

tion 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, the present Pastor, was installed July 6th, 1856.

The whole number of members admitted to the church since its organization is 464. The present membership is 350. 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 at present connected with the Sabbath School, of scholars and teachers, is about 550; average attendance, 350. A valuable and instructive library of over 1,000 volumes is attached to the Sabbath School.

Second Congregationalist Church.

REV. JOHN KIMBALL, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7½ o'clock P. M. The Sabbath School and Bible Classes meet immediately after the morning service. Prayer meetings in the Vestry, every Sunday evening at 6½ o'clock.

The congregation of this Church are now worshipping on the corner of Mason and Geary streets until the erection of a new building on the lot situated on Taylor near Geary, recently purchased by them at an expense of \$4,600.

EPISCOPAL.

Grace Church.

Right Rev. Bishop Kip, officiating. Location, corner of California and Stockton streets.

Public services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7½ P. M.; Sunday School at half past one in the afternoon. The congregation was organized in 1849, the statistics of which may be summed up as follows: Communicants, 200; the Sunday School numbers about 200 scholars, and has a library of over 300 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 weighs 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 May 20th, 1850—eleven years ago. In February, 1851, the contract was made to

build the former Grace Church on Powell Street, which was finished that summer. 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 retained that position until April 1861, when he resigned.

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.—Senior Warden (vacant;) Junior Warden, William Blanding. *Vestrymen.*—Edw. Pringle, Stephen Smith, Geo. W. Gibbs, Alex. Ely, Horace Gushee, H. F. Williams, H. C. Parker, and C. O. Gerberding.

Trinity Church.

Rev. S. C. THRALL, D. D., Rector.

Church located north side of Pine between Montgomery and Kearny. Pastor's residence 44 Minna; organized, 1850.

Public Worship every Sunday 11 A. M. and 7½ P. M.; daily, 11 A. M. and Wednesday and Friday 4 P. M.; Sunday School 9½ A. M.

Officers.—Wardens, J. D. Hawks, sr., B. H. Randolph, jr.; Vestrymen, S. R. Throckmorton, H. P. Jones, W. F. Babcock, James Bell, Jacob Underhill, W. L. Booker, and J. C. McCeney. Clerk, Jos. G. Eastland.

St. John's Church, Mission Dolores.

Rev. T. W. BROTHERTON, Rector.

This Church was established in November, 1857—the Rev. John Chittenden, President of the San Francisco College, then a lay reader, licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese, officiating as its Minister. The parish, of which this is the church, was instituted in February, 1858, and it is now in a state of forwardness, to be permanently received as such into the Diocese of California. It is the Protestant Episcopal Church, and has all the privileges of other churches in the Episcopate. It is a neat edifice, and is thoroughly furnished with organ, robing-room, altar, pulpit, and vestment. The inhabitants are indebted mainly to the liberality of a few individuals and to the Rev. John Chittenden for the first introduction of this church service into the neighborhood. The Rev. J. Cameron, ordained in April, 1860, officiated as curate—the Rev. J.