

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 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.

**MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.**—Mercantile Library Buildings, NE corner Montgomery and Bush. 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 elected March 6, 1860.*—President, William H. Stevens; Vice President, William R. Garrison; Treasurer, J. G. Kellogg; Corresponding Secretary, R. B. Swain; Recording Secretary, Edward Hunt; Directors, Charles Wolcott Brooks, Frank Baker, D. P. Belknap, Wm. Norris, James W. J. Pierson, John Shaw, H. C. Macy, Chas. R. Bond, Thomas Bennett.

The Mercantile Library Association has been most 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 12,000 volumes of works in the different departments of literature. Connected with the library is a valuable and extensive collection of works of reference, 3,500 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 \$2,500; increase of library during same period, 1,600 volumes; increase of library from January 1855, to May 1860, 8,600 volumes. The new rooms of the Association are commodious and conveniently arranged, and are well adapted to meet the growing importance of the institution. A well selected assortment of the leading newspapers and periodicals of the United States and Europe, are contained therein; and 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. Number of members, 1,800; average number of volumes taken out monthly, 2,800. The terms of admission to the rooms and library are \$2 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.

**ODD FELLOWS' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.**—Organized 1855. Rooms, NE corner

Kearny and Bush. *Officers*—President, S. H. Parker; 1st Vice President, Henry Kimball; 2d Vice President, Thomas Stealey; Secretary, Henry C. Squire; Treasurer, A. Himmelman; Librarian, John Southwell; Board of Directors—William T. Garratt, T. Rodgers Johnson, J. L. Meese, C. C. Knowles, William R. Satterlee, E. J. Little, E. Levy, George T. Bohen, M. Bernheim.

This library now contains 7,000 volumes of standard and other books, including a very valuable collection of rare and antique works, and the most complete series on the early history of the Pacific coast, to be found in California. The Association also own a valuable museum, to which has lately been added a fine aquarium.

**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. Luyton; 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.

**PACIFIC OBSERVATORY ASSOCIATION.**—Organized November, 1859. Rooms, Montgomery Block.

**ST. MARY'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.**—Organized 1855. Rooms, basement St. Mary's Cathedral. This Association has a valuable and well selected library of about 800 volumes, the advantages of 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. There is attached to this Library, a valuable collection of Manuscript Letters of the old Spanish Missionaries, relating to the early history of the Missions of Upper and Lower California, dating from the middle of the last century. The Library room is open every Sunday afternoon for the reception of visitors and persons desirous of becoming members, and on Thursday evenings. Regular monthly meetings first Monday of each month.

*Officers*—President, John O'Kane; Vice President, J. Aherne; Recording Secretary, P. O. Barry; Corresponding Secretary, John P. Carroll; Treasurer, Hugh Murray; Librarian, Wm. Ash.

## Social.

**CÉCILIE VEREIN.**—Organized October, 1859. Number members, 80, of which 30 are ladies. Meet at the rooms of the San Francisco Verein. *Officers*—President, F. W. Wedekind, (M. D.) Secretary C. Kirsten; Treasurer, C. Rohte; Leader, R. Herold.

**CRICKET CLUB.**—Organized 23d March, 1853; re-organized October 19th, 1857. *Officers*—President, W. Lane Booker; Vice Presidents, Joseph White, Frederick Green; Secretary, vacant; Treasurer, Joseph Clark; Members of Committee, E. D. Heatly, H. A. Fox.