

main gables are ornamented in character and richly gilded. The roof is broken by ventilators, in the style of dormers, having iron terminals, and the ornamental roof is crowned with a cast-iron ridge-way. The front of the church, on Post Street, is designed with groups of two and three-light windows, arranged centrally over doorways with deeply recessed arches, relieved by white and dark brick ornamentally disposed. The tower on three of its faces has an arcade of light columns and arches, and the belfry has two large and lofty windows divided by buttresses on each face. The angle buttresses terminate upward in bold pinnacles, and group well with the canopies and pinnacles of the spire windows. There is also a second or midway tier of spire windows. The front entrance doors open into a large and airy vestibule, with doors opening opposite into the auditorium, and stairways right and left leading to the galleries. The auditorium is eighty-eight feet in length on the ground floor, and seventy-four feet wide—the length above the gallery, including the organ and choir recess, being one hundred and twenty-five feet. The height to the center portion of the ceiling is sixty-five feet. The seating accommodations on ordinary occasions will be for about seventeen hundred persons, but will comfortably receive two thousand. The basement is divided into lecture room, class-room, infant class room, ladies' room, library and lumber rooms, which are provided with all the necessary lavatories and conveniences. The basement rooms are so arranged that they can all be thrown into one apartment during exercises or for social purposes. It was dedicated on the nineteenth day of May, 1872. The entire cost of this beautiful structure (including the site and furnishing) somewhat exceeds \$150,000. The third and present Pastor, Rev. A. L. Stone, D.D., was installed June 14th, 1886.

The whole number of members admitted to the church since its organization is about nine hundred. The present membership is over four hundred and fifty.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock a.m. and at half past seven o'clock p.m. between the first of September and first of May and at forty-five minutes past seven o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year. Lecture every Wednesday at half past seven o'clock p.m.

**Sabbath School.**—L. B. Benchley, Superintendent; Charles J. King, Assistant; J. H. Morse, Secretary and Treasurer. Number at present connected with the school, scholars and teachers, exceeds five hundred. A valuable and instructive library of over four hundred volumes is attached to the Sabbath School. The school meets immediately after morning service.

**Officers of Church.**—L. B. Benchley, J. W. Clark, M.D., George Harris, Walter N. Hawley, Charles S. Eaton and S. A. Chapin, Deacons; Charles J. King, A. C. Nichols, Ford H. Rogers, Samuel Pillsbury and T. W. McCollam, 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. T. K. Noble, Pastor; residence, Morton House, 121 Post Street.

This church was organized on the twelfth of January, 1862, with twenty-six members. It grew out of a Sunday School which had been maintained in the building corner of Mason and Geary streets known as the "Little Brown Church." Here public worship was established in the autumn of 1861, and the Rev. John Kimball engaged to take charge of the enterprise. He began his very diligent and successful labors in November, 1861, and continued in them until January, 1863, when he resigned and went to the East to do service in the armies of his country. In December, 1862, the church and society invited the Rev. J. A. Benton, of Sacramento, to become their Pastor. After a faithful pastorate of six years he resigned to take the position of professor in the Pacific Theological Seminary at Oakland. After a vacancy of about four years, during which time Revs. E. G. Beckwith, John Kimball and others supplied the church, the Rev. T. K. Noble, of Cleveland, Ohio, was unanimously called to the pastorate, and was formally installed December 6th, 1872.

The present edifice on Taylor Street, which was dedicated April 10th, 1864, is a structure forty-two by ninety-two feet, with a spire one hundred and fifty feet high. It is complete in all its parts and arrangements, having a basement under the whole, divided into lecture-room, ladies' parlor and infant classroom. It has a Pastor's study in the rear. It will seat seven hundred persons.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock a.m. and half past seven o'clock p.m. Sabbath School and Bible classes meet immediately after the morning service. Weekly Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Teachers' Bible class every Friday evening.

**Officers.**—C. J. Snow, Halford Earle, S. S. Smith, Deacons; N. P. Cole, E. D. Sawyer, John Morton, W. J. Tilley, R. Thompson and S. S. Smith, Trustees.

### Third Congregational Church.

Location south side Fifteenth Street near Mission. Rev. W. Baker, Acting Pastor; residence, south side of Liberty Street between Valencia and Guerrero.

This church had its origin in the fall of 1862, when several persons, heads of families, residing in the vicinity of the Mission Dolores, met to consult together in regard to the practicability of organizing a church in the neighborhood.

After much discussion extending through several informal meetings, it was decided to extend an invitation to the Rev. E. G. Beckwith, then pursuing his theological studies at Andover, Mass., to visit this city and upon the organization of a Congregational Church at the Mission, to become its pastor. The invitation was accepted and Mr. Beckwith with his family arrived on Sunday the twenty-sixth day of October, and on the next Sabbath he preached his first sermon to his future church and society, and on the following Sabbath organized a Sabbath School.

On January 7th, 1863 the organization of the church was completed, and on the 8th of February following the installation services took place, in the old church edifice on First Avenue.

After five years of faithful labor, Mr. Beckwith resigned the pastorate, much to the regret of his congregation. From October 1867 to April 1869, the church was without a settled Pastor, the Rev. Selah Merrill supplying its pulpit from December, 1867, to June, 1868. In August, 1868, the Rev. William C. Pond was invited to fill the pulpit for the period of six months, at the expiration of which time he accepted a call from the congregation to become their settled Pastor, and continued in charge until the fall of 1872.

From November 2d, 1862, until October 30th, 1864, the old Methodist church edifice on First Avenue, which had become private property, was occupied by the church and society as a place of worship. The first services in the present chapel were held on the sixth day of November, 1864. The total cost of lot, building and furniture was \$14,000.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock a.m. and half past seven o'clock p.m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

The Sabbath School was organized November 5th, 1862. Its first session was held on Sunday, November 9th of the same year, the total attendance being thirty-three. At present the average attendance is about three hundred and fifty. Meets immediately after morning service. There is also a Chinese Sabbath School connected with the church, average attendance about one hundred.

**Officers.**—H. N. Turner, Samuel Cowles, J. M. Haven and W. H. Hyde, 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, 828 Union Street.

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 church was organized February, 1865, with a membership of twenty-six persons. The building occupied by the society is of wood, and is neatly finished. It has an organ worth \$2,000. The edifice was designed by S. C. Bugbee & Son, and cost about \$5,000, exclusive of the amount (\$5,000) paid for the lot. The dedication services occurred in March, 1865.

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