

divided into lecture room, class room, infant class room, ladies' room, library, and lumber room, which are provided with all the necessary lavatories and conveniences. The basement rooms are so arranged that they can all be thrown into one apartment during exercises or for social purposes. It was dedicated on the nineteenth day of May, 1872. The entire cost of this beautiful structure (including the site and furnishing) somewhat exceeds \$150,000. The third and present Pastor, Rev. A. L. Stone, D. D. was installed June 14, 1866.

The whole number of members admitted to the church since its organization is about eleven hundred and fifty. The present membership is about five hundred and fifty.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A. M. and at half past seven o'clock P. M. between the first of September and first of May, and at forty-five minutes past seven o'clock P. M. during the other months of the year. Lecture every Wednesday at half past seven o'clock P. M.

The Sabbath School connected with the Church has a membership of about five hundred, scholars and teachers. It meets immediately after morning service. A valuable and instructive library of over fourteen hundred volumes is attached to the School.

Church Officers.—L. B. Benchley, J. W. Clark, M. D., Charles S. Eaton, Ira P. Rankin, George Harris, and S. A. Chapin, Deacons; W. T. Reid, L. H. Clement, T. H. Hatch, J. J. Vasconcellos, and Elijah Clough, Standing Committee; T. H. Hatch, Clerk and Treasurer.

Officers of Society.—Ira P. Rankin, Moderator; J. W. Clark, Secretary and Treasurer; W. N. Hawley, John Taylor, William F. Whittier, L. Story, L. L. Baker, and Lucius Thompson, Trustees.

Plymouth Congregational Church.

Location, east side of Taylor Street, between Geary and O'Farrell. Rev. T. K. NOBLE, Pastor; residence, 2200 Steiner Street.

This church was organized on the twelfth of January, 1862, with twenty-six members. It grew out of a Sunday School which had been maintained in the building corner of Mason and Geary streets, known as the "Little Brown Church." Here public worship was established in the autumn of 1861, and the Rev. John Kimball engaged to take charge of the enterprise. He began his very diligent and successful labors in November, 1861, and continued in them until January, 1863, when he resigned and went to the East to do service in the armies of his country. In December, 1862, the church and society invited the Rev. J. A. Benton, of Sacramento, to become their Pastor. After a faithful pastorate of six years he resigned to take the position of professor in the Pacific Theological Seminary at Oakland. After a vacancy of about four years, during which the Revs. E. G. Beckwith, John Kimball, and others supplied the church, the Rev. T. K. Noble, of Cleveland, Ohio, was unanimously called to the pastorate, and was formally installed December 6, 1872.

The present edifice on Taylor Street, which was dedicated April 10, 1864, is a structure forty-seven and a half by ninety-two feet, with a spire one hundred and fifty feet high. It is complete in all its parts and arrangements, having a basement under the whole, divided into lecture room, ladies' parlor, and infant class room. It has a Pastor's study in the rear. It will seat seven hundred persons.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A. M. and half past seven o'clock P. M. Sabbath School and Bible Classes meet immediately after the morning service. Weekly Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Meeting, Friday evening.

Church Officers.—S. S. Smith, C. J. Snow, S. J. Bufford, and C. E. Terry, Deacons. C. J. Snow, Clerk and Treasurer.

Officers of Society.—N. P. Cole, E. D. Sawyer, S. S. Smith, R. Thompson, E. C. Mayhew, Robert Bunker, and S. F. Bufford, Trustees. C. J. Snow, Moderator; O. F. Miner, Secretary; S. S. Smith, Treasurer.

Third Congregational Church.

Location, south side of Fifteenth Street, near Mission. Rev. EDWARD P. BAKER, Acting Pastor; residence, 5909 Jessie Street.

This church had its origin in the fall of 1862, when several persons, heads of families, residing in the vicinity of the Mission Dolores, met to consult together in regard to the practicability of organizing a church in the neighborhood.

After much discussion extending through several in-

formal meetings, it was decided to extend an invitation to the Rev. E. G. Beckwith, then pursuing his theological studies at Andover, Mass., to visit this city and upon the organization of a Congregational Church at the Mission, to become its Pastor. The invitation was accepted and Mr. Beckwith with his family arrived on Sunday, the twenty-sixth day of October, 1862, and on the next Sabbath he preached his first sermon to his future church and society, and on the following Sabbath organized a Sabbath School.

On January 7, 1863, the organization of the church was completed, and on the 8th of February following the installation services took place in the old church edifice on First Avenue.

After five years of faithful labor, Mr. Beckwith resigned the pastorate, much to the regret of his congregation. From October, 1867, to April, 1869, the church was without a settled Pastor, the Rev. Selah Merrill supplying its pulpit from December, 1867, to June, 1868. In August, 1868, the Rev. William C. Pond was invited to fill the pulpit for the period of six months, at the expiration of which time he accepted a call from the congregation to become their settled Pastor, and continued in charge until the fall of 1872. Rev. Edward P. Baker has been Acting Pastor since October, 1872.

From November 2, 1862, until October 30, 1864, the old Methodist church edifice on First Avenue, which had become private property, was occupied by the church and society as a place of worship. The first services in the present chapel were held on the sixth day of November, 1864. The total cost of lot, building, and furniture was \$14,000.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A. M. and half past seven o'clock P. M. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening.

The Sabbath School was organized November 5, 1862. Its first session was held on Sunday, November 9, of the same year, the total attendance being thirty-three. At present, the average attendance is about three hundred and fifty. Meets immediately after morning service.

Church Officers.—C. B. Williams, Samuel Cowles, and E. Haven, Deacons; Samuel Cowles, W. H. Hyde, C. B. Williams, William Ede, J. M. Parker, Samuel Foster, and C. H. Marble, Trustees.

Green Street Congregational Church.

Location, south side of Green Street, between Stockton and Powell. Rev. W. E. JANS, Acting Pastor; residence, 912 Greenwich Street.

The Rev. J. M. Caldwell was the first Pastor connected with this Church, and was succeeded by the Rev. William C. Bartlett—services then being held in the hall southeast corner of Green and Dupont streets. The church was organized February, 1865, with a membership of twenty-six persons. The building occupied by the society is of wood, and is neatly finished. It has an organ worth \$2,000. The edifice cost about \$5,000, exclusive of the amount (\$5,000) paid for the lot. The dedication services occurred in March, 1865.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A. M. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday at eight o'clock P. M. The Sabbath School connected with the church numbers about three hundred members. The library contains eight hundred volumes. Meets immediately after morning service.

Church Officers.—W. W. Chase, William C. Pease, A. H. Phelps, E. Farrell, H. Z. Burkhart, and O. Livermore, Trustees; W. W. Chase, Moderator; W. W. Chase, Clerk; William C. Pease, Treasurer.

Bethany Congregational Church.

Location, Bartlett Street, near Twenty-fifth. Rev. WILLIAM C. POND, Pastor; residence, east side of Howard Street, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth.

This church was organized February 23, 1873. Recognized by an Ecclesiastical Council duly called February 23, 1874. The church edifice is a frame building, thirty by sixty feet, erected November, 1872, at a cost of \$1,600. Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A. M. and thirty minutes past seven o'clock P. M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at quarter past eight o'clock. A Sabbath School, from whence sprung this church, was organized in August, 1872. It has an enrolled membership of two hundred and fifty, and a library of two hundred and seventy volumes. Meets at half past twelve o'clock P. M. Chinese Sunday School meets at half past six o'clock P. M.