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CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS' RELIEF SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA. Incorporated in 1886. Its object is to receive and disburse funds for the relief of Congregational ministers and their families who are in need of pecuniary aid. Rev. Dr. George Moor, Oakland, President; Rev. Walter Frear, Treasurer. The fund is built up by annual donations, chiefly from ministers, the largest donations being contributed, however, by laymen belonging to the denomination.

CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY. Rev. Loyd L. Wirt, State Superintendent, Miss Florence R. Yarrow, Assistant, Congressional Rooms, Y. M. C. A. Building. The Missionary Department sustains Sunday school missionaries, furnishes Sunday school helps, libraries and other literature to new and needy schools, either gratuitously or at reduced cost. Contributions are used only for missionary work. During the year 1896, it has through its superintendents, missionaries and others aided in the organization of 231 Sunday schools. On the average about 50 Congregational churches have grown out of schools organized by its missionaries each year. The contributions of the year were \$54,555.25, while from all sources the available income was \$64,895.91. It needs \$100,000 annually at least.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ALLIANCE, THE. Organized in May, 1893. It consists of the Epworth Leagues and Christian Endeavor Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Episcopal Church South, of San Francisco and Alameda counties, and its object is to unite these societies in closer fellowship and Christian work. It has four departments—Spiritual, Benevolent, Literary and Social. A Good Fellowship Committee arranges for monthly visitation of each Society, a Jail Committee holds services every Sunday for prisoners, a Street Committee assists the various Societies in holding open-air meetings, by means of a commodious "Gospel Wagon," and a Newsboys' Social Committee arranges for a social at the Boys Training Home, 30 Laurel street, every Thursday evening to news and messenger boys. A convention is held on the third Thursday of January, April, July and October, at one of the Methodist churches determined upon by the Executive Committee. A social is held at intervals of about a quarter at one of the M. E. churches. The officers are as follows: E. D. Beals, President; residence, Oakland; A. C. Stevens, First Vice-President; M. V. Donaldson, Secretary, office, *Evening Post*, corner Kearny and Bush streets; A. Wistrand, Treasurer. The Executive Committee of the Alliance meets on the second Thursday of every other month at the Young Men's Christian Association Building, Mason and Ellis streets. The Societies belonging to the Alliance at the present time are thirteen in San Francisco and three in Alameda county.

FRENCH CHRISTIAN UNION OF CALIFORNIA. Headquarters 1520 Clay street. Free employment office for young women from 1 to 2 P. M. excepting Saturday and Sunday. Mme. Marie Marshall, President; Mrs. M. Wheeland, Vice-President; Miss S. Menzies, Recording Secretary; Miss B. Dohégy, Treasurer; Mrs. M. Higgins, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer for Industrial School.

GENTLEMEN'S SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Organized November, 1861, for the spiritual improvement of its members. The society is governed by a Director, who is one of the fathers of St. Ignatius Church, S. J. Also by a Prefect and two assistants, a Secretary, Treasurer and other officers, as well as a Council of twelve consultants elected annually. Its present Director is Rev. J. Hickey, S. J. Sodality meetings held on all Sundays and holidays at 7:30 A. M. in their chapel in the basement of St. Ignatius' Church, on Hayes street, west of Van Ness avenue. Number of attending members about six hundred. For admission application is made to the Father Director, 214 Hayes street. The Sodality possesses a reading room and select library of 4,000 volumes; open also to non-members, on payment of a small fee, every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 P. M. and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. The present officers are: Rev. Joseph Hickey, S. J., Director; James R. Kelly, Prefect; J. E. Fitzpatrick, First Assistant; John J. Redly, Second Assistant; Frank J. Burke, Secretary; Maurice J. Pope, Assistant Secretary; James H. Dignan, Treasurer; John E. Pope, Roll Prefect; John S. Welbank, Librarian.

GOLDEN GATE UNION OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR. This Union consists of forty-nine Christian Endeavor

Societies. Forty-seven of these are in San Francisco and two are in San Rafael. It has ten committees to carry on the different lines of work; namely—Lookout, Fellowship, Press, Printing, Good Literature, Temperance, Good Citizenship, Lord's Day, Missionary Extension and Floating. The Missionary Extension Headquarters are at 760a Harrison street. The Floating Committee meets at the Mariners' Church, 53 Sacramento street. The officers of the Union are John S. Allen, President; George B. McDougall, 1st Vice-President; Miss Gardner, 2d Vice-President; Miss Partridge, Recording Secretary; Miss Hetta L. Reynolds, Corresponding Secretary, 760a Harrison street; Walter P. Clark, Treasurer; Miss Myrtle Simpson, Supt. Junior Work. The Executive Committee of the Union meets at the Young Men's Christian Association building, Mason and Ellis streets, on the first Thursday of each month, except the months of February, May, August and November, when it meets on the second Thursday. Quarterly Conventions are held in the different churches in the Union, the first Thursday of February, May, August and November.

LADIES' PASTORAL AID SOCIETY OF TRINITY CHURCH. Organized in 1873. Meets every Friday at 11:30 A. M. in the Guild Hall. The object of the society is to take under its care the destitute and friendless within the bounds of Trinity Church parish, to find employment for those requiring it, and to provide clothing and assistance for such as may be in need of it; to visit and comfort the sick and afflicted; to endeavor to bring to the church those who are neglectful of its services, and particularly the poorer and friendless classes; in short, to do all in its power, under the guidance and direction of the Pastor, for the purpose, to advance the interests of the church of Christ, and to extend to those around the privileges and blessings of the Gospel.

METHODIST BOOK CONCERN (Pacific Coast Agency.) Rev. J. D. Hammond, D. D., agent, 1037 Market street. The depository is also the Pacific Coast agency for the Chautauqua publications.

PACIFIC PRESBYTERIAN UNION. This organization composed of ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church, meets quarterly in one of the Presbyterian churches. Edward Kerr, President; H. L. Van Winkle, Treasurer; Alexander Ross, Secretary. Headquarters of Union, office of the Treasurer, 413 Market street.

PACIFIC COAST THEOSOPHICAL COMMITTEE. Headquarters, room 30, Academy of Sciences Building, 819 Market street, between Fourth and Fifth streets. Object—To promote the propaganda of Theosophy in the Pacific Coast States and Territories, in Mexico, Canada, Alaska and Hawaiian Islands. Committee meetings every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Officers—Dr. Jerome A. Anderson, President; Mrs. Sarah A. Harris, Vice-President; Amos J. Johnson, Secretary; Paul Kunker, Treasurer.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION HOUSE. Location—920 Sacramento street. Headquarters of the Woman's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Through this society all women's societies, children's bands, Junior Christian Endeavor societies and Senior Christian Endeavor societies of the Presbyterian churches of the Synod of California contribute to the work of foreign missions in China, India, Japan, Syria, Persia, Africa, and Chinese in California. The Board has the entire supervision of mission work among Chinese women and children in California, viz.: A school and home for Chinese girls at 920 Sacramento street, San Francisco; a school at 911 Stockton street, San Francisco; schools for Chinese children at Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Jose and San Diego. Mrs. P. D. Browne, President; Mrs. G. Dennis, Treasurer; Mrs. H. B. Pinney, Recording Secretary; Mrs. L. A. Kelley, Corresponding Secretary.

PRISON AND HOSPITAL RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO (Unsectarian). Officers—C. Geddes, President; William Rader, Vice-President; William H. Tubb, Secretary and General Missionary, 1111 Rhode Island street; George D. Baird, Auditor, Miss Viola A. Dillin, Collector.

SAN FRANCISCO CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE M. E. CHURCH. Organized in 1882. The design of the society is to seek out new places for missionary work in this city, to establish Sunday schools and preaching places; also to relieve over-burdened churches, and to assist missionaries who may be appointed by the authority of the California Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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