

Optional Courses.—Besides the students pursuing the regular courses, any resident of California, of approved moral character, has the right to enter himself in the University as a student at large, and receive tuition in any branch or branches of instruction at the time when the same are given in the regular course.

Expenses.—An admission fee of \$20 is paid on the entrance of the student. The total expenses for tuition are \$60 per annum. There are no dormitories and no commons connected with the University. Students can obtain board and lodging at reasonable rates in private families in the City of Oakland. By forming clubs they can much reduce the price of board.

Equipment.—The University will be superbly equipped with apparatus of all kinds, of the most improved pattern. It has been selected with great care, and at a large expense, in the Atlantic States and Europe by Prof. Fisher. It is now on the way to California, and when it arrives the study of every branch of study, capable of illustration, will be aided by instruments and appliances of the most approved workmanship and latest device.

The Site.—The University owns a beautiful tract of two hundred acres at Berkeley, situated four and a half miles north of Oakland. On this site arrangements have been made to put up permanent and spacious buildings, capable of accommodating five hundred students, and provided with all the modern conveniences which experience can suggest. The whole cost is estimated at \$250,000. The new buildings are expected to be ready for occupation by the summer of 1871, after which the University will be permanently located at Berkeley.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The Act of the Legislature March 24th, 1866, appropriates the sum of sixteen thousand dollars biennially for the support of the State Normal School, located on Market Street, near Fifth, in this city. Its management is intrusted to a Board of Trustees, consisting of the members of the State Board of Education "who are empowered to continue said school for the purpose of furnishing free instruction to such persons residing in this State, as may desire to prepare themselves for the profession of teaching."

Pupils are admitted from the several counties of the State, in proportion to the representation of each in the Legislature. Average number, one hundred and twenty-five.

Board of Instruction.—Rev. William T. Luckey, A.M., Principal; H. P. Carlton, A.M., Vice Principal; Miss E. A. Broughton, Mrs. D. Clark, Miss Ryder, and Miss Matilda Lewis, Assistants.

Private Educational Institutions.

The total number of colleges and private schools in this city is seventy-two, of which fourteen are under the control of the Catholic denomination. Many of these institutions are in a very flourishing condition, and the private schools will compare favorably with the public schools for thoroughness of instruction and excellence of discipline.

From the report of the School Census for 1869, it will be seen that the number of children between six and fifteen years of age that attended private schools for the year ending June 30th, 1869, was five thousand six hundred and ten; for the year previous, four thousand and eight; an increase of one thousand six hundred and two. The number attending public schools for the same period, thirteen

thousand six hundred and thirty-four; an increase for the year ending June 30, 1869, of ten.*

In addition to the attendance of the private schools, there are about seven hundred and fifty children under six years of age at the different infant schools, and about eight hundred attending the higher private schools and colleges, the whole aggregating seven thousand one hundred and sixty, an increase during the past year of two thousand one hundred and sixty.

CITY COLLEGE.

The City College was established in 1859, by the Rev. Geo. Burrowes, D.D., in the basement of the old Calvary Church on Bush Street, from which it was removed to its present site, on the southeast corner of Stockton and Geary streets, in 1861. It was incorporated under the name of University College, in 1863, the valuable property previously acquired being then placed in the hands of a Board of eighteen Trustees, among whom may be specially named, the Hon. Thomas H. Selby, Mayor of San Francisco, Gov. H. H. Haight, Ex-mayor H. P. Coon, and Jas. B. Roberts, Esq. Pursuing a liberal and enlightened policy, the Trustees have not only provided ample grounds and buildings, admirably situated in the most accessible part of the city, and furnished with chemical and philosophical apparatus, but also secured extensive and valuable grounds for University purposes, situated in the suburbs of the city and known as the University Mound, on which they have erected and furnished a beautiful college edifice, in the French Gothic style, now ready for the reception of students.

The city department, popularly known as the City College, has already completed the tenth year of its existence. During the first six years of its history, it grew, under the presidency of the Rev. Dr. Burrowes, from small beginnings to the proportion of a college, with a number of students nearly ready for graduation, some of whom have since received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Since the resignation of Dr. Burrowes in 1865, on account of the temporary failure of his health, the college has been under the direction of the Rev. P. V. Veeder, A.M., formerly tutor in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. A Chemical Laboratory has also been erected, fronting on Stockton Street, and placed under the care of Prof. Thomas Price, M.D., in which the best facilities are afforded for obtaining a thorough practical knowledge of chemistry in all its applications to Assaying, Mining, Pharmacy, and the Manufacturing Arts.

The main college building is forty feet wide by one hundred and thirty feet long, and contains five large and well-lighted and ventilated halls for study, capable of accommodating two hundred students; a philosophical hall for lectures and experiments; Kiepert's mural maps of ancient geography, and a neat observatory rising from the roof for the telescope. A corps of able professors and teachers conduct the instructions. The Classical Department is under the care of the Rev. Thomas Kirkland, a graduate of the University of Edinburgh. Instruction is given in Mathematics, by Prof. T. A. Robinson; in English Studies and Military Drill, by Prof. J. K. P. Wilson; in Physics and Modern Languages, by Prof. G. C. Arnold, of the University of Erlangen, and in French and Drawing, by Prof. E. A. Pesoli, of the University of Paris. The Preparatory and Primary departments are amply provided with able and faithful teachers, and are well attended.

* The Superintendent of Public Schools reports an attendance of nineteen thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, an important difference in his returns and the canvass of the School Marshals.