

*Officers.*—James R. Kelly, President; James Rowland, Vice-President; P. J. Casey, Secretary; Michael Guerin, Treasurer.

**ST. MARY'S LADIES' SOCIETY.**—Meets 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 seven till ten o'clock P.M., and on Sunday from nine A.M. till ten o'clock 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 two thousand five hundred 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.*—Hugh Duffy, President; Joseph J. Phelan, Vice-President; Thomas Finn, Secretary and Librarian; M. F. McKenna, 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; A. A. Thiese, Vice-President; John Lehnitter, Recording Secretary; August Brenkamp, Financial Secretary; Adam Bootz, Treasurer.

**STATE DEAF AND DUMB AND BLIND INSTITUTE.**—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, was originally located on the corner of Fifteenth and Mission streets, in this city. 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, purchased a tract, consisting of one hundred and thirty acres, adjoining the grounds of the College of California, about four miles from Oakland, and have erected thereon a stone edifice, admirable in design and execution, which was ready for occupation in October, 1863. The pupils number at present about ninety,

of whom thirty 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 and 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 payment of \$300 per annum. The institution is open to visitors every day, except Sundays, from nine o'clock A.M. till three o'clock P.M.

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

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

**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; A. Rotanzi and A. Wilhelm, Physicians; A. Croce, Collector.

**THE YOUNG MEN'S UNION BENEFICIAL SOCIETY (Colored).**—Organized 1861. Incorporated 1864. Meets first Tuesday in each month. Hall south side of Pacific Street, between Powell and Mason. Board of Trustees meets last Tuesday in each month. Objects of the society to render aid and protection to its sick members, and bury their dead.

*Officers.*—Solomon Peneton, President; W. H. Carter, Vice-President; Joseph S. Henriques, Secretary; R. T. Houston, Treasurer.

**UNION LABORIEUSE ASSOCIATION.**—Incorporated January 25th, 1869. Meets at Tittel's Hall, 417 Bush Street. Number of members, eighty. Objects: To protect, provide for, and relieve its members in sickness, want, and infirmity.

*Officers.*—Pierre F. Clerk, President; Leopold Dubureau and Charles Morin, Vice-Presidents; Eugene Viot, Treasurer; J. E. Lafaix, Secretary.

**UNITED ANCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS.**—Grand Grove of California. Meets in Druids' Hall, Sutter Street, on the first Tuesday in June.

*Officers.*—C. C. Hayden, N. G. A.; J. G. Watermann, R. W. D. G. A.; John Biter, R. W. G. Secretary; Charles Kittelberger, R. W. G. Treasurer; J. W. Shaeffer, W. G. Marshal; John Staude, W. G. Guardian; Adolph Falk, W. G. Sentinel; Jos. Mayer, Adolph Falk, and Anton Ewald, Trustees.

**PIONEER SUPREME ARCH CHAPTER, No. 1 (German).**—Organized January 9th, 1867. Meets first and third Sunday of every month, in Druids' Hall, Sutter Street.

*Officers.*—J. Wildermuth, E. S. A.; Chas. F. Schmidt, Rec. Secretary; E. Cordage, Per. Secretary; Theodore Hartung, Treasurer; Henry Stein, S. E.; Wm. Schuldt, Jr., E.

**MISTLETOE SUPREME ARCH CHAPTER, No. 2 (English).**—Organized June 28th, 1868. Meets sec-