

HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

In 1818, when M. Blair's ministry began, Indiana was but a small village. There was then no church building of any kind in the place, and but two organized congregations of Christian people – the other being the Presbyterian congregation, of which Rev. John Reed was pastor. He settled here the same year as Mr. Blair. Both these congregations worshipped in the court house (a new court house then), which gave place but a few years since to the present frame fine structure. Mr. Blair preached here every third Sabbath and Mr. Reed every second Sabbath, so that their appointments frequently fell on the same day. This matter, so long as it was necessary, was amicably arranged by each of the ministers alternately giving way to the other on the conflicting days, and fixing his appointment elsewhere to suit.

The first house of worship of the U. P. congregation, and the first erected in this town, was built in 1826-7. It was a one-storied brick building on the same site which is now occupied. This house was replaced in 1851 by a two-storied building, the walls which still stand, though the building was entirely remodded in 1868, after the close of Father Blair's pastorate. The cost of the first building was probably under \$3,000. The cost of the second house in 1852, was about \$3,400.