

Asylum. It will be finished for occupancy during the month of November, 1861. The erection of the building is confided to the charge of Mr. P. O'Connor, Architect, who has a corps of efficient mechanics employed in every branch of the work to be completed.

We cannot with propriety omit in this place a slight allusion to the numerous beautiful private residences, which adorn our city, several of which are of recent erection. A walk through Taylor street, over and around Rincon Hill, through Folsom, Mission, and other streets, will satisfy the curious, that our citizens, who have the means, freely expend them in the construction of tasteful cottages, or palatial mansions, in which architectural symmetry is not neglected. Amongst houses lately built, which are especially worthy of mention, are the residences of W. C. Talbot Esq., Folsom street, that of Mr. W. Greene's, at the Mission, designed by Stephen H. Williams, Esq., and the mansion of Mr. Jonathan Hunt, at the corner of Pine and Leavenworth streets, constructed according to the plans of Mr. Henry W. Cleveland, architect. There are several others, which we should like to refer to if our time would permit, but for the present this must suffice.

In the new constructions a want which has for a long time, we might say with propriety always, been painfully felt in San Francisco, has been measurably supplied. We allude to the erection of a medium class of residences, with pleasing surroundings, suitable for tenants of moderate incomes and of refined habits of life, but without the requisite means to secure homesteads.

A very large number of such houses have been put up within a comparatively recent period, and numerous families who have heretofore been huddled together in hotels and lodging-houses, have thus been enabled to supply themselves with the comforts of home, and to secure to their little ones the blessings of pure air and wholesome exercise.

In order to vindicate our assertion, that the progress of San Francisco in building enterprise during the year ending August, 1861, is unprecedented, and as comprising information valuable both now and hereafter, we have, at much labor and expense collected the data with which we close this article, to wit:

The number of new brick buildings erected, or rapidly approaching completion within the time named, are four hundred and forty-two, of which eighty-five are located on the southerly side and south of Market street, and three hundred and fifty-seven on the northerly side and north of that street. This is exclusive of buildings which have received extensive additions, as the Washington Market, Guerin's and many others; and a number of large buildings commenced earlier and which are still unfinished, as Grace Church at the corner of California and Stockton, the Hospital of the Sisters of Mercy, and others. The number of buildings erected of wood during this period is one thousand and thirteen, of which six hundred and forty-seven are situated on the southerly side and south of Market street, and three hundred and sixty-six on the northerly side and north of the great avenue. This enumeration does not include buildings which have been removed from one lot or street to another, nor the Church of the Advent, and several rows of houses commenced earlier than the time prescribed for our statistical comparison are also excluded. Thus it will be seen that fourteen hundred and fifty-five new buildings have been put up within the limits of San Francisco during the year ending August,