

ing 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 present year Elijah Bigelow, Esq., donated to the society a lot on Franklin street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth, valued at \$7,000. From the proceeds of a fair held under the auspices of the association and contributions, they have already collected a building fund of \$2,200, and propose to immediately commence the erection of a home. In the meantime they have rented a building on Walton Avenue, near Telegraph Avenue, for a temporary home until their own edifice is completed. At present there are ten inmates.

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

*Officers*.—Mrs. J. Preston Moore, President; Mrs. J. W. Dwinelle and Mrs. A. Dam, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. L. P. Fisher, Recording Secretary; Mrs. C. C. Curtis, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. I. Spear, Treasurer; Mrs. Perkins, Matron of the Home.

LAUREL LEAF SOCIAL CLUB.—Organized March 24th, 1872. Number of members, eighteen. Meets every Thursday evening in club room at Parker House.

*Officers*.—M. J. Hayden, President; M. J. O'Neill, Vice-President; M. J. Hallahan, Secretary; J. J. Cahill, Treasurer; J. T. Walsh, Sergeant-at-Arms.

LIVE OAK LITERARY SOCIETY.—Organized January 6th, 1872. Number of members, twenty-five. Meets every Saturday at California Military Academy.

*Objects*.—Mutual improvement in debate, composition and general literature.

*Officers*.—V. Rattan, President; D. B. Fairbanks, Vice-President; G. F. Swain, Secretary; C. F. Crocker, Treasurer.

MERCHANTS' PROTECTIVE UNION.—Organized August 17th, 1870. Number of members, twenty-five. Meets the second Monday evening of every month at the office of George H. Fogg, east side of Broadway bet. Fifth and Sixth streets.

*Officers*.—C. L. Taylor, President; Henry Evers, Vice-President; George H. Fogg, Secretary; Peter Baker, Treasurer.

OAKLAND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—Organized June 7th, 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 the directory and tickets, which will enable them to refer applicants to the proper source for relief.

The Visitors are distributed so as to cover the entire area of the city, and are selected with great care, their services being gratuitous.

The diversified labors of each district are confided to the prudent