ST. ANNE’S CHURCH.
(Episcopal.)

Is situated on Merrimac Street, between Anne and Kirk Streets, where an acre of land was set apart as a Church Lot, at the first foundation of the great Manufacturing Establishments in Lowell, in 1822. A Parish was organized February 26, 1824, a place of worship provided, and divine service was performed for the first time in what is now known as Lowell, on Sunday, March 7, 1824, by Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., its first and only Rector to the present day. Its first Wardens were Allan Pollock and Warren Colburn.

The building known as St. Anne’s Church, was commenced upon the Church Lot in April, 1824, completed and consecrated by Right Rev. Bishop Griswold, March 16, 1825. It was greatly enlarged and improved in 1845. The parsonage, also upon the Church Lot, was built in 1825, and taken possession of by Dr. Edson, March 21, 1826.


John O. Green, Clerk.
KIRK STREET CHURCH.

(Orthodox)

Church organized and Pastor installed, May 21, 1845. House dedicated December 17, 1846. Rev. Amos Blanchard, Pastor; Charles F. Battles, Clerk.

APPLETON STREET CHURCH.

(Orthodox.)

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

(ORTHODOX.)

Merrimac, above Worthen Street.

Organized 1826. House erected 1827. The Pastors have been Rev. Geo. C. Beckwith, from 1827 to 1829; Rev. Amos Blanchard, from 1829 to 1845; Rev. Willard Child, from 1845, the present Pastor. Wm. Davidson, Clerk.
THE JOHN ST. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Was organized May 9th, 1839, with about 200 members, mostly from the First Congregational Church, and the Appleton St. Church. Their Meeting-house was erected in 1839, at an expense of $20,000, and was dedicated in January, 1840. Rev. S. W. Hanks was ordained March 20, 1840, and dismissed February 3, 1853; on the same day Rev. E. B. Foster was installed over the John Street Church, and is its pastor at the present time. The church numbers about 400 members, and its Sabbath School reports over 300 persons in constant attendance, one half being under 15 years of age.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Church Street.

This house was erected in 1826, and dedicated November 15th of the same year. The structure has been remodelled and enlarged, and is now 84 feet long, and 58 feet wide, capable of seating about 1100 persons. The tower is furnished with a fine toned bell, and the choir with an organ. The house is finely located, on the corner of Church and George Streets, on a lot of land containing 10,300 square feet, given for the purpose by Mr. Thomas Hurd.

The church was constituted in 1826, and was publicly recognized February 8th of that year. The original number of members was 23; the present number is 840. There have been five pastors, viz:

John Cookson, installed Nov. 15, 1826; dismissed Aug. 5, 1827.
Enoch W. Freeman, installed June 4, 1828; died Sept. 1835.
Joseph Ballard, installed Dec. 25, 1837; dismissed Sept. 1, 1845.
Daniel C. Eddy, ordained Jan. 29, 1846, present Pastor.

This church has been the parent of several others which have sprung from it, and its existence runs parallel with nearly the whole history of the city, it being the second church organized, and its house of worship the second religious edifice erected.
WORTHEN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

This house was built in 1838. The audience room has 131 pews, exclusive of orchestra, and will seat about 800 persons.

The church was organized in 1831, and has had four pastors, viz.:

James Barnaby, recognized July 5, 1832; dismissed August 24, 1835.

Lemuel Porter, recognized Oct. 29, 1835; dismissed March 28, 1851.

J. W. Smith, ordained March 30, 1851; dismissed June 24, 1853.

D. D. Winn, ordained September 14, 1853.
THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH. John Street.

The Third Baptist Church in Lowell, was organized the first Sabbath in August, 1840. They worshipped in the City and Wentworth Halls, until they erected a neat brick house of worship on John Street, which will seat seven hundred persons. It was dedicated in February, 1846. The following persons have served as pastors: John G. Naylor, Ira Person, John Duncan, and Sereno Howe, who has been the pastor over five years. S. Abbott, Church Clerk.

FIRST FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH.

WORTHEN STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

CENTRAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH

Hurd Street:

This Church was erected in 1839, at an expense of $18,500. It is a spacious brick edifice, seating from twelve to thirteen hundred people.

Its first Board of Trustees consisted of seven men, viz.: Edward Winslow, Curtis Morse, Ferdinand Rodliff, John L. Trip, William North, Roswell Douglass and Nathan Sanborn.


Being in a pleasant and central part of the city, it is attended by a large congregation.

Rev. L. D. Barrows, Pastor.

CENTRAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(See view of Church on opposite page.)

Corner of Merrimac and Central Streets.

REV. WILLIAM S. STUDLEY, PASTOR.

This Society was organized in April, 1854. The original members of the Society came from the Worthen Street and St. Paul's M. E. Churches of this city.

The Trustees of the Society are—George L. Lovejoy, Thomas Duckles, Sanborn Moses, James M. Battles, Cyrus M. Battles, George T. Whitney, Stephen C. Maxfield.
The church worshipping in this house was organized in 1843 as the Second Wesleyan Church, and then worshipped in the brick house on Lowell Street. It was composed of persons who left the Methodist Episcopal Church, on account of its government and connection with slavery.

The First Wesleyan Church, then worshipping on Prescott Street, having since disbanded, and many of the members of it connected themselves with the Second Church, they together occupy this house, which originally stood on Chapel Hill, and was the first house built by the Methodists in the city.

The Pastors have been,—Rev. Mr. Field, Rev. Mr. May, and Rev. Wm. H. Brewster, the present pastor, (1854,) who has held that post since October, 1847, in addition to his having been pastor of a Methodist Episcopal Church in the city two years, and of the First Wesleyan Church one.

The house is pleasant and convenient, and has in it one of the finest toned organs in the city. The church numbers about 150 members.
The Chapel building was erected by the Hamilton and Appleton Corporations, to afford school rooms to the inhabitants of this section of the city on its first settlement. The second story has been occupied since August, 1844, by the Lowell Missionary Society, who established in it a worship, which should be freely open to all persons, which should be in no sense sectarian, which should seek to draw to itself the neglected, the erring, and the wandering young. In October of that year, the Rev. Horatio Wood was invited to become the Minister of the Chapel, with the designation of Minister at Large. It was to be his special duty to seek out and minister daily to the temporal and spiritual wants of the poor of the city. In 1846, the second and basement stories of the building began to be used for the intended operations of the ministry. The additional rooms are occupied for an office of business and consultation, a clothes room in which are collected and arranged every article of wear and comfort for distribution among the needy; a sewing school for children and adults, and an Adult Evening School, which last year numbered 450 scholars. The ministry carries on, aided by the city, two other free evening schools, in different parts of the city—in the aggregate having over 900 scholars. From $400 to $800 are given annually to the poor, in fuel, groceries, clothing, &c., &c. The charity is intelligent, inquiring, and systematic. Its plans of usefulness have been various and successful. The institution has been well sustained by the citizens generally, and the united manufacturing corporations of the city.
HIGH STREET CHURCH.

(orthodox.)

Organized in 1846. — — Pastor; Amos Merriam, Clerk; Leonard Worcester, Treasurer.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.
SECOND UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.
Market, corner Shattuck Street.

The House was dedicated November, 1838.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY.
(See view of Church on opposite page.)

Corner of Central and Green Streets.
Organized, July, 1827. Church erected on Chapel Street, 1828, and removed to its present location, 1837.
CHURCH OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY.

Merrimac Street.

This building, containing five stores in the first story, was erected in 1832, at a cost of $32,000.

The church is capable of holding about 900 persons; is neatly and tastefully finished inside; has an organ costing $1,800; a free Parish Library of about 3,000 volumes, mostly of standard works; and has, separated from it by the court, a vestry, costing $3,500, all of which are owned by the Society, without any incumbrance.

Rev. William Barry was the first Pastor for five years, ending 1836. Rev. Henry A. Miles, the second Pastor, from 1836 to 1853.

Lee Street Church.

(UNITARIAN.)

Lee Street.

The Second Unitarian Society was organized August 2, 1845, and a church constituted in connection with it, April 14, 1846. The places of worship for the Society were the Hall over the Lowell Savings Institution and Mechanics' Hall, till the erection of the very commodious church edifice on Lee Street. This was dedicated July 10, 1850. The Pastors of the Society have been:

Rev. M. A. H. Niles, from April 8, 1846, to July 17, 1847.

Rev. William Barry, from December 12, 1847, to April 18, 1853.

Rev. Augustus Woodbury, who was installed September 4, 1853, and is the present Pastor.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

(ROMAN CATHOLIC.)

Suffolk, near Lowell Street.


ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

(ROMAN CATHOLIC.)

Fenwick Street.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

(Roman Catholic.)

Gorham, corner Appleton Street.