

REV. HOMER J. SMITH, PASTOR M. E. CHURCH,

Was born in 1846, in Fayette county, and was a son of Rev. Wesley and Mary E. Smith, *nee* Ford. The former was in the active work of the M. E. Church, and at one time was in charge of the church at Blairsville.

Our subject came of clerical stock. His paternal grandfather was licensed to preach in Ireland by John Wesley, and his two sons Wesley and William, entered the ministry of the M. E. Church. These, with, Wesley's five brothers-in-law, were members of the Pittsburgh Conference at the same time. Two of Wesley's sons, Charles W. and Homer J. with several uncles and cousins are now members of the same body.

He was educated at Mount Union College, Ohio. After teaching in West Virginia one year, Fayette county, Pa., two years, and in the State of Delaware for two years, he became a member of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference at the session held in Johnstown in March, 1870. Since then he has served the following charges: Allegheny and Sewickley circuits, near Pittsburgh, one year each; Bridgeport, Pa., one year; Woodsfield, Monroe county, Ohio, three years; Irvin, Pa., two years, and is now closing his third year as pastor of the First M. E. Church of Indiana.

He was married in 1870, by Bishop Scott, to Miss Arcadia Lindale, of Wyoming, Delaware. They have five children, one of whom, Ralph Irwin, died in Indiana, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1878, and was buried in Oakland cemetery.