

LADIES' RELIEF SOCIETY.

Organized November 9, 1871. Incorporated June 12, 1872. Meets first Thursday of every month, in the Chapel of the First Congregational Church. Annual meeting second Thursday in November.

Soon after the news of the destruction of Chicago by fire reached Oakland, several benevolent ladies of the city met and organized a sewing society, for the relief of the sufferers. After this object was accomplished they concluded to organize under the name of the Ladies' Relief Society, for the purpose of aiding the destitute of their own city, especially women and children, and also to provide a home for aged females.

During the year 1871, Elijah Bigelow, Esq., donated to the society a lot on Franklin Street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth, valued at \$7,000, which he subsequently exchanged for three and a half acres of land near Temescal Creek and directly on the line of the Berkeley Railroad. From the proceeds of a fair, held under the auspices of the Association, and contributions, they collected a building fund of \$3,500, which, together with the exchange of the three and a half acres, they purchased ten acres of land and a building thereon on Linden Street near Broadway, known as the Beckwith property. This is beautifully located, with plenty of land and a large orchard affording every facility for the care and comfort of the inmates. During the past year extensive improvements, enlargements, and alterations have been made in the building, at an expense of \$4,000. There are at present sixty inmates.

The society is governed by a Board of Managers, consisting of twenty-four ladies.

Officers.—Mrs. N. P. Perine, President; Mrs. General R. W. Kirkham, Vice-President; Mrs. W. G. Henshaw, Recording Secretary; Mrs. F. E. Weston, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. C. T. H. Palmer, Treasurer; Mrs. Isabella Perkins, Matron of the Home.

OAKLAND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Organized June 7, 1869. The objects of this society are to relieve the sick and destitute, and to secure employment for the unemployed. All who become subscribers are members, and are entitled to refer applicants to the Treasurer for relief. Assistance is rendered not only with great caution, but with great secrecy and delicacy, when necessary. No degradation consequently will follow such relief, nor will it be the means of undermining one right principle, or of enfeebling one well directed impulse. The annual meeting is held on the first Monday of June, at which time an Executive Committee, consisting of fifteen gentlemen and fifteen ladies, is elected, who hold office for the term of one year. Meetings of the Executive Committee are held on the second Monday of each month.

Officers.—Dr. E. W. Buck, President; J. T. Stratton, Vice-President; H. B. Sears, Secretary and Manager; F. S. Page, Treasurer.

ST. JOSEPH'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Organized July 14, 1867. Number of members, eighty-five. Meets the third Sunday of every month, in the school-room connected with the Roman Catholic Church, on the northwest corner of Eighth and Jefferson streets. Objects: To assist each other in time of sickness, bury deceased members, and aid their families.

Officers.—P. R. Sheehan, President; Thomas Riley, Vice-President; Jeremiah Callahan, Financial Secretary; William F. Sullivan, Recording Secretary; John Carey, Corresponding Secretary; M. J. Ryan, Treasurer; W. H. Lawlor, Physician; Rev. Father Lagen, Chaplain.

DAUGHTERS OF ISRAEL RELIEF SOCIETY.

Organized March, 1877. Number of members, twenty-five. Meets