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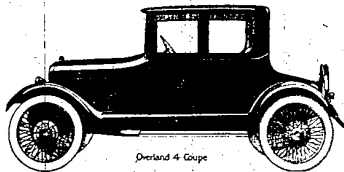
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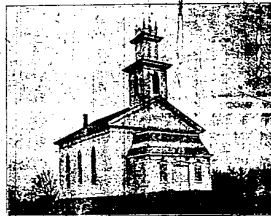
DEDICATION OF NEW M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY

History of Society in Farmington---Interesting Weeks Program

Ninety-three years ago the R. Haseall, W. Clark, F. W. Warren, (twice) W. C. Way, R. S. Pardington, W. Donnelly, D. A. Cutiss, S. Kitzmiller, J. A. McInwain, R. Bird, W. Hagerdane, J. G. Sparling, C. W. Deatrey, W. C. McInwain, F. D. Ling, J. Ballis (twice), (Here Mr. Warner's record ends.) H. F. Shier, C. L. Church, J. E. Allen, L. B. Dupuis, W. H. Lloyd, G. E. Sloan, Avery Brugh, S. A. Armstrong, J. M. Wilson, C. Collins, C. M. Merrill, J. E. Mealley, G. E. Gullen, Simon, J. Horner, G. S. Lee, E. R. Stevenson, J. S. Priestly and E. C. Benson.

The story of the first church building efforts is one of sacrifice and toil. The faith of the people was a sterling thing, it was the foundation of unceasing labor and high serviceableness. Through the interest and labors of the late P. Dean Warner a historical record is available and in it Mr. Warner has

The pastorate of the Rev. Sidney D. Eva began September 1919.



Old M. E. Church Destroyed by Fire Two Years Ago.

set forth the salient facts of the church's progress and history. The record is as follows:

A class was first formed in connection with the Methodist Episcopal church of Farmington in 1829, with the following members: John Thayer, Leander Walker, Lucetta Walker, Olive Mansfield, Seymour Newton, Maria Newton, Samuel R. Mead, William W. Mead, Fanny A. Mead, Caroline M. Mead, Phoebe Hiley, Matthew Van Amburgh, Isaac Valentine, Calvin Ray and Mr. and Mrs. John Gould. Mr. John Gould was the leader of the class. Meetings had been held previous to this time by the Rev. J. L. Baughman, which were not confined to any particular locality, the first of which was held at the house of Samuel Mansfield, which was located on the southwest corner of the N. E. 1/4 of section 27. Later school houses were utilized for religious meetings.

Among the immediate successors of the Rev. J. A. Baughman were the Revs. W. T. Snow, Arza Brown, Marcus Swift, Alvin Billings, Elijah H. Pilcher, James F. Davidson, John Kinnear, William Sprague, James Shaw and D. C. Jackson, who gathered his congregation on the Sabbath in Joel Bostwick's cooper shop, which stood at the top of the hill on the north side of the street about 100 feet northwest of the present site of the church. (On Shawassee street across the road from the house now occupied by Mr. Emory Hatten). Ten years later a church site was procured in the eastern part of the village, (corner of Warner and Shawassee streets) and on the 3rd and 4th days of July 1840, the frame of the present building was raised. Martin Spencer being the architect and builder. The building was not completed until four years afterwards. The dedicatory services were held in August 1844, and were conducted by the Rev. Henry Colasier, the presiding elder; the Rev. O. F. North being the pastor in charge at the time.

The church building was enlarged and greatly improved in 1878 while the Rev. Squire E. Warren (father of the Hon. Homer Warren) was pastor. The following ministers have served the church since 1840: McGreg King, Reynolds, North, Stanbau R. McConnel, B. S. Taylor, J. W. Star, C. Mosher, E. Steele, T. W. Lin, Staples, Goodell, W. Collins, Stalker, W. Dwell, R. C. C.

The new church which is expected to be ready for dedication on Sunday is one of the most interesting from the standpoint of architecture in the state. The early English type is in perfect keeping with the old churches built many centuries



Rev. Sidney D. Eva.

ago. Its lofty tower and low roof together with the Gothic windows create a structure of ecclesiastic beauty and richness. The architect, Butterfield & Butterfield, and the contractor, Everett Winter's Co., have produced a building which reflects great credit to their skill and workmanship.

From the standpoint of utility, the church is well adapted to a diversified program. The main auditorium will seat 325 persons. It is richly furnished with pews of silver grey and altar furniture to match. The Community Hall will seat 400 people. It has a stage of ample proportions and a balcony with seating capacity of fifty. A ladies parlour is on the second floor. A choir room and pastor's study are either side of the auditorium platform. In the basement are dining room, well equipped kitchen, toilet rooms, office, room, furnace room and storage space. The space in the building is well proportioned and wisely assigned to its proper use.

Coming to the space cut in the new church is not printed in this article, but of the front page instead.

Dedication of the church is a place on Sunday, with the program on Page 10.)

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