

HASTINGS' DEBATING SOCIETY.—Organized September 1, 1878. Number of members, about seventy. Meets in Pioneer Hall, 808 Montgomery street, every Thursday evening.

Officers.—W. Conley, President; J. Pemberton, Vice-President; J. O'Donnell, Secretary; — Dumontier, Treasurer.

INVENTORS' INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA AND ORDER OF INVENTORS.—Incorporated 1885. Rooms, 105 Stockton street. The objects of the Institute and Order are to unite all inventors in a mutual bond for the simplifying of the patent laws, the providing of increased facilities for the obtaining of patents, and the maintenance of exhibition rooms for the disposal of patented inventions.

Officers.—Thomas Tennent, President; Holland Smith, Treasurer; J. H. Sayre, Secretary; A. B. Smith, Manager.

JERSEY CATTLE CLUB.—Pacific Coast Jersey Cattle Club meets at No. 5, Stock Exchange, Pine street. Number of members, eighty.

Officers.—John W. Coleman, President; Robert Beck, Secretary and Treasurer; James M. McShaffer, A. Milliard, R. G. Sneath, John W. Coleman, Robert Beck, Executive Committee.

LADIES' SILK CULTURE SOCIETY.—Incorporated 1885, and has for its object the promotion of silk culture in the State of California. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Office of the Corresponding Secretary, 1001 Pine street.

Officers.—Mrs. Theodore H. Hittell, President; Mrs. Leonidas E. Pratt, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Samuel D. Mayer, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Lewia Hentrich, Treasurer.

LIGUE NATIONALE FRANCAISE.—Organized August 4, 1871. Meets third Monday of each month, at 120 Sutter street. Objects: To promote friendship, harmony, and intelligence among the French residents of California, and enable them to co-operate in enterprises of general importance.

Officers.—Daniel Levy, President; E. Raas, First Vice-President; H. Weill, Second Vice-President; E. Meyer, Treasurer; A. Goustiaux and L. Saclier, Secretaries; A. Masson, Librarian and Secretary.

The library belonging to the society contains about twelve thousand volumes, partly voluntary donations. Any person may have access to the reading room, being acceptable to the Board of Trustees and paying an initiatory fee of one dollar, and fifty cents monthly, due in advance. Open every day from twelve to six o'clock P.M., and from half-past seven to ten o'clock P. M., except Sundays and legal holidays.

MARINERS' FREE READING ROOM.—Northeast corner of Sacramento and Drumm streets. Established March 21, 1876, for the purpose of affording mariners visiting this port, and others, opportunity of reading the local, Eastern, and foreign newspapers, and periodicals, free of charge. The library contains eight hundred volumes.

Officers.—Henry Chester, President; Charles Ferris, Treasurer; W. D. Bishop, Secretary and Librarian.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—Organized March 29, 1855. Location, 31 Post street.

The objects of this institute are the establishment of a library, reading room, collection of a cabinet, scientific apparatus, works of art, and other literary and scientific purposes. The society has a Reading Room well supplied with the leading scientific and literary periodicals of the day, and a valuable library containing thirty-three thousand volumes, including many rare scientific works. Any person may become a member, being acceptable to the Board of Trustees, by paying an initiation fee of one dollar, and one dollar and fifty cents quarterly dues in advance. The Institute also owns the magnificent "Mechanics' Pavilion," located on the southwest corner of Grove and Larkin streets, in which, under the auspices of the Institute, the Annual Industrial Expositions are held.

Officers.—P. B. Cornwall, President; David Kerr, Vice-President; J. A. Bauer, Treasurer; W. P. Stout, Recording Secretary; S. J. Hendy, Corresponding Secretary; J. H. Culver, Assistant Secretary; Horace Wilson, Librarian; Arthur Jellison and Robert Cah, Assistant Librarians.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—Organized January 24, 1853. New Mercantile Library Building, north side of Bush street, between Sansome and Montgomery.

The rooms of the association are commodious and well arranged. The library contains about fifty-two thousand volumes, and the reading rooms are amply supplied with papers and magazines from the Eastern States and Europe. The terms of membership are three dollars per quarter in advance.

Officers.—David Wilder, President; M. H. Hecht, Vice-President; Ed. B. Young, Recording Secretary; Bert. McNulty, Corresponding Secretary; Henry Molineux, Treasurer; A. E. Whitaker, Librarian; L. B. Wetherbee, Assistant Librarian; Edward J. Balley, Collector.

MILITARY LIBRARY.—Incorporated January 3, 1873, for the purpose of acquiring, preserving and conducting a public library, to consist chiefly of books, magazines and newspapers of a military character. There are twelve hundred and twenty-three volumes and two hundred maps.

Officers.—W. H. Dimond, President; W. R. Smedberg, Treasurer; David Wilder, Secretary and Librarian; W. H. Dimond, W. R. Smedberg, Robert Tobin, G. W. Grannias, A. S. Hubbard, H. D. Ranlett, J. C. Robinson, H. P. Bush, Hans H. Kohler, Trustees. Office 328 Montgomery street, room 21

NATIONAL LINCOLN ASSOCIATION—CALIFORNIA DIVISION.—The purpose for which this association was formed is to perpetuate the memory of the martyr President, Abraham Lincoln, by annual celebrations of his birthday, to hold memorial services on the anniversaries of his death, and do such other acts as may be deemed expedient to preserve and cherish his memory and the principals of loyalty to country and freedom, for which he died, and also to cultivate social intercourse amongst its members. An annual meeting and service is held each year on February 12th, and memorial services on April 15th

Directors.—Washington Ayer, Columbus Waterhouse, Edwin A. Sherman, J. M. Buffington, J. L. Cogswell, Reginald H. Webster, Charles H. Wells.

NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST.—Organized July 11, 1875. This Society is composed entirely of young men native to the State, and has for its object, aside from its social and beneficent character, the preservation of the traditions inseparably bound up in the pioneer history of the State. There are sixty parlors in the State.

A Grand Parlor was instituted in December, 1878, which will hereafter meet annually in April.

Officers.—John A. Steinbach, Past Grand President; F. H. Greely, Grand President; Charles W. Decker, Grand Vice-President; J. H. Tibbits, Grand Treasurer; Henry Lunstedt, Grand Secretary; J. Whitby, Grand Lecturer; Charles L. Weller, Grand Orator; J. W. Julliard, Grand Marshal.

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

CALIFORNIA PARLOR No. 1.—Meets every Thursday evening in Red Men's Hall, 320 Post street. Number of members, two hundred.

PACIFIC PARLOR No. 10.—Meets every Tuesday evening in Alcazar Building, 114 O'Farrell street. Number of members, one hundred and twenty-five.

GOLDEN GATE PARLOR, No. 27.—Meets every Monday in Alcazar Building, 114 O'Farrell street. Number of members, 130.

MISSION PARLOR, No. 38.—Meets every Wednesday on Sixteenth street. Number of members, 170.

SAN FRANCISCO PARLOR, No. 49.—Meets every Thursday at Universal Hall, 812 Pacific street. Number of members, 125.

EL DORADO PARLOR, No. 52.—Meets every Thursday at Hamilton Hall, corner of Geary and Steiner streets. Number of members, 60.

PATRIOTIC ORDER SONS OF AMERICA.—This Order was first organized in Philadelphia in 1847. In 1866 the Order was reorganized and placed upon a more substantial basis, and its membership now seek 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;