

the growth of the city, the great increase of its business, and the enhancement of rents and real-estate values. Banking, insurance, and other property, on California Street, and on Sanson and Montgomery streets, contiguous thereto, has greatly advanced in price, and the buildings there are generally very fine. The new London and San Francisco Bank building would be an ornament to any city. It is situated on the northwest corner of California and Leidesdorff streets. Another new bank building is projected on the north side of California Street, west of Battery. The building formerly owned by an insurance company, on California Street, adjoining the Bank of California, recently changed hands. The building is now being remodeled.

In few respects has San Francisco increased more within the past seven years than in first-class private residences. That of William Sharon (not yet completed), on Sutter Street, above Powell; that of R. C. Johnson, southwest corner of O'Farrell and Leavenworth streets; that of William C. Ralston, on Pine, west of Leavenworth, being especially noticeable and ornamental. Leland Stanford, President of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, owns most of the block bounded by Powell, Mason, California, and Pine streets. He intends soon to erect on it a mansion which will cost at least \$100,000. Charles Crocker, one of the managers of the same company, last year purchased a lot, two hundred and seventy-five by one hundred and thirty-seven and one half feet, on the northwest corner of California and Taylor streets, on which, on his return from China, it is understood he will erect a large and costly mansion. This is but an outline of what has been done or projected in the building line in this city during the past year. There has seldom been such a dearth of houses as existed here all of last year. Despite the unusually large number of new buildings erected, the supply was not nearly equal to the demand. In consequence of this fact, the cheapness of money and lumber, the unprecedented prosperity promised from large crops and a fruitful yield from the mines, there is no doubt but that more buildings and dwellings will be erected this year in San Francisco than in any previous year in its history since 1849 or 1850. The total cost of the buildings now under construction will not be less than \$3,000,000, not to speak at all of several hundreds of other dwellings, to cost from \$2,000 to \$6,000 each, which will shortly be built. Those mechanics, therefore, who can not find work in the Atlantic States may confidently calculate on finding employment if they will direct their course westward.

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS.—The number of buildings in the city and county is estimated at twenty-two thousand six hundred, of which four thousand two hundred are of brick. The Federal Census of 1870 returns the number at twenty-two thousand two hundred and sixty-six. (See Article on Population, page 13.)

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, ETC., IN SAN FRANCISCO.—Some one has said that capital seeking investment in a city will look to the manner in which it is provided with churches, schools, colleges, and charitable institutions as one of the true tests of the progress, stability, morality, and law-abiding character of the people resident in it. In this connection San Francisco will bear favorable comparison with older, less isolated, and, therefore, more favored cities. The following table shows the present value of the land and cost of the buildings owned by the various religious sects of this city:

Catholic Churches, Convents, Colleges, Asylums, Hospitals, etc.....	\$3,250,000
Presbyterian Church property.....	500,000
Hebrew Church property.....	405,477
Episcopalian Church property.....	380,500
Methodist Church property.....	275,985
Congregational Church property.....	265,000
Baptist Church property.....	118,750
Lutheran Church property.....	80,000
Unitarian Church property.....	165,000
Total miscellaneous property owned by all the religious sects of San Francisco (exclusive of the Catholic), Young Men's Christian Association, Ladies' Protective and Relief Society, St. Luke's Hospital, City College, Chinese Mission houses, Protestant Orphan Asylum, Bible Society, University Mound College, etc., etc.....	750,000
Grand total.....	\$6,190,712