

## CHURCHES.

## BAPTIST.

## First Baptist Church.

Location, north side of Washington Street, between Stockton and Dupont. Rev. JOSEPH FREEMAN, Pastor; residence, 809 Washington Street.

This church was organized in June, 1849, under the labors of its first pastor, Rev. O. C. Wheeler. The church lot was purchased in the spring of that year for the sum of \$10,000. The first house of worship was dedicated in August, 1849, and was the first Protestant house of worship erected in California. Mr. Wheeler's pastorate ended in November, 1850. He was succeeded by the Rev. B. Brierly in May, 1852, who officiated until May, 1858. In July, 1859, Rev. D. B. Cheney was called to the pastorate, and continued in charge until 1867, when he was forced to resign on account of ill-health. After his resignation, Rev. C. A. Buckbee officiated as pastorate supply until the arrival of Rev. J. B. Thomas, February, 1868, who continued in charge until December, 1868, when he also was compelled by ill-health to resign. The Rev. A. R. Medbury took charge in November, 1870, and officiated until June 1, 1872. In the summer of 1853, the wooden building was removed, and the basement of the present edifice was erected at a cost of \$13,000. In this the congregation worshipped until September, 1857, when it dedicated its newly finished building which it had completed, for the sum of \$16,000, including upholstery.

Number of communicants, two hundred and ninety-two. The Sabbath School has an average attendance of about two hundred and fifty. The library contains about nineteen hundred volumes.

Sabbath services morning and evening. Sabbath School at one o'clock p.m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday and Friday evenings; Church Covenant Meeting the Friday evening preceding the first Sabbath in each month.

From this church the Columbia Square Baptist Church was organized, December, 1862; the Tabernacle Baptist Church, December, 1865; the San Pablo Baptist Church, February, 1867, and the Fifth Baptist Church, September, 1869.

Officers.—A. B. Forbes, B. H. Freeman, E. S. Farnsworth, Peter Craig, and N. Heath, Trustees; A. B. Forbes, Superintendent of Sabbath School; George C. Richards, Assistant Superintendent; S. W. Backus, Treasurer; F. D. Conro, Librarian.

## Columbia Square Baptist Church.

Location, west side of Russ Street, between Howard and Folsom. Rev. WILLIAM D. CLARK, Pastor; residence, 918 Harrison Street.

The first steps for the organization of this church were taken in 1860, when Dr. Cheney's congregation established a Mission interest in the Nonantum School House on Third Street, near Bryant. The Sunday School was under the superintendence of H. H. Heath. After several changes, a lot was purchased on Fifth Street, corner of Jessie, and a church erected and organized December 22, 1862, where the congregation worshipped until the spring of 1869, when the present commodious and elegant edifice was completed. Rev. H. A. Sawtelle was the first Pastor, who continued to officiate until October, 1866, when he retired from his pastoral charge and established the Union Square Baptist Church. Rev. C. K. Hendrickson, for several years Pastor at Stockton, was called by the congregation to fill the vacancy. He entered upon his duties on the first of January, 1867, and resigned June 15, 1870. The Rev. D. S. Watson, of Pittsfield, Mass., was unanimously called by the church to the pastorate January, 1871, and continued in charge until his decease, December 27, 1872. The present pastor took charge August 1, 1873. The church is now in a flourishing condition, with a membership of one hundred and sixty. Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock a.m., and half-past seven o'clock p.m. Prayer meetings every Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Officers.—C. B. Cooley and B. W. Owens, Deacons; B. W. Owens, Charles W. Elliott, H. D. Clark, J. M.

Hurlbut, and I. Hamma, Trustees; S. B. Leavitt, Treasurer; K. Christopher, Clerk.

A Sabbath School, with an average attendance of one hundred and fifty, and a library of over one thousand volumes, is connected with the church. Rev. W. D. Clark, Superintendent; Marshall Stewart, Librarian. The school meets at one o'clock p.m.

## Third Baptist Church (Colored).

Location, east side Powell Street, between Bush and Sutter. Rev. J. R. Young, Pastor; residence, 849 Clay Street.

This church was organized in 1854, and formerly held worship on Dupont Street, between Filbert and Greenwich. In 1857, the congregation purchased the building and grounds formerly occupied by the Howard Presbyterian Church, at a cost of \$10,000, where services were held until the fall of 1868, when an exchange was made for the present site, and a church edifice erected thereon. Services are held every Sabbath at three o'clock and half past seven o'clock p.m.

Officers.—George Duncan, J. H. Miller, J. T. Valentine, E. W. Parker, and B. Wilson, Trustees.

## Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Location, north side of Post Street, between Hyde and Larkin. (Vacant), Pastor.

This church was organized November 23, 1865, with a constituent membership of forty-five. Recognized by an Ecclesiastical Council duly called December 12, 1865. Present membership, one hundred and fifteen. The church edifice was dedicated August 20, 1865; is forty-four by sixty-four feet, and presents a neat and tasty appearance. It has a sitting capacity of about three hundred, and cost, with lot, about \$11,000.

Services are held every Sabbath, at eleven o'clock a.m. and at half past seven o'clock p.m. Prayer meetings every Wednesday evening. The Sabbath School connected with the church has an attendance of one hundred and twenty-five scholars, and a library of four hundred and forty volumes. Meets at half past twelve o'clock p.m.

Officers.—I. Lankershim, R. H. Clement, and J. C. Robinson, Deacons; E. Worth, Clerk and Treasurer; I. Lankershim, R. H. Clement, J. C. Robinson, F. A. Jennings, and E. Landers, Trustees; Rev. B. T. Martin, Sabbath School Superintendent; R. H. Clement, Assistant Superintendent.

## Union Square Baptist Church.

Location, south side of Post Street, between Powell and Mason. Rev. HENRY A. SAWTELLE, Pastor; residence, 810 Taylor Street.

The church was organized in the City College Chapel, October 31, 1866, with fifty-three members, to which additions have been made nearly every month, and the number now is two hundred and fifteen. In 1867 the church purchased its present eligible lot, fifty-five by one hundred and thirty-seven and a half feet, and erected thereon a plain edifice, capable of seating four hundred and fifty people. Since then the house has been raised, the front improved, and convenient basement apartments finished and furnished. The financial affairs of the church are in a prosperous condition, and the public worship well attended. The Lord's Supper is observed monthly, and christians of other churches when present are fellowshiped in the service. There never has been as yet a change in the pastorate of this congregation.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock a.m. and half past seven o'clock p.m. Prayer meeting is held on Wednesday evening, and a sermon is preached on Friday evening at half past seven o'clock.

A Sabbath School, with an average attendance of one hundred and eighty, and a library of more than one thousand volumes is connected with the church. The school meets immediately after morning service.

Church Officers.—John Reynolds, L. L. Alexander, W. A. Mowry, and T. H. Way, Deacons; H. E. Angell, H. M. Rosekrans, N. D. Arnot, H. K. Cummings, G. M. Wood, L. Knight, and R. F. Roth,