

THE SPRUCE CHURCH, PINE GROVE CIRCUIT,

Was organized by Rev. Joseph Campbell, about 1862, as a mission, and was afterwards connected with the circuit, under his labors.

The members of the first organization were Jacob Craig, Susannah Craig, Catharine Craig, Martha Craig, John Myers, Rosanna Myers, Hannah Myers, Catharine Bowers, Henry Bowers, Eliza Bowers, Rachel Fetterman, John Fisher and Eliza Fisher.

At the present time they number about thirty members. They have a plain little frame church to worship in, worth, including the lot, six or seven hundred dollars. An interesting Sabbath school numbering fifty-two scholars is connected with the congregation. David Sommerville is the superintendent.

There are some organizations in the south and west part of the county at one time, which by death and removals have become disorganized. For this reason their numbers are not reported.

If after reading this short sketch of the origin and present condition of the Wesleyan Methodist connection of Indiana county, the reader should be disposed to inquire why they had not prospered better, the answer is that while they have prospered in proportion to their numbers, as well as those around them, they have to contend with many disadvantages, such as secret societies, the Episcopacy, etc., at those have not to do who admit these things into the *Church*.

In conclusion, the Wesleyan Methodist connection have succeeded from a few ministers at the organization at Utica, N. Y., in 1843, to hundreds of ministers in twenty already organized annual conferences.