

On the twenty-second 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 twenty-ninth of July wardens and vestrymen were elected, and on the sixth 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, 1852. On the twenty-seventh 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 5, 1852, greatly lamented by all his parishioners. He was succeeded by the Rev. C. B. Wyatt, who commenced his official duties Feb. 26, 1853. On Sunday, the twenty-ninth 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 ninth 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 twenty-second 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 Bird-sall, 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. He was succeeded by the Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, who officiated until July 1, 1873, when he resigned, and the Rev. G. D. Silliman took charge.

Services are held every Sunday at half past seven and eleven o'clock A.M., and at half past seven o'clock P.M. The Holy Communion at half past seven and eleven o'clock A.M. the first Sunday in the month, and on Holy Days at half past seven o'clock A.M. Sunday School at half past nine o'clock A.M.; Chinese Sunday School from two to four o'clock P.M.; Bible Class on Wednesdays at forty-five minutes past seven o'clock P.M. Services on Holy Days, Wednesdays and Fridays at eleven o'clock A.M.; on Saturdays at three o'clock P.M., with a short lecture preparatory to the early Holy Communion on Sunday at half past seven o'clock A.M. The Pastoral Aid Society meets every Friday after service.

Officers.—William F. Babcock, Senior Warden; L. H. Allen, Junior Warden; William T. Coleman, C. V. Gillespie, James T. Dean, Joseph Durbrow, Jr., Jacob Underhill, and C. V. S. Gibbs, Vestrymen; Jefferson Martinet, Treasurer.

Grace Church.

Location, southeast corner of California and Stockton streets. Rev. WILLIAM H. PLATT, Rector.

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 10, 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 30, 1849. This was the first Grace Church. It was sixty feet long by twenty feet 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 20, 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 29, 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 5, 1857, when F. C. Ewer was ordained, and on the next Sunday he preached his first sermon. On the fourteenth 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 15, 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, and was succeeded by the Rev. Charles G. Williamson, who officiated until June, 1873. The present Rector entered upon the discharge of his duties November, 1873.

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 28, 1862, and was consecrated on the third day of May, 1863. Cost over \$100,000.

Services are held every Sunday at eleven o'clock A.M. and half past seven o'clock P.M. Sunday School meets at half past nine o'clock A.M.

Officers.—J. W. Winans and C. H. Burton, Wardens; J. B. Haggin, H. B. Williams, Lloyd Tevis, C. H. Burton, C. I. Hutchinson, G. W. Gibbs, T. C. Lindenberger, G. E. Butler, J. W. Winans, J. Scott Wilson, H. F. Williams, and J. H. Bostwick, Vestrymen; George E. Butler, Secretary.

St. John's Church.

Location, northeast corner of Fifteenth and Valencia streets. Rev. ELIAS BIRDSALL, Rector; residence, 704 Dolores street, near Twentieth.

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 1, 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 three 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. James Palache, Sabbath School Superintendent.

Officers.—E. E. Eyre, Senior Warden; Charles E. Gibbs, Junior Warden and Treasurer; Henry C. Squire, Secretary; William R. Wheaton, E. E. Eyre, H. McPherson, Wheeler Martin, James Linforth, Robert Howe, J. D. P. Teller, William Welch, Charles E. Gibbs, Henry C. Squire, Thomas Menzies, and E. B. Perrin, Vestrymen.

Church of the Advent.

Location, south side of Howard Street, opposite New Montgomery. Rev. H. D. LATHROP, D.D., Rector; residence, 411 Ellis Street; Rev. Daniel Flack, Assistant Rector; residence, 1717 Eddy.

This parish was organized June, 1858. The present church building was completed and consecrated February 24, 1861. Services every Sunday at eleven o'clock A.M. and half past seven o'clock P.M., and on Wednesday at half past seven o'clock P.M. in the Sunday School Chapel; Sunday School at half past nine o'clock A.M.