

CHURCHES.

The first church organized in this township is the Crooked Creek Presbyterian, designated in the last township map, " Union Church," located between the second and fifth bends in Crooked Creek above its mouth—a little more than half way from the neck of the second to the fifth—on the road leading from the southern part of Manor township across that creek, at a ford therein to the mill formerly owned by Robert Walker (of A.), but now by Held & Kough. Just when it was organized is uncertain, but probably by the old Redstone Presbytery, prior to 1825. "I first visited the church of Crooked Creek," wrote the late Rev. Dr. Painter, "in the summer of 1834. The people had ceased to attend church among themselves, and though they had commenced, some years before, to erect a church,* they had not finished it. They had cut and hewed and put up logs for a large church, and had it under roof; the places for the doors were cut out, but the house never had a floor, or doors, or windows, and the wide places between the logs had never been closed. When I first saw it, I noticed some sheep reposing on the ground within the log enclosure; in fact, the building appeared to be the resort of all kinds of cattle that grazed through the woods; they had free ingress into it, and egress out of it." That edifice was made tenable, and for a few years Dr. Painter gave that church one-sixth of his time. It soon revived and began to prosper. It was stably supplied for a while by John Kerr, a licentiate of the Washington Presbytery, and since 1841 it has been under the pastoral charge of Revs. Levi M. Graves, William Colledge-, G. K. Scott, and Perin Baker, the present pastor. It was incorporated by the court of common pleas of this county, June 21, 1843, and the trustees named in the charter were James C. Kerr, William McKee, Hamilton Kelly, Andrew Jack, and Robert Walker (of A.), who were to continue until the election, on the first Monday of the then next June. Its present membership is 84; Sabbath-school scholars, 40. A neat, new frame edifice was erected, partly on the site of the second log house, in 1869, and is designated "Union Church." It is 45X40 feet, and neatly furnished.

**A log edifice, built by Alexander Walter, in 1820: another log edifice was built in 1840-1, about fifteen rods from the first one.*