

The number of births recorded for the year is 153 males ; 139 females ; total 292, showing a balance of 80 births over the deaths.

Estimating the population, December 31, 1870, at 10,000 ; December 31, 1871, at 11,000 ; and December 31, 1872 (including Brooklyn), at 15,000, give a mortality of 1 to every 82 of the population for the year 1870-71 ; 1 to every 102 for 1871-2 ; and 1 to every 71 for 1872-73. The number of births for the years 1871-2 is 179 ; and for 1872-3 is 292. The returns of 1871-2 show that deducting the number of deaths by accident, tubercular diseases, and those of children under five years (a large proportion of which generally result from negligence or ignorance), would give a yearly mortality of 1 in 216 for 1871-72.

Epidemic and endemic diseases are of rare occurrence ; inflammatory diseases are of a mild character.

Public Libraries.

In addition to the library connected with the University of California, which comprises 10,000 volumes, and several smaller collections belonging to educational institutions, there are in the city the Oakland and Odd Fellows' Libraries, each of which contains a valuable selection of works in the different departments of modern literature, to which additions of the new and standard publications of the day are made as rapidly as circumstances will permit. Arrangements are in progress to secure the organization of another library, under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity, and from the character of those engaged in the movement there is but little doubt of its final success.

OAKLAND LIBRARY, corner Washington and Twelfth streets.—The Oakland Library Association was organized on the fifth day of March, 1868, by a meeting of the citizens of Oakland called for that purpose. The first officers (elected April 27, 1868) were: President, Samuel Merritt ; Vice-President, W. H. Glascock ; Treasurer, A. C. Henry ; Recording Secretary, William C. Little ; Corresponding Secretary, George Tait ; Trustees: H. D. Bacon, E. Bigelow, G. W. Armes, H. C. Lee, G. C. Potter, E. C. Sessions, P. S. Wilcox, Joseph Gamble. Officers, September 20, 1873 : President, J. Preston Moore ; Vice-President, E. R. Sill ; Secretary, C. W. Kellogg ; Treasurer, J. C. Quinn.

Directors: Mrs. Charles Palmer, Mrs. Prof. Carr, Martin Kellogg, Geo. W. Armes, Mrs. W. H. Raymond, Mrs. Geo. Potter, J. McChesney, F. W. Gill, W. W. Crane, Jr.

Librarian: Miss Lottie C. Willard.

The rooms of the association were originally located in Broadway Block, where they remained until September, 1871, when they were removed to the present location. The library was first opened to the public January 1, 1869. By the liberality of a few of the citizens of Oakland, the association was presented, in 1869, with a valuable lot on the corner of Washington and Twelfth streets, upon which has been recently erected a com-