

CHURCHES.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Location, southeast corner of Fourteenth and Brush streets. Rev. B. S. McLafferty, Pastor; dwl west side Market between Seventeenth and Eighteenth 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, being the second Protestant church edifice erected in Oakland, and was located at the corner of Fifth and Jefferson streets; cost, including lot, about \$2,000.

Mr. Willis' pastorate terminated in June, 1856. In May, 1857, Rev. Harvey Gilbert began his ministry with the church, and four months later, was settled as Pastor. He resigned in December, 1858, and was succeeded in the pastorate by Rev. J. B. Saxton.

Rev. John Francis succeeded Mr. Saxton in May, 1863. About this time the house of worship was removed to the corner of Ninth and Clay streets—a more eligible location in view of the rapid growth of the city.

The resignation of Mr. Francis was accepted in July, 1864. In November, of the same year, Rev. A. L. Baker, was chosen to the pastorate, but was compelled to resign within a few months on account of declining health.

In July, 1865, Rev. B. T. Martin was chosen and served as Pastor for nearly six years. It was during the pastorate of Mr. Martin that the present house of worship was built.

From February, 1871, till June, 1873, the church was without a Pastor. At this time Rev. R. F. Parshall was chosen Pastor. His resignation was accepted in October, 1873.

In May, 1874, Rev. B. S. McLafferty, the present incumbent, began his ministry with the church, and in December following accepted its call to the pastorate. It is seldom the fortune of any church to prosper as has the First Baptist Church of Oakland during the last year. Indebtedness to the amount of nearly \$9,000 has been cancelled, congregations have greatly increased, peace and harmony have prevailed, between eighty and ninety persons have been added to the membership, and now this church, occupying at present the most beautiful and costly house of worship (Protestant) in our city, no longer embarrassed by the condition of its finances, has before it a most hopeful future.

The Sunday School of this church was organized in 1854. It is now prosperous under the superintendency of Prof. A. W. Brodt. Time of meeting, half past two o'clock P.M. Chinese class meets at six o'clock P.M.

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BAPTIST—EAST OAKLAND.

Location, northeast corner of East Fourteenth Street and Tenth Avenue. Rev. Thomas G. McLean, Pastor; residence, southeast corner of Twelfth Avenue and East Nineteenth Street.

This church was organized February 9, 1860, with twelve members. The Rev. J. B. Saxton was unanimously chosen Pastor at the time of organization, and officiated until May, 1863, when he resigned. He was succeeded by the Rev. John Francis, in June, 1863, who held the pastorate until December, 1869. From that time the church was supplied by Rev. E. Andrews, Rev. C. B. Egan, and Rev. T. C. Jamison, until

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