Short Memorandum of the Christian Brothers in Cal.

On the 16th of July, on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in the year 1868, eight Brothers embarked from New York at 12 o'clock on the Steamer Ocean Wave, and sailed for Ajijic. On the 26th of July, Sunday morning, they landed in that port where they remained till Monday afternoon, then crossing the Isthmus, and reached Panama late the same evening. Here waited the Steamer Montane for them, which was to bring them to San Francisco. Early next morning already, at 6 o'clock, the Steamer left Panama, and after a very pleasant voyage of 26 ½ days they reached the Golden Gate on the 10th of August, late in the evening. Rev. Brother Justinian visited the newly formed district, and his seven companions, of which number, a few months after their arrival died, were most kindly received by His Grace, the Most Rev. Archbishop Altemus. The next day, the 11th of August, the Brothers were conducted by His Grace to their new home on the Pacific shore, to St. Mary's College. Here they found only thirty-five pupils as boarders, but at the end of that term, by Christmas, their number had increased up to eighty. And the next term, they augmented to one hundred and sixty, and the year after they increased to two hundred and twenty-five. As the number of students was great, and the labours but few, the Brothers had to work hard. They also taught Sunday School at St. Peter's, St. Joseph's, and at St. Mary's Cathedral. A Novitiate was opened immediately, first at St. Mary's College itself.