

## CHURCHES.

### First Baptist.

Location, southeast corner of Fourteenth and Brush streets. Rev. T. C. Jamison, Pastoral Supply ; residence, southeast corner of Seventh and Oak streets.

This church was organized in December, 1854, under the labors of Rev. E. J. Willis, missionary.

The first house of worship was dedicated December, 1854, and was the second Protestant house of worship completed in this city. It was located at the corner of Fifth and Jefferson streets, and cost with the land about \$2,000.

Mr. Willis' pastorate terminated in June, 1856. The church was without a pastor for about a year. In May, 1857, Rev. Harvey Gilbert began to preach, and four months later, was settled as pastor. He resigned in December, 1858, and was succeeded in April, 1859, by Rev. J. B. Saxton. In May, 1863, Mr. Saxton having left, Rev. John Francis became pastor of the church. Soon thereafter the house of worship was removed to the corner of Ninth and Clay streets, a more eligible situation in view of the rapid growth of the city. This house, and the lot on which it was located, were sold, when the new edifice was erected to the German Turn Verein, who occupy it during the week, religious service being frequently held there on the Sabbath.

Mr. Francis resigned in July, 1864, and was succeeded, in November of the same year, by Rev. A. L. Baker, a recent graduate from Rochester. Mr. Baker was compelled to resign in a few months on account of ill-health. In July, 1865, Rev. B. T. Martin was called to the pastorate, and continued pastor for nearly six years. During Mr. Martin's pastorate, the present house of worship was erected at a cost of about \$30,000. The lot cost \$2,500.

This house was formally dedicated in March, 1869, the chapel in the rear having been occupied three months before, and used while the main building was being completed.

In February, 1871, Mr. Martin resigned his position as pastor, since which time the church has had no settled pastor.

The Sunday School connected with the church was organized in 1854. It has an attendance of one hundred and fifty-five teachers and scholars, and a library of four hundred volumes. Meets at one o'clock P. M. Superintendent, A. W. Brodt. A Chinese Sunday School connected with the church holds its sessions in the vestry at six o'clock P. M.

*Church Officers*—William Watts and G. W. Dam, Deacons ; A. L. Warner, J. P. Cogswell, E. G. Minor, G. W. Dam and William Watts, Trustees ; Dr. J. G. Fross, Clerk ; J. F. Havens, Treasurer.