

short review of the introductory stages of Methodism in that place will be of interest to the reader as the development of the church life of the community was so largely contemporaneous with the settlement of the new family in the neighborhood.

Rev. J. M. Harrison was the first Methodist missionary on the ground. He remained a few months, but health failing him he withdrew, and was succeeded by the Rev. Chas. Mearing, who completed the Conference year. Afterwards the Rev. A. B. Hames, Ph.B., being invited, was appointed by the Conference to take charge of the work, and was the stationed minister at Meadow Lea when the Taylors arrived. Upon his arrival he found neither parsonage nor preaching-place. Up to this period the preaching had been done in houses. He at once called a meeting of the Trustee Board, who met in the house of Mr. D. H. Scott, and to which was submitted plans for future work. It was there and then decided to build a parsonage and church. The next day two of the trustees were dispatched to Winnipeg with teams to bring two loads of lumber with which to build a prairie shack. Before the week ended Mr. Hames, with the assistance of David Wright and Josiah Scott, had a shack twelve