

teachers and scholars, and a library of seven hundred and ninety-three volumes. Three hundred and ten Sunday School papers and magazines are distributed monthly. Meets at half-past nine o'clock A. M.

*Church Officers.*—M. T. Holcomb, W. J. Tucker, C. H. Bradley, M. S. Hurd, E. W. Playter, George Miller, James Stratton, W. W. Terry and William H. Rouse, Board of Stewards; C. H. Bradley, M. T. Holcomb, George Miller, John W. Carrick and James T. Stratton, Trustees.

#### **African Methodist Episcopal.**

Location, southeast corner of Market and Seventh streets. Rev. James Dorsey, Pastor; residence, rear of the church.

This church had its origin in 1862, when a small congregation was brought together through the exertions of Mr. Abram Gross, who preached to them for a time in a school house near the corner of Clay and Fifth streets. They afterwards worshiped for a few months at the residence of a member of the congregation, and then in the public school house at Brooklyn.

In 1863 they organized and purchased a lot and the small wooden edifice which they now occupy, for the sum of \$700. Mr. John Lane, a local preacher, then took charge and officiated about one year. Since his connection with the church ceased, several local preachers officiated successively until the spring of 1872, when the present pastor took charge.

The Sunday school connected with the church was organized in 1868. It has an attendance of about twenty teachers and scholars. Meets at one o'clock P. M. Superintendent, Rev. James Dorsey.

*Church Officers.*—Abram Gross, Isaac Flood and Prince Williams, Stewards; Abram Gross, Isaac Flood, Prince Williams, — Howard and Samuel Bowser, Trustees.

#### **First Presbyterian.**

Location, southeast corner of Broadway and Thirteenth streets. Rev. Daniel W. Poor, Pastor; residence, Telegraph Avenue near Locust street.

This church was organized in the spring of 1853, being the oldest of any denomination in Oakland. The first services were held in a cloth tent, and afterwards in the public school house under the pastoral charge of the Rev. S. B. Bell. He was succeeded by the Rev. E. B. Walsworth, who officiated until December, 1865, when the Rev. L. Hamilton was called to the pastorate, and continued in charge until February 24th, 1869. The present pastor entered upon the discharge of his duties August 17th, 1869. Number of communicants, June, 1872, one hundred and thirty.

The edifice now occupied by the congregation was erected in 1853, at a cost of \$15,000.

The Sunday school connected with the church was organized in 1853. It has an attendance of two hundred and twenty-five, teachers and scholars, and a library of seven hundred and fifty volumes. Meets at half-past nine o'clock A. M. Superintendent, W. H. Knight.