

MARION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

This society was organized June 15, 1860, with fifty-four constituents, viz: William Anthony, M. D. and Jane his wife; Miss Maria G. Armor; Mary B. Brady; William Campbell and Rachel his wife; Samuel and Ann Brady; Hugh M., Mary B., and Miss Jane S. Cannon; Samuel and Jane Craig; James and Susan Hunter; Milton Lowman; William and Rebecca Midkirk; Elijah and Caroline Moore; James and Elizabeth McGinity; Mrs. Keziah and Misses Nancy and Sarah McClusky; David McClusky; Mary Park; Robert Park, Sr.; Miss Mary Park; William N. and Harriet Prothero; Eliza Rochester; William G. Stewart; Andrew J. and Mary J. Stumpf; John Sutor, Sr.; Mrs. Jane and Miss Agnes Sutor; Jane Thompson; Hiram and Ann Thomas; Miss Mary J. Thomas; James T. and Ellen Vanhorn; Mrs. Rebecca and Misses Harriet, Sophia and Rebecca M. Work; Hezekiah and Jane E. Wood; Robert and Margaret Wyncoop, most of whom were dismissed from Gilgal church, for this was an out-station, supplied for several years by the pastor of Gilgal, Rev. John Caruthers. Mrs. Mary Park had been for fifty-two years a member, and to her death, four years later, had in all those fifty-two years never missed a communion service. John Sutor, Sr., continued to occupy his seat, in old age, long after being afflicted with deafness.

At the organization, William G. Stewart, James Hunter and Elijah W. Moon were elected were elected trustees, and Robert Park, Sr., James T. Vanhorn, James S. Martin, William Anthony, M. D., and W. N. Prothero, elders.

The congregation worshiped in the town school house till about 1870. The church building was commenced in 1868 and finished in 1871, and an expense of \$6,000.

The Rev. John Carothers, who served the congregation prior to its organization, preaching in dwellings, barns and school houses, continued to preach part of his time till October, 1872; and since February, 1873 Rev. J. Logan Sample has devoted his full time to service for the congregation.

The membership has increased to one hundred and sixty, with an average attendance at Sabbath school of eighty pupils.

The present board of trustees consists of H. P. Lewis, L. A. Hollister and John P. Martin.

The present elders are Robert Park, sr., James T. Vanhorn, James S. Martin, Robert Thompson, jr., Wm. T. McCall and G. J. McHenry, M. D.