

PLUMVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH.

This church was organized October, 1849, as a Free Mission Baptist church, with eleven constituents, who had withdrawn from the Mahoning church. Persons of extreme views on the question of slavery, became dissatisfied with the close connection of the Northern with the Southern Baptists in carrying on the work of Foreign Missions, and in many quarters, strifes and divisions arose. Rev. W. B. Bingham, an active and zealous abolitionist, organized the church and ministered to it until February, 1855. He was succeeded by Revs. W. Shepard and J. Johnston.

In 1857, a council of neighboring churches was convened, and reorganized the church as a regular Baptist church. Rev. J. J. Shorthill was called to the pastorate, and continued to serve the church till September, 1868, and was succeeded by Rev. H. Jeffries.

In 1870, the great majority of the members, believing their location to be unfavorable to their growth, obtained letters of dismission, with a view to organize a church at Chambersville. Forty members were thus removed from Plumville, leaving but ten or twelve as the last named place. These still claim the name of the Plumville church, but can scarcely be regarded as a visible body.