

SALEM M. P. CHURCH.

This church was organized in A. D. 1839, by Rev. Thomas J. Addis, in the house of John Dunkel. The members of the organization were John Dunkel and his wife Susan and their daughters Keziah and Magdalene, Joseph Clifford and wife and perhaps several others. The location is in Green township, about three miles east of Pine Flats. In 1849 a hewed log church was built on Mr. Dunkel's land. It was lined and ceiled after the style of those days and is a comfortable house yet, and still in use (1879). They have been served by the following pastors: Thomas J. Addis, William McCullough, C. C. Chapman, G. A. Compton, h. Palmer, J. L. Turner, Martin Stewart, David Pershing (during whose term the church was erected), John I. Stillions, H. Lucas, N. Burgess, Alexander Marple, Anson kingsley, W. H. Phipps, William McSmith, J. B. Lucas, Alexander Patton, m. Lee, D. H. Davis, William Turner and S. F. Crowther, who served from September, 1872, to 1879, seven years. This church has had many members since its organization, yet so many of them were migratory, that by removals and deaths, it was always kept weak, both numerically and financially. During the last seven years the membership has increased fifty per cent on the records, the principal of whom are Thomas Patterson, Esq., Thomas Luckard and John C. Repine and their wives, all of whom are daughters of John and Susan Dunkel. They maintain a Sabbath school and all the interests of the church, hoping for a broader field of usefulness in the future. Rev. J. A. Gehrett succeeded pastor Crowther on September, 1879.