

college were consolidated January, 1878. Lectures given at the Hall of the College of Pharmacy, 113 Fulton street, between Polk and Van Ness avenue, for a term of six months.

The main object of the institution is to unite the apothecaries of this State in organized efforts to elevate the standing of those engaged in the profession. The society meets quarterly or oftener for the discussion of topics of scientific and practical interest to the pharmacist.

Officers.—S. H. Melvin, Oakland, President; I. D. Holden, First Vice-President; John Devine Second Vice-President; D. D. Hunt, Corresponding and Recording Secretary; Adolph Mack, Treasurer; William M. Searby, Dean, and Professor of Materia Medica; Henry F. Meier, Professor of Theory and Practice of Pharmacy; W. T. Wenzell, Professor of Chemistry; H. Herman Behr, Professor of Botany; J. J. B. Argenti, Professor of Microscopy and Pharmacognosy.

**CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL ARTS.**—Incorporated in 1885. Objects: To educate California boys and girls in the mechanical arts and trades. Has an endowment of \$540,000, left by James Lick, which has not yet been paid over by the Lick Trustees.

Officers.—Horace Davis, President; A. S. Hallidie, Vice-President; Jas. S. Bunnell, Secretary; Horace Davis, A. S. Hallidie, J. O. Earl, Horatio Stebbins, D. D., and John H. Boalt, Trustees.

**CALIFORNIA STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION.**—F. W. Bliss, President; W. A. Knowles, Recording Secretary; L. Van Orden, Corresponding Secretary; J. J. Birge, Treasurer.

**CALIFORNIA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.**—Organized September, 1879. Number of members, one hundred. Objects.—To promote the science and practice of horticulture in all its branches. Meets at 220 Sutter street at 12:30 A. M. on last Friday of each month. E. J. Wickson, San Francisco, Secretary. Office, 220 Market street.

**CALIFORNIA STATE MINING BUREAU.**—Organized under an Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a Mining Bureau," approved April 16, 1880. The objects of the Bureau, as set forth in the first section of the Act, are as follows: "There shall be and is hereby established in this State, a Mining Bureau, the principal office of which shall be maintained in the City of San Francisco, at which place there shall be collected by the State Mineralogist, and preserved for study and reference, specimens of all the geological and mineralogical substances, including mineral waters, found in this State, especially those possessing economic or commercial value, which specimens shall be marked, arranged, classified and described, and a record thereof preserved, showing the character thereof, and the place from whence obtained. The State Mineralogist shall also, as he has opportunity and means, collect, and in like manner preserve at said office, minerals, rocks, and fossils of other States, Territories and countries, and the collections so made shall at all reasonable hours be open to public inspection, examination and study." The Bureau is now located in Pioneers' Building, west side Fourth street, between Market and Mission, where spacious rooms, filled with specimens, are open daily to visitors, free from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. The museum will be found very interesting and instructive to tourists as well as our own citizens.

J. Z. Davis, Geo. C. Perkins, W. S. Wood, W. S. Keyes and Thos. B. Bishop, Trustees; William Ireland, Jr., State Mineralogist.

**FIRE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE PACIFIC.**—Organized February, 1876. Meets at 307 Sansome street, room 6. Object.—Mutual improvement in Insurance matters.

Officers.—W. H. Lowden, President; H. M. Grant, Vice-President; George H. Tyson, Secretary and Treasurer.

**FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, THE.**—Organized 1879. Location New City Hall, second floor. Branches: No. 1, corner Twenty-second and Valencia streets; No. 2, Kentucky street near Butte, Potrero; No. 3, 1801 Stockton street.

This institution was provided for in the Act passed by the Legislature in April, 1880, authorizing the creation and maintenance of free libraries, and empower-

ing the Supervisors to levy a tax of not exceeding one mill on the dollar for their support. The library was formally opened June 7, 1879, with about 6,162 volumes, (magazines and periodicals not included), together with a newspaper department. At this time there are nearly 70,000 volumes in the Library. Between 25,000 and 28,000 are circulated each month. Number of Home Cards issued, 12,000. The library is open on secular days from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. On Sundays from 1 P. M. to 5 P. M.

Officers.—P. N. Lilenthal, President; Charles Stevens, Secretary; J. V. Cheney, Librarian.

**GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC.**—Office, 430 Pine street. Objects.—To encourage Geographical exploration and discovery; to investigate and disseminate Geographical information by discussion, lectures and publications; to establish in this, the chief city of the Pacific States, for the benefit of commerce, navigation and the industrial and material interests of the Pacific Slope, a place where the means will be afforded of obtaining accurate information, not only of the countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean, but of every part of the habitable globe; to accumulate a library of the best books on Geography, History and Statistics; to make a collection of the most recent Maps and Charts—especially those which relate to the Pacific Coast, the Islands of the Pacific, and the Pacific Ocean; and to enter into correspondence with scientific and learned societies whose objects include or sympathize with Geography.

Officers.—George Davidson, President; Ogden Hoffman, John Curry and T. E. Slevin, Vice-Presidents; P. W. Poulson, M. D., Foreign Secretary; Hon. Jeremiah Lynch, Home Corresponding Secretary; Harry Durbrow, Treasurer; C. Mitchell Grant, Secretary.

Meets each month in the Art Association Building, 430 Pine street.

**HASTINGS' DEBATING SOCIETY.**—Organized September 1, 1878. Number of members, about twenty-five. Meets in Old Pioneer Hall, 808 Montgomery street, every Friday evening from September to July. J. T. York, President; Bion S. Gregory, Secretary.

**JERSEY CATTLE CLUB.**—Pacific Coast Jersey Cattle Club, office 316 California street, basement. Number of members, eighty.

**LIGUE NATIONALE FRANCAISE.**—Organized August 4, 1871. Meets third Monday of each month, at 305 Larkin 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.—E. Baas, President; E. Marque, First Vice-President; A. Gombiaux, Second Vice-President; E. Meyer, Treasurer; Ed. Godchaux and A. Lemardelay, Secretaries; A. Masson, Librarian and Secretary.

The library belonging to the society contains about fourteen 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 12 to 6 P. M., and from 7:30 to 10 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 over a thousand volumes. 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 fifty 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 "Mechanics' Pavilion," located on the southwest corner of Grove and Larkin

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