

ton, arrived August 27th, 1852, and died November 2nd of the same year, of Panama fever. The second regular Pastor, Rev. F. T. Gray, arrived June, 1853, and left in June, 1854, and died in Boston in February, 1855. The third regular Pastor, the Rev. R. P. Cutler, arrived August 31st, 1854, and continued his ministrations without intermission until June 1st, 1859, at which time he resigned his charge and left for New York. The Rev. John A. Buckingham then officiated as temporary Pastor until April 5th, 1860. The Rev. Thomas Starr King arrived here with his family April 28th, 1860, and commenced his ministrations the following day (Sunday) before one of the largest congregations ever assembled in this city.

During the period of Mr. King's ministry, the society extinguished a long standing debt of \$20,000, and erected a new church on Geary Street, near Stockton, at a cost of \$115,000, all of which has been paid. It is one of the most beautiful structures our city contains, and is remarkable for the purity of its architectural design and its interior beauty.

Upon the death of Thomas Starr King on the 4th of March, 1864, Rev. Dr. Henry W. Bellows, of All Saints Church, New York, President of the Sanitary Commission, and one of the most distinguished and influential ministers of the denomination, responded to an earnest call from the society, and left New York within a few weeks to fill the pulpit thus vacant for a period of six months.

The Rev. Horatio Stebbins, of Portland, Maine, who had received a unanimous call from the society, became the permanent Pastor the following September. Since then the Society has enjoyed its accustomed prosperity.

The pews of the church are not owned by individuals, but belong to the society whose organic laws require that they shall be rented annually at auction to the highest bidder. A clause in the New Constitution of the society provides that the property shall never be pledged, mortgaged, or incumbered for any purpose whatever.

There is connected with the society an organization for charitable purposes, called the Samaritan Association.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A.M. and half past seven o'clock P.M. Pews are free at all Sabbath evening services. Social gatherings of the members are held on evening of first Wednesday of each month in the parlor of the church.

The Sabbath School has a library of two thousand volumes. Meets at half past nine o'clock A.M.

**Officers.**—Horace Davis, Moderator; George C. Hickox, Treasurer; James L. Fields, Clerk; Levi Stevens, Horatio Frost, Thomas Houseworth, Thomas Young, Henry P. Blanchard and Charles A. Murdock, Trustees. Caleb N. Consens, Sexton and Collector; residence, 1625 Webster Street.

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#### Chinese Mission House.

Location northeast corner of Stockton and Sacramento Streets. Rev. A. W. Loomis and Rev. I. M. Condit, Pastors; residence 800 Stockton Street.

Religious services in the Chinese language on each Sabbath afternoon and evening, and also on Wednesday evening. An evening school in three departments is open throughout the week. A Sabbath School is held twice each Sabbath. The house is brick, and was built by the liberality of the citizens of San Francisco, and by funds from the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, whose office is in New York, by which the Mission to the Chinese in California is supported. The house contains school and reading rooms, a chapel which will seat nearly

three hundred people, and apartments for two missionaries.

#### Chinese Mission House of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Location north side of Washington Street between Stockton and Powell. Rev. Otis Ganson, Superintendent; residence 916 Washington Street. Rev. Hu Sing Mo, Native Preacher.

The Mission House recently erected is a neat and commodious edifice, fifty-six by seventy feet, and three stories high. On the main floor are three school-rooms, with double folding doors between, so that when desirable they can all be thrown into one room for general school exercises or religious services. On the second floor of the Chinese department are two school rooms, also connected by folding doors, and rooms for the family of the native preacher. The third floor of this portion of the building contains four fine rooms, designed for a female department. The entrance to the Chinese department is on Stone Street, and to the Parsonage department, 916 Washington Street.

The total cost of the property is \$32,000, one-third of which has been contributed by friends on this Coast, and the balance has been paid by the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which Society the property is deeded.

School is held every evening during the week except Saturday. Tuition \$1 per month. Bible Class meets every Sabbath at half-past ten o'clock A.M. Sabbath School at seven o'clock P.M. Service in the Chinese language every Sabbath, at two o'clock P.M.

#### The Mariners' Church.

Location northeast corner of Sacramento and Drumm streets. Rev. JOSEPH ROWELL, Pastor; residence 1208 California Street.

This church was organized with six members, in December, 1858, and now numbers one hundred and thirty. The house of worship, occupied by the society, is a commodious wooden building erected in 1867 by contributions from merchants and other citizens of San Francisco.

This church finds a wide field for usefulness, in the usual church services, a large Bible Class for seamen and strangers, a Sabbath religious reading room, weekly meetings of the S. F. Marine Temperance Society, several Prayer Meetings on weekday evenings, preaching on the Sabbath, and personal labor during the week at the U. S. Marine Hospital, distribution of bibles and tracts on shipboard, boarding houses, and elsewhere, and missionary labors about the streets, wharves, and shipping, and on board several men-of-war and other sea-going vessels. It is an undenominational missionary church.

There is connected with this church a Bible Class and Sabbath School, numbering more than one hundred teachers and scholars.

Services every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A.M. and three and half past seven o'clock P.M.

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.

**Officers.**—Rev. J. ROWELL, Pastor and Chaplain of the American Seaman's Friend Society, who has labored here since August, 1858; Henry Chester, J. Alfred Bergner, and Rasmus Poulson, Deacons.

#### Disciples of Christ.

Congregation of Disciples of Christ (Christian Church). ISAAC W. TENER, Pastor; residence 938 Mission Street. Meets every Lord's Day at eleven o'clock A.M. in Druids' Hall, 413 Sutter Street. Membership, fifty.

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