

### Union Square Baptist Church.

Location, south side of Post Street, between Powell and Mason. Rev. HENRY A. SAWTELLE, D.D., 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 thirty-three. 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 free to unite 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 evenings, and a sermon is preached on Friday evenings at half past seven o'clock.

A Sabbath School, with an average attendance of two 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. B. Angell, H. K. Cummings, G. M. Wood, L. Knight, W. B. Larzelere, W. D. Ewer, and W. S. Beebe, Trustees; Thomas H. Way, Treasurer; E. Irving Smith, Clerk.

**Sabbath School Officers.**—Rev. Henry A. Sawtelle, Superintendent; W. G. Dixon, Secretary and Treasurer; W. B. Larzelere, Librarian; John Edwards and H. W. MacDonald, Assistant Librarians.

### Fifth Baptist Church.

Location, Twenty-second Street, between Howard and Capp. Rev. BYRON ALDRICH, Acting Pastor; residence, 2614 Folsom Street.

This church was organized August 17, 1869, with twenty-eight members. The church edifice was erected at a cost of \$5,000, including furniture, and dedicated October 3, 1869. The lot is ninety feet front by one hundred and twenty-five feet deep, and cost \$5,000. Number of members, at present, ninety.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A.M. and half past seven o'clock P.M. in winter, and forty-five minutes past seven o'clock P.M. in summer. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday at half past seven o'clock P.M. in winter, and forty-five minutes past seven o'clock P.M. in summer.

A Sabbath School, with an average attendance of one hundred and sixty, and a library of about six hundred volumes, are connected with the church. The school meets immediately after morning service.

**Officers.**—C. V. Grey and P. D. Code, Deacons; E. P. Buckley, E. T. Seagrave, John Bergstrom, F. Kennedy, and T. H. Zeigenfuss, Trustees; E. T. Seagrave, Treasurer; C. V. Grey, Secretary. Sunday School: C. V. Grey, Superintendent and Treasurer.

### Baptist Mission Chapel.

Location, Eleventh Avenue, between F and G streets, South San Francisco. Rev. GEORGE E. DAVIS, Missionary; residence, corner of Ninth Avenue and H Street. The house of worship is neat and convenient. One preaching service is held every Sabbath, in connection with which is a good Sunday School. No church has yet been organized.

### Baptist Chinese Mission.

Location, 829 Washington Street; Rev. E. Z. SIMMONS of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in charge. One preaching service and Bible Class is held every Sabbath. Sabbath School at First Baptist Church at six o'clock P.M. The library, consisting of works in the English and Chinese languages, numbers five hundred volumes. Connected with this is a school for teaching the Chinese English every evening at seven o'clock, closing with religious exercises. All religious services in the Chinese language.

### CONGREGATIONAL

#### First Congregational Church.

Location, southeast corner of Post and Mason streets. Rev. A. L. STONE, D.D., Pastor; residence 617 Bush Street.

This church was organized July 29, 1849, when Thomas Douglas and Frederick S. Hawley were chosen Deacons, and inducted into office on the following Sunday by Rev. T. D. Hunt, assisted by Rev. A. Williams. The society met in the school house on the Plaza, until it was required for other purposes, when the members were deprived of a regular place of meeting for several months. As early as practicable, however, efforts were made for the erection of a suitable house of worship, which resulted in the building of a commodious frame structure, twenty-five by fifty feet, on the corner of Jackson and Virginia streets, which was dedicated to the worship of God February 10, 1850. Rev. T. D. Hunt was chosen Pastor, and installed June 26, 1850, who, in this connection, it is proper to state, was the first Protestant clergyman, located as such, in the State, having arrived in San Francisco as early as October 29, 1848, and was immediately invited by the citizens, in a meeting called for the purpose, to act as their chaplain for one year, commencing November 1, 1848, in which capacity he was laboring at the time of the organization of this church. The congregation increased so greatly as to require a larger house. Accordingly measures were adopted, in the summer of 1852, for the erection of the substantial brick edifice on the southwest corner of California and Dupont streets, which was dedicated on the tenth of July, 1853. The second pastor, Rev. E. S. Lacy, was installed July 6, 1856, and dismissed October 3, 1865. In the spring of 1870, the society deemed it essential to seek a different location and larger accommodations. Measures were taken which resulted in the erection of the present large and commodious house of worship. The dimensions are ninety-two feet frontage on Post Street by a depth of one hundred and thirty-five on Mason Street, and is ninety feet to the apex of the roof, which is steeply pitched. On the north-west angle is the grand tower and spire, rising to the height of two hundred and thirty feet, surmounted by a vane and weathercock in gilt. The style of architecture is the early English Gothic. The three principal entrances are on Post Street, with one in the tower fronting on Mason, and are all reached by broad flights of stone steps partly covered by deeply-recessed porches supported on brick piers and detached stone columns. The entrance doors are wide and made sliding, and are banded and ornamented with iron. Between the buttresses of the side walls are five large windows on each side of the church, having deeply molded and trained heads and iron terminals. These windows terminate with gables extending above the eaves of the building, and finished with iron terminals. The other gables throughout are finished with terminals, and those of the front and rear 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 room, 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 14, 1866.

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

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A.M.

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