

1,500. The object of the Association is to secure to the families of deceased members pecuniary aid.

Any person, male or female, the former between the ages of eighteen and fifty, the latter between the ages of eighteen and forty, in good health, and residing or doing business in the counties of Alameda, San Francisco and Contra Costa, may become a member, if deemed eligible by the Secretary and Medical Officer.

Every member on joining this Association must pay five dollars in gold or silver coin, and a like sum on the 20th day of July, annually, for five years, after which, they will have no further annual payments to make.

Upon the death of any member who has paid all assessments and charges levied against him, the person or persons designated as his or her nominees, shall be entitled to receive collectively from the funds of the Association the sum of two dollars, gold or silver coin of the United States, for each and every member of said Association at the time of such death.

All surplus monies shall be deposited in a savings bank, and allowed to compound for five years, to form a permanent reserve fund, the interest on which, together with all surplus monies, shall be sufficient for all working expenses, and the balance, if any, shall revert to the members in the form of an abatement of assessments.

At all annual or special meetings of the Association, fifteen members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Associations of this character have succeeded in the Eastern States, and the well-known business character of the managers of this Association, warrant us in the belief that it is a safe, economical and profitable institution to be connected with, and we commend it to the favorable consideration of our citizens.

Literary and Social.

LINCOLN LYCEUM.—This literary society was organized in the year 1865, and is composed of young gentlemen not connected with either of our literary institutions. The officers are as follows: W. H. Woods, President; R. M. Murray, Vice-President; H. W. Barnes, Secretary; Chas.

G. Reed, Treasurer. Night of meeting, Saturday. Hall, northwest corner Broadway and Twelfth street. Membership, 25 persons.

LINCOLN LYCEUM LITERARY AND SOCIAL UNION.—This is a literary society connected with the Lincoln Lyceum, but membership is not confined to gentlemen. Ladies participate in the exercises. The organization was effected October 23d, 1869. The officers are as follows: F. L. Taylor, President; Mrs. L. J. Hardy, Vice-President; H. W. Barnes, Secretary; Chas. G. Reed, Treasurer; L. J. Hardy, Editor. Membership, 35 persons.

Fenians.

OAKLAND FENIAN CIRCLE was organized in July 1864, Jeremiah Callahan being the first Center. The Circle has fifty-five members and holds its meetings at the hall in De Tavel's buildings, on Broadway, between Third and Fourth streets. The officers are as follows: Bernard Radigan, Center; Jas. E. Lavelle, Secretary; Thomas Lynch, Treasurer. Night of meetings, Tuesday.

Military.

OAKLAND GUARD, CO. A, FIRST REGIMENT, SECOND BRIGADE, NATIONAL GUARD OF CALIFORNIA.—This Company was organized August 6th, 1861, and was subsequently reorganized under the State Militia Law. The officers are as follows: Captain, A. W. Burrell; First-Lieutenant, John C. Orr; Second-Lieutenant, E. Turner; Orderly Sergeant, H. Maloon; Sergeants, B. Larkin, W. Myles, R. Myles, Charles Ellis; Corporals, Chas. Gunn, Chas. E. Lufkin, A. F. Potter, Geo. H. Naegle; Treasurer, Geo. H. Fogg; Secretary, D. B. Bankhead. There are 53 active members and the Company has 80 stand of arms. The armory is in Odd Fellows' building, northwest corner Eleventh and Franklin streets.

Fire Department.

The City Council passed an ordinance February 4th, 1869, creating a Fire Department in Oakland, and prescribing the details for its government. This ordinance is very long, elaborate and complete, and under it there could be fifty companies as well as one. The city purchased an elegant