

ber 31, 1866, with fifty-three members, to which additions have been made nearly every month, the number now being about one hundred. 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 prayer meetings are a special feature of interest. The Rev. Henry A. Sawtelle officiated as Pastor of this church from its organization until 1876, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Lyman Chase, who officiated until the Fall of 1878, being then followed by the present Pastor.

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 meeting for the study of the Sunday School lesson, at which the Pastor presides, is held on Friday evenings at half-past seven o'clock.

The Sabbath School is in a prosperous condition, and has a library of more than sixteen hundred volumes. It meets immediately after morning service.

Church Officers.—E. N. Stratton, G. M. Wood, and J. R. Bennett, Deacons; Jerome English, W. B. Ewer, J. R. Bennett, C. Meserve, A. W. Mower, H. A. Rosekrans and G. M. Wood, Trustees; George M. Wood, Treasurer; Miss Mary Knights, Clerk.

Fifth Baptist Church.

Location, Twenty-second street, between Howard and Capp. **Rev. C. W. Hewes,** Pastor; residence, 6 Liberty 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, eighty-five.

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 teachers and scholars, and a library of about six hundred volumes, are connected with the church. The school meets immediately after morning service.

Church Officers.—John L. Merguire and S. Hilton, Deacons; C. W. Tabor, P. D. Code, H. W. Sampson, S. Hilton and J. G. Levensaler, Trustees; J. G. Levensaler, 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 Sunday School. No church has yet been organized.

Baptist Chinese Mission.

Location, 740 Washington street; **Rev. J. B. Hartwell,** missionary. One preaching service and Bible Class is held every Sabbath. Sabbath School 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. He 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. The seating accommodations on ordinary occasions are for about seventeen hundred persons, but it 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 eleven hundred and fifty. The present membership is about five hundred and fifty.

Services are held every Sabbath at eleven o'clock A. M., and at half past seven o'clock P. M. between the first of September and first of May, and at forty-five minutes past seven o'clock P. M. during the other months of the year. Lecture every Wednesday at half past seven o'clock P. M.

The Sabbath School connected with the Church has a membership of about five hundred, scholars and teachers. It meets immediately after morning service. A valuable and instructive library of over fourteen hundred volumes is attached to the School.

Church Officers.—L. B. Benchley, Charles S. Eaton, Ira P. Rankin, George Harris, and A. Blaikie, Deacons; Dr. George H. Palmer, L. H. Clement, Byron Murray, Jr., J. J. Vasconcellos, and H. W. Severance, Standing Committee; Percival J. Keller, Clerk and Treasurer.

Officers of Society.—Ira P. Rankin, Moderator; George Harris, Secretary and Treasurer; W. N. Hawley, John Taylor, William F. Whittier, L. Story, L. L. Baker, and Henry L. Dodge, Trustees.

Plymouth Congregational Church.

Location, east side of Taylor street, between Geary and O'Farrell. **Rev. T. K. Noble,** Pastor; residence, 2200 Steiner street.

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 re-