

there are one hundred and sixty teachers and scholars, and a library of about four hundred volumes. Meets at half past twelve o'clock P.M. Superintendent, Rev. W. H. Dean.

Officers.—James Ireland and Morton Humphrey, Elders; W. C. Mason, Frank Hostetter, David Carrick, and W. A. Bray, Trustees.

INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN.

Location, southeast corner of Jefferson and Twelfth streets. Rev. L. Hamilton, Pastor; residence, 1165 Jackson Street near Twelfth.

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 \$37,500. Number of communicants, about one hundred.

The Sunday school connected with the church was organized March 6, 1869. It has an attendance of about three hundred, teachers and scholars, and a library of five hundred volumes. Meets at half past nine o'clock A.M. Superintendent, William H. Jordan.

Trustees.—Josiah Lusk, General George A. Nourse, T. J. Arnold, Joseph Gillivray, C. T. Hopkins, C. W. Reid, G. W. Grayson, George A. Grant, and W. W. Spaulding, President.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-ROMAN CATHOLIC

Location, west side of Jefferson Street, between Seventh and Eighth. Rev. Michael King, Pastor; Rev. Hugh Lagen, Assistant. Pastoral residence adjoining the church.

Twenty-six years ago 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 entirely inadequate to the needs of the population of Oakland, although three new parishes had been formed in the county. In 1869, Father King determined to erect a church on a scale commensurate with the promised importance of this city. Plans accordingly were prepared for a building surpassing in dimensions anything in the State, though only with the intention of erecting a part of it at first, a design which has been carried out in the present structure. The foundations were laid in that year, but various causes retarded any further progress until May, 1871, when the superstructure was commenced, and pushed vigorously forward. Although not quite completed, the church was dedicated on the 23d of June, 1872. The ceremony of dedication was performed

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