts of which are raised on Corinthian columns. The whole building is of the new style of that architecture, and has been constructed on the earthquake-preventive principle. Cost, about \$170,000. J. P. Gaynor, architect. Adjoining on the west, Mr. Sampson Tams is erecting three stores, three stories and basement in height, with a frontage of one hundred feet on Market by one hundred and fifty-five feet to Stevenson Street. The first stories have Corinthian columns, and the buildings will be finished in the highest style of the Italian architecture. They

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