

Early Methodism in Deseronto.

WESLEYAN METHODISM.

In the early sixties ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, from Shannonville circuit, commenced preaching in Deseronto. When the Union Church, now called Union Hall, was built, the Methodists, Presbyterians and Anglicans held services in it in turns. Some of the ministers who supplied Deseronto were the Rev. Messrs. Might, Duxsee, Kilgour, Robinson and Ash; and the Bakers, Fergusons, Aylesworths, Richardsons, Bowens and Bradshaws, were among the leading families associated with the church and congregation.

EPISCOPAL METHODISM.

was introduced into Deseronto from Selby Circuit by the Rev. Mr. Barnett. The services were first held in the School House, now occupied by Mr. Meagher's meat shop, and later in a hall over Mr. L. Werden's store. In 1876 Messrs. Hall and Wigger, evangelists, held a series of evangelistic services in a temporary building, called a Tabernacle, erected on the corner where now stands Captain Barnhart's house. One of the results of this very successful meeting was the building of the present Methodist Church in the year 1877. Some of the ministers were the Rev. Messrs. Barnett (already named), Cornell, Burgess, Shorts (pastor when the church was built), Williams, Wilson and Mallory, who was pastor at the union of 1884. Some of the families associated with the church were the Walkers, Sniders, Wartmans, Conleys, Scrimshaws, Olivers, Barnharts, Browns, Rogers, Harbands and Rusks and Sagers. In 1884 the four Methodist bodies in Canada united, and formed what is now known as 'The Methodist Church.'