

CHURCHES.

First Baptist.

Location, southeast corner of Fourteenth and Brush streets. (Vacant), Pastor.

This church was organized in December, 1854, under the labors of Rev. E. J. Willis, missionary.

The first house of worship was dedicated December, 1854, and was the second Protestant house of worship completed in this city. It was located at the corner of Fifth and Jefferson streets, and cost with the land about \$2,000.

Mr. Willis' pastorate terminated in June, 1856. The church was without a Pastor for about a year. In May, 1857, Rev. Harvey Gilbert began to preach, and four months later, was settled as Pastor. He resigned in December, 1858, and was succeeded in April, 1859, by Rev. J. B. Saxton. In May, 1863, Mr. Saxton having left, Rev. John Francis became Pastor of the church. Soon thereafter the house of worship was removed to the corner of Ninth and Clay streets—a more eligible situation in view of the rapid growth of the city. This house, and the lot on which it was located, were sold, when the new edifice was erected to the Oakland Turn Verein.

Mr. Francis resigned in July, 1864, and was succeeded, in November of the same year, by Rev. A. L. Baker, a recent graduate from Rochester. Mr. Baker was compelled to resign in a few months on account of ill-health. In July, 1865, Rev. B. T. Martin was called to the pastorate, and continued Pastor for nearly six years. During Mr. Martin's pastorate, the present house of worship was erected, at a cost of about \$30,000, and was formally dedicated in March, 1869, the chapel in the rear having been occupied three months before, and used while the main building was being completed. The lot cost \$2,500.

In February, 1871, Mr. Martin resigned his position as Pastor, since which time the church has had supplies most of the time, until June, 1873, when the Rev. R. F. Parshall assumed the duties of Pastor, who continued until Oct., 1873, when he resigned.

Services every Sunday, at forty-five minutes past ten o'clock A.M., and half past seven o'clock P.M. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evenings. Covenant meeting, Wednesday evening before first Sabbath in each month.

The Sunday School connected with the church was organized in 1854. It has an attendance of over two hundred scholars, and a library of five hundred volumes. Meets at one o'clock P.M. Superintendent, A. W. Brodt. A Chinese Sunday School of one hundred pupils is connected with the church. Meets at six o'clock P.M. Superintendent, J. P. Cogswell.