

Plymouth Congregational Church.

Location, east side of Taylor Street, between Geary and O'Farrell. Rev. T. K. Noble, Pastor; residence, 422 Minna.

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 the 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 6, 1872.

The present edifice on Taylor Street, which was dedicated April 10, 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.—N. P. Colo, President; John Henderson, Jr., Secretary; S. M. Duncan, R. G. Byxbee, James Spiers, Halford Earle, E. D. Sawyer, John Morton, A. C. Titcomb, and S. S. Smith, Trustees.

Third Congregational Church.

Location, south side Fifteenth Street near Mission. Rev. EDWARD P. BAKER, Acting Pastor; residence, 422 Minna Street.

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 7, 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. Rev. Edward P. Baker has been Acting Pastor since October, 1872.

From November 2, 1862, until October 30, 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 5, 1862. Its first session was held on Sunday, November 9, 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 thirty.

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

Green Street Congregational Church.

Location, south side of Green Street, between Stockton and Powell. (Vacant), Pastor.

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.

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. The library contains eight hundred volumes. Meets immediately after morning service.

Officers.—W. W. Chase, W. B. Agard, William C. Penso, A. H. Phelps, and E. Farrell, Trustees; O. Livermore, Treasurer and Clerk.

Bethany Congregational Church.

Location, Bartlett Street near Twenty-fifth. Rev. WILLIAM C. POND, Pastor; residence, Howard Street, between Twenty-fourth and Twelfth-fifth.

This church was organized February 23, 1873. Recognized by an Ecclesiastical Council duly called February 18, 1874. The church edifice is a frame building, thirty by fifty-five feet, erected November, 1872, at a cost of \$1,000. Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A.M. and forty-five minutes past seven o'clock P.M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at eight o'clock P.M. A Sabbath School, from whence sprung this church, was organized in August, 1872. It has an attendance of one hundred and ninety scholars, and a library of four hundred volumes. Meets at half past two o'clock P.M.

Officers.—J. A. Snook and Edmund Palache, Deacons; C. G. Roberts, John E. Ager, George Babcock, James E. Ager, and A. H. Schou, Trustees; William Johnstone, Superintendent of Sabbath School.

EPISCOPAL.**Trinity Church.**

Location, northeast corner Post and Powell streets. Rev. GEORGE D. SILLIMAN, Minister in charge; residence, 227 Geary Street. May be seen daily at the vestry room, entrance on Post Street, adjoining the church, between the hours of twelve and one P.M.

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

It had its beginning in Divine Service, celebrated by the Rev. Flavol 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 26, 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 streets, 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 25,