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Christ, and to extend to those around the privileges and blessings of the gospel.

Officers.—Mrs. Harrison Randolph, President; Mrs. H. W. Beers, Vice-President; Miss Huddart, Secretary; Mrs. J. Mathieu, Treasurer.

METHODIST BOOK DEPOSITORY.—PACIFIC COAST BRANCH.—The Book Concern was established in 1789 on a borrowed capital of \$900. The total sales of the Eastern and Western concerns for the last fiscal year were \$1,566,739. The records show that, by order of the General Conference, the Concerns have paid, for religious and benevolent interests and objects outside of their own business, \$1,753,590. Net capital, per report of 1877, \$1,403,666.

The San Francisco Depository, 1041 Market street, Rev. J. B. Hill, Agent, was established in 1864, and entered its own present commodious building in 1877. The National Temperance Publication Society of New York, and the Publishing House of the M. E. Church South, of Nashville, are represented by full lines of stock.

OCCIDENTAL BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Organized March, 1874, and has for its especial field of labor the evangelization of heathen women on the Pacific Coast. Thirty-one auxiliary societies have been formed on the coast, seven of which are located in this city. The society purchased in June, 1876, the property at 933 Sacramento street for the purposes of the Mission Home. Daily school in English and Chinese is maintained, and Chinese women are in cases of persecution afforded shelter in the Home.

Officers.—Mrs. P. D. Browne, President; Mrs. Henshelwood, Treasurer; Mrs. F. Hiller, Jr., Recording Secretary; Mrs. I. N. Condit, Corresponding Secretary; Miss M. Culbertson, Superintendent.

PACIFIC PRESBYTERIAN UNION.—Organized October, 1875. Composed of the clergy and laity of the several Presbyterian churches of the City. Objects: The advancement of the interests of Presbyterianism upon the Pacific Coast, mission work and evangelization.

The Union meets quarterly at the different churches. The Board of Directors meet on the first Monday of each month.

Sabbath Schools are maintained by the Union every Sunday afternoon as follows: 56 First street, George M. Edmunds, Superintendent; corner Steiner and Geary streets, James Horsburg, Superintendent; corner Jersey and Sanchez streets, Rev. John Carrington, Superintendent, and McCarty's Hall, 927 Pacific street, George Leonard, Superintendent.

Officers.—Thomas Magee, President; J. Elliot Condit, Vice-President; Arthur W. Edwards, Recording Secretary; William S. Jack, Corresponding Secretary; H. L. Van Winkle, Treasurer.

SAN FRANCISCO GIRLS' UNION.—This Society is formed in the interest of the self-reliant, self-respecting girls of San Francisco, and unprotected strangers. It will be conducted upon business principles, compromising in no way womanly independence, and proposes to be largely self-supporting when fully established.

Its object is to open attractive rooms for music, reading, etc.; form classes for practical aid in the line of each girl's own endeavor; also, to sublet all private rooms in the Society's building to those without or too remote from friends and home, and furnish board at moderate cost.

Officers for 1874-75.—President, Miss M. B. Cochane; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Grace S. Bray and Mrs. A. P. Taylor; Treasurer, Wm. Bosworth; Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Miller; Auditor, N. E. Boyd, 911 Bush street; Superintendent, Mrs. C. E. Kinney.

SAN FRANCISCO PORT SOCIETY.—Organized March, 1860. Objects: The moral improvement of seamen and others connected with the sea, in this port, by aiding the American Seaman's Friend Society of New York, in sustaining the Mariners' Church of San Francisco, and in such enterprises connected herewith as the society may approve. Any person 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

Drum 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 F. 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. J. Pinasco. 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 on Sundays, at half past two o'clock P. M., in their chapel, over the eastern side aisle of the church. Number of members, two hundred and fifty. Volumes in library, about fifteen hundred. Present Director Rev. A. Maraschi, S. J.

WILLING WORKERS.—The Society of Willing Workers is composed of the members of the church and congregation of Union Square Free Baptist Church.

Officers.—President, Mrs. L. Knight; Vice President, Mrs. Gillespie; Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Pelton, Treasurer, Mrs. Doe; Board of Directors, Mrs. Barlow Dyer, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. C. Flint.

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 half-eight o'clock A. M. to ten o'clock P. M.

Officers.—George W. Gibbs, President; H. W. Severance, Recording Secretary; H. J. McCoy, General Secretary; A. G. Sheahan, Assistant Secretary; Prentiss Selby, Treasurer; L. B. Benchley, Librarian. Board of Directors—J. W. Whiting, W. B. Parsons, Samuel Carson, Peter B. Simons, N. T. Romaine, L. B. Benchley, S. F. Bufford, George W. Gibbs, Capt. G. A. Hull, R. V. Watt, A. B. Forbes, H. J. Mahan, John W. Butler, R. P. Davidson, H. W. Severance, Prentiss Selby, E. W. Newhall and Charles A. Laton.

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