

ciety take place on the first Monday of each month. Annual election of officers on the 7th July. Annual celebration on September 9th.

THE HEBREW YOUNG MEN'S LITERARY ASSOCIATION. — Rooms, SE corner of Kearny and Washington. Organized Nov. 7th, 1855. Number of members, 75.

Officers—President, Seixas Solomons; Vice-President, Leopold Cahn; Secretary, James M. Raphael; Financial Secretary, Jos. Godechaux; Treasurer, Enmanuel Levy; Librarian, Benjamin E. Van Straaten; Trustees, L. Strauss, Bernard Dennerly, Theo. A. Labatt and David Cohn.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE. — Organized March 29, 1855. Rooms, 82 Montgomery Street, second floor. The objects of the Institute are the establishment of a library, reading room, collection of a cabinet, scientific apparatus, works of art, and other literary and scientific purposes. The society has a reading-room well supplied with the leading scientific and literary periodicals of the day, and a valuable library containing over 2,500 volumes. During the past year this Institute presented to the attention of the people of California their second annual exhibition of mechanical arts, which was attended with the most complete success.

Officers — President, George Cofran; Vice-President, G. D. Street; Corresponding Secretary, Wm. F. Herrick; Recording Secretary, P. B. Dexter; Treasurer, John E. Kincaid; Directors, Thomas Tennent, C. S. Hobbs, T. S. Oldham, Gardner Elliot, Benjamin Dore, W. P. Taylor, Franklin Kuox; Librarian, P. B. Dexter.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE.—Sweeny and Baugh, proprietors, 135 Clay, S side between Sansome and Montgomery. The Merchants' Exchange was opened by Messrs. Sweeny & Baugh in March, 1852, on Sacramento Street, one square south of its present location, and in September, 1853, they completed a line of telegraph to Point Lobos (south head), enabling them to report as soon as they could be signalized at sea, the names of inward-bound vessels. The Telegraph Line is the pioneer erection of that character on the Pacific coast. In July, 1855, the Exchange was located in its present commodious rooms where can be found files of the leading newspapers, foreign and domestic. The merchants of San Francisco, with generous sagacity, have liberally sustained this important enterprise.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. —Mercantile Library Buildings, SE cor Montgomery and Jackson. Organized January 24th, 1853, by the election of D. S. Turner, President; Joshua P. Haven, Vice-President; C. E. Bowers, Treasurer; W. H. Stevens, Recording Secretary; Dr. Henry Gibbons, Corresponding Secretary; and Messrs. E. P. Flint, E. E. Dunbar, D. H. Haskell and J. B. Crockett, Directors.

Officers, 1859—President, D. C. McRuer; Vice-President, Henry Carlton, Jr.; Treasurer, T. C. Banks; Recording Secretary, Henry C. Lee; Corresponding Secretary, Edward J. Pringle;

Directors, F. A. Holman, J. C. Stone, E. J. Muirgridge, Joshua Barker, J. W. White, Henry H. Haight, J. B. Swasey, S. C. Bigelow, Joseph Hobart; Librarian, H. H. Moore; Assistants, D. E. Webb and J. J. Tayker.

This association has been carefully and ably conducted and most generously sustained by the citizens of San Francisco, and from the progress it has made during the past few years, it must soon take rank with its kindred institutions in the Eastern States. The library of the association is the second in the State, numbering over 10,500 volumes of works in the different departments of literature. Connected with the library is a valuable and extensive collection of works of reference, 3,000 volumes in extent, which is open to the inspection of visitors and the public in general. The amount expended for books, etc., for increase of library, during the last fiscal year, was \$3,500; increase of library during same period, 2,300 volumes; increase of library from January, 1855, to May, 1859, 7,000 volumes. The reading-rooms of the association are furnished with the leading newspapers and periodicals of the United States and Europe, and contains, in addition thereto, a cabinet of specimens of mineralogy and the natural history of the State, and a numerous and valuable collection of paintings, engravings, etc. The number of members, 1,200; average number of volumes taken out monthly, 1,700. The terms of admission to the rooms and library are, \$5 initiation fee, and \$1 per month, payable quarterly. The influence of an institution of this character, properly directed, cannot be estimated; and it can scarcely be doubted that the *esprit du corps* of the mercantile community of this city will sustain and enlarge this association, by confiding its management to energetic and talented men, and by liberally contributing to its support.

PACIFIC CONGRESS.—Organized in 1856, by the former members of the "San Francisco Lyceum." *First Officers*—Speaker, Charles H. Hempstead; Clerk, Lewis Shearer; Treasurer, Royal Fisk; Sergeant-at-Arms, — Conway.

Present Officers—Speaker, Samuel L. Lupton; Clerk, Daniel Clark; Treasurer, Royal Fisk; Sergeant-at-Arms, A. M. Comstock. Number of members, 65. The society meets for debate every Thursday evening, at 7½ o'clock.

ST. MARY'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—Organized 1856. Rooms, basement St. Mary's Cathedral. This association has a valuable and well selected library of about 800 volumes, the advantages to which may be secured by those desirous of becoming members, on payment of the entrance fee of 50 cents, and a monthly subscription of 25 cents. The library room is open every Sunday afternoon for the reception of visitors and persons desirous of becoming members, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Regular monthly meetings first Monday of each month.

Officers—President, E. D. Cox; Vice-President, M. C. Owens; Recording Secretary, P. O. Barry; Corresponding Secretary, M. Flood; Treasurer, J. M. Durkan; Librarian, A. M. Marrier.