

interior is circular in form, with the seats slightly raised above each other as they recede from the pulpit. It will seat one thousand persons.

The Society of the First Methodist Church commenced the erection, in August, 1875, of a new church edifice on the southeast corner of Fourteenth and Clay streets. It is of the perpendicular English Gothic style, built of wood, with brick foundation. The front is eighty-four feet, embracing the two towers, and the depth is one hundred and four feet; the nave is sixty-two and one half feet wide and ninety-four and one half in depth; the auditorium is sixty-one by seventy-nine feet, exclusive of a front gallery, and will comfortably seat eleven hundred people. The principal tower is one hundred and eighty-three feet in height. The contract price for its construction was \$29,470.

The East Oakland Methodist Episcopal Church Society have erected a house of worship on the corner of Seventh Avenue and East Fifteenth Street. The lot, building, and furniture cost \$5,200. The building is a pleasing looking structure, plain in appearance, and unpretending in size and architecture, but ample in accommodations for the present requirements of the young society. It was dedicated June 6, 1875.

Frederick Delger's brick block of fine stores on the west side of Broadway, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, costing about \$18,000, comes into the list of handsome building improvements for 1875.

E. C. Sessions has built a fine two-story residence at the corner of Eighth and Market streets, at a cost of \$10,000.

W. B. Hardy has erected a two-story and basement residence at the corner of Webster and Durant streets; value, 8,000.

J. M. Walker has built on the entire block bounded by Madison, Jackson, Eleventh, and Twelfth streets, one of the largest, handsomest, and most substantial residences in the city. The cost of the building alone was \$40,000.

A. Erhardt has erected a block of two-story frame buildings on San Pablo Avenue, extending from Sixteenth Street almost to Seventeenth.

J. E. Whitcher has put up a fine residence, two story and basement, on the corner of Eighth and Grove streets; cost, \$7,000.

Capt. P. S. Wilcox has erected a brick warehouse one hundred by one hundred and fifty feet, at the corner of First and Jefferson streets, capable of storing five thousand tons of wheat.

The Oakland Planing Mill and the Pioneer Planing Mill, on First Street, have both been enlarged, the former by the erection of a brick building about fifty by one hundred feet, and the latter by an addition of fifty by seventy-five feet, and the enlargement of their main building.

The brick passenger depot of the Oakland and San Francisco Railroad and Ferry Co., at Broadway Station, was finished and opened to the public February 26, 1875. It has a frontage of fifty feet by a depth of sixty feet, and cost \$7,000.

The Union Bank Building, on the southeast corner of Ninth Street and Broadway, has been raised several feet and its basement converted into handsome offices, after the metropolitan style.

Jacob Samm has built a large flour mill, of five run of stone, on the northwest corner of Clay and Front streets. The motive power is an engine of one hundred horse power.

George M. Blair has built a new two-story stair manufactory, fifty by seventy-five feet, on First Street near Grove.

The California Bridge and Building Co. have erected, and have now in operation, a two-story planing mill forty by fifty feet, on the northwest corner of First and Grove streets.

Brayton Hall, on Twelfth Street, has undergone in the neighborhood of \$7,000 worth of remodeling by Mr. A. C. Dietz, its owner.

The Union Hotel, East Oakland, has had a \$4,000 addition constructed.