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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. Rev. George Mooar, Pastor; residence, north side of Edwards Street, between Telegraph Avenue and Broadway. The church was organized by Council, April 9, 1874. Present number of members, one hundred and five. Services are held every Sunday at eleven o'clock A.M., and half past seven o'clock P.M.; and every Wednesday evening at half past seven o'clock.

The Sunday school is held at the close of the morning service. Number of pupils enrolled, one hundred and thirty; average attendance, one hundred and twenty; volumes in library, two hundred.

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#### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL OF BERKELEY.

Location, east side of Humboldt Avenue, near Dwight Way. E. B. Payne, pastor; residence, northeast corner of Humboldt Avenue and Dwight Way, adjoining the church.

This church was organized in the Fall of 1874, and is the pioneer church of Berkeley. A church edifice and parsonage, adjoining, were at once erected, at a cost, including lot, of about \$6,000. The first Pastor was Rev. Mr. Seabury, who was succeeded in the Summer of 1875 by the present incumbent.

Services are held at eleven o'clock A.M., and half past seven o'clock P.M. on Sundays. The Sunday school has an average attendance of seventy. Meets at ten o'clock A.M. The present church membership is fifty.

#### 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.

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