

reached Oakland, several benevolent ladies of this 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 past year 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 have already collected a building fund of \$3,500, and propose as soon as practicable to commence the erection of a home, for which the plans have already been prepared. In the meantime they have rented a building on Webster Street near Seventeenth, for a temporary home until their own edifice is completed. At present there are twenty-two inmates.

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

Officers.—Mrs. A. Dam, President; Mrs. George C. Potter, Vice-President; Mrs. L. P. Fisher, Recording Secretary; Mrs. C. C. Curtis, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. I. Spear, Treasurer; Mrs. Perkins, Matron of the Home.

MERCHANTS' PROTECTIVE UNION.—Organized August 17, 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, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Officers.—W. S. Burns, President; O. Sarpy, Vice-President; George H. Fogg, Secretary; Peter Baker, Treasurer.

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, are elected, who hold office for the term of one year.

Quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee are held on the second Monday of June, September, December, and March, at which time the Board of Trustees is required to make a full and detailed report of the condition and all the transactions of the society during the preceding quarter.

Officers.—G. W. Armes, President; E. P. Flint, Vice-President;

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