

the church on the west side, also approached from Geary Street. The buildings are subdivided into accommodations to suit the needs and customs of the parish and the denomination to which it belongs.

It is one of the most beautiful structures our city contains, and is remarkable for the purity of its architectural design. Its entire cost was \$95,000, which has been paid entirely by subscription, and the building donated to the society. The pews of the church are not owned by individuals, but belong to the society, whose organic law requires that the pews shall be rented annually at auction to the highest bidder. This method, although known in the East and adopted by the church of the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and others, was new to California, and proved a remarkable success. Before the church was dedicated, every pew was taken at a high premium, and many were unable to obtain seats even at those terms. The pew-rents together with the premiums assured an income to the society of \$25,000, in gold, for the first year, which amount has never been exceeded by any church in the country.

In the midst of this prosperity, and at the very completion and perfection of his most cherished plans, on the fourth day of March, 1864, after a brief illness, consequent upon his arduous public and parochial labors, the Rev. Thomas Starr King died. The announcement was received by the entire country as a national calamity. He was buried in the church he had just dedicated amid most imposing ceremonies, in which all classes and denominations of the community voluntarily joined, on the sixth of March, 1864. A dispatch to Rev. Dr. Henry W. Bellows, of All Souls' Church, New York, President of the Sanitary Commission, and one of the most influential and distinguished ministers of the denomination, secured his temporary succession to the vacant pulpit and subsequent ministrations for six months. He arrived in San Francisco on Saturday, April 30th, precisely four years after the arrival of Mr. King, and preached his first sermon on the following day, being the anniversary day of Mr. King's occupancy of the pulpit of the society. He continued in charge of the society until the arrival, in September, of the present incumbent, the Rev. Horatio Stebbins, of Portland, Maine, who had accepted the unanimous call of the society as their permanent pastor.

A new Constitution has been adopted for the society, one clause in which provides that the property of the church shall never be pledged, mortgaged, or encumbered, for any purpose whatever.

Officers of the society are as follows: R. B. Swain, Moderator; Charles Wolcott Brooks, Treasurer; William A. Macondray, Secretary; Charles L. Low, J. A. Coolidge, Nathaniel Page, Samuel C. Bigelow, Henry Kimball, and Levi Stevens, Trustees.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Chinese Mission House.

Rev. A. W. Loomis, Pastor; residence, north-east corner Stockton and Sacramento; location, north-east corner Sacramento and Stockton streets.

Religious services in the Chinese language on each Sabbath afternoon and evening, and also on Thursday evening. A day and evening school is kept throughout the week. The house is brick, and was built by the liberality of the citizens of San Francisco, and by funds from a Board of Missions in New York, by which the Mission to the Chinese in California is supported. The house contains school rooms in the basement; on the first floor a chapel which will seat two hundred persons, and on the

second, apartments for the accommodation of the Missionary family.

The Mariners' Church.

Rev. J. ROWELL, Pastor; residence, on Bernard Street, near Taylor; location, Clark Street, near Pacific Wharf.

This church was organized with six members, in December, 1858, and now consists of seventy-five. Public worship every Sabbath at 3 o'clock p.m. There is connected with the Church a Sabbath School and Bible Class, numbering more than ninety teachers and scholars. The house of worship is a commodious wooden building, on Clark Street, near Drumm. It was erected some years since by contributions from merchants and other citizens of San Francisco.

Officers—Rev. J. Rowell, Pastor and Chaplain of the American Seaman's Friend Society, who has labored here since August, 1858; James F. Stewart and Henry Chester, Deacons.

This Church finds a wide field of usefulness, in the usual Church services, a large Bible Class for seamen and strangers, a Sabbath religious reading room, weekly prayer meetings in several sailors' boarding houses, preaching on the Sabbath and personal labor during the week at the U. S. Marine Hospital; distribution of Bibles and tracts on ship board, boarding houses, and elsewhere, and missionary labors about the streets, wharfs, and shipping, and on board several men-of-war, and other sea-going vessels. It is an undenominational missionary church.

During the year 1860 a society was formed among the business men of San Francisco, having for its object the moral improvement of seamen, called the San Francisco Port Society. It seeks to attain its object by sustaining the preaching of the Gospel, and other missionary labors, in connection with the Mariners' Church. The officers of the Society for the present year, are: Ira P. Rankin, President; R. B. Swain, Vice President; J. Rowell, Secretary; A. C. Nichols, Treasurer; Dr. H. P. Coon, Capt. J. B. Thomas, A. C. Nichols, Nathaniel Gray, J. F. Pope, Cyrus Palmer, Louis McLane, J. Rowell, and James F. Stewart, Trustees.

Church of Christ.

The Church of Christ (Disciples) meet every Lord's Day morning, at 11 o'clock, at Miss Aldrich's Seminary, south side Stevenson near Second. Sunday School at 12½, p.m.

German Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. F. MOOSHAK, Pastor; residence, 245 Stevenson near Third. Location, 245 Stevenson. Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock, a.m. Sunday School at 10 o'clock, a.m. There is, during the week, a day school for girls and boys, on Sutter Street, between Stockton and Dupont, under the charge of Mr. Zahn.

German Evangelical Lutheran St. Marks' Church.

J. M. BUEHLER, Pastor; residence, 29 O'Farrell Street, between Market and Stockton. Location, south side of Geary Street, between Stockton and Powell. Public worship every Sunday, at 10½ o'clock, and Wednesday evening at 7½.

This Church was organized in the fall of 1860. Divine services were first held in the northern part of the city, when the growing wants of the congregation made the selection of a more conveniently located place of worship necessary. The society, therefore, purchased its present lot on Geary Street, fronting on Union Square, and measuring 55 feet front by 137½ feet in depth. A large and commo-