

postal cards collected; and about eight hundred and fifty thousand delivered. There were one million four hundred and forty-two thousand newspapers delivered, and about seven hundred thousand collected. The receipts of the Post-office in 1869 were \$4,181.99. During the ten months ending October 30, last, there were \$63,467.50. There are two hundred and five street letter-boxes. Those on Front, Battery, Sanson, Montgomery and Kearny streets are cleared five times a day, besides two special collections. Letters dropped in any of the boxes, except such as are beyond Van Ness Avenue and in South San Francisco, in the evening, will reach the Post-office the following morning, in time for the outgoing mails by the morning trains, the mail going last closing at 6:30 A.M. A city letter or postal card placed in any of the boxes, with the exceptions mentioned, in the evening, will reach any portion of the city before noon next day. There is but one delivery and collection a day in the Potrero and South San Francisco, the carrier leaving the office at 7 A.M., so that if a letter be posted for that part of the city any time of day, it will not reach its destination before the following day. A letter posted in any of the boxes in the streets bounded by Front, Kearny, Market, or Jackson, or First, Sixth and Folsom, before 10 A.M., will reach the office at 11 A.M., and be delivered in any of the streets within these limits in less than an hour afterward. A letter placed in any of the boxes in the same streets before 1:15 P.M., will be delivered, if addressed in any of the streets from Larkin to Gough, in the western portion of the city, and from Eighth to Twenty-first in the southern portion, before 5 P.M., the carriers leaving the office in this delivery at 2:15 P.M. In a southerly direction the limits of the carriers' delivery extend to Twenty-sixth Street, and in a westerly direction to Baker Street. Deliveries in the principal streets are made five times a day. The 7 A.M. delivery includes the Eastern mails and all others which arrive in the evening. The San José, Harrisburg, Hollister and Gilroy mails are embraced in the 11 A.M. delivery; the Petaluma, Stockton, Sacramento, Vallejo, Oakland, etc., in the 1 P.M., and all city letters brought in by the last collection are delivered as early as possible—the carriers leaving the office at 3:30 P.M. The number of letters dispatched daily by the regular Overland Mail is between three and four thousand, while the State and Coast Mail is nearly five times as great. The mails to China and Japan carry six thousand letters a month; those to Australia, five thousand; to the West Coast of Central and South America, four thousand; to the Sandwich Islands, four thousand; to British America and Alaska, two thousand. Thus, the grand aggregate of letters annually dispatched from the San Francisco Post-office is about eight millions.

There are three Branch Post-offices. Station A is located at 1305 Polk Street, and embraces all that territory west of Taylor and North of Geary to Cemetery Avenue. The office was established July 26, 1876. A. M. Cox is superintendent. Letters are distributed by carriers, there being four for this district. Station B is located at the southwest corner of Seventh and Market. It was established on the 16th of last August. H. W. Forbes superintendent. This district has twelve carriers, and embraces all that territory south of Market from Third to Thirteenth, and all west of Stockton and south of Geary to Cemetery Avenue; also the Potrero and South San Francisco. Station C is located on the northeast corner of Twentieth and Mission streets. It was established August 7, 1876. Edward M. King superintendent. This district has two carriers. The station includes all that territory from Thirteenth to Twenty-sixth Street, and from the Potrero to Church Street. The subsidy mail contract existing between the Government and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for carrying the mails from this port to China, expired by limitation January 1, 1877. During the present year there will be two mails per month to China. One mail will be dispatched about the first of every month by a Pacific Mail steamer, and another about the sixteenth by a steamer of the Oriental and Occidental Line.

THE UNITED STATES MARINE HOSPITAL is built on the Presidio Reservation, near Mountain Lake and First Avenue. It cost the Government about \$60,000. The improvements, etc., cost about \$20,000 additional. The Hospital consists of three long, two-story wooden buildings. The central building is used as an executive room. The others, situated on each side of the executive room, are used as the kitchen, pantry, laundry, store-room, dead-house, etc. From the rear of the executive, or middle building, extend three one-story wards, groove-like, or rather radiating like the ribs of a fan. This Hospital is maintained at Government expense, of about \$25,000 a year. Eighty-five patients were admitted last year; it has accommodations for one hundred and twenty-five. This Hospital is not an asylum for permanently disabled sailors; only those are admitted who are pursuing the calling of merchant seamen. When convalescing, they work on the grounds, garden, etc. Before admission, patients must get certificates from the Custom House, showing that they are merchant seamen. The surgeon in charge is Dr. C. M. Ellinwood, office 715 Clay Street, corner of Kearny.

THE ARMY, NAVY, ETC.—The military and other offices of the Federal service, numbering several scores in all, are not accommodated in any government building especially provided for them, but occupy rented offices in the most convenient locations available.

STATE BUILDINGS OR OFFICES.—Although several state officials necessarily have their offices in this city, the State has not yet provided any special building for their accommodation. The various Commissioners, Inspectors, and Agents, rent offices as convenient as possible to the respective locations of their several occupations. Should the reader have any special desire to know where these are he can easily ascertain by referring to the proper place in the general directory.