

Scientific Institutions and Societies.

The Imperial Academy of Sciences (Kaiserliche Akademie der Wissenschaften), was founded by Emperor *Ferdinand I* in 1847 and endowed with an annual income of 42,000 florins. It has its seat Universitätsplatz 2 and is divided into two departments: 1) Natural and Mathematical science; 2) Philosophical and Historical science. Each class has 30 ordinary members, 30 corresponding members for the empire and thirty for abroad. The number of honorary members must not exceed 24. The academical functionaries are: a president; a vice-president, a general-secretary, and an under-secretary. This institution stands under the curatorship of the Archduke Regnier.

Library of this Academy, Charles Gerold's Son, Ballgasse 1.

The Imperial Roy. Geological Institution (Geologische Reichsanstalt), Landstrasse, Rasumofskygasse 3, founded 1849 by Emperor *Francis-Joseph*. Its object consists in investigating the nature of the various geological productions of the ground, of collecting and systematically classifying all that which relates to geology, drawing up geological maps, and publishing the results obtained in an annuary.

This institution is possessed of many rich collections, viz:

- 1) Its geognostico-geographical collection, which contains specimens of the different kinds of earth in the monarchy.
- 2) Collection of ores (above 5000 specimens).
- 3) Collection of petrifications (above 4000 spec.) with the indication of the place where found.
- 4) Collection of remarkable mineralogical specimens.
- 5) Collection of remarkable paleontological specimens.
- 6) The library consists of 5000 volumes.

The Central Meteorological Institution (Central-Anstalt für Meteorologie), Wieden, Favoritenstrasse 3, instituted by Emperor *Francis-Joseph* in 1851, is furnished with a great variety of meteorological instruments.

The Military Geographical Institution (see Military Institutions).

The Imp. roy. Society of Physicians (k. k. Gesellschaft der Aerzte), in the City, Universitätsplatz 1, instituted in 1838. This society publishes a medical journal. It has a library and reading-rooms.

The Society of Austrian Homeopathical Physicians, Judenplatz 2, founded in 1846.

The Society for the Promotion of Rural Economy (k. k. Landwirthschafts-Gesellschaft), instituted by *Maria-Theresa* in 1769 and reformed by *Francis I* in 1812. Holds annual exhibitions of cattle and awards prizes. The principal collections appertaining to the Society are: 1) a collection of agricultural materials and agrarian machines; 2) a collection of plants and especially of grain; 3) an herbal of foreign plants; 4) a collection of the various

kinds of wood growing in Austria; 5) a collection of fruits; 6) a collection of the different sorts of sheep's wool; 7) a library.

This society has its seat in Herrengasse 13.

The Horticultural Society (k. k. Gartenbau-Gesellschaft), office Kolowratring, instituted 1838 for the purpose of attending to the getting up of industrial exhibitions and awarding prizes.

The Society for the Advancement of Political Economy (Verein des volkswirtschaftlichen Fortschrittes), dates from 1866 and has its seat in the Academy of Commerce, Akademiegasse. Its object is the diffusion of good economical principles.

The Society of All Trades for Lower Austria (Niederösterr. Gewerb-Verein), Weihburggasse 4, founded in 1839. Its object is principally that of examining and testing new inventions, making them known, reporting on them, and awarding prizes and medals. It has a large library. Meetings are held once a week.

The Association of Austrian Engineers and Architects (Oesterr. Ingenieur- und Architekten-Verein), Tuchlauben 8, founded in 1848.

The Zoological and Botanical Society (Zoologisch-botanischer Verein), Herrengasse 13, founded in 1851. — Its purpose is that of encouraging the study of natural science, and especially that of Zoology and Botanic.

The Society of the Friends of Natural Science (Gesellschaft der Freunde der Naturwissenschaften), established in 1861. — holds a sitting once a week, Heumarkt 1.

The Geographical Society (Geographische Gesellschaft), founded in 1856. Meetings in the building of the Geological Institution, Rasumofskygasse 3.

The Society of the Friends of the Austrian Mountains (Oesterr. Alpenverein), Tuchlauben 10.

The Society of Antiquaries (Alterthums-Verein), Herrengasse 13, founded in 1853. Its object is that of searching for objects of antiquity in the empire. An annual report is published.

The Society for the Promotion of Arts (Oesterr. Kunst-Verein), established in 1850. Here is a permanent Exhibition of paintings, sculptures, engravings etc. Daily open to the visitor, in summer from 9 to 5, in winter from 10 to 4.

The Society of Artists (painters, sculptors etc.), Lothringergasse.

The Photographic Society, Universitätsplatz 1.

The Society of the Friends of Music (Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde) Giselagasse (see p. 45).

The Society for the Improvement of Church Music in the Country (Augustinergasse). Consists of 600 members, and supports a music school for 78 boys. The latter learn theoretical sacred music and Latin so as to be enabled to understand the Divine Office, chorus and psalms-singing, and learn organ and violin playing.

The Society for the Improvement of Church Music (Verein zur Beförderung echter Kirchenmusik), Seilerstätte 11.

The Society of Chorus Leaders (Wiener Chorregenten-Verein), Office Hoher Markt; for improving church music and assisting the widows and orphans of deceased leaders.

The Association of Chorus Singers, Singerstrasse 20, was founded in 1845 and consists of about 200 singing members, who, during the winter give concerts in the town, and in the summer, get up singing excursions in the country.

The Academical Singing Association, office Universitätsplatz 2.

There are besides these a dozen similar singing associations, such as: *Schubertbund*, *Liedgenossen*, *Sängerbund*, *Zion* (jewish) etc.

The Singing Association (Singverein), a society for Chorus Singing, Tuchlauben 16.

The Central Association of Stenographs (Central-Verein der Oesterr. Stenographen), founded in 1849. — Meetings held Bäckerstrasse 28.

The St. Severinus Society (a catholic Society), Ballgasse 6, connected with the **Association of Fellowship**, Sieglgasse 1.

The Society for the Propagation of Good Popular Writings, Herrengasse 13.

The Society of Oriental Tradesmen, Laurenzerberg 5.

The Public and Private Functionaries' Society, for the purpose of improving the moral and physical state of employés, Friedrichsstrasse 4.

Hesperus, an association of artists, musical and declamatory performances etc; assemble in winter once a week, Jordangasse 7.

The Green Isle (die grüne Insel), an association similar to the two preceding, Kohlmarkt 24.

The Association for Gymnastical Exercises (Turnverein), founded in 1861, Liebenberggasse.

The Society of Sportsmen (Renn-Verein), Tuchlauben 14.

Clubs, Casinos.

The Juridico-political Reading-Rooms (der juristisch-politische Leseverein), founded in 1841, Rothen-thurmstrasse 15.

The Casino of the Nobles, Kolowratring.

The Merchant's Club (Kaufmännischer Verein), Spiegelgasse 15.

Mercury (Merkur), a club for merchants, clerks etc., Goldschmiedgasse 6.

The Union, a club for tradesmen, Freieung 1.

The Chess Club, instituted in 1857, Café *Czech*, Graben.