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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 670 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, Alexander G. Abell, Samuel Brannan, and B. O. Devoe, 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: A. E. Koels; Librarian: Julius George; Curators: Zoology, F. Gruber; Assistants: Entomology, J. Behrens; Conchology, J. A. Bauer and N. Boller; Ornithology, F. Gruber; Botany, J. A. Bauer; Mineralogy, Charles F. Riehn; Assistant, A. C. Weber.

**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**—Organized March 29th, 1855. Rooms, south side California Street, between Montgomery and Kearny. This Association has recently purchased a commodious and desirable building on California Street, and have dedicated it to the purposes of the organization. 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: Joseph Britton; Vice President: Alexander Buswell; Recording Secretary: P. B. Dexter; Corresponding Secretary: H. D. Dunn; Treasurer: John O. Hanscom; Directors: P. J. O'Connor, J. H. Blumenberg, E. N. Torrey, D. A. Macdonald, S. S. Culverwell, H. F. Williams, and David Stoddart.

**MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.**—Mercantile Library Building, north-east corner of Montgomery and Bush streets. 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. (See General Review, for a notice of this useful and deservedly popular Institution.)

**MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE.**—Theodore E. Baugh, proprietor, 521 Clay Street, south side, between Sanson 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 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.

**ODD FELLOWS' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.**—Organized, 1855. Rooms, Odd Fellows' Hall, 327 Montgomery Street.

*Officers*—President: S. H. Parker; 1st Vice President: Wm. R. Satterlee; 2d Vice President: Frank B. Austin; Secretary: Henry C. Squire; Treasurer: A. Himmelmann; Librarian: John Phillips; Directors: John Q. Piper, Henry Kimball, John Pfior, J. A. J. Bohlen, Samuel L. Lupton, John W. Van Zandt, H. Kosminsky, Frank D. Morrill, H. Buettner, Philo White, and Henry Briel. (For a notice of the progress and present condition of this library, see General Review.)

**PACIFIC LYCEUM.**—Organized September, 1862, for the purposes of debate and extemporaneous speaking. Meetings held every Saturday evening in the Fourth District Court Room. *Officers*—President: Jabish Clement; Vice President: Delos J. Howe; Secretary and Treasurer: J. Koenigsberger.

**SOCIAL LITERARY SOCIETY, Y. M. C. A.**—Organized November 3, 1862. Meets every Thursday evening in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, for the purpose of debate, literary exercise, and improvement in elocution. This Society possesses unusual advantages as a literary organization, having indirectly connected with it an extensive and well selected library, that of the Young Men's Christian Association; being supported by that institution, and consequently no dues or initiation fees are exacted. There is also sustained by the Society a literary periodical called "The Social Voice," which, under the able editorship of J. Q. Adams, would do honor to a more pretentious organization. The debates are ably sustained, and the various other literary exercises are profitable and interesting. Visitors and the public generally are welcome to attend and participate in the exercises at all times.