

will make a worthy addition to the numerous benevolent institutions of this city. The society has established a temporary home on the SW cor. of Val-lejo and Battery Streets, which has been attended with gratifying results.

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. Dittmann, 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 \$30,000 before any part of it can be expended. This fund now amounts to the sum of \$25,000, and the general fund possesses about \$25,000, making the combined capital of the institution at present upwards of \$50,000.

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 \$75,000, 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. J. Regensburger for one year, H. D. Silverman for one year, L.

Tielner for two years, A. Wassermann for two years, B. Schloss for one year, Henry Regensburger for one year, and William Steinbart for two years.

In common with the congregation Emann-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.

Present officers—Wm. Steinhart, President; Jos. Brandenstein, Vice President; M. Mayblum, Treasurer; I. Greenbaum, Secretary; M. Steppacher, Collector; Dr. J. Regensburger, Physician; L. Seligman, J. Cerf, H. Greenberg, S. Levy, S. Haas, and A. Helbing, Trustees.

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 six hundred and fifty-seven, of whom five hundred and twenty-seven were boys and one hundred and thirty girls. The number admitted during the past year was one hundred, of whom eighty-nine were boys and eleven 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 of the institution:

Officers—William G. Badger, President; Jacob Deeth, Vice President; John Archibald, Treasurer; James S. Thomson, Secretary.

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 accused and imprisoned for crime, with the following named gentlemen as officers for the ensuing year: J. F. Morse, M.D., President; Alpheus Bull, Vice President; James Woodworth, Secretary and General Agent; M. J. O'Connor, Treasurer.

BRITISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

This association, originally organized in 1865, was re-organized in May last, and has at the present time (July, 1867) over four hundred paying members on its rolls. For the year ending April 30th, 1867, four hundred and fifty-five persons were assisted, at an expense of \$2,314 76. (See Benevolent Associations, page 666.)

GERMAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

This association, composed exclusively of Germans, and those who speak their 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, is an enduring monument of the liberality and philanthropy of this provident class of our citizens.