

March 6, 1869. It has an attendance of one hundred and thirty-seven teachers and scholars, and a library of five hundred volumes. Meets at half past twelve o'clock P.M. Superintendent, Rev. L. Walker.

*Church officers.*—Rev. Henry Durant and Rev. David McClure.

*Trustees of Society.*—N. W. Spaulding, Hiram Tubbs, J. Preston Moore, Walter Blair, Prof. W. B. Rising, George D. Dornin, T. J. Arnold, G. F. Allardt, and John I. Spear, President of Board.

#### First German Presbyterian.

Rev. William Buehren, Pastor; residence, 171 Eighth Street.

This church was organized in 1873, with a membership of thirty-three, and received under the care of the Presbytery of San Francisco. It is in contemplation soon to commence the erection of a church edifice, upward of \$1,400 having been already subscribed for that purpose.

At present services are held every Sunday at eleven o'clock A.M., in Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Franklin and Eleventh streets.

The Sunday School numbers fifty-two scholars. Meets at ten o'clock A.M.

*Church officers.*—Julius Heimbold and A. H. Buehren, Elders; H Kirchheiner and John H. Dreyer, Deacons.

#### Church of the Immaculate Conception (Roman Catholic).

Location, west side of Jefferson Street, between Seventh and Eighth. Rev. Michael King, Pastor; Rev. Michael Mulville, Assistant. Pastoral residence adjoining the church.

Twenty years ago a room in a private house served as a place of worship for the Catholics of Oakland and nearly the whole of the present County of Alameda. A priest from the Mission of San José occasionally made a visit to celebrate mass and administer the sacraments, and even these occasional visits had to be omitted during the rainy season, owing to the bad roads. The first church, a building of the most modest description, was erected in 1853 through the exertions of a few of the congregation, and for some time was the only Catholic place of worship in the whole of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, with the exception of the old Mission. Subsequent additions, made by the Rev. Fathers Croke and King, increased the size of this edifice until it was capable of holding a congregation of several hundreds, but this, too, has become entirely inadequate to the needs of the population of Oakland although three new parishes have been formed in the county. In 1869, Father King determined to erect a church on a scale commensurate with the promised importance of this city. Plans accordingly were prepared for a building surpassing in dimensions anything in the State, though only with the intention of erecting a part of it at first, a design which has been carried out in the present structure. The foundations were laid in that year, but various causes retarded any

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