

## ARMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

This church seems to be an outgrowth of Wheatfield, which was organized probably as early as 1786. Rev. George Hill, grandfather of Dr. Hill of Blairsville, preached for this congregation beginning April 1792. It is not certain whether it ever had a house of worship. The location of this congregation was in this county between Rogers' Mill and Armagh. Dr. Donaldson, in his history, says: "It was twelve miles distant from the pastor's residence. To reach it, he sometimes swam his horse across the river, preached and returned home in his wet clothes." For about twenty years after his pastorate there was no stated preaching, and the organization at Armagh was most probably only a reorganization of this, and occurred about 1820.

The preachers successively have been Rev. J. H. Kirkpatrick, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1826 to October, 1833; Rev. S. H. Terry, June, 1835, till October, 1840; Rev. S. Swan, May, 1846, till April, 1855; Rev. Ross Stevenson, April, 1857, till 1859 or 1860; Rev. O. H. Miller, January, 1861, till June, 1863; Rev. G. W. Shaffer, December 1867, till 1873; and Rev. D. L. Dickey.

We have no note of officers past and present. We learn that it has not sent out any one as a minister of the gospel during its existence, but its lack of wealth as compared with many others may have something to do with this. As a rule its young men have not been able to educate themselves for this office.