

opened on Sundays as well as week days until nine o'clock P. M. The present membership is about seventeen hundred.

THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY has two thousand members. This Library contains about fifty thousand volumes, of which seventeen hundred were added during the past year. About eighty-five thousand volumes are taken from the Library yearly, averaging about forty to each subscriber: This Library building is on the north side of Bush Street, between Sanson and Montgomery. It is three stories high, with basement and attic. On the first floor is the library, reading, reference library, ladies' reading-room, parlor, trustees' room, chess and smoking-rooms, writing-room, museum, etc. In addition to the library, there are all the English and American magazines, the Eastern and the leading Foreign newspapers. The terms of subscription are one dollar initiation fee, and three dollars quarterly dues. Strangers are invited to visit the rooms.

THE ODD FELLOWS' LIBRARY, located in the Odd Fellows' Building, 325 Montgomery Street, contains thirty-four thousand volumes. It contains many valuable works on the early history of the Pacific Coast, was organized in 1854, is open only to members of the order, and is supported by pro rata assessments on the lodges of the city. Members of the order other than those belonging to city lodges are entitled to its privileges on payment of a small subscription. Its annual circulation exceeds one hundred thousand volumes.

THE FRENCH PUBLIC LIBRARY, established by the Ligue Nationale Française, at 120 Sutter Street, near Kearny, has in all ten thousand volumes of French books, the largest collection of the kind on our Continent. It will be open every afternoon and evening, except Sunday.

THE LAW LIBRARY, located in Montgomery Block, contains about twenty thousand volumes of standard legal authorities, decisions, reports, etc. The library is supported by payments received for life membership certificates, annual and semi-annual subscription fees, and a docket fee of one dollar for every case instituted in the District Courts of this city. The receipts from these sources during the past year amounted to about \$4,000. The Library is open every day, Sunday, holidays, and *dies non* not excepted, from nine o'clock A. M. until ten P. M. State, Federal and Municipal officers are entitled to its privileges.

THE SAN FRANCISCO VEREIN, located on the corner of Sutter and Dupont Streets, is a private social club. Its elegant rooms were fitted up at an expense of \$75,000. It has a library of twenty thousand volumes, embracing the works of the most eminent German historians, statesmen, psychologists and litterateurs.

THE PEOPLES' FREE LIBRARY, authorized by an act of the last Legislature, is yet in abeyance. The provisions of the act creating this library authorizes the Board of Supervisors for the City and County, to levy a tax of one mill on the dollar, in each year, for its creation, maintenance and enlargement, and names as the original trustees, Messrs. John S. Hagar, Geo. H. Rogers, Irving M. Scott, R. J. Tobin, E. D. Sawyer, John H. Wise, A. J. Moulder, Louis Sloss, A. S. Hallidie, C. C. Terrell and Henry George. This provision is deemed to be ample security for a prospect of a library equal to any in the United States, in time. The Board of Supervisors have appropriated \$24,000, for expenditure during the present fiscal year, with which a purchase of fifteen thousand volumes will be made as a nucleus. The officers of the Board of Trustees are George H. Rogers, president, and Henry George, secretary. Pacific Hall, located on the north side of Bush Street, between Kearny and Dupont, has recently been selected for temporary occupancy.

THE WORKINGMENS' FREE LIBRARY.—This library was formally organized on the 9th day of February of the present year, under the auspices of the Workingmens' Party of California, and is located for the present in commodious rooms at 861 Market Street. Although just started, this library by generous donations has already secured over one thousand volumes. It is supported by monthly payments of fifty cents from subscribers, while its benefits, as its name implies, are free to all. Its officers are: H. M. Moore, president; J. J. Flynn, secretary; W. T. Sullivan, financial secretary; P. Murphy, Treasurer.

#### Public Schools.

San Francisco has sixty-one public schools, in which six hundred and seventy-two teachers are employed, seventy-four of them being men, and five hundred and ninety-eight being women. There are fifty-six principals, of whom forty-one are not required to teach classes. During the last fiscal year, \$674,047.84 was expended for teachers' salaries—an increase of \$74,659.48 over the previous year. The city school tax was 16.62-100 cents on each \$100. The school census shows that the number of children in the city between the ages of six and seventeen who are entitled to attend school was fifty-two thousand one hundred and eighty-two, an increase of two thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight over that of the previous year. The total enrollment was as follows: In the High Schools, one thousand two hundred and nineteen; in the Grammar Schools, fourteen thousand four hundred and forty-eight; in the Primary Schools, nineteen thousand four hundred and six; in the evening schools, three thousand five hundred and ninety-nine.

Number of children under seventeen years of age, eighty thousand two hundred and eighty-eight; increase from July 1, 1877 to June 30, 1878, forty-three. The total expenditures for the fiscal year were \$989,258.99; the increase for the year being \$256,934.82. The estimated value of school property is as follows: School sites, \$1,630,000; school buildings, \$875,000; school furniture, \$170,000; libraries, \$12,000; apparatus, \$24,000. Total valuation of school property, \$2,711,000.