

MUSICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Organized November 28, 1876. Number of members eighty. Meets each Tuesday evening at the Church, Mason street, between Eddy and Ellis. Objects: Literary and musical culture and intellectual improvement.

Officers.—J. H. Padkin, President; J. R. McLean, Vice-President; Miss Annie Wilson, Secretary; Wm. Nicol, Treasurer; John Longwell, Musical Director.

NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST.—Organized July 11, 1875. Number of members, three hundred and twenty-five. This Society is composed entirely of young men native to the State and born since July 7, 1846, the day upon which the American flag was raised at Monterey by Commodore Sloat, and has for its object, aside from its social character, the preservation of the traditions inseparably bound up in the pioneer history of the State.

A Grand Lodge was instituted in December, 1878, which will hereafter meet annually in February.

Two subordinate Parlors have been organized in San Francisco, viz :

PARLOR No. 1.—Meets every Thursday evening at Red Men's Hall, 320 Post street.

Officers.—Benj. G. Worswick, President; F. P. Medina, Secretary; J. C. Bayer, Treasurer.

PARLOR No. 4.—Meets every Tuesday evening at room 2, Montgomery Block.

Officers.—Edward J. Smith, Secretary.

ODD FELLOWS' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION—Organized December 30, 1854. Rooms, 325 Montgomery street.

The library contains nearly thirty-five thousand volumes in the various departments of literature, including one of the most extensive collections of works on the early history of the Pacific Coast. It also contains what is believed to be the most complete and valuable cabinet of minerals, etc., in the State.

Officers.—Colin M. Boyd, President; Daniel McLaren, Vice-President; David Ravekes, Recording Secretary; Edward B. Read, Corresponding Secretary; William H. Watson, Treasurer; George A. Carnes, Librarian; Thomas Cleary, Assistant Librarian.

PACIFIC GROVE RETREAT ASSOCIATION.—Organized June 28, 1875.

Objects: To purchase and improve lands in Monterey County, for the purpose of a sea-side resort, and for Camp Meeting purposes, for the use of the M. E. Church; to invest the profits of the Association in the improvement of lands, or in charitable purposes. Office of Secretary, 1013 Mission street.

Officers.—O. Gibson, President; T. H. Sinex, Vice-President; F. F. Jewell, Secretary; R. McElroy, Treasurer.

PATRIOTIC ORDER SONS OF AMERICA.—This Order was first organized in Philadelphia in 1847. In 1856 the Order was reorganized and placed upon a more substantial basis, and its membership now seeks to locate a camp in every town in the United States. It has for its objects the inculcation of pure American principles; the opposition to foreign interference with State interests in the United States of America; the cultivation of a fraternal and brotherly love; the preservation of the Constitution of the United States, and the propagation of free education.

State Officers.—I. A. Heald, District President. Two Camps of the Order have been established in this city, viz.:

WASHINGTON CAMP, No. 1.—Instituted October 7, 1877. Meets every Tuesday evening at Huddy's Hall, 909 1/2 Market street.

Officers.—A. W. Whelden, President; Frank A. Brooks, Secretary.

WASHINGTON CAMP, No. 2.—Instituted April 11, 1878. Meets every Tuesday evening at Huddy's Hall, 909 1/2 Market street.

Officers.—R. V. Bettebenner, President; E. W. Haines, Secretary.

PEOPLE'S FREE LIBRARY, THE.—This institution, which is just going into practical operation, was provided for in the Act passed by the Legislature of 1877-8, authorizing the creation and maintenance of free libraries, and empowering the Supervisors to levy a tax of not exceeding one mill on the dollar for

their support. This provision in the city of San Francisco would permit of appropriations to the amount of \$250,000 annually, but in view of the burden of the already large rate of taxation, the appropriation for the fiscal year was fixed at \$24,000. In view of the law preventing the use of more than one-twelfth of the municipal appropriations in each month, the Directors have deferred action until, by the accumulation of the monthly amounts, they could undertake the work in a manner which would instantly place it in a position of respectability as to numbers in books and appointments. At the date of this publication, Pacific Hall, which has been leased, is being rapidly fitted up, and the Directors have already decided to purchase at once \$15,000 worth of books, the remaining \$9,000 being devoted to fitting up and support for the balance of the fiscal year.

Officers.—George H. Rogers, President; John S. Hager, I. M. Scott, R. J. Tobin, E. D. Sawyer, John H. Wise, A. J. Moulder, Louis Sloss, A. S. Hallidge, C. C. Terrell, and Henry George, Trustees; Albert Hart, Librarian and Secretary pro tem.

PHILHISTORIAN DEBATING SOCIETY.—Organized October, 1863. Number of members, twenty. Meets every Wednesday afternoon at St. Ignatius College.

Officers.—M. W. Shallo, S. J., President; Ed. McGary, Vice-President; Jas. Tevlin, Secretary; Jas. D. Phelan, Librarian.

PLYMOUTH LITERARY SOCIETY.—Organized February 7, 1856. Number of members, three hundred. Meets at lecture-room of Plymouth Church on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Objects: Mutual improvement and self-culture.

Officers.—E. Carlson, President; William R. Morton, Vice-President; Miss Annie E. Pike, Secretary; James M. McDonald, Treasurer.

SAN FRANCISCO ART ASSOCIATION.—Organized March 28, 1871. Objects: The promotion of painting, sculpture, and fine arts akin thereto, the diffusion of a cultivated taste for art in the community at large, and the establishment of an academy or school of design. Membership in this society, which has now five hundred and ninety-six contributing, one hundred and forty-seven life, and nine honorary members, is open to all lovers of art. Regular members' meetings held on the fourth Tuesday of March, June, September, and December, in the rooms of the society, 430 Pine street. Annual election of officers last Tuesday in March of each year.

Officers.—Irving M. Scott, President; Wm. Bradford and Wm. Babcock, Vice-Presidents; Jennings S. Cox, Secretary; H. Barroilhet, Treasurer.

The School of Design connected with the association was organized December 31, 1873. The school has sixty-one pupils. Its affairs are managed by a committee of members of the Art Association. Virgil Williams, Director of School.

SAN FRANCISCO BAR ASSOCIATION.—Organized April 20, 1872. Number of members, one hundred and seventy-five. Objects: To maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of the law, to increase its usefulness in promoting the due administration of justice, and to cultivate social intercourse among its members. Rooms 634 Sacramento street and 633 Commercial street.

Officers.—J. P. Hoge, President; Lloyd Baldwin and Russell J. Wilson, Vice-Presidents; Thomas B. Bishop, Secretary; Frank J. French, Corresponding Secretary; A. H. Loughborough, Treasurer.

SAN FRANCISCO LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—Organized 1865. Library contains about eighteen thousand volumes. Rooms 27 and 28 Montgomery Block.

Officers.—J. P. Hoge, President; Joseph W. Winans, Treasurer; G. G. W. Hoge, Secretary and Librarian; John Dewitt, Assistant Librarian.

SAN FRANCISCO LONG RANGE RIFLE CLUB (Amateur).—Organized 1877. Number of members, thirty. Shooting every Saturday at range, Bay View, where the club has their club house.

Officers.—H. C. Smith, President; R. C. Hanson, Secretary; A. C. Payson, Treasurer; Capt. H. J. Burns, Range Officer.

Steinway Hall, GRAY'S MUSIC STORE, 117 Post St.