

Rev. T. D. Hunt, assisted by Rev. A. Williams. The society met in the school-house on the Plaza until it was required for other purposes, when the members were deprived of a regular place of meeting for several months. As early as practicable, however, efforts were made for the erection of a suitable house of worship, which resulted in the building of a commodious frame structure, 25 by 50 feet, on the corner of Jackson and Virginia streets, which was dedicated to the worship of God, February 10, 1850. Rev. T. D. Hunt was chosen pastor, and installed June 26, 1850, who in this connection, it is proper to state, was the first Protestant clergyman, located as such, in the State, having arrived at San Francisco as early as October 29, 1848, and was immediately invited by the citizens, in a meeting called for the purpose, to act as their chaplain for one year, commencing November 1, 1848, in which capacity he was laboring at the time of the organization of this church. The congregation increased so greatly as to require a larger house; accordingly, measures were adopted in the summer of 1852, for the erection of the present substantial brick edifice, which was dedicated on the 10th of July, 1853. Rev. E. S. Lacy was installed July 6th, 1856.

The whole number of members admitted to the church since its organization has been 399. The present membership is 308. Number at present connected with the Sabbath School, of scholars and teachers, is about 500; average attendance, 300. The cost of the present church property, including lot, building and repairs, has been about \$70,000.

Sunday School.—Superintendent, L. B. Benchley; Assistant, E. P. Flint; number of scholars, 240; Teachers, 50. A valuable and instructive Library of over 2,000 volumes is attached to the Sabbath School.

Congregational Church.

REV. J. E. BENTON, Pastor; Location, Mission Dolores.

Public service every Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M. Sunday School immediately after service; number of scholars, 45.

There is a society but no church in connection with the congregation.

EPISCOPAL.

Grace Church.

REV. F. C. EWER, Rector; Rev. Mr. Jackson, officiating; Location, W side Powell between Jackson and Pacific.

Public services every Sunday at 11 A. M., and 7½ P. M.; Sunday School at half-past 1 in the afternoon. This convenient structure was erected in 1851, and is one of the oldest in the city. The congregation was organized in 1849, the statistics of which may be summed up as follows: Communicants, 200; the Sunday School numbers about 1,000 scholars, and has a library of over three hundred volumes. The first rector of

the church was Dr. J. L. Ver Mehr, who preached his first sermon in California at the house of Mr. Merrill, in this city, September 10th, 1849. The Church was then in embryo, not yet having been duly organized. A party of gentlemen soon after invited Dr. Ver Mehr to preach at Frank Ward's house, situated on the corner of Stockton and Green streets. A chapel was next built towards the close of 1849, at the corner of John and Powell streets, which was first opened for divine services, December 30th, 1849. This was the first Grace Church. It was 60 feet long by 20 feet wide, and cost \$8,000. The bell is that used in the present Grace Church, on Powell Street. It weighed 800 pounds, cost \$350, and has called the faithful to prayers from the first. It was presented by Mr. Frank Ward. On the 28th of April, 1850, Grace Church was formally organized, and came into being. E. Bryant and D. S. Turner were elected Wardens, and Dr. Ver Mehr chosen Rector. The first vestry meeting was held on the 20th May, 1850—ten years ago. In February, 1851, the contract was made to build the present Grace Church on Powell Street, which was finished that summer. Its dimensions are 68½ feet in length, and 38 feet 4 inches in width. The entire length, counting the chancel, is 97 feet 4 inches. The tower is 60 feet in height. Dr. Ver Mehr preached the first sermon in this edifice. Bishop Kip arrived in San Francisco January 29th, 1854, and on the 25th of February following, assumed the Rectorship, at which time Dr. Ver Mehr resigned. The Bishop continued to officiate until Palm Sunday, April 5th, 1857, when F. C. Ewer was ordained, and on the next Sunday he preached his first sermon. On the 14th of April Mr. Ewer was elected to be Assistant Minister, and on the 20th of the same month he took charge of the Parish—the Bishop having departed for the Atlantic States. The Bishop having returned and resigned the Rectorship, Mr. Ewer was elected Rector of the Church on the 15th of December, 1857, and has retained that position to the present time.

The congregation are now erecting at the SE corner Stockton and California streets, a commodious and substantial church edifice, which will be, when completed, one of the finest church buildings on the coast. The church will cover an area of 137½ feet by 68 feet, and will contain within its walls every convenience necessary to carry out the holy objects for which it was erected.

Officers.—Wardens, J. W. Wilde, Sr., Wm. Blanding, Jr.; Vestrymen, R. J. Vandewater, E. Pringle, Stephen Smith, D. S. Turner, G. W. Gibbs, H. F. Williams, and H. C. Parker.

Trinity Church.

REV. S. C. THRALL, Rector; Location, N side Pine between Montgomery and Kearny; Rector's residence, Lombard between Kearny and Dupont; Organized, 1850.

Services, Sunday, 11 o'clock A. M., and 7½ P. M.; daily 11 A. M., Friday 4 P. M.; Sunday School, 9½ A. M.

Officers.—Wardens, J. D. Hawks, Sr., W. F. Babcock, Jr.; Vestrymen, H. P. Janes, S. R.