

CONGREGATIONAL.

First Congregational Church.

Location southwest corner of California and Dupont streets. Rev. A. L. STONE, D. D., Pastor; residence 617 Bush Street.

This church was organized July 29th, 1849, when Thomas Douglass 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 in 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 about eight hundred and fifty. The present membership is over four hundred and fifty. The society are now erecting a large and commodious edifice for their use as a place of public worship, on the southeast corner of Post and Mason streets, at an expense (including the site) of \$125,000, which, when completed, will be an ornament to the city.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A. M. and half past seven o'clock P. M. The evening service is now held in the Pavilion Skating Rink, corner of Post and Stockton streets. Lecture every Wednesday at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Sabbath School.—L. B. Benchley, Superintendent; Charles J. King, 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 fourteen hundred volumes is attached to the Sabbath School. The school meets immediately after morning service.

Officers of Church.—L. B. Benchley, W. O. Ayres, M. D., J. W. Clark, M. D., George Harris, Walter N. Hawley, and Charles S. Eaton, Deacons; Charles J. King, Frederick W. Gill, and W. H. Aiken, Standing Committee.

Officers of the Society.—Ira P. Rankin, Moderator; A. G. Stiles, Clerk; J. W. Clark, Treasurer; A. C. Nichols, A. G. Stiles, W. N. Hawley, John Taylor, William F. Whittier, and J. O. Eldridge, Trustees.

Second Congregational Church.

Location east side of Taylor Street between Geary and O'Farrell. Rev. W. W. Macomber, Acting Pastor; residence 113 Eddy Street.

The neat and commodious edifice, occupied by this society, has a tower and spire rising to the height of one hundred and fifty feet, presenting a fine appearance. Number of members, two hundred.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock

A. M. and half-past seven o'clock P. M. The Sabbath School and Bible Classes meet immediately after the morning service. Lecture Room Prayer Meeting in the church every Sabbath evening at half past six o'clock. Weekly Prayer Meeting and Lecture every Wednesday evening.

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

Third Congregational Church.

Location south side Fifteenth Street, near Mission. Rev. WILLIAM C. POND, Pastor; residence west side Valencia street between Nineteenth and Twentieth.

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

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A. M. and half-past seven o'clock P. M. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening. Sabbath School meets immediately after morning service.

Officers.—H. N. Turner, Samuel Cowles and J. M. Haven, Deacons; Samuel Cowles, W. H. Hyde, John E. Ager, C. B. Williams, William Ede and J. M. Parker, Trustees.

Green Street Congregational Church.

Location south side of Green Street, between Stockton and Powell. Rev. JOHN KIMBALL, Pastor; residence northwest corner Clay and Powell streets.

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. This church was organized February, 1865, with a membership of twenty-six persons. The building occupied by this society is of wood, and is neatly finished. It has an organ worth \$2,000. The edifice 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.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A. M. and half past seven o'clock P. M. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday at half past seven o'clock P. M. The Sabbath School meets immediately after the morning service. The school numbers three hundred members.

Officers.—H. H. Lawrence, W. W. Chase, W. B. Agard, A. Phelps and E. Farrell, Trustees; J. A. Obergh, Treasurer and Clerk.

EPISCOPAL.

Grace Church.

Location southeast corner of California and Stockton streets. Rev. JAMES S. BUSIN, Rector; residence, 814 California.

This church was organized in 1849, the statistics of which may be summed up as follows: 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 \$3,000. 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.

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