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The Organization of Charities

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES. 425 Pine street, (formerly at 509) Kearny). Office hours, 9 to 12 A. M., 1 to 4 P. M.; Sundays excepted. Object: To raise the needy above the need of relief, to prevent begging, to diffuse knowledge of the subjects connected with the relief of the poor, to prevent indiscriminate and duplicate almsgiving, and to encourage the relation of friendship between the dependent and the independent. Methods: Provision is made for the thorough investigation of every case that applies for aid. If found worthy, the case is referred to some co-operating charitable association or benevolent individual. If unworthy, the case is exposed in a circular of information sent out to protect the charitable against imposition. A record of all such investigations is kept at the office. No charge is made co-operating societies and individuals for investigation of cases referred to the Society. Present number of co-operating societies, 38; Churches, 6; Number of new cases investigated in 1898, 1,353; recurrent, 1,009. A free employment bureau is constantly maintained. Friendly visitors are from time to time sent out to encourage and advise the unfortunate or inefficient. Present number of visitors, 25. Admission: Any person may become a member by paying not less than \$5 annually; \$50 secures life membership. Present membership, 300. Administration: A central council of 25 is elected annually by the association. The Mayor, Chief of Police and Health Officer are ex officiis members of the Council. The President, with the consent of the Council, appoints a Registrar to attend to the details of the office. The central council meets every Friday P. M. to hear a report from the Registrar, and to settle all questions of principle. A woodyard is operated at 125-7 Main, near Mission Street, from 12 M. to 5 P. M. Labor is paid for at the rate of 10 cents per hour in meal, lodging or ferry tickets. Number of men employed in 1893, 2,963; number of hours work, 8,814; paid for wood, salary of Superintendent, tickets, etc., \$1,101.98. Expenditures for 1893:

Salaries and car fares	\$2,210	45	
Rent and cleaning of offices			
Printing		05	

Postage	\$	87	65
Incidentals		388	95
Wood yard deficit		449	00
Wood yard, current year		446	06
Total	84,	098	16

Besides this total, the income of the Mary A. Crocker Trust Fund, amounting to \$200 per month, was distributed among the worthy poor. Organized 1888; incorporated 1889.

Sanitation and Medical Relief

PUBLIC

BOARD OF HEALTH. Office, New City Hall; hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Board consists of four physicians appointed by the Governor for five years. The Mayor is ex officio member of the Board. Board appoints superintendent and assistants of Almhouse, superintendent and assistants of City and County Hospital, Health Officer, City Physician, Police Surgeon, Quarantine Officer, Health Inspectors, etc. Health Officer's Report, year ending June 30, 1893:

Zymotic diseases	762
Constitutional diseases1	,172
Local diseases	,083
Development diseases	677
Violent diseases	
Total	,081
Number of vaccinations	,555
Number of complaints filed with Health Inspectors	,361
Number of complaints abated	
Number of fungations	
Expenditures\$30,78	5 33

BURIAL OF INDIGENT DEAD. Expense borne by the city. Year ending June 30, 1893, 457 persons were buried at an expense of \$2,728.73. Beside this, \$2,000 was expended in the burial of honorably discharged ex-soldiers and sailors.

CORONER. Jerome A. Hughes, M.D. Office and morgue, New City Hall. Responsible to Board of Supervisors. Total number of deaths reported, 660; inquests, 315; autopsies, 378; natural death, 275; accident, 165; murder, 27; suicide, 122; unascertained, 71. Suicides, white, 120; Chinese, 2; Male, 104; female, 18; native born, 32; foreign, 82; unknown, 8. Expenditures, \$14,693.53.

QUARANTINE. William M. Lawlor, M.D., officer. Office, 431 California Street. Quarantine at Angel Island. Number of vessels boarded, 884. Receipts, 85,627.50; expenditures, including salary, \$6,887.56.

HOSPITALS

CITY AND COUNTY HOSPITAL. Potrero and Twenty-second street. F. H. Titus, M. D., Supt. Admission: Persons suffering from acute venereal diseases, from alcoholism, or from incurable diseases of any description, not admitted. Administration: Officers, appointed by Board of Health. Hospital ambulance calls at the Health Office, New City Hall, every morning and evening to receive patients. Hospital dispensary open daily from 7 A. M. to 8 P. M.

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Patients in the Hospital, July 1, 1892	288
Admitted during the year	3,614
Discharged cured.	1,192
Discharged improved	1,877
Sent to Almshouse	109
Sent to Insane Asylum	2
Died	382
Remaining July 1, 1893	343
Daily average number of patients	318
Average number of stay days	29.7
Native born	
Foreign born	2,326
Total expenditures\$10	1,065 71
Of this amount, especial appropriation for repairs 2	2,200 00
Received from State for persons over 60	3,601 82
Per diem expense per patient	.679

A part of the total expense for the year was incurred by furnishing supplies to the Small-pox Hospital, amounting to \$236.93, and drugs to the Magdalen Asylum and the Small-pox Hospital.

Dispensary Report.—Medicines furnished patients, \$8,740.60; 4,700 prescriptions for Out Clinic, \$940.00; Small-pox Hospital, \$94.97; Magdalen Asylum, \$150.75. Throughout the fall and winter of 1898 there were frequently as many as 445 patients at one time and many were turned away for lack of room. During the coming year it is proposed to build an addition for a contagious diseases ward.

RECEIVING HOSPITAL. New City Hall. In charge of Police Surgeon Geo. B. Somers, M.D., and three assistants; at least one on duty at all times, day and night. Appointed by Board of Health. Object: For persons who cannot afford medical and surgical aid, and for all those who are so seriously injured as to be unable to give an account of themselves. All

bed-ridden cases sent to City and County Hospital. Pull capacity of wards, 20. Total admitted during the year, 4,966. Appropriation for drugs, etc., lumped with that for prisons and jails, etc. (See City Physician's Report, page 9). Formerly City Prison Hospital at Old City Hall. Opened at present location, Aug. 22, 1892.

SMALL-POX HOSPITAL, Twenty-sixth, near Colusa street. Under the supervision of City Physician. Report of diseases treated: Small-pox, 7; Syphilis, 10; Leprosy, 18; Miscellaneous, 9; Total, 44. Native born, 2; Foreign, 39; Unknown, 3. Expenditures, 84,907.84.

UNITED STATES MARINE HOSPITAL. Office, Sansome and Washington streets. Hospital, Presidio, near Reservation. Admission: Open to any sailor who has been aboard an American vessel 60 days, and who has not been off board for 60 days previous to application. Free of charge. Administration: Under the Treasury Department of the United States. Income: Supported wholly by the Government, the Hospital receiving its proportion of the tonnage tax (See United States Statutes C. 121, 1884, Act June 26). Inmates: Number in the Hospital July, 1891, 83; admitted during the year, 964; discharged, 881; died, 55; remaining June 30, 1892, 111; number of days of relief in the Hospital, 41,673. At the office down town, medical relief was given to 2,477 persons. Amount expended, \$31,631.29. Founded 1875.

CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S HOSPITAL. 3118 Sacramento street. Object: Treatment of women's diseases. Admission: Open only to women irrespective of creed and nationality. Incurables not admitted. No charge is made for the destitute. Those who are able pay a moderate sum for board. Outpatients treated gratuitously. Administration: Board of 11 Trustees, who appoint a board of 18 lady managers. Medical staff consists of a Surgeon, Resident Surgeon, 6 Visiting Surgeons, a Visiting Occulist, a Pathologist, and an Interne. Income, 1893:

Pay patients and medicines sold	
Mary A. Crocker Trust	
Annual and monthly subscriptions 684 (00
Donations, etc	54
Expenditures 24,083 2	26
Number of patients January 1, 1893	
Number of patients admitted during the year	
Number of operations85	