

Mary's Ladies' Society for their meetings. St. Mary's Society, which was founded by the Sisters of Mercy, 1859, for the purpose of promoting piety among the Catholic females, has recently been converted into a Mutual Benevolent Society. It numbers between ten and eleven hundred members. The officers of the society are selected from the Sisters of Mercy. Rev. J. Croke, Chaplain.

**ST. MARY'S TEMPERANCE, BENEVOLENT, AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.**—Organized 1867. Regular meetings first Thursday in each month. Library open every evening from 7 till 10, P.M., and on Sunday from 9, A.M. till 10, P.M. This association has been organized for the purpose of protecting the Catholic working man against the moral and social evils usually attendant upon a life of arduous and precarious labor. A large reading room has been fitted up for the accommodation of the society, in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral. It has a carefully selected library, numbering at present over 2,000 volumes, consisting of all the Catholic works published in America, to which will soon be added those of Irish and English publishers. There is also a good collection of other useful and instructive works.

*Officers*—John Kelly, Jr., President; Hugh Duffy, Vice President; John M. Farrell, Secretary and Librarian; Jeremiah Dwyer, Treasurer; Rev. John J. Prendergast, Chaplain.

**ST. PETER'S GERMAN ROMAN CATHOLIC BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.**—Organized March, 1865. Incorporated January 7th, 1867. Meetings first Monday in each month, in the school room connected with St. Boniface Church. The objects of this society are mutual benefits to its members. Number of members, seventy.

*Officers*—Peter Kerner, President; Joseph Kolb, Vice President; John Knell, Recording Secretary; L. S. Kast, Financial Secretary; Peter Schenkel, Treasurer; Joseph Kohler, John J. Schoen, Theodore Hoeffelman, and Jacob Klein, Trustees.

**STATE DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND ASSOCIATION.**—The California Institution for the education of the deaf and dumb, and the blind, one of the most interesting and deserving of our State charities, is located on the corner of Fifteenth and Mission Streets. It was established in May, 1860, under the auspices of an association of benevolent ladies, and for a time was supported by charitable contributions. State aid, however, was soon obtained, and two buildings, designed as the wings to a main edifice, were erected at a cost of \$20,000. In 1863 the management was intrusted to a Board of Directors, five in number, and an appropriation, for the center building, of \$75,000 was made, which was subsequently withheld, the Legislature foreseeing the necessity of removing the institution at no distant day, to more extensive grounds. During the Legislative Session of 1865-6 an Act, reorganizing the Institution, was passed, and a Board of Commissioners was appointed to select a site and erect suitable buildings thereon. The Commissioners, under this authority, have recently purchased a tract, consisting of one hundred and thirty acres, adjoining the grounds of the College of California, about four miles from Oakland, and hope to have the proper buildings erected within the current year. The pupils number at present about seventy, of whom twenty-five are blind, the remainder being deaf and dumb. The schools, under a corps of competent instructors, are in a flourishing condition, and the results obtained compare favorably with the attainments made in the long established institutions of the Atlantic States. The blind, by ingenious apparatus devised for their use, are taught reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, etc., to which is added, as a solace

in their great affliction, the art of music. The deaf and dumb are instructed in the same branches, substituting drawing for music. By the Act of 1865-6, all deaf, dumb, or blind persons, residents of this State, between the ages of six and twenty-five years, and of sound mind, may be received, free of expense, except for clothing and traveling expenses. Pupils from other States and Territories are admitted on the payment of \$300 per annum. The institution is open to visitors every day, except Sundays, from 9 o'clock, A.M., till 3 o'clock, P.M.

*Officers*—Board of Directors: Ira P. Rankin, President; William Sherman, Vice President; B. H. Randolph, Treasurer; Rev. J. A. Benton, Secretary; and J. P. Whitney, M.D., Physician.

Principal, Warring Wilkinson, A.M., to whom all letters and applications for admission should be addressed.

**SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.**—Organized 1849. The object of this society is to support their sick countrymen, and to procure employment for those who are in want of it.

*Officers*—E. Fohlmann, President; Ant. Borel, Vice President; F. Berton, Treasurer; A. Vignier, French Secretary; E. V. Sutter, German Secretary; A. Rottanzi and A. Wilhelm, Physicians; E. Bourquin, Collector.

**THE YOUNG MEN'S UNION BENEFICIAL SOCIETY (Col'd).**—Organized 1861, incorporated 1864. Meets first Tuesday in each month. Hall, South side of Pacific Street, bet. Powell and Mason. Board of Trustees meets last Tuesday in each month. Objects of the society, to render aid and protection to its sick members, and bury their dead.

*Officers*—Barney Fletcher, President; Solomon Penmeton, Vice President; Wm. H. Carter, Secretary; Dorsen Thomas, Assistant Secretary; R. T. Houston, Treasurer; Wm. H. Ferguson, Marshal; James Ross, Messenger; Barney Fletcher, S. Penmeton, W. H. Carter, E. F. Phillips, E. Quinn, R. T. Houston, Ezekiel Cooper, James W. Carter, and David C. Lee, Trustees.

**UNITED ANCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS.**—Grand Grove of the State of California.

*Officers*—Julius W. Andrezjowsky, N.G.A., 702 Bush Street; Theodore Eisfeld, D.G.A.; N. Dimmer, Grand Sec'y; J. L. Edward Schmetze, G.T.; C. F. Schmidt, G.M.; C. H. Bannann, G.W.; Henry Link, G.H.; Jacob Weiss, C. C. Hayden, and Joseph Mayer, Gr. Trustees.

**PIONEER HIGH ARCH, CHAPTER NO. 1.**—Organized January 9th, 1867. Meets second and fourth Wednesday in each month in Druids' Hall, Bush Street, between Kearny and Dupont.

*Officers*—J. L. Edward Schmetze, H.N.A.; C. W. Lomler, H.S.; F. Staude, H.T.; Richard Pahl, H.C.; P. Hansen, H.G.

**UNITED DEGREE GROVE, No. 1.**—Organized November 18th, 1866. Meets in Druids' Hall, Bush Street, first and third Sunday in each month.

*Officers*—Julius W. Andrezjowsky, D.A.; Albert Jellinek, D.D.A.; H. Roessler, D.S.; John Staude, D.T.; — Sublsberg, D.B.; Valentine Heintz, D.G.

**SAN FRANCISCO GROVE, No. 3.**—Organized March 27th, 1864. Meets in Druids' Hall, Bush Street, every Monday evening.

*Officers*—H. Kuhlhirt, N.A.; J. G. Waterman, V.A.; W. Brubns, Recording Secretary; H. Roessler, Financial Secretary; F. Kriete, Treasurer.

**EUREKA GROVE, No. 4.**—Organized June 25th, 1865. Meets in Druids' Hall, Bush Street, every Thursday evening.