

**Private Educational Institutions.**

The total number of colleges and private schools in this city is nearly one hundred, of which twenty-one 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 1873, it will be seen that the number of children between six and fifteen years of age that have attended private schools for the year ending June 30, 1873, was five thousand two hundred and eighty-five. The number attending public schools for the same period, twenty-four thousand one hundred and fifty-four.

In addition to the attendance of the private schools, there are about thirteen hundred children under six years of age at the different infant schools and benevolent institutions, and about twelve hundred attending the higher private schools and colleges.

**ST. IGNATIUS' COLLEGE.**

This well-known literary institution, located on Market Street, between Fourth and Fifth, which is conducted by the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, was first opened for the reception of students on the fifteenth day of October, 1855, and was incorporated under the law of the State on the thirtieth of April, 1859, and empowered to confer the usual degrees and academical honors. Since its commencement, this institution has been attended with the highest degree of prosperity and success. The course of instruction pursued is thorough, and comprises a complete classical, mathematical, and philosophical course of training, calculated to prepare the pupil for entering upon the study of any of the professions, or commencing any business vocation. The college is provided with an extensive laboratory, comprising all the necessary appliances for the assaying of metals and making chemical analysis, which is an important feature not generally found in institutions of this character. There is a telegraphic room, with an instrument in operation, where the business of operating is taught. The "Ignatian Literary Society," for exercise in debate; the "Philhistorian Debating Society," to promote the knowledge of history; the "Loyola Scientific Academy," for the cultivation and promotion of the study of natural sciences; a College Band and singing classes, are established in the college for the improvement of the pupils.

The founders of this institution, foreseeing the rapid progress of the Queen City of the Pacific, purchased some years since the property upon which the magnificent college edifice has since been erected. This lot has a frontage of two hundred and seventy-five feet on Market, and the same on Jessie Street, with a depth of three hundred and fifty feet. The present building—the cost of which, independent of the lot, was \$160,000—although one of the finest architectural ornaments of the city, is only a part of the extent contemplated. When the extensive additions are made, the entire structure will rival anything of the kind to be found in our portion of the country. The present building is admirably adapted to the purposes for which it was designed, being abundantly lighted and well ventilated in every portion; the ceilings are lofty, and spacious halls run through the building. A large playground is attached, with a commodious shelter from the rain, affording ample means for the physical exercise of the pupils. In fact, nothing has been neglected which is at all conducive to mental and physical training. The number of students in the college at present is over five hundred, under a staff of twenty-two professors and teachers. [See Advertisement, page xxxix.]

**SANTA CLARA COLLEGE, SANTA CLARA.**

This establishment is under the superintendence of the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, and is open to all who choose to avail themselves of its advantages. It is situated in the beautiful Valley of Santa Clara, so celebrated for the mildness and salubrity of its climate, and is about three miles distant from San José and quite close to the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The college was founded in 1851. On the 28th of April, 1855, it was incorporated and empowered to confer degrees and academical honors, and to exercise all the rights and privileges common to any other

literary institution in the United States. It has a full staff of professors, and presents advantages for the mental, physical, and moral training of the students unsurpassed in California. It possesses a complete philosophical apparatus, purposely made in Paris for Santa Clara College, and furnished with all necessary instruments for experiments in mechanics, hydraulics, pneumatics, caloric, electricity, magnetism, optics, acoustics, and surveying. New and important additions are being made every year to keep pace with the progress of science.

The chemical laboratory is provided with a full assortment of chemicals, a very good set of furnaces, and all that is necessary for the different kinds of chemical analysis. The museum of natural history comprises a valuable collection of mineralogy and geology; also three thousand specimens of shells and other natural curiosities. As an accessory to the scientific department, there is a photographic gallery, where the students who wish to learn photography in all its different branches. Practical lessons are given also on the electric telegraph. The college library numbers about twelve thousand volumes. [See Advertisement, page xli.]

**HEAD'S BUSINESS COLLEGE.**

The object of this school, as its name implies, is to educate for business. It is the leading commercial school of the Pacific Coast, and one of the largest, most complete, and most thorough institutions of the kind in the United States. During the past year, it has had in attendance over six hundred students, which is a considerable increase over preceding years. Among its pupils are the sons of many of our most prominent business men. The plan of operation adopted by this school is quite novel and interesting. Instead of a dry and tedious study of mere text books, *actual practice* in business affairs is so united to the theoretical study of accounts, penmanship, arithmetic, etc., that the progress of the student becomes easy and rapid. The information thus acquired is also of the most practical nature, and ready for immediate use. In order to carry out the system of business training, the school room has been fitted up to represent a miniature business world. There are in active operation banks, jobbing, and importing houses, insurance and real estate offices, commission houses, express offices, wholesale and retail merchandising houses, etc., etc. In all of these establishments an actual business is carried on by the student, who acts in turn as clerk, salesman, bookkeeper, cashier, agent, merchant, broker, and banker. In these various capacities he makes out all varieties of business and legal papers, and writes up notes, drafts, bills, statements of accounts, orders, receipts, invoices, account sales, certificates, bills of lading, contracts, deeds, leases, bills of sale, articles of copartnership, etc. As a merchant, he buys, sells, ships, consigns, orders, barters, insures, and keeps a complete and systematic record of his business transactions. As a banker, he receives and pays out deposits, makes collections, loans, discounts, buys and sells, exchanges, issues certificates of deposit, keeps the corporation books, issues and transfers stock, and enters up the results of all these transactions in the proper books. In fact, so thorough and practical is this system of instruction that the graduates of this school are fitted to pass directly from the school room to the counting room.

This school is one of the Bryant and Stratton Colleges, so long and favorably known in the Eastern States. The schools now number thirty-six, of the leading business colleges in that country, and are associated under the title of the "International Business College Association." This association meets annually for the discussion and advancement of the cause of commercial education. The scholarships of this college are good for tuition in all the schools of the association.

There is also connected with the college a telegraph institute, where young men and ladies are fitted for telegraphic operators. This department has been fitted up at a great expense, and is one of the most complete of the kind in the country. The office is supplied with a great variety of telegraphic instruments and electrical apparatus. A line of wire has been extended around the city for the practice of the students, and there are at present over twenty offices on the line, thus affording pupils an opportunity of writing with experienced operators.

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