

THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—This juvenile jail, the primary department of our municipal reformatory institutions, occupies a beautiful and healthful suburban location on the San José Road, between five and six miles southwest of the City Hall. Its dimensions, accommodations, and general condition remain unchanged since last year except by the addition of a large stable. As a pleasing proof of the gradual progress of this institution we note the fact, as shown by successive reports, that the number of youth committed by their parents for unmanageability, and, especially, the number of those recommitted, annually diminishes. In the distinctively reformatory department its management continues that firm, quiet, and thoroughly-efficient discipline which wayward youth most need, while the various industrial occupations, both outdoors and in, continue as varied and general as the public appropriation permits, constantly demonstrating, if demonstration were needed, the indispensable value of profitable industry in the reclamation of vicious youth.

THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION.—Upon the same lot as the Industrial School Building, and about a hundred yards northeast of it, the New House of Correction is steadily rising. It has the general form of a hexagon, with projecting wings in front and at each adjoining side. The diameter of the main building is ninety-two feet; the dimensions of each wing forty-four feet by one hundred and thirty-seven. The foundation and basement walls are of stone; the remaining three stories of brick. The contract for its erection was awarded to Dennis Jordan, for \$123,000, gold coin, in September, 1874, and work immediately commenced. Messrs. Bugbee & Son, architects.

THE CITY AND COUNTY HOSPITAL is located in the southern part of the city, on a lot bounded by Nevada, Sierra, and Nebraska streets, and Potrero Avenue, and containing about ten acres. The main building faces the west, the entrance being on Potrero Avenue, which runs nearly north and south. All the buildings are of wood with brick basements, except the kitchen and laundry which are wholly of brick. The different buildings are: The administrative and dining hall buildings, each three stories high, situated in the center of the block opposite each other on either side of the covered corridor, which runs lengthwise of the premises; the kitchen and laundry, back of the dining rooms; the gate house, stable, morgue, operating rooms, etc., conveniently located in various places, and, lastly, six long pavilions, each two stories high, and designed to accommodate sixty-four patients with their nurses. These will contain, with the most generous allowance for space, three hundred and eighty-four patients, and are considered amply sufficient for present purposes. It is designed, eventually, to have twelve pavilions built in pairs on either side of the corridor, and parallel with the main building. The number of patients in the hospital, July 1, 1874, was three hundred and thirty-seven. In addition to those taken in, there are treated at the hospital some ten thousand or more out-patients annually. The number of prescriptions put up for this class alone, every year, is over ten thousand.

ALMS HOUSE.—In 1867 the erection of such an institution became imperatively necessary in order to relieve the City and County Hospital of the permanently disabled and superannuated who had accumulated for years, and a large, substantial, and commodious wooden building was erected for this purpose near Lake Honda. The house will accommodate five hundred persons, and up to the present time has proved amply sufficient to meet the public want, the average daily number of inmates, during the past year, having been less than four hundred. The expense of maintaining this noble, charitable institution, during the year 1874, as shown by the Auditor's Report, was \$73,756.38.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSES.—Probably in no city in the Union is greater interest displayed in schools and institutions of learning than in San Francisco, and it must be a matter of gratification to every parent and friend of education to know that our School Department is exerting itself to the uttermost to keep even pace with the steady and rapid growth of the city. To do this additional permanent buildings for school purposes became necessary and the erection of five new school houses in different localities determined upon and commenced. One on Greenwich Street, between Jones and Leavenworth, to accommodate the large number of pupils in that quarter who are now attending school in low, dark, and ill-ventilated rented rooms. Another on Mission, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, and a third on Geary Street, upon a portion of Hamilton Square, which has been set apart for school purposes by the Board of Supervisors. As these buildings are to be of the same size, and differ but little in construction and cost, one description will serve for all. The main building will be fifty-two feet two inches by seventy-nine feet seven inches, with two wings, each twelve feet ten inches by thirty-five feet. The basement story will be of brick, seven feet six inches high, above which will rise three stories of wood, each story to be built separate, the two lower to be fourteen feet and the upper to be sixteen feet, from floor to floor. The top of the first floor to be six feet above the grade. They are to be well lighted and ventilated, and supplied with gas, water, and every convenience for the comfort of pupils and teachers. They are to be built by Thomas Noble & Co., and will cost, respectively, \$29,500, \$28,000, and \$26,500. Another and larger building is to be erected on Eddy Street, between Polk Street and Van Ness Avenue, by M. E. Smith, at a cost of \$37,000. The main structure will be of the same dimension as those given above with two wings, thirty-eight by thirty-five feet each. This building will accommodate eighteen classes of sixty each, or one thousand and eighty pupils. There is, also, at the corner of Noe and Temple streets, a smaller, four-class building, just completed, for the accommoda-

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