

Nichols, Henry Dutton, and A. G. Stiles, Standing Committee.

*Officers of the Society*—Ira P. Rankin, Moderator; A. G. Stiles, Clerk; J. W. Clark, Treasurer; H. L. Dodge, William A. Dana, A. C. Nichols, Ira P. Rankin, A. G. Stiles, W. N. Hawley, and John Taylor, Trustees.

This church, or congregation, was organized July 29th, 1849, when Thomas Douglas and Frederick S. Hawley were chosen Deacons, and inducted into office on the following Sunday by 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, twenty-five by fifty feet, on the corner of Jackson and Virginia streets, which was dedicated to the worship of God, February 10th, 1850. Rev. T. D. Hunt was chosen Pastor, and installed June 26th, 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 29th, 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 1st, 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 as Pastor, July 6th, 1856, and dismissed October 3d, 1865. Rev. A. L. Stone, D.D., was installed June 14th, 1866.

The whole number of members admitted to the church since its organization is seven hundred and fifteen. The present membership is over four hundred. The cost of the present church property, including lot, building, and repairs, has been about \$70,000.

*Sunday School*—L. B. Benchley, Superintendent; Charles S. Eaton, Assistant. Number at present connected with the Sabbath School, scholars and teachers, is about five hundred; average attendance, three hundred and eighty. A valuable and instructive library of over 1,400 volumes is attached to the Sabbath School.

### Second Congregational Church.

Rev. J. A. BENTON, Pastor; residence, 1032 Pine Street. 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. Lecture room prayer meeting in the church every Sunday evening at 6½ o'clock. Weekly prayer meeting and lecture every Wednesday evening. Teachers' meeting every Friday evening. Young Folks' Literary and Benevolent Association, first Tuesday evening of each month.

The neat and commodious church edifice recently erected and now occupied by this society, is on Taylor Street, south of Geary. It presents a fine appearance and is very accessible, the Central Railroad passing in front of it.

*Officers*—S. S. Smith, L. C. Gunn, and C. J. Snow, Deacons; W. J. Tilley, Clerk and Treasurer.

### Third Congregational Church.

Rev. E. G. BECKWITH, Pastor. Location, Fifteenth Street, just above Mission. Pastor's residence, south side Howard street between Eleventh and Twelfth, first door from Eleventh. Services at 11, A.M., and 5, P.M. Sabbath School immediately after morning service. Weekly prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

This church is supported by voluntary contributions. Pastor's study is in the church.

*Deacons*—J. W. Towne, James W. Cox, H. N. Turner.

*Trustees*—Sammel Cowles, James W. Cox, James W. Towne, J. S. Hutchinson, W. H. Hyde, William H. Jessup, James P. Peirce.

### Green Street Congregational Chapel.

Location, south side Green, between Stockton and Powell. E. C. BISSELL, Pastor; residence, northeast corner Lombard and Dupont Streets.

This church was organized February, 1865, with a membership of twenty-six persons. The Rev. J. M. Caldwell was first connected with this enterprise, and was succeeded by the Rev. Wm. C. Bartlett, services then being held in the hall southeast corner Green and Dupont Streets. The building now occupied by this society is of wood, and is neatly finished and tastefully furnished. It was designed by S. C. Bugbee & Son. The cost was about \$5,000, exclusive of the amount, \$5,000, paid for the lot. The dedication services occurred in March, 1865. The hours of Sabbath service are 11, A.M., and 7½ P.M. The weekly prayer meeting is held on Wednesday, at 7½, P.M. The Sabbath School meets immediately after the morning service. The school numbers four hundred members.

The Trustees are H. H. Lawrence, C. P. Stanford, W. W. Chase, J. W. J. Pierson, and George Horton.

### South Park Congregational Church.

Location, southwest corner Second and Bryant Streets. Rev. M. B. STARR, Pastor; residence southwest corner Second and Bryant Streets.

This house of worship was organized January 2d, 1867, with twenty-eight members. Services every Sunday at 11, A.M., and 7½, P.M. Sabbath School at 3 o'clock, P.M. Prayer meetings every Wednesday evening at 7½ o'clock.

*Deacons*—E. B. Williams and W. S. Clark.

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### Grace Cathedral.

*Officiating Clergy*—Rev. G. A. EASTON and O. CLARK, D.D. Location, corner California and Stockton Streets.

Public services every Sunday at 11, A.M., and 7½ P.M.; Sunday School at half past nine in the morning. The congregation was organized in 1849, the statistics of which may be summed up as follows: Communicants, three hundred; the Sunday School numbers about two hundred scholars, and has a library of over one thousand 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. 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 twenty wide, and cost eight thousand dollars. On the twenty-eighth of April, 1850, Grace Church was formally organized. 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. 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 twenty-fifth day 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