

created thereby. The cost of the building, with alterations and improvements, was \$87,416.06; to which add, for gas, water, and steam-fitting, machinery, painting, gardens, decorating, and furniture, \$55,608.08—a total, for permanent improvements, of \$143,024.14. The running expenses of the four fairs held since the erection of the building were \$112,528.72; other expenses, such as taxes, insurance, discount, etc., \$49,244.79. During this time there has been turned over to the Institute proper \$9,316.06. The total receipts from the four fairs were \$313,970.30. It has already been decided to hold another fair during the present year.

THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY has two thousand members. This Library contains about fifty thousand volumes, of which six thousand were added during the past year. The building has been repainted, and the metal roof repaired and repainted. About one hundred thousand volumes are taken from the Library yearly, averaging about fifty to each subscriber; or one book per week to each subscriber. This Library building is on the north side of Bush, between Sansom and Montgomery. It is three stories high, with basement and attic. On the first floor is the library, reading, reference library, ladies' reading room, parlor, trustees' room, chess and smoking rooms, writing room, museum, etc. In addition to the library, there are all the English and American magazines, the Eastern and the leading foreign newspapers.

THE ODD FELLOWS' LIBRARY is at 325 Montgomery, near California. It contains thirty-three thousand volumes, about two thousand of which were added during the past year. This vast collection includes many valuable works on the early history of the Pacific Coast. Several additional shelves and other slight improvements have recently been made. This library was organized June 30, 1854. It is open only to members of the order, and is supported by pro rata assessments upon the various lodges of the city. Members of the order other than members of city lodges are allowed the privileges of the library upon payment of a small subscription. Average monthly circulation, eight thousand five hundred.

THE FRENCH PUBLIC LIBRARY, established by the Ligue Nationale Francaise, at 120 Sutter Street, near Kearny, has lately obtained two thousand five hundred volumes from Gregoire & Co., so that it has in all ten thousand volumes of French books, the largest collection of the kind on our Continent. It will be open every afternoon and evening, except Sunday.

THE LAW LIBRARY, located in Montgomery Block, contains about twenty thousand volumes of standard legal authorities, decisions, reports, etc. The library is supported by a monthly levy of \$2.50 per month from each member, and \$1.00 for every case instituted in the District Courts of this City and County, which, during 1876, amounted to \$5,914. The revenue from this source during the year 1877 was about \$5,000.

THE SAN FRANCISCO VEREIN, is located in the new building on Sutter Street, near Dupont. It contains about twenty thousand volumes, embracing the works of the most learned and celebrated German historians, statesmen, psychologists, romancists, and litterateurs. The elegant rooms of this club were fitted up at a cost of about \$75,000.

Public Schools.

San Francisco has fifty-six public schools, in which six hundred and thirty-two teachers are employed, sixty-nine of them being men, and five hundred and sixty-three being women. There are fifty-two principals, of whom thirty-six are not required to teach classes. During the last fiscal year the sum of \$599,388.36 was expended for teachers' salaries, an increase of \$41,951.54 over the previous year. The city school-tax was 21 6-100 cents on each \$100. The school census shows that during the last fiscal year the number of children in the city between six and seventeen years of age who are entitled to attend school, was forty-nine thousand four hundred and four, an increase of seven thousand one hundred and seventeen over that of the previous year. The total enrollment was as follows: In the high schools, one thousand and sixty; in the grammar schools, fourteen thousand four hundred and ten; in the primary schools, eighteen thousand four hundred and thirty-four; in the evening schools, three thousand three hundred and eighty-two. Number of children sixteen years and under, June 30, 1877, eighty thousand two hundred and forty-five; increase from July 1, 1876, to June 30, 1877, eight thousand eight hundred and nine. The total expenditures for the last fiscal year were \$732,324.17; the decrease for the year being \$135,430.72. The estimated values of school property is as follows: School sites, \$1,550,000; school buildings, \$835,000; furniture, \$165,000; libraries, \$11,000; apparatus, \$24,000. Total valuation of school property, \$2,585,000.

LOCATION OF SCHOOLS.

Number of Pupils Enrolled and the Average Attendance of School Month ending May 31, 1877.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL (Location, north side Sutter Street, between Gough and Octavia).—Pupils registered, 316; average attendance, 274.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL (Location, north side of Bush Street, between Hyde and Larkin).—Pupils registered, 744; average attendance, 597.

LINCOLN GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Location, east side of Fifth Street, near Market).—Pupils registered, 1,498; average attendance, 974.

DENMAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Location, northwest corner of Bush and Taylor streets).—Pupils registered, 1,018; average attendance, 795.

RINCON GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Location, Vassar Place, leading from Harrison Street, between Second and Third).—Pupils registered, 673; average attendance, 488.