

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

*Officers.*—H. H. Lawrence, W. W. Chase, W. B. Agard, E. Brooks and E. Farroll, Trustees; W. W. Chase, Treasurer and Clerk.

### EPISCOPAL.

#### Trinity Church.

Location northeast corner Post and Powell streets. Rev. THEODORE B. LYMAN, D.D., Rector; residence, 1022 Pine.

This parish is the oldest parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church on the Pacific Coast.

It had its beginning in Divine Service, celebrated by the Rev. Flavel S. Mines and the Rev. Augustus Fitch, Presbyters of the Diocese of New York, on the 8th day of July, 1849.

On the 22d of the same month, several citizens of the city resolved to form themselves into a congregation, to be known hereafter as the Holy Trinity Church.

On the 29th of July, wardens and vestrymen were elected, and on the 6th of August, the Rev. Mr. Mines was elected Rector.

A fifty-vara lot on the southwest corner of Jackson and Powell streets, was purchased August 26th, and a church edifice erected thereon, which was occupied the following November. In December, 1851, a lot on the north side of Pine Street between Montgomery and Kearny, was purchased for the sum of \$4,000, and a wooden edifice, forty by ninety feet, covered with corrugated iron erected thereon. The first services in this church were held January 25th, 1852. On the 27th of February of the same year, the name of the corporation was changed from the "Church of the Holy Trinity," to "Trinity Church." The Rev. Flavel S. Mines died August 5th, 1852, greatly lamented by all his parishioners. He was succeeded by the Rev. C. B. Wyatt, who commenced his official duties February 26th, 1853. On Sunday, the 29th of January, 1854, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kip, D.D., landed in San Francisco, and preached in Trinity Church both morning and evening. On the 9th of April, 1854, being the Sunday before Easter, the rite of confirmation was administered in Trinity Church. This was the first episcopal act ever performed on the shores of the Pacific. Eighteen persons came forward to receive the rite—one of them was a native of China. In May, 1856, Dr. Wyatt returned to New York on a visit, and the Rev. S. Chipman Thrall, D.D., was placed in charge of the church until March, 1857, when Mr. Wyatt resigned and Dr. Thrall was elected his successor, who officiated until November, 1862, when he resigned and the Rev. C. B. Wyatt was again elected Rector. In November, 1863, a fifty-vara lot on the corner of Powell and Post streets, was purchased for the sum of \$25,000, and subsequently an adjoining lot on the east, at an additional cost of \$5,000. The lot and building on Pine Street was sold in September 1866, for \$70,000, and during the same month the corner stone of the present edifice was laid. It was consecrated to Divine Service on the 22d of September, 1867. During the construction of the new church the congregation worshipped in St. John's Hall, Masonic Temple. In the spring of 1869 Mr. Wyatt resigned, and was succeeded by the Rev. Elias Birdsall, who officiated until May 1870, when he also resigned. The Rev. C. W. Turner then took charge of the parish, and officiated until January 1871, when the present Rector entered upon the discharge of his duties.

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*Officers.*—William F. Babcock, Senior Warden; L. H. Allen, Junior Warden; James Laidley, William T. Coleman, C. V. Gillespie, James T. Dean and W. P. Daingerfield, Vestrymen.

#### Grace Church.

Location southeast corner of California and Stockton streets. Rev. CHARLES G. WILLIAMSON, Rector; residence, 615 Stockton Street.

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 \$8,000. 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. 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 F. C. Ewer was ordained, and on the next Sunday he preached his first sermon. On the 14th of April Mr. Ewer was elected to be Assistant Minister, and on the twentieth of the same month he took charge of the parish, the Bishop having departed for the Atlantic States. The Bishop having returned and resigned the Rectorship, Mr. Ewer was elected Rector of the Church, December 15th, 1857, and retained that position until April, 1861, when he resigned. At the earnest solicitation of the Vestry, Bishop Kip again became Rector, and served as such until October, 1864. Rev. H. Goodwin being then Assistant Minister, continued as such, when in September, 1866, he was elected Rector, and on the first of July, 1867, resigned. The Rev. James S. Bush was then elected Rector; he entered upon his duties in December following, and officiated until the fall of 1872, when he resigned.

The corner stone of the present church edifice was laid by Bishop Kip in May, 1860. The building is one hundred and thirty-five feet deep and sixty-two feet wide. Height, from floor to apex of roof, sixty-six feet. The edifice was first opened for public worship September 28th, 1862, and was consecrated on the third day of May, 1868. Cost over \$100,000.

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#### St. John's Church.

Location northeast corner of Fifteenth and Valencia streets. Rev. ELIAS BIRDSALL, Rector; residence, 724 Sixteenth Street.

This church was established in November, 1857—the Rev. John Chittenden, President of the San Francisco College, then a lay reader, licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese, officiating as its Minister. The parish, of which this is the Church, was instituted in February, 1858. The inhabitants are indebted mainly to the liberality of a few individuals and to the Rev. John Chittenden for the first introduction of this church service into the neighborhood. The Rev. J. Cameron, ordained in April, 1860, officiated as Curate—the Rev. John Chittenden being his Rector. By the energy of the Curate, assisted by his brother clergymen, he established the Episcopal Church permanently in this vicinity. The Rev. T. W. Brotherton took charge on the first of August, 1861, and was succeeded by the present Rector July 1st, 1872. The first of August, 1862, a church edifice was commenced on a lot presented by the ladies of the congregation to the Vestry, which was finished in November of the same year, and is capable of accommodating three hundred and fifty persons. Services are held every Sunday at eleven o'clock A.M., and on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at half past seven o'clock. Also, on all Holy Days, at eleven o'clock A.M. The Sunday School numbers about two hundred and fifty scholars and twenty-one teachers. Number of volumes in the library, one thousand. Meets at half past nine o'clock A.M. A Mission Sunday School in connection with this parish has been established at Kessing's Hall, corner of Howard and Twenty-first streets, which numbers sixty schol-