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PLYMOUTH AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Plymouth Avenue Congregational Church is situated on Plymouth Avenue, corner of Elm Street, one block east of Telegraph Avenue. The church was organized by Council, April 9, 1874. Present number of members, sixty. Services are held every Sunday at eleven o'clock; the first Sunday evening of each month at half past seven o'clock; and every Wednesday evening at half past seven o'clock.

The Sunday School is held at the close of the morning service, each Sunday; Frank Barrows, Superintendent; S. F. Daniels, Assistant Superintendent; Benj. Wall, Librarian; J. C. Ferrell, Assistant Librarian. Number of pupils enrolled, one hundred and seventy; average attendance, one hundred and twenty; volumes in library, two hundred; papers distributed, one hundred and thirty.

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ST. JOHN'S—EPISCOPAL.

Location, west side of Grove Street, between Seventh and Eighth. Rev. Benjamin Akerly, D.D., Rector; residence, west side of Adeline Street, between West Fourteenth and West Sixteenth. The Rector is in his study, rear of the church, daily, from nine o'clock A.M. till twelve M.

This church had an humble origin when Oakland numbered but few houses, and not over a hundred inhabitants. During the Summer of 1852, two families met and worshiped unitedly until a member of one of the families fell seriously ill, when the services were discontinued.

In August, 1853, Rev. Dr. Ver Mehr, Rector of Grace Church, San Francisco, visited Oakland to aid in the establishment of a church, and with much difficulty a meeting of twelve persons was convened. For various reasons, however, the project was for the time abandoned. Toward the close of the same year, the Rev. Dr. Morgan appeared, and preached a sermon to a small but attentive audience beneath the branches of one of Oakland's shady trees; and so favorable was the impression then made, that it was determined that a covered church of some kind should be procured by the following Sunday, if the reverend gentleman would repeat his visit. A large tent, twenty-five by seventy feet, was erected, with a cross upon the apex to designate the object of the structure, and a temporary pulpit fitted up. Mr. Morgan, however, was in some manner detained, but a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Mr. Walsworth, who had incidentally visited Oakland, being present in the congregation, was invited to officiate. The same week the tent and appurtenances were sold to the Presbyterians.

In December, 1854, the Right Rev. Bishop Kip celebrated divine service in a room that had been prepared for the purpose. In January, 1855, the missionary, Rev. E. W. Syle arrived, and became acting Rector of the embryo parish. The first communion service was celebrated on Sunday, February 4, when eleven communed with the Rector. On March 5, of the same year, the parish was regularly incorporated and trustees elected, but it was not until the 8th of August following that a constitution and by-laws were finally adopted. During the same month