

**Church Officers.**—J. A. Snook, Edmund Palache, James L. Fogg, and Simeon Hackley, Deacons; Edmund Palache, John E. Ager, James E. Ager, George Hazelton, and James F. Croset, Trustees.

### California Chinese Mission.

Incorporated March, 1876. The corporation has been formed for the purpose of conducting Christian missionary and educational operations among the Chinese and Japanese in California, and to encourage morals and Christianity among its members, to watch over, care for, and help one another.

Mission House and Central School, No. 5 Brenham Place; D. M. Bokee, Mrs. D. M. Bokee, and Fung Affoo, Teachers. Mission Street School, Mission Street, opposite Twelfth; S. Hackley and Wong Sam, Teachers. Bethany School, Bethany Chapel, Bartlett Street, near Twenty-fifth; Mrs. H. A. Sheldon, Teacher. Other mission schools at Petaluma, Santa Barbara, Oakland, Stockton, Sacramento, and Oroville.

The Congregational Association of Christian Chinese, organized in connection with this Mission, for mutual aid in the development of Christian character and in doing Christian work, has about one hundred and ten members. Fung Affoo, President; Wong Sam, Secretary.

**Officers.**—Rev. J. K. McLean, D.D., President; Rev. A. L. Stone, D.D., Rev. T. K. Noble, Rev. I. E. Daniell, D.D., Rev. S. H. Willey, D.D., Rev. J. W. Hough, Thomas C. Wedderson, and Samuel Cross, Vice-Presidents; Rev. William C. Pond, Secretary; Edmund Palache, Treasurer.

## EPISCOPAL.

### Trinity Church.

Location, northeast corner of Post and Powell streets. Rev. IIRAM V. BEERS, Rector; residence, 609 Sutter Street. Rev. C. N. Spalding and the Rev. E. B. Spalding, Assistants.

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. Flavel S. Mines and the Rev. Augustus Fitch, Presbyters of the Diocese of New York, on the eighth day of July, 1849.

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 being a native of China. In May, 1855, 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 Rev. Elias Bird-sail, 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, and continued to officiate till March, 1st, 1875. The Rev. Dr. Beers having in the mean time been elected Rector, entered upon his duties about the middle of March, 1875.

The ordinary services are Morning Prayer, at eleven o'clock, with Holy Communion on all Sundays and Holy-days. Evening Prayer at half-past seven o'clock every Sunday. Sermons after Morning and Evening Prayers every Sunday, and after Morning Prayers at the greater Festivals and on Thanksgiving Day. Sunday School at half-past nine o'clock, A.M., and Public Catechising at the same hour, the first Sunday in the month. Teachers' Meeting Monday at four o'clock, P.M. Ladies' Pastoral Aid Society after Morning Prayer, on Fridays at eleven o'clock, A.M. Industrial School at ten o'clock, A.M., every Saturday. Lenten Services as arranged by the Rector, from time to time. Chinese Sunday School at six o'clock, P.M.

**Church Officers.**—William F. Babcock, Senior Warden; L. H. Allen, Junior Warden; William T. Coleman, W. H. Hooper, James T. Dean, Dr. R. Murray, U. S. A., Daniel Randolph, and W. H. Boothie, Vestrymen; Jefferson Martinet, Treasurer.

### Grace Church.

Location, southeast corner of California and Stockton streets. Rev. WILLIAM H. PLATT, Rector; residence, 1407 Jones 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 10, 1849. A chapel was next built toward the close of 1849, at the corner of Powell and John 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 returned 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. Soon after he resigned, and went to Louisville, Ky., but at the urgent call of the vestry returned in the spring of 1874, and has since continued as Rector.

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.