

THE PINE GROVE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

The Pine Grove church of the Wesleyan Methodist connection of America was organized near Gettysburg, by Rev. R. S. Ensign, in 1848.

The following names composed the first organization: Samuel Rank, Mary Ann Rank, George Rank, Jesse Thomas and Sarah Thomas. All of them are now dead but George Rank, who still lives to be a useful member of the church, which at the present time has about twenty-four members.

This congregation has a good substantial church building, in which they meet statedly for public worship. The house and lot on which it stands are valued at about \$1.500. There is also a good Sabbath school of about thirty scholars, of which George Rank is the superintendent.

In the organization of the Wesleyan Methodist churches of this county, Rev. R. S. Ensign, V. B. Jones, Benj. Longhead, Joseph Campbell and others participated, but since the Pine Grove circuit was organized, the following named ministers have succeeded each other on this circuit, from one to four or five years in their succession as follows: F. D. Houlett, Benj. Longhead, Joseph Campbell, William Austin, James Spear, Thomas Burrows, E. J. Hays, A. T. Wolf and Henry Westlake, now in his second year.