

## A New Methodist Church.

About 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, a large number of people assembled on Pine street, at the site of the new church edifice of the African M. E. society, to take part in the corner-stone exercises. The edifice is to have a vestibule 6 by 24 feet, with main building 50 by 36, and class-room in the rear 22 by 29. It will be brick veneered. The corner-stone is two feet square.

The following clergymen were present at the exercises: Revs. J. H. Alexander, J. W. Clark, H. M. Joy of Lansing; Thos. Riley of Fleming, J. W. Bergdon of South Haven, J. Adams of Laporte, Ind., H. H. Hurlburt of Three Rivers, D. B. Clark of Kingbury, Ind., J. Simpson of Detroit, S. T. Clark of Portland, Van Buren county, and Geo. D. Roberts of Livingston county.

Prayer was offered by Rev. D. B. Clark.

Rev. J. Simpson of Detroit then stated the object of the gathering, and spoke of the responsibility which the building committee was about to assume. He urged the people to help bear the burden of the church about to be erected, which would cost from \$1,600 to \$2,000.

Next a hymn was sung by the congregation, followed by a responsive psalm and another hymn. This part of the exercises was followed by prayer and the taking up of a collection, and then the corner-stone was laid by George Pratt. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. M. Joy of the Central M. E. church, and the audience quietly departed. The collection on the grounds amounted to \$31.28. Services were held by the society in old representative hall on Sunday forenoon and evening.