

SKETCH OF CRETE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION.

Crete congregation was organized as a mission station as nearly as can be ascertained about the year 1794 or 1795, by Rev. John Jamison, who came from some of the A. R. Presbyteries east of the Alleghenies. They obtained occasional supply from the A. R. Presbytery on Monongahela. Then they asked for and obtained supply from the Associate Presbytery of Chartiers. In the course of time the members united with other organizations in the vicinity, and *Crete*, as an organization, apparently ceased to exist.

The present congregation was a reorganization, upon a petition of a few members of the Associate church in the region, by committee of the Presbytery of Allegheny, in the month of May, 1854. The number of the reorganization was twenty-six. The greater part of these were from the congregations of Indiana of which Rev. D. Blair was pastor.

In the year 1856, Rev. Byron Porter became their pastor, in connection with Shelveta and Elderton. Mr. Porter resigned the charge of Crete in the spring of 1859.

They then united with the congregation of Jacksonville, and the Rev. M. H. Wilson became their pastor, April, 1859. This relation continued until the year 1862. They presented a call for Rev. M. S. Telford, and he became their pastor June 16, 1864.

The congregation was united with the congregation of Homer City, by a resolution of the Presbytery of Conemaugh held at Shelveta June 17, 1873.

The united charge presented calls to Presbytery for the pastoral services of Rev. Henry Q. Graham, which were accepted, and he became their pastor December 8, 1874.

The congregation was chartered soon after its reorganization of the congregation is as follows:

Pastor – Rev. Henry Q. Graham.

Session – John Davis, William Ray, John W. Henderson, Thomas Wiggins.

Trustees – John B. Lucas, William White, Robert Lowry, Thomas Carnahan, Robert H. Stewart.

Officers of Sabbath School – J. W. Henderson, Sup't, and a corps of eight teachers.

The annual meeting of the Congregation for the election of Trustees, &c., is on the First Monday in November, fixed by the charter.