

eral well-arranged apartments, assigned to conversation, reading, library, etc. The library contains several hundred well-selected works in the different walks of literature.

This institution is commended to the attention of pious young strangers visiting the city. They will there find congenial associates and an opportunity to participate in Christian privileges and enjoyments.

ORPHAN ASYLUMS.

Of these there are two. The Catholic Orphan Asylum has been so fully described that we have nothing to add. The house occupied by the other is a substantial building. The premises inclosed, belonging to the Asylum, are 618 feet 9 inches by 412 feet 6 inches—equal in area to about six one-hundred-vara lots—affording ample space for all the purposes of the institution, playgrounds for the children, etc. There are now forty-three orphans under the care of the Board. The names of the ladies constituting the Board of Managers for the present year, afford sufficient assurance that these little ones have indeed a home.

Orders.—Masonic and Odd Fellows.

The several Orders, Masonic and Odd Fellows, are represented to be in a highly prosperous state. For the very full reports of these societies which appear, (the former on pages 128-9, and the latter on page 164,) we are indebted to the respective Grand Secretaries—Alex. G. Abell, Esq., G. S. of the M. W. G. L. F. and A. M.; and T. Rodgers Johnson, Esq., G. S. of the M. W. G. L. I. O. O. F.—who courteously prepared the entire matter for the press. The following extract from the "Sacramento Directory for 1856," contains some interesting facts connected with the first movements of the Odd Fellows in California, and an allusion to the Masons. In fact, the two Orders united in the establishment and maintenance of a hospital at that city, which, with its enormous expenses at that early day, with the severe drain upon the resources of brethren, alluded to in the extracts, contributed to the pecuniary ruin of many of the more active members:

"On the morning of the 20th of August, 1849, A. M. Winn had the following notice printed in handbill form, and circulated throughout the city:

'I. O. O. F.—The Odd Fellows of Sacramento City, will meet at the store of Winn, Baker & McGhee, on Third Street between J and K Streets, this evening, at 8 o'clock.
August 20, 1849.'

That evening the members of the Order met according to the notice, and were called to order by B. F. Hastings, of Warren Lodge No. 3, of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and on his motion, A. M. Winn was called to the chair, who explained the object of the meeting, as follows:

'BRETHREN:—You are assembled under most extraordinary circumstances. We have not the power to work as a Lodge, and yet the immense amount of suffering among the members of the Order, requires our most active benevolence in carrying out the great principles taught us at the altar of Odd Fellowship. We have met for the purpose of finding out who of our citizens are Odd Fellows, and to form an association for the relief of sick and distressed brothers.

A dreadful calamity has overtaken us—hundreds are lying sick, rolled in their filthy blankets, without wife, children or friends to nurse them while sick, or bury them when dead. We who have health and means, should be liberal to those in distress, as long as in our power. Let us do all we can, without a violation of the principles of the Order.'

On motion of Thomas Bannister, Daniel McLaren was chosen Secretary.

B. F. Hastings offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

'1. Resolved, That we will form an Association of Odd Fellows in Sacramento City, for the relief of the distressed members of the Order.

2. Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft rules and regulations for our government.

3. Resolved, That a Committee of Relief be now appointed, whose duty it shall be to collect by voluntary contributions from members of the Order, an amount sufficient to relieve the distressed and bury the dead, until further provisions are made by the association.'

The Chair appointed as Committee on Rules and Regulations, B. F. Hastings, Daniel McLaren and Joseph C. Derby; and, on motion, the Chair was added to, and made Chairman of, the committee.

On the Relief Committee the Chair appointed E. K. Gallup, Dennis Ridout, Isaac H. Norris, Samuel McNulty and Jas. B. Cunningham.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned to the 24th inst., at 8 o'clock, P. M.

On the 24th, the members of the Order met pursuant to adjournment, A. M. Winn in the chair. The Committee on Rules and Regulations reported as follows:

'SACRAMENTO CITY, Aug. 24, 1849.

The members of the Order met pursuant to adjournment, A. M. Winn in the chair. The Committee on Rules and Regulations reported as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

1. The name shall be the 'Sacramento Odd Fellows' Association.'

2. Its objects—to relieve the distressed and bury the dead.

3. Its officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall hold their offices one year, and until their successors are elected, and shall perform the duties incident to their offices, as the Association may require.

[The By-Laws reported at this time have been lost.]

On motion, the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted; and the names of the following persons were registered as members of the Association:—A. M. Winn, B. F. Hastings, Daniel McLaren, E. Meconekin, James A. Myer, Henry E. Robinson, Israel S. Chase, John Seymour, James B. Cunningham, J. Brown, Thomas Bannister, M. E. Hedrick, John Taylor, O. C. Osborne, Jos. B. Adams, Samuel Smith, Ephraim Martin, Samuel McNulty, J. C. Stumbaugh, W. F. Deitz, H. R. Bradway, E. S. Elsworth, James A. Reed, John H. Flender, A. Barker, August F. Taylor, Wm. Kesey, Benjamin Carter, D. O. Mills, C. E. Warren, Woodbury Masters, E. H. Hall, L. A. Boorh, A. C. Watson, W. D. Drake, J. C. Jones, D. C. Ashcraft, R. G. Random, Wm. P. Sayward, J. R. Welden, E. K. Gallup, John Ledger, C. J. Hendrake, Robert Hanniet, R. G. Slingtier, C. F. Hare, Gilbert L. Sees, Henry Bates, J. O. Derby, Isaac H. Norris, H. S. Merrill, Wm. Glaskin, Edward E. Hunter.

On motion the Association proceeded to elect its officers, which resulted as follows:—A. M. Winn, President; Edward E. Hunter, Vice President; Daniel McLaren, Secretary, and E. K. Gallup, Treasurer.

The Committee of Relief appointed at the former meeting, was continued.

Several members of the Order were reported sick, and committees appointed to attend them. The Committee of Relief