

History of Dwight

FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENT UP TO DATE.

Interesting Information Derived from Old Residents.

NOTE.—This history, after being published in the STAR AND HERALD will be arranged in book form and illustrated with views of the principal features of Dwight and portraits of many of our citizens. As the type must be used continually, all orders for the book must be received by us very soon. The book will probably contain about 120 pages, neatly bound, and the price will be but 50 cents, single copies. Leave orders at this office.—Editor.

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The Presbyterian Church society was organized in Dwight in 1856, the next year after the Methodist. The original members were three males and five females, and their first place of worship was the school house, in which they continued to hold their meetings until the next year, when the church now occupied by the Danish Methodists was erected, on lots donated by James C. Spencer and R. P. Morgan. This was the first church built in Dwight, and cost originally \$2,620. The pulpit was filled by various ministers irregularly, until 1869, when Rev. L. F. Walker was called to the charge. In the Fall of 1871, he was succeeded by Rev. W. L. Loyd, who filled the pulpit until 1873. The Elders of the church were Hugh Thompson, Robert Thompson, James George, James Paul and John C. George. The property was sold by the association through S. T. K. Erme, about two years ago to the Danish Methodist society. Rev. Wilhelmson is the pastor and the organization is in a flourishing condition.

The next society organized was the Congregational, December 1, 1855, the first sermon was preached in this faith, by Rev. J. A. Montgomery, a student from the Congregational Seminary of Chicago. Their meetings were held in "Gerson's Hall." On the 12th of January, 1866, a "council of delegates" from the neighboring churches was convened, and invited to give advice regarding the permanent organization of a church, and eleven persons identified themselves with the congregation. In 1867, an effort was made to build a church, the lots procured, and the building commenced. In January, 1868, their present elegant church was dedicated, free from debt. The total cost of the building, grounds, etc., was \$5,425. Rev. J. A. Montgomery was pastor from the first organization of the church until 1873, when he accepted a call to Morris, and the pulpit was afterwards filled by Rev. W. C. Rogers and several others, with about one hundred and fifty members. It has a flourishing Sabbath school, with an attendance of about one hundred and fifty, of which Miss Florence Thompson is superintendent. The present pastor is Rev. E. F. Wright, who is accomplishing excellent work in this community.

The Baptists made the next effort, but have not, from some cause or other, flourished as some of the other denominations have done.

The German Lutheran Church was built in 1867, and cost \$1,400; has about fifty members, and a flourishing Sunday school. Rev. Mr. Scheitweig, of Cauga, was the pastor for a time.

The German Evangelical Association, or Albright Methodists, have a handsome little frame church edifice, 22x30 feet, with a cost about \$1,500. The minister is Rev. Geo. Schwartz, and the society has a good membership. A Sunday school, with an attendance of about forty children, is carried on.

The Danish Lutherans have a pretty little frame church, built a few years ago, which has a large and flourishing membership. The pastor is Rev. Bekker.

There is also a Roman Catholic church in the village, with a membership of about fifty families. Their church is a neat and tasty little building, put up at a cost of about \$1,500. The present pastor is Father Moore.

In 1858 a circumstance occurred which materially affected the interests of the town. For a period of several weeks it was cut off from all mail matter and from all communication with the outside world, except by way of Morris. The cause of this is to be found in the famous quarrel which existed at that time between Governor Mattison under his lease of the Chicago & Mississippi Railroad, and Hamilton Spencer and the bondholders of the same road. The difficulty at first appeared to be a serious one, and all traffic was suspended during the time above indicated. The difficulty ended by the road passing into the hands of the bondholders, an event which largely conduced to the welfare and prosperity of Dwight.

THE WAR.

It is well known that politics and political sentiments have such an effect on the minds of men, as to cause many to lose sight of the nobler influences which actuate our being. And in this great country which boasts of such an

unrivaled tract of territory it is perfectly natural that the people should be distinguished by such names as Northerners and Southerners. But when we come to consider that a great difference existed between the two in thought, feeling, social law and commercial enterprise, it is not to be wondered at that the harmony of Union was roughly shattered in the way it was. Without entering into any lengthy discussion of this subject we may safely say that according to the old state of things, Union could never have been successfully maintained. But in the present aspect of affairs, with the new and grandest policy adopted, with the feeling of hearty sympathy which is rapidly gaining ground, we see a noble, a splendid future, not only for the South, but for the United States of America.

Although the difficulties existing between the Northern and Southern States had been ranking for years, and although it was evident to the far seeing politician that war must necessarily follow, yet when the storm burst upon us in all its fury, the North was comparatively unprepared for it.

But if we were not in such thorough readiness as we might have been, one thing is certain, we had men enough, and men of the right stamp, too, to fight the battles of "Union" and "Freedom." When it became known, therefore, that the South had rebelled, and that the government was in need of recruits, the men from northern cities, towns, villages and even farms laid down the implements of industry and took up the deadly weapons of war.

Contemplating that eventful period in our national history, the mind is filled with many ideas of a painful character. Now that the flush of victory and the bitterness of defeat have become things of the past, we may calmly and dispassionately consider one of the many phases of that terrible war.

One of the most awful thoughts in connection with the subject, is that the hand of brother was raised against brother, father against son, and neighbor against neighbor. As we remember that all the pleasant and beautiful feelings connected with happy social life were rudely dashed aside, and the tenderest and holiest ties that bind us together in brotherly love were fiercely broken, it brings before us a scene of fearful horror and profoundest woe.

But while we mourn over the awful character and natural consequences of the Rebellion, we have reason to be grateful for its happy and beneficent results. There can be no doubt that war was necessary under the circumstances, and there can be no doubt that it was necessary for this great country to purge itself of the cause of slavery, and show itself to the civilized world as the great, the glorious, the free Republic of United America.

At the very commencement of the war the town of Dwight took a lively interest in the national proceedings. Our town has always been Republican and loyal, and in the hour of the Government's need our citizens came boldly to the front at the call of duty.

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"You may fancy," said Miss Barton, "this delicate ground entered upon when the question of an international protective symbol was proposed. It must be one, first, that all could readily understand, a polyglot emblem for polyglot peoples; it must not be a religious token, for here were represented many and widely diverse religions; it must not favor any one nation more than another, for some of the nations whose delegates sat in this kindly council were even then in hostilities toward each other, and others would soon be. The question held so many qualifications that its answer seemed almost problematical.

Then the proposition was made that Switzerland, the little republic nestled among monarchies, (that had daringly asked all these crowned heads, whose example of rule she refused to follow, to come and sit within her borders—this brave little Switzerland deserved some special honor at the hands of her imperial guests. War for Switzerland, it was argued, was impossible; for her to fight meant extinction; and since her peace was permanent, her national colors would not be a call to battle for any people. But it was realized that the flag of the Swiss republic, for which Switzerland had fought for a thousand years, would never be shared with any cause; its distinctiveness was the pride of every Swiss patriot, and some modification must be offered. So, instead of the actual flag a white cross on a red field, the proposition was made to reverse the colors, using a red cross on a white field, and when this request and honor were offered Switzerland did not refuse it. And wherever flies the flag of one of the 14 powers which now sanction and endorse this international society of relief, there may go unmolested and protected whoever wears upon his left sleeve a white brassard on which is set a red Greek cross."

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