

at the house of Mr. Merrill, in this city, Sept. 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 toward 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 sixty feet long by 20 wide, and cost \$8,000. The bell is that used in the former 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 twenty-eighth 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—thirteen 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.

Officers—Senior Warden: Wm. Blanding. Junior Warden: Geo. W. Gibbs. Vestrymen: Edw. Pringle, Stephen Smith, Alex. Ely, H. F. Williams, H. C. Parker, Jos. S. Winans, Nathaniel Holland, and Edward Stanly.

Trinity Church:

The Rev. CHRISTOPHER B. WYATT, Rector.
Pastor's residence, No. 812 Bush Street.
Church located north side Pine between Montgomery and Kearny. Organized, 1849.
Public Worship every Sunday 11 A.M. and 7½ P.M.; Wednesday 11 A.M., and Friday 4 P.M.; Sunday School 9 A.M.

Officers—Senior Warden: J. D. Hawks; Junior Warden: B. H. Randolph; Vestrymen: S. R. Throckmorton, W. F. Babcock, Louis McLane, Jas. Bell, J. C. McConeny, W. L. Booker, Jacob Underhill, William Alvord, J. T. Dean, Frank W. Brooks, H. S. Dexter; Jos. G. Eastland, Clerk of Vestry.

St. John's Church, Mission Dolores.

Rev. T. W. BROTHERTON, Rector.
This church was established in November, 1857—by 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. Chittenden being his

Rector. By the energy of the Curate, assisted by his brother clergymen, he has established the Episcopal Church permanently in this vicinity. Services are held at 11 A.M. and 7½ P.M. Sundays. It is worthy of being noted that the Ministers, Organist, Choir, and other assistants, give their services gratuitously. The present Rector took charge the 1st day of August, A.D. 1861. The 1st of August, 1862, a church edifice was commenced, on a lot presented by the ladies of the congregation to the Vestry, which was finished in November of the same year. The new church is built in the early English First pointed style, at a cost of \$8,500, with furniture, etc., and is capable of accommodating 250 persons. The Sunday School numbers about 150 scholars and ten teachers. W. O. Andrews, Superintendent.

Church of the Advent.

Rev. F. MARION McALLISTER, Rector.
The parish was established, with its first and present Rector, June, 1858.

This church is located on Howard Street between Second and Third streets. It was completed and consecrated February 24th, 1861.

Services every Sunday at 11 A.M. and 7½ P.M.; Sunday School at 9 A.M.

Officers—Wardens: C. Langley and Cutler McAllister, jr.; Vestrymen: L. A. Garnett, C. A. Eastman, E. B. Benjamin, John Kilob, T. R. Johnson, Hall McAllister, and L. H. Allen.

The new church, with its lofty steeple, forms a conspicuous object in the southern part of the city. The architecture is nearly pure Gothic. Some modifications in the Romanesque style have been introduced, adding materially to the light and graceful effect. The exterior is of a rich dark brown, and, with its lofty lantern, reminds one of "St. Dunstan's in the East," London, built by Sir Christopher Wren, and copied by him from the fine old church of St. Nicholas, New Castle, England.

The interior is plain and elegant, and offering an auditorium in the clear of fifty feet by eighty, or one hundred and twenty feet in depth with the chancel. The walls are painted in imitation of stone, the ceiling, which is divided with delicate tracery, springs gradually to the apex of the roof, and is painted light blue. The chancel is a model of neat, unpretending architecture, and with the pulpit, which is very high, is much in the old English style. A very attractive feature is the Ten Commandments, which fill up the niches at the rear of the chancel. The windows are lofty and divided into diamond-shaped sections by a lattice work of wood on the inside.

The lot, with the edifice and furniture, cost the society \$27,000.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.*

Powell Street Church.
Rev. J. H. WYTHE, Pastor; residence, north side Washington above Powell. Location, west side

* Statistics of the California Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its last session September, 1863:

Number of Members.....	3,944
" Probationers.....	557
" Ministers.....	98
" Local Preachers.....	97

Total..... 4,696

Probable value of Churches.....	\$287,250 00
" Parsonages.....	52,350 00
Yearly collections for Missions.....	3,844 82
" Bible Society.....	357 60
" Tract Society.....	93 25
" S. School Union.....	174 80

Number of Sunday Schools.....	101
" Scholars.....	5,528
" Teachers.....	697