

ent consists of four hundred and fifty (450) members, and meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, at its rooms, No. 751 Market Street, opposite Dupont.

Officers—Thomas Anderson, President; W. Vallance Gray, and Hugh Davidson, Vice-Presidents; R. S. Falconer, Treasurer; F. McKiuley, Financial Secretary; George Davidson, Recording Secretary; James Dunn, Assistant Secretary; G. F. Doig, Librarian; Dr. R. McMillan, Physician; Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Chaplain; John Bain, D. Farquharson, and Donald McMillan, Trustees; James F. Steward, Thomas Ross, and William McPherson, Board of Relief.

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE MUTUAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—Organized July 4th, 1865. Place of meeting, Armory Hall Building, corner Sacramento and Montgomery Streets. Open every evening. The object of this society is to assist poor and needy Canadians and members of the society, and to obtain for them employment. Connected with the hall is an institute where papers from all parts of Canada can be seen.

Officers—Dr. J. Perrault, President; J. Goulet, Vice-President; F. Cypriot, Recording Secretary; J. Couture, Corresponding Secretary; N. Remillard, Treasurer; F. A. Gravel, Commissary; J. B. LeBlanc, S. Gadouas, F. Plouf, Ed. Parheron, and J. Proulx, Directors.

ST. JOSEPH'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (R. C.)—Established 1860. The objects of this society are to extend assistance to each other in the time of sickness, by corporeal aid and spiritual consolation; for providing their deceased brethren with a decent and Christian interment in accordance with their Holy Faith; for the relief of the families they may leave after them; as also for stimulating each other to a more constant observance of the duties of religion and the general promotion of moral and intellectual improvement. Meetings held third Sunday in each month, in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral. Number of members, two hundred.

Officers—James R. Kelly, President; James Rowland, Vice-President; Charles Carvallo, Secretary; Michael Guerin, Treasurer.

ST. MARY'S LADIES' SOCIETY.—Adjoining St. Mary's Hospital in St. Mary's Hall, a wooden building sixty by thirty feet, erected by the St. Mary's Ladies' Society for their meetings. St. Mary's Society, which was founded by the Sisters of Mercy, 1859, for the purpose of promoting piety among the Catholic females, has recently been converted into a Mutual Benevolent Society. It numbers between ten and eleven hundred members. The officers of the society are selected from the Sisters of Mercy. Rev. J. Croke, Chaplain.

ST. MARY'S TEMPERANCE, BENEVOLENT, AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—Organized 1867. Regular meetings first Thursday in each month. Library open every evening from 7 till 10 P.M., and on Sunday from 9 A.M. till 10 P.M. This association has been organized for the purpose of protecting the Catholic working man against the moral and social evils usually attendant upon a life of arduous and precarious labor. A large reading room has been fitted up for the accommodation of the society, in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral. It has a carefully selected library, numbering at present over 2,500 volumes, consisting of all the Catholic works published in America, to which will soon be added those of Irish and English publishers. There is also a good collection of other useful and instructive works.

Officers—John Kelly, Jr., President; Thomas Moran, Vice-President; Thomas Finn, Secretary and

Librarian; Hugh Duffy, Treasurer; Rev. John J. Prendergast, Chaplain.

ST. PETER'S GERMAN ROMAN CATHOLIC BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—Organized March, 1865. Incorporated January 7th, 1867. Meetings first Monday in each month, in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral. The objects of this society are mutual benefits to its members. Number of members, one hundred and three.

Officers—Peter Kerner, President; J. J. Schoen, Vice-President; John Lehrer, Recording Secretary; L. S. Kast, Financial Secretary; Peter Schenk, Treasurer; Adam Bootz, William Miller, Joseph Kolb, and Jacob Klein, Trustees.

STATE DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND INSTITUTION.—The California Institution for the education of the deaf and dumb, and the blind, one of the most interesting and deserving of our State charities, is located on the corner of Fifteenth and Mission Streets. It was established in May, 1860, under the auspices of an association of benevolent ladies, and for a time was supported by charitable contributions. State aid, however, was soon obtained, and two buildings, designed as the wings to a main edifice, were erected at a cost of \$20,000. In 1863 the management was intrusted to a Board of Directors, five in number, and an appropriation, for the center building, of \$75,000 was made, which was subsequently withheld, the Legislature foreseeing the necessity of removing the institution at no distant day, to more extensive grounds. During the Legislative Session of 1865-6, an Act, reorganizing the Institution, was passed, and a Board of Commissioners was appointed to select a site and erect suitable buildings thereon. The Commissioners, under this authority, have purchased a tract, consisting of one hundred and thirty acres, adjoining the grounds of the College of California, about four miles from Oakland, and are erecting thereon, a stone edifice, admirable in design and execution, which will be ready for occupation by the first of January, 1869. The pupils number at present about seventy, of whom twenty-five are blind, the remainder being deaf and dumb. The schools, under a corps of competent instructors, are in a flourishing condition, and the results obtained compare favorably with the attainments made in the long established institutions of the Atlantic States. The blind, by ingenious apparatus devised for their use, are taught reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, etc., to which is added, as a solace in their great affliction, the art of music. The deaf and dumb are instructed in the same branches, substituting drawing for music. By the Act of 1865-6, all deaf, dumb, or blind persons, residents of this State, between the ages of six and twenty-five years, and of sound mind, may be received, free of expense, except for clothing and traveling expenses. Pupils from other States and Territories are admitted on the payment of \$300 per annum. The institution is open to visitors every day, except Sundays, from 9 o'clock, A.M. till 3 o'clock, P.M.

Officers—Board of Directors: Ira P. Rankin, President; William Sherman, Vice-President; Rev. J. A. Beuton, Secretary and Treasurer; B. H. Randolph and J. P. Whitney, M.D., Physicians.

Principal, Warring Wilkinson, A.M., to whom all letters and applications for admission should be addressed.

SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—Organized 1849. The object of this society is to support their sick countrymen, and to procure employment for those who are in want of it.

Officers—E. Fehlmann, President; Camillo Steffani, Vice-President; F. Berton, Treasurer; A. Vignier, French Secretary; E. V. Sutter, German Secretary;