

Sacramento; Secretary, Wm. L. Duncan; Treasurer, J. H. Turney; Directors, R. J. Tiffany, J. H. Widber, J. E. de la Montanya, John O. Earl, W. K. Van Alen, J. H. Stearus, Wm. Henry Tiffany. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, are *ex-officio* members of the Board of Directors, and Trustees of the Society. The expressed objects of the Society are to collect and preserve information connected with the early settlement and subsequent conquest of the country, and to perpetuate the memory of those whose sagacity, energy, and enterprise induced them to settle in the wilderness and become the founders of a new State. All who were in California prior to the first day of January, 1850, are eligible to membership. Any who have rendered distinguished or important services to the Society, the State, or the United States, may be admitted as honorary members. The roll of the Society embraces the names of 336 members. Regular meetings of the Society take place on the first Monday of each month. Annual election of officers, on the 7th day of July. The Anniversary of the Conquest of California, and of the raising of the American flag on its soil. Annual Celebration on the 9th of September; the Anniversary of the Admission of California into the Union. The Society is possessed of an excellent library, many curious and interesting relics of the "Early Times," and a cabinet of minerals. Its affairs are in an eminently flourishing condition; its finances on a sound basis, and numbers of new candidates for membership being proposed each month. The new hall, erected on the lot generously donated to the Society by James Lick, Esq., is a fine specimen of the Corinthian order of architecture. Three stories and basement in height, and forty by eighty-four feet in dimensions, and is one of the most substantial buildings in the city. With a modern style French roof, and an elaborately yet chastely adorned front, forming one of the most elegant and tasteful, of the many magnificent structures ornamenting our fashionable thoroughfare. The hall, which cost \$20,000, was built under the sole management of the Building Committee, Messrs. Willard B. Farwell, Peter Donahue, Alex. G. Abell, Samuel Brannan, and B. O. Devoc, Esqs., on whose ability and taste the perfectness of detail reflects great credit. Messrs. S. C. Bugbee & Son, architects, and John McFadden and A. C. Latson, contractors.

GERMAN SOCIETY OF NATURAL SCIENCES.—Organized in 1861. Meetings held every Wednesday evening, at their rooms, 517 Clay Street—50 members. *Officers*—President, Dr. J. N. Eckel; 1st Vice-President, Dr. J. Regensburger; 2d Vice-President, Rud. Jordan; Treasurer, E. Kruse; Corresponding Secretary, J. A. Bauer; Recording Secretary, C. L. Heller; Librarian, Julius George; Curators—Zoology, F. Gruber; Assistants—Entomology, J. Behrens; Conchology, Rud. Jordan; Ornithology, F. Gruber; Botany, J. A. Bauer; Mineralogy, Charles F. Riehn; Assistant, E. Wolleb.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—Organized March 29, 1855. Rooms, 314 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 5,500 volumes. During the year 1858 and 1860, this Institute presented to the attention of the people of California their second and third annual exhibitions, which were attended with the most complete success. *Officers*—President, B. H. Freeman; Vice-President, Paul Torquet; Recording Secretary, P. B. Dexter; Corresponding Secretary, Henry F. Williams; Treasurer, John E. Kincaid; Directors, N. P. Perine, W. H. Howland, W. T. Garratt, Wm. Berney, Joseph Britton, John Roach, and D. B. Kinckley.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—Mercantile Library Building, northeast 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, January 27th, 1862—President, Jacob Underhill; Vice-President, Wm. Norris; Treasurer, Camilo Martin; Corresponding Secretary, Sydney V. Smith; Recording Secretary, Wm. M. Noyes; Directors, Major Hiram Leonard, P. L. Weaver, C. W. Hathaway, A. L. Edwards, John B. Newton, John C. Merrill, John Wightman, Horace Davis, and Thos. Bennet, M. D.; Librarian, H. H. Moore; Assistant Librarian, D. E. Webb; Collector, J. J. Tayker; Janitor, C. H. Canfield.

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 first in the State, numbering over 16,000 volumes of works in the different departments of literature. Connected with the library is a valuable and extensive collection of works of reference, 4,000 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 fiscal year ending January, 1861, was \$4,000; increase of library during same period, 2,700 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, 1,725; average number of volumes taken out monthly, 2,800. The terms of admission to the