

A large and commodious building, three stories in height, has been erected for the accommodation of the inmates of the asylum. Since the foundation of this institution, over six hundred females have been received, most of whom have been reformed by the influence and attention of those in charge. Only about six per cent have proved refractory. At the present time there are over one hundred and fifty penitents, attended by nine Sisters of Mercy. About fifty girls have been sent thither from the Industrial School, for whose exclusive accommodation a new wing has been recently completed. Rev. Peter O'Flinn and Rev. T. De Masini have spiritual charge of the institution. A society called the Magdalen Society of San Francisco has lately been organized, with a view to provide funds for the better support of this institution.

**MASTER MARINERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.**—Organized April, 1867. Incorporated April 28, 1869. Meets every Monday evening at Hall of Independent Order Red Men, 510 Bush Street. Number of members, two hundred and fifty.

*Officers.*—S. B. Peterson, Junior Commodore; Chris. Brown, Recording; Thomas Collic, Vice-President; B. H. Madison, Corresponding Secretary; J. Jansen, Financial Secretary; L. Terkelson, Treasurer; Richard Bradley, Marshall; F. Reinhold, Quartermaster.

**MATER MISERICORDIE (House of Mercy).**—Under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy. Location, adjoining St. Mary's Hospital. This is for the protection of young women of unblemished character—none others admitted. Some remain waiting for a situation, and others are employed in sewing; school attached; there are generally about thirty inmates. The institution is supported by the inmates and donations. Branch at 303½ Stockton Street, where there is an employment agency for young women, free of charge.

**MEXICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.**—Organized February, 1868. The objects of the society are to assist the sick and indigent Mexicans, and to give free passage to the poor and worthy who wish to return to their native country. Office at Mexican Consulate, 109 California Street.

*Officers.*—G. Andrade, President; M. G. Pritchard, Secretary; Antonio Andrade, Treasurer.

**MILITARY ORDER LOYAL LEGION U. S.**—Organized May 3, 1871.

*Objects:* To cherish the memories and associations of the war waged in defense of the unity and indivisibility of the Republic; to strengthen the ties of fraternal fellowship and sympathy formed from companionship in arms; to advance the best interests of the soldiers and sailors of the United States, especially those associated as members of this Order, and to extend all possible relief to their widows and children; to foster the cultivation of military and naval science; to enforce unqualified allegiance to the General Government; to protect the rights and liberties of American citizens, and to maintain the national honor, union, and independence. Meets first Wednesday of February, May, August, and November.

*Officers.*—Maj.-Gen. John M. Schofield, U. S. A., Commander; Bvt. Brig.-Gen. George W. Bowie, U. S. V., Senior Vice-Commander; Commander R. C. Spalding, U. S. N., Junior Vice-Commander; Bvt. Lt.-Col. W. R. Smedberg, U. S. A., Recorder; Bvt.-Col. J. M. McNulty, U. S. V., Treasurer; Paymaster Pelham W. Ames, late U. S. N., Registrar; Passed Asst. Surgeon H. P. Babcock, late U. S. N., Chancellor; Rev. Daniel Kendig, U. S. A., Chaplain; Bvt. Maj.-Gen. John F. Miller, U. S. V., Maj. C. N. Ellinwood, Surgeon, U. S. V., Capt. Watson Webb, late U. S. A., and G. C. Smith, U. S. A., Council.

Address of Recorder, P. O. Box 640, or 1611 Larkin Street.

**NETHERLANDS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.**—Organized 1873. Incorporated February 17, 1874. Meets at 34 Third Street the first Wednesday of every month. Object: Relief of its members in sickness, want, and distress.

*Officers.*—Charles L. Steylaars, President; A. P. De Wit, Secretary; A. F. Schroder, Corresponding Secretary; L. K. Schneider, Treasurer.

**ORPHAN ASYLUM SOCIETY (Protestant).**—Organized January 31, 1851, and incorporated February 10, 1851.

*Original Officers.*—Mrs. Albert Williams, President; Mrs. S. H. Willey, Vice-President; Mrs. A. E. Warren, Secretary; Mrs. Boring, Treasurer; Mrs. R. H. Waller,

Mrs. C. V. Gillespie, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Joice, Mrs. Dubbs, and Mrs. O. C. Wheeler, Managers; Charles C. more, D. L. Ross, and S. Franklin, Trustees.

It originally occupied the building on the corner Second and Folsom streets, owned by Gen. H. W. Halle whence they removed the children in March, 1854, to the present building, corner of Laguna and Haight streets just then completed, at a cost of \$30,000. This was built of stone and brick, expressly for the purpose, highly creditable to the institution, as one of the noble monuments of San Francisco benevolence. During 1 years 1862-3, a large and convenient addition was made to the present building, at an expense of \$30,000, which together with the main building, will accommodate 2 hundred and fifty children. As a compliment to the Sanson Hook and Ladder Co., who, upon disbanding, donated to the asylum the building and lot owned by the new addition is called the "Sanson Wing." The number of children under the care of the asylum, January 1, 1876, was one hundred and eighty.

*Officers.*—Mrs. Ira P. Rankin, President; Mrs. I. Charles Keeney, Vice-President; Mrs. Henry Haight, Treasurer; Mrs. F. MacCrellish, Secretary; S. R. Throhmorton, Henry H. Haight, D. O. Mills, and R. E. Rainon Trustees; Mrs. S. C. Whigham, Matron; Miss Sarah Kidder and Miss S. W. Corey, Teachers; Benjamin Swan, Physician.

**ORPHAN ASYLUM (Roman Catholic).**—Organized March 23, 1851. In July of the same year the erection of a wooden edifice was commenced, and completed the following September. It was occupied in part for school, and a portion was temporarily used as a church under the pastoral charge of the Rev. John Maginnis.

On August 18, 1852, the asylum was taken in charge by the Sisters of Charity. In 1854 a capacious brick building was erected on Market Street, near Third, at a cost of \$45,000. In 1864 an additional brick edifice was erected for a school, which was attended by several hundred scholars.

In 1862 a farm of fifty-three acres, near Bay View, South San Francisco, was purchased, where there has been established a branch institution for very young children called the St. Joseph's Infant Asylum. On this same tract of land there has been recently erected a large and commodious wooden edifice with all the modern conveniences, to which the children have been removed from the Market Street Building, which property was sold in June 1872. The present building is beautifully located on a hill, commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country. It covers an area of two hundred and four hundred and eighty-two feet, including an open center court, measuring eighty by one hundred and forty four feet. It will accommodate about eight hundred children.

It is a source of gratification to behold the consoling appearance presented by the several hundred little ones now provided for in the institution, which speaks and bids of the benign influence of the guardian Sisters, and of the true liberality of our community in their noble efforts to lend a helping hand to the fatherless.

**PACIFIC HEBREW ORPHAN ASYLUM AND HOME SOCIETY.**—Incorporated July 26, 1871. Location, 1515 and 1519 Mason Street. Formed for the care, relief, protection, and improvement of orphan children, and for the care of aged Israelites who are without adequate means of support.

*Officers.*—S. W. Levy, President; Louis Sachs, Vice-President; Jacob Greenebaum, Treasurer; Leo Eloesser, Secretary; David Michael, Collector.

**PATRIOTIC ORDER SONS OF AMERICA.**—This Order was first organized in Philadelphia in 1847. In 1848 the Order was reorganized and placed upon a more substantial basis, and its membership now seek to locate camp in every town in the United States. It has for its objects the inculcation of pure American principles, the opposition to foreign interference with State interest in the United States of America; the cultivation of fraternal and brotherly love; the preservation of the Constitution of the United States, and the propagation of free education.

One Camp of the Order has been established in this city, viz:

**WASHINGTON CAMP NO. 1.**—Organized July 1, 1874. Number of members, eighty. Meets every Monday evening, at Pythian Hall, 913 Market Street.

*Officers.*—Henry F. Morris, President; Edwin F. Selbeck, Secretary.