

This church was organized February 28, 1869, and is the only one of a similar character in California. The Pastor of this congregation officiated for several years as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in this city, but for opinions expressed by him he was tried before the Presbytery, and subsequently before the Synod, resulting in his being deposed by those bodies February 24, 1869. A large portion of Mr. Hamilton's congregation, who were opposed to this decision of the Presbytery and Synod, determined upon organizing another society, and secured Brayton Hall as a temporary place of worship, where services were held until the Spring of 1870, when the edifice now occupied by the congregation was erected at a cost, including lot, of about \$22,500. Number of communicants, June, 1875, about one hundred.

The Sunday school connected with the church was organized 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 nine o'clock A.M. Superintendent, Wm. H. Jordan.

Trustees.—Walter Blair, General George A. Nourse, T. J. Arnold, Joseph Gillivray, C. W. Phelps, C. W. Reid, G. W. Grayson, J. L. N. Shepard, and W. W. Spaulding, President.

FIRST GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. William Buehren, Pastor; residence, west side of Eighth Avenue between East Seventeenth and East Eighteenth streets, East Oakland.

This church was organized in 1873, with a membership of thirty-three, and received under the care of the Presbytery of San Francisco.

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

Officers.—Julius F. Heimbold and A. H. Buehren, Elders; H. Kirchner and John H. Dreyer, Deacons.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS.

This church had its origin in the Summer of 1874, when a small congregation was brought together by the united labors of Elders James White, J. N. Loughborough, and D. M. Canright, during a tent meeting held from the month of April to July; it now numbers over fifty communicants. Regular services are held at their Hall, corner Broadway and Twelfth streets, Sabbath (Saturday), at eleven o'clock A. M., and on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. It also has a Sabbath school of nearly one hundred scholars and teachers; exercises commence at ten o'clock A. M.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-ROMAN CATHOLIC

Location, west side of Jefferson Street, between Seventh and Eighth. Rev. Michael King, Pastor; Rev. Lawrence Serda, 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, had become