

object—to erect a Home in this city that will succor many a weary "Son of the Ocean," and one that will make a worthy addition to the numerous benevolent institutions of this city.

#### EUREKA BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The formation of this society dates back to October, 1850, when, according to the records, to the following gentlemen the credit of establishing this excellent institution is due: J. Jacobs, M. Dittmann, P. Schloss, M. Fishel, A. Helbing, M. Hellman, E. Dittman, S. Lazard, J. Lehman, L. Reinstein, A. Blumenthal, D. Baumfrund, and J. Zeiler.

The management of the affairs of this society is placed in the hands of a Board of Trustees consisting of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and six Trustees. The Board of Trustees are required to hold regular monthly meetings, and for the purpose of dividing the labors among the several members thereof, the By-Laws provide for the appointment of the following committees: On finance, charity, sick, burial, and real estate. The Secretary, Physician, and Collector are elected by the Board of Trustees, and their compensation is fixed by them.

New members can only be elected at either of the four general meetings held during the months of March, June, September, and December, and it requires a majority consisting of four-fifths of the votes cast to elect, when, after the payment of ten dollars initiation fee and his regular monthly dues of one dollar and twenty-five cents, the applicant is entitled to all the rights and privileges of a member. Life memberships can be obtained upon the payment of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, which exempts from payment of dues thereafter. The original object of this society consisted in furnishing assistance to the poor, in attending the sick, and burying the dead; but in the month of March, 1858, an act was passed at a general meeting establishing a widow and orphan fund, for the benefit of widows and orphans of deceased members. The act provides that one-half of all initiation fees and one-fifth of the monthly dues and one-fourth of all extraordinary incomes shall be placed to the credit of this fund. The original amount set apart, before any use can be made of its means, was \$5,000, which has since been amended, and the By-Laws now require that the fund must reach \$20,000 before any part of it can be expended. This fund now amounts to the sum of \$15,000, and the general fund possesses about \$20,000, making the combined capital of the institution \$35,000.

The funds of the society are partly invested in real estate, and in money loaned out on indorsed notes at current rates of interest. The society has now about three hundred and eighty members, and is increasing at the rate of thirty members per year.

Nearly all the society's money for years past has been loaned out upon notes, yet not a dollar has ever been lost, and of the large amount of charity distributed, which will reach a sum perhaps not less than \$60,000, not \$2,000 has been paid to members, because they have fortunately not required it, and have consequently not asked for it.

Many persons have been relieved with the money of this institution without ever knowing from what source such relief emanated, and hundreds who found themselves here without help and means have been returned to their friends and relatives in the Eastern States or Europe with the assistance of this institution.

The following gentlemen have officiated as presiding officers of this society since its organization: August Helbing for seven years, Dr. I. Regensburger for one year, H. D. Silverman for one year, L. Tichner for two years, A. Wasserman for two years, B. Schloss for one year, and Henry Regensburger for one year.

In common with the congregation Emanu-El this

society is in part owner of the Home of Peace Cemetery, near the Mission Dolores, which is inclosed with a brick wall, and otherwise in a high state of improvement. The books of the institution show an expenditure of upwards of \$6,000 towards this very laudable object.

#### THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

This reformatory institution is still in successful operation, and is doing a large amount of good in rescuing youth, otherwise uncared for, from evil associations; breaking up and eradicating bad habits at the outset of life. It has already elicited the gratitude of many a youth of talents and noble impulses, started upon a downward career, but by means of this institution reclaimed, educated, and afforded the means of becoming useful members of society. The whole number of pupils admitted since the first opening of the school, May 3d, 1859, is four hundred and fifty-eight, of whom three hundred and fifty-eight were boys and one hundred girls. The number admitted during the past year was one hundred and twenty-five, of whom eighty-six were boys and thirty-nine girls. Additions have been made to the school building, materially enhancing the comfort and accommodations of the inmates. Among these is a dining room of a capacity sufficient to accommodate over two hundred children. The following are the officers and employes of the institution.

Leonidas B. Benchley, Charles D. Carter, Nathan Porter, Jacob Schreiber, John H. Titcomb, and Gustave Touchard, Managers, 1865-7; Charles H. Stannan, Monroe Ashbury, and James H. Reynolds, appointed from Board of Supervisors, 1865-6; John Archbald, Treasurer; James S. Thomson, Secretary; George L. Lynde, Superintendent (absent); Rufus K. Marriner, Superintendent (temporary); Benjamin D. Dean, Physician; Theodore C. Smith, Nathan J. Stone, and Mrs. Charlotte A. Sawyer, Teachers; Mrs. Catharine Sheldon, Matron.

#### PRISONERS' AID SOCIETY.

A new organization has recently been established in this city, having in view the assistance and reformation of men who have been imprisoned for crime, with the following named gentlemen as officers for the ensuing year: Gov. F. F. Low, President; Dr. J. F. Morse, Vice President; James Woodworth, Secretary; M. J. O'Connor, Treasurer.

#### BRITISH BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

This society was established in July, 1865, with the object of assisting British born subjects in distress or sickness. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, temporarily at the St. Andrew's Society Rooms, 522 Market Street. Number of members, three hundred and thirty.

Officers—W. Lane Booker, H. B. M. Consul, President; A. Forbes, First Vice President; J. B. Wynn, Second Vice President; John Archbald, Treasurer; Thomas Hulbert, Secretary; Edward Briant, Assistant Secretary; Charles F. H. Gillingham, M.D., Physician; Jas. Bell, H. A. Fox, Robert Roxby, John Wedderspoon, John Mason, Gomer Evans, John Landale, and Thos. B. Simpson, Board of Trustees; T. P. Bevans, R. Mayers, C. Ashton, and H. E. Highton, Board of Relief.

#### GERMAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

This association, composed exclusively of Germans, and those who speak the language, was organized January 7th, 1854, for the mutual attendance upon and relief of its members, and especially the protection and aid of newly-arrived German immigrants. The large and commodious Hospital erected by the association on Brannan Street, near Third, where every possible comfort and accommodation adequate to the wants of the sick can be obtained,