

may become a member by paying \$5 a year, or a life member by the payment at one time of \$50.

In 1866 they erected a fine house of worship for the seamen of this port, on the corner of Sacramento and Drumm streets, at a cost, for lot and house, of more than \$20,000, which was contributed for the purpose by citizens of San Francisco and others.

Officers.—Oliver Eldridge, President; Henry P. Blanchard, Vice-President; J. Rowell, Secretary; Robert Balfour, Treasurer; Ira P. Rankin, J. T. Dean, I. W. Raymond, Charles Goodall, Robert Balfour, David Meeker, Charles Ferris and J. Rowell, Trustees.

SODALITY OF THE B. V. M.—Organized December, 1861. Organizations of the above sodalities have existed for the past two hundred years. This sodality was founded in this city by the Rev. J. M. C. Buchard, S. J., having for its object the moral and religious improvement of its members. The society is governed by a Prefect and two assistants, together with a Secretary, Treasurer, and a council of twelve members elected annually. Its present spiritual Director is Rev. Joseph M. Neri, S. J. It has a library of over three thousand volumes, which is open every Sunday at half past two o'clock P. M., and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at half past seven o'clock P. M., to members of the Sodality and subscribers paying a small monthly fee. Gentlemen's Sodality meetings held every Sunday morning, at a quarter to eight, in their chapel, basement of St. Ignatius Church, on Hayes street, west of Van Ness avenue. Number of members about six hundred.

Ladies' Sodality of the B. V. M. meets every Sunday at half past two o'clock P. M. Number of members, two hundred and fifty. Volumes in library, about fifteen hundred. Present Director Rev. A. Maraschi, S. J.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—Incorporated September 13, 1853. The objects of this association are:

1st. The improvement of the physical, mental, and spiritual condition of its members, the development of their charity and zeal, and the extension of the Christian religion, especially to such as are not in the habit of attending public worship in the churches.

2d. To unite the members, particularly the young men of the various churches and congregations of this city, in such works of charity as are not specially provided for by the churches themselves.

For the attainment of these objects, there is provided and maintained: A library and bath rooms, free to all members of this association. A reading room, well supplied with current literature, daily, weekly, pictorial, secular, and religious papers, free to all such as conform to the rules and regulations issued by the Board of Managers from time to time. The library contains upward of four thousand volumes. There is also a gymnasium connected with the institution.

A Prayer Meeting, to which all are invited, is held at the rooms every Saturday evening, from eight to nine o'clock; also a Daily Prayer Meeting, from quarter past twelve o'clock to one o'clock P. M. Bible Class, on Monday evenings at half past seven o'clock. Services in the large hall of the association every Sunday at three o'clock P. M.

Services are also held under the auspices of the association in the various prisons of the city, as well as frequently in the open air at various localities.

The association has a large and handsome building on Sutter street, between Kearny and Dupont. The free reading rooms are open every day from eight o'clock A. M. to half past nine o'clock P. M.

Officers.—A. B. Forbes, President; H. W. Severance, Recording Secretary; H. J. McCoy, General Secretary; E. F. True, Assistant Secretary; Prentiss Selby, Treasurer; L. B. Benchley, Librarian. Directors—Prentiss Selby, Alexander Guthrie, W. B. Parsons, John W. Butler. Trustees—General John F. Miller, Prentiss Selby, John J. Valentine, R. B. Forman, A. B. Forbes, Nathaniel Gray, George W. Gibbs, L. B. Benchley, H. W. Severance, W. B. Parsons, J. R. Sims.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (Chinese).—Location of rooms, northeast corner of Sacramento and Stockton streets. Open every day until half past nine o'clock P. M. The association is under the charge of Rev. A. W. Loomis, D. D., who gives instruction in the English language, and has charge of the

library. Preaching in Chinese on Sundays at eleven o'clock A. M. and at half past seven o'clock P. M., and on Saturdays at half past seven o'clock P. M.

Officers.—Fong Noy, President; Yong Lee, Secretary.

YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION.—Organized October 14, 1877. The objects of the association are:

1st. The improvement of the mental, moral, and social condition of its members.

2d. The protection of Hebrew interests.

The association at present numbers one hundred members, and meets monthly at their rooms 211 Sutter street.

Officers.—Max Popper, President; E. B. Marx, Vice-President; Morris Feintuch, Recording Secretary; Eugene G. Davis, Treasurer; Henry Kohn, J. Steppacher and Herman Enkle, Directors.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—Organized September 9, 1877. Incorporated February 1, 1878. Number of members, about one hundred and eighty. The objects of the association includes the establishment of an industrial department for destitute women, a reading room and library for women and girls, the furnishing of advice, sympathy, temporal aid and encouragement to friendless and homeless young women arriving or residing in the city, and the extension of moral and religious surroundings to all families needing such ministrations.

The rooms of the association are located at 314 Sutter street, and consist of library, reading and sewing-rooms. The library contains over one thousand volumes of well selected literature, and the reading room is copiously supplied with the choicest periodicals. The annual meeting is held on the first Monday in September of each year.

Officers.—Mrs. P. D. Browne, President; Mrs. C. F. A. Nichell, Secretary; Miss Atkinson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. D. Jams, Treasurer; Mrs. H. A. Rindge, Superintendent and Librarian.

Benevolent.

AMERICAN LEGION OF HONOR.—This organization is a secret benevolent society, composed of Supreme, Grand and Subordinate Councils. Its objects are as follows:

1st. To unite fraternally all white persons of good moral character who are socially acceptable, and, if for beneficial membership, of sound bodily health, and between eighteen and sixty-five years of age.

2d. To give all moral and material aid in its power to its members and those dependent upon them.

3d. To educate its members socially, morally and intellectually.

4th. To establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed beneficial members.

5th. To establish a Benefit Fund from which, on the satisfactory evidence of the death of a beneficial member of the Order, who has complied with all its lawful requirements, a sum not exceeding \$5,000 shall be paid to the family, orphans, or dependents as the member may direct.

A Grand Council was instituted August 9, 1881, with the following officers:

O. C. Wheeler, Grand Commander, Oakland; G. W. Alberti, Grand Vice-Commander, Yuba City; George W. Knox, Grand Orator, Dixon; Mrs. Abbie E. Wood, Grand Secretary, San Francisco; John N. Besse, Grand Treasurer, Watsonville; Barton Dozier, Grand Chaplain, Ukiah; Alexander P. Murgotton, Grand Guide, San Jose; Louis Ehrlich, Grand Warden, San Francisco; John Landis, Grand Sentry, Wheatland.

There are seventy-seven subordinate Councils under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council, seventeen of which are located in San Francisco, as follows:

GOLDEN COUNCIL No. 118.—Meets every second and fourth Wednesday evenings in the month at 32 O'Farrell street.

ALTA COUNCIL No. 147.—Meets every Friday evening at 32 O'Farrell street.

MYRTLE COUNCIL No. 187.—Meets every Wednesday evening in Druids' Hall, 413 Sutter street.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL No. 250.—Meets every first and third Monday evenings in the month at 32 O'Farrell streets.