

their birth, and of promoting the social and intellectual improvement of its members. Between seven and eight hundred men, including many citizens of the United States, have been admitted to membership, and there are now some four hundred paying members on the rolls. In May last, the Association was completely reorganized and incorporated, and a Constitution adopted containing several admirable features, and, among others, provisions for free lectures and debates. From the time of its formation the affairs of the society have been carefully and judiciously managed, and its charity dispensed with prudent liberality. It has uniformly cooperated with the San Francisco Benevolent Association and other local organizations, and through its agency, their burthen has been greatly lightened, many hundreds of sick and destitute men, women, and children effectively relieved, and a large number provided with employment. The relief given is, for the most part, temporary; and, at present, under the new system adopted by the Board of Relief, averages \$2 45 per case. During the year ending on June 30th, 1867, the smallest number of applications for any one month was twelve, and the smallest amount expended, \$76; the largest number of applications during the same period was one hundred and three for the inclement month of January, involving expenditure of \$132 85. For the year terminating April 30th, 1867, the total number of persons assisted was four hundred and fifty-five, and the total amount expended for their benefit \$2,314 76. The introduction of various literary and social features, and the opening of a correspondence throughout this and the adjoining States and territories, it is confidently expected, will largely add to the usefulness of the institution, which has already attracted the marked admiration of the people of San Francisco.

CALIFORNIA PRISON COMMISSION.—Organized November 27th, 1865. The objects of this Commission are to shield those who have been inmates of the California State Prison from the unjust persecution of society, and to encourage them in their efforts to regain their forfeited positions, and to secure for themselves an honest livelihood. Office, 302 Montgomery Street.

Officers—John F. Morse, M.D., President; Alpheus Bull, Vice President; M. J. O'Connor, Treasurer; John Woodworth, Secretary; D. N. Hawley, James Linforth, M. J. O'Connor, Nathaniel Gray, Annis Merrill, and Hon. Samuel Cowles, Trustees.

CHEBRA ACHIM RACHMONIM ASSOCIATION.—Organized October 26th, 1862. Meetings held at 728 Montgomery Street the fourth Sunday of each month. Number of members, ninety. Their object is to relieve and care for the sick, infirm, and disabled members of the society, etc. The funds and property of the society are to constitute a Charity Fund, in which no member will have an individual interest.

Officers—L. Ehrlich, President; M. H. Lichtenstein, Vice President; H. Peiser, Recording Secretary; A. Barrett, Financial Secretary; H. Danziger, Treasurer; L. Levy, Messenger; G. Baum, P. Harris, L. Schoenberg, H. Bernstein, Trustees.

CHEBRA BETH YISRAEL.—Organized September, 1861. Meetings held the third Sunday in each month, on Sutter Street near Stockton. The object of this society is to offer relief to its members in case of sickness and distress.

Officers—I. Caspar, President; M. Wolf, Vice President; S. Smailburg, Recording Secretary; S. Levy, Financial Secretary; S. Tichner, Treasurer; S. Goldman, A. Samuel, A. Levy, M. Louis, and M. Wolff, Trustees; D. Cohn, Physician; C. Wilhelm, Apothecary; E. Witkowsky, Messenger.

CHEBRA BIKUR CHOLIM UKEDISHA SOCIETY.—Organized February, 1857, to assist needy and sick brethren with medicine, attendance and all necessaries required in case of disease. Meetings held every second Sunday in the month, at Covenant Hall, 537 Sacramento Street.

Officers—Peter Abrahamson, President; A. B. Ephraim, Vice President; William Meyer, Recording Secretary; Isaiah Cohn, Permanent Secretary; Isidor Charles, Treasurer; Th. Born, Messenger; A. Martin, L. Riess, Th. Freund, C. Triber, A. Michel, Trustees.

CHEBRA B'RITH SHALOME.—Meets at Covenant Hall, 537 Sacramento Street, first Sunday in each month. Number of members, one hundred and twenty-five.

Officers—A. Morgenstern, President; James Cohn, Vice President; S. Brodek, Recording Secretary; L. Licht, Financial Secretary; R. S. Cahisch, Treasurer; S. Appel, F. Seligman, D. Lewis, and S. Tichner, Trustees; F. Tieber, Messenger.

CHINESE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.—Established 1862. Sustained by the Hop Wo Company, 736 Commercial Street. Shung Gee, Agent. The object of this association is to assist Chinese coming to this State; to assist them when desiring to return to China; to minister to the sick, bury the dead, and return their corpses to their native land.

CLERKS' RELIEF SOCIETY.—Organized in the spring of 1864. Meets every Saturday evening, at 410 Kearny Street. The purpose and aim of the society is to assist merchant clerks. *First*, In finding employment for the unemployed. *Second*, In assisting sick members. *Third*, In promoting education and sociality among members. *Fourth*, In assisting merchant clerks who are in need. The society has at present (May, 1867) over two hundred members; these are nearly all Germans, and the German language is therefore used in its meetings; however, frequent use is made of the English tongue. The society is in possession of a very good selected library of about three hundred volumes, consisting of classical, historical and scientific works, novels, etc., in the German, English, and French languages. New additions of scientific works will be added in a few months.

The following gentlemen are the elected officers for the year ending March, 1868: Carl Schnaittacher, President; M. Gensberger and L. Schwarzschild, Vice Presidents; J. Bergmann, Treasurer; S. E. Ahels, Recording Secretary; A. Langfeldt, Financial Secretary; A. Dallemund, E. Kohnstam, and R. Wichelhausen, General Committee; J. Bergmann, E. Kohnstam, and R. Wichelhausen, Relief Committee.

EUREKA BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—Established October, 1850, to assist poor and needy Hebrews, in want or in sickness. Number of members, three hundred, who pay one dollar each per month, besides a small additional sum to accumulate as a sinking fund for the support of widows and orphans. The society has a capital of \$5,000, partly invested in real estate and partly on interest.

Officers—W. Steinhart, President; J. Brandenstein, Vice President; M. Mayblum, Treasurer; J. Greenbaum, Secretary; J. Cerf, S. W. Levy, L. Seligman, A. Helbing, H. Greenberg, and S. Haas, Trustees.

FENIAN BROTHERHOOD.—*State Officers*—(Elected October 20th, 1866) John Hamill, State Center and Secretary; Myles D. Sweeney, State Treasurer. State Central Council: Martin Tarpey, President; Philip Markey, Secretary; Major A. Wason, M. E. Hughes, Timothy Lynch, of San Fran-