

The Chinese School was first organized in September, 1859, under the instruction of Mr. B. Lantot, in the basement of the Chinese Chapel, corner of Stockton and Sacramento streets. For want of scholars and a lack of interest among the Chinese to appreciate the benefits of free school instruction, it was suspended in June, 1860, as a day school, but has since been taught as an evening school.

During August, 1856, the Evening Schools were opened in the basement of the Cathedral, corner California and Dupont streets. They were first organized by Messrs John Hamill, John Swett, Ahira Holmes, and James Denman, who volunteered their services until the Board of Education was convinced of the success of the schools, and the importance and usefulness of the Evening School instruction. The Evening Schools have continued with varying success, until now they are among the most useful and prosperous of our Public Schools.

Our present High Schools were first inaugurated on the 16th of August, 1856, under the instruction of Mr. Ellis H. Holmes, Principal, George W. Minns, and Miss Anna C. Parks, Assistants. At first the school was opened as a "Union Grammar School," and consisted of *eighty pupils—thirty-five boys and forty-five girls*—who were selected from the most advanced pupils of the highest grammar classes of the city. After thoroughly testing the experiment for three terms, and proving the usefulness and success of the school, the Board of Education, on the 8th of January, 1858, resolved to reorganize it as a permanent High School, with a more complete and extended course of study.

The school was first opened in Dr. Boring's church, on the present site of the Boys' High School. This building was remodeled and rebuilt in 1860, and was formally dedicated on the 19th of September, with interesting ceremonies, by the Rev. T. Starr King and others.

In June, 1864, the sexes were separated in the High School, and the young ladies were transferred to the old brick building corner Stockton and Bush streets, where the Girls' High School was opened under the instruction of the present Principal, Mr. E. H. Holmes, with Misses M. F. Anstin and M. S. Bodwell, and Madame Brissac, Assistants. This school was reorganized in July, 1867, as a Girls' High and Normal School, with a training department for preparing young ladies for the profession of teaching.

In 1853, the Legislature of the State of California passed the following Act, by which the Catholic, or "Ward" schools, were organized as a part of the public schools of the city. Sec. three, "The County Superintendent may, and is hereby empowered, in incorporated cities, to appoint three School Commissioners for any common school or district, upon a petition of the inhabitants thereof requesting the same." Sec. four, "Such schools shall be and are hereby entitled to all the rights and privileges of any other city or common schools, in the *pro rata* division of school money raised by taxation, and shall receive their proportion of money from the State School Fund in the annual distribution, provided they are conducted in accordance with the requirements of this Act." This law remained in force till 1855, when it was repealed by the revised school law which abolished separate school funds, and provided that no sectarian books should be used, and that no sectarian doctrines should be taught in any public school, under penalty of forfeiting the public funds. The first Commissioners appointed under this law were Dr. P. M. O'Brien, Frank Soule, Esq., and Dr. S. R. Harris.

The following schools were organized under this system: In the Second Ward, connected with the St. Francis' Church, there were one Grammar, one Intermediate and two Primary Schools, divided into male and female departments, numbering 299

boys and 255 girls—total, 554. In the Sixth Ward, in connection with the Cathedral, there was the same arrangement of schools, in which were taught 131 boys and 124 girls, in all 255 pupils. In the Seventh Ward, in connection with St. Patrick's Church, there was the same arrangement of schools, in which were taught 254 boys and 358 girls, making in all 612.

Thus there were educated in the Ward Schools 1421 pupils, for the education of whom the city appropriated the sum of \$39,690.50.

The male departments were taught by gentlemen instructors, and the female departments by ladies belonging to the following religious orders of the city: Sisters of Charity, Sisters of Mercy, and Sisters of the Presentation.

In 1855, these Ward Schools were merged into the city public schools, forming one uniform system. All the teachers, except those belonging to the different religious orders, were employed by the City Board of Education.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

This institution, now in active operation in the City of Oakland, was organized by Act of the Legislature, approved March 23d, 1868. It embraces five distinct colleges, viz.: A College of Agriculture, of the Mechanic Arts, of Civil Engineering, of Mines, and Letters.

The management and control of the University are intrusted to a Board of Regents, composed of the following gentlemen:

Regents of the University.—*Ex-officio*: His Excellency Henry H. Haight, Governor, and President of the Board; His Honor William Holden, Lieutenant-Governor; Hon. George H. Rogers, Speaker of the Assembly; Hon. and Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Hon. Charles F. Reed, President of the State Agricultural Society, and A. S. Hallidie, Esq., President of the Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco. *Appointed*: Hon. Samuel Merritt, M. D., Oakland; John T. Doyle, Esq., Menlo Park; Hon. Richard P. Hammond, San Francisco; Hon. John W. Dwinelle, Oakland; Rev. Horatio Stebbins, San Francisco; Hon. Lawrence Archer, San José; William Watt, Esq., Grass Valley; Hon. Samuel B. McKee, Oakland. **Honorary*: Louis Sachs, San Francisco, Hon. Edward Tompkins, Oakland, J. Mora Moss, Esq., Temescal, S. F. Butterworth, Esq., San Francisco, Hon. John S. Hager, San Francisco, A. J. Bowie, M. D., San Francisco, William C. Ralston Esq., San Francisco, John B. Felton Esq., Oakland.

Officers of the Board of Regents.—His Excellency Henry H. Haight, President; Andrew J. Moulder, Esq., Secretary; William C. Ralston, Esq., Treasurer. Office, No. 320 California Street, San Francisco.

The University was inaugurated on the twenty-third of September, 1869, in the buildings formerly occupied by the College of California, in the City of Oakland. The following are

The Faculty and Officers.—Henry Durant, A. M., President; John Le Conte, M. D., Professor of Physics and Industrial Mechanics; Joseph Le Conte, M. D., Professor of Geology, Natural History, and Botany; Martin Kellogg, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages; W. T. Welcher, Professor of Mathematics; Paul Pioda, Professor of Modern Languages; Ezra S. Carr, M. D., Professor of Chemistry, Agriculture, Agricultural Chemistry and Horticulture; William Swinton, A. M., Professor of English Language and Literature, including Rhetoric

*The term "Honorary" applied to these Regents, indicates only the mode of their election, which is made by the *ex-officio* and Appointed Regents. Every Regent, however appointed, is a voting, legislative, and executive member of the Board.