

60TH. ANNIVERSARY - 1898

Vermontville, Feb. 28, 1898.

\*This being the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the church the event was observed on Sunday the 27th instant. Services were opened by the Pastor, Rev. F. J. Estabrook and interspersed with appropriate music by the Choir. After a few remarks by the Pastor, Prof. Edward P. Church, a son of one of the original members of the church, and who grew up from early childhood in this place, was called on for an address. He gave an account of the early settlement of the place and of the organization of the church of sixteen members. He gave some account of each one of them and of their sturdy character. Only one of them is living at the present time. He also spoke of the early educational interests of the place and commended the example of those hardy and self-sacrificing Pioneers to the present generation. After him, Dr. R. C. Kedzie, a member of this church for several years from 1852 was introduced. He spoke of a revival that occurred soon after he came here under the labors of Rev. Mr. Lord of Olivet. Also of so many from this place going to the war where he also was a Surgeon. Rev. W. B. Williams also made a few remarks. After a few remarks by one or two others, the meeting was closed by singing and the Benediction.

Asa Benedict, Clerk/ \*