

An increasing interest is felt in S[unday] S[chool] instruction; the children the Spring & Summer past have been far more punctual than formerly. Between forty and fifty children belong to the S. S. besides a class of young and old people together who are taught at the same time in a bible class by the school Teacher.

Perhaps it will be interesting to your Soc. to have a brief history of this church given from the time of its formation to the present, together with a catalogue of all the names who have united with it.

This church was organised in New Stockbridge N. Y. July 24th 1818, and then consisted of eleven members, four males and seven females.

A small colony consisting of about 40 persons, was sent out to take possession of some lands which the tr[ibe] owned in common with the Delawares on White River in the state of Indiana. A few of this band were professors of religion and it was thought desirable by their Missionary the Rev. Mr [John] Sergeant, that they should be formed into a church; and accordingly were receiving the same articles of faith & covenant as the parent church had.

Thus organised and receiving instructions from and the blessing and prayers of their Rev^d Missionary and christian friends, they set out to go into the wilderness, a little feeble band having no one to go before and guide and instruct them.

On the way they were favored with two opportunities whilst passing thro Ohio of communing with other churches. But the sacrament was never administered to them, nor they did they have any preaching whilst they remained there which was a period of three or four years: still they met regularly on the Sab. & held public worship amongst themselves, and besides other appropriate exercises read the bible with Dr. Scotts Commentary. Whilst there three members of the church died. In 1822 they removed to Green Bay with the rest of the remaining Colony, but had no congregational or pres[byterian] preaching until 1827 when the Rev. Mr. [Jesse] Miner being sent out by the Am. Board on an exploring tour spent a few weeks with them. He collected the church together, inquired