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and the establishment and maintenance of a Reading Room and Church Headquarters.

Officers.—S. C. Gray, President; Samuel Graves, Vice-President; Charles Ashton, Secretary; H. H. Nagle, Treasurer.

EUREKA BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—Organized October, 1850, to assist poor and needy Hebrews in want or sickness. Number of members, five hundred and forty-three, who pay one dollar each per month, besides an additional sum of twenty-five cents, for the support of widows and orphans. The society has a fund on interest.

Officers.—Louis Kullman, President; Nathan Scheeline, Vice-President; Leo Eloesser, Secretary; Aaron Cahn, Treasurer.

EXEMPT FIRE COMPANY.—Organized December 8, 1862, in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature, approved March 26, 1857, which provides that Exempt Members of the Department may organize themselves to be known and designated as the "Exempt Fire Company," and for the purpose of associating themselves together for mutual benefit and assistance, and for the more especial object of receiving and administering the "Fire Department Charitable Fund," from which they are entitled by law to relief. Reorganized April 15, 1872, under a supplementary Act of the Legislature, approved March 14, 1872. Meetings of the company are held on the third Monday of each month, at their hall on Brenham Place.

Officers.—Edward B. Cotter, President; John W. Cherry and John C. Griswold, Vice-Presidents; George W. Corbell, Secretary; A. Wason, Treasurer.

FIREMEN'S MUTUAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.—Organized 1868. Reorganized May 7, 1874. It includes all the officers and members of the Paid Fire Department, and has for its object the creation and maintenance of a fund for benevolent purposes in their behalf. An assessment of one dollar per month is made on all members, and benefits to the amount of ten dollars per week are paid members during sickness. Special assessments of one dollar on all members is also made upon the death of a member, the amount realized being applied first to funeral expenses, the residue going to the heirs of deceased.

Officers.—Gordon E. Sloss, President; E. B. Vreeland, Secretary; Gus. Reis, Treasurer; Gus. Reis, Ed. Flaherty, Ed. B. Potter, Frank G. Edwards, and David Scannell, Trustees.

FIRST HEBREW BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—Organized in 1849, to assist needy Hebrews in sickness and in want. Reorganized 1853. Incorporated 1862. Number of members, three hundred. Office of Secretary, cor Post and Taylor streets.

Officers.—C. Meyer, President; J. P. Newmark, Vice-President; L. Meyerstein, Treasurer; Isaiah Cohn, Secretary; L. Brown, Israel Solomon, M. Wurkheim, J. Alexander, and A. P. Craner, Trustees; Philip Born, Collector.

FIRST HEBREW LADIES' MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.—Organized January 10, 1864. Meetings held second Sunday of each month, at B'nai B'rith Building, 121 Eddy street. Number of members, one hundred and sixteen. The object of this association is to establish an institution for mutual assistance to ladies of the Hebrew faith who may become members of the society; to furnish a physician and medicine, a weekly benefit to sick members, and, on death of a member, to defray the funeral expenses.

Officers.—Louis Ehrlich, President; J. Jackson, Vice-President; Louis Licht, Secretary; David Levy, Treasurer; L. Prior, F. Seligman, and Y. Rosenthal, Trustees; Dr. David Cohn, Physician; A. L. Lengfels, Druggist.

FREE LABOR EXCHANGE.—This institution was organized in the Fall of 1877, and was the result of a spontaneous movement on the part of the leading merchants, bankers and incorporated companies doing business in the city to devise means for the relief of the then prevailing distress. An act providing for municipal aid to the Exchange passed the Legislature of 1877-78, but owing to its being in conflict with the powers of the city under the Consolidation Act was vetoed by the Governor. The rooms are located at 33-35 O'Farrell street, and were formally opened Novem-

ber 22, 1877. A sum reaching \$18,000 was raised for its maintenance for two years, the number of contributing members being about two hundred and fifty. Objects:—To assist the unemployed to situations free of cost.

Officers.—William Hollis, President; C. W. Brooks, Secretary; William Hollis, Reuben Morton, and Wm. Montague, Executive Committee; Gustave Touchard, Chairman, Relief Committee; G. W. Schroeder, Manager; Bank of California, Treasurer.

FRENCH MUTUAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (Société Française de Bienfaisance Mutuelle.)—Established December 28, 1851. This is a Mutual Relief Society, established for the purpose of affording assistance to its members in case of sickness. The rooms of the society are located at 510 Jackson street. The commodious hospital on Bryant street, between Fifth and Sixth, forms a very important addition to the charitable institutions of the city. The Central Pharmacy of the Society is open every day (Sundays excepted), between one and four o'clock P. M., at 510 Jackson street.

Officers.—Alexander Weill, President; Ad. Schroeder and J. St. Denis, Vice-Presidents; G. Wolf and E. Gallois, Secretaries; Paul Husson, Treasurer; J. Bergez, Paul Husson, J. St. Denis, J. J. Pac, L. Juzix, E. Thomas, D. Legallet, F. Lacoste, and J. Durand, Trustees; F. Bazan, M. D., A. St. Paul, M. D., and Bernard Hoffstetter, M. D., Physicians; N. J. Martinache, M. D., Oculist; Charles Bourquin, Dentist.

GAMBRINUS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (German).—Organized May 19, 1877. Number of members, ninety-four. Object: To aid its members and their families in case of sickness and distress. Meets every other Saturday evening, at 510 Bush street.

Officers.—John Hagler, President; Gottlieb Parch, Vice-President; A. Mauser, Treasurer; H. W. Wieland, Secretary.

GERMAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO (styled in German, Die Allgemeine Deutsche Unterstuetzungs Gesellschaft).—Is one of the largest and most efficient charitable institutions in the State. It was organized on the seventh of January, 1854, with one hundred and five members, and has rapidly increased, until now it numbers two thousand four hundred and thirty-three city members.

Only Germans and persons speaking German are admitted to membership. The chief purpose of the association is mutual assistance in case of sickness, and when sick every member has a right to demand support and medical attendance from the society. The society has a second purpose of doing charity to Germans not members of the association, and especially to German immigrants newly arrived. For this purpose the society has expended during its existence \$250,000. The hospital of the society, located on the block bounded by Fourteenth, Ridley, Noe and Castro streets, is built after the most improved plans of modern hospital architecture, and has accommodations for three hundred patients. It was formally opened February 22, 1878, and replaces the loss of their old hospital on Brannan street, which was burned August 28, 1876.

The office is at 114 Dupont street, where the principal agent, Eugene Roemer, can be found from eight o'clock A. M. to five o'clock P. M., on week days. All applications for admission into the society, or for charitable relief, and to furnish employment or servants to applicants, should be addressed to the agent. No charge for application.

Officers.—Julius Bandmann, President; Hugo Herzer and H. Pfueger, Vice-Presidents; Max Zimmermann, Recording Secretary; W. Katz, Financial Secretary; Martin F. Philip, Treasurer; R. Kanzee, H. J. Brand, Julius Baum, Adolph Russ, D. Keil, O. Schoemann, and H. Joost, Directors; Eugene Roemer, General Agent; F. E. Behrmann, Special Agent; H. C. Kerber, M. D., Resident Physician.

GERMAN LADIES' GENERAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—Organized 1870. Object: To aid the poor and distressed German women of San Francisco. Number of members two hundred and fifty. Meets every Thursday at Dashaway Hall.

Officers.—Mrs. J. Regensburger, President; Mrs. Peter Spreckles, Vice-President; Mrs. M. Speyer, Secretary; Mrs. William Hesse, Treasurer; Mrs. A. Bauer, Mrs. W. Mensel, and Mrs. J. S. Bauman, Trustees.