

heaven, showed where the heart was. Nearly two years passed before any move was made for the organization of any church. Mr. Abner Barlow, then a Methodist preacher, residing in Pleasant Prairie, was the first person who stately preached in what is now Kenosha. After him we had various calls from those who professed to preach the gospel. When different denominations came to be represented by their preachers, they met usually in the old log school house on Main street. Then there was much harmony. No church was constituted till January, 1837, when the Methodists formed a society. The Congregational church was organized in June, 1838, by Rev. Mr. Crawford; their first pastor was Rev. Mr. Nichols*. The Baptist church was constituted in September, 1838; Rev. Jason Lothrop was their first pastor, and held that relation about nine years, when illness compelled him to resign the charge. The Episcopal church was organized in 1840, by Rev. Mr. Hull; their first pastor was Rev. William Alanson. No other churches were formed within the period of which I write.

First settlers of Kenosha County.—G. H. Kimball, Hudson Bacon, John Bullen, Jr., S. Resigne, Jonathan Pierce, Gardner Wilson, Jason Lothrop, William Bullen, Nelson Lay, Alfred Foster, Waters Towsley, David Crossit, may be named as early settlers at Pike River, afterwards called Southport, and still later Kenosha. Many came into the place and remained till they could secure claims in the country back; these are not named in the above list.

Pleasant Prairie.—Horace Woodbridge and Jacob Miller were the first settlers in this town; the latter kept a tavern in a log house on the United States' road, where John Eastman, Esq., now resides. After them came Sylvester Pierce, Caleb Pierce, Robert Barnes; the first two moved into Hickory Grove, and the latter located on the United States' road, where Charles Morgan

*In Peet's History of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches in Wisconsin it is stated that the Kenosha church was organized June 25th, 1838, by Rev. Gilbert Crawford; and Rev. C. C. Caldwell was the first minister, from July, 1838 to July, 1839. L. C. D.