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and Mr. Dyer in the spring in the spring of 1878. He took up a soldier's homestead three miles west of Ellsworth. At that time we found only four or five of the old communicants of the church left. They were Mrs. Tompkins, Sr., and her widowed daughter, Mrs. Osborn, a daughter of Judge Henry, Mr. Charles Sprigg and Mr. Frank Dyer, also Miss Minnie Howard, who was a music teacher, and whose family lived near Fort Harker. Afterwards, as Mrs. W.F. Tompkins, she was our talented musician and choir leader for many years.

Later we heard of many members of the Church of England, as well as of our own church, who were settled in various parts of the county, who if they could be reached would come to us. Distances were so great, and the means of travel over the rough roads so slow, that many drifted away from us.

Among the faithful ones were Mr. E.S. Root and family, Mrs. Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Donnell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson and family.

During the eighties we had services by several visiting clergymen among them Mrs. Alden's father, who, thru the courtest of the Presbyterians and Methodists, preached for us many times in these churches, on his several visits here. Bishop Vail died in 1878, and was succeeded by his assistant, Bishop Thomas, who made us his first visit in 1888. He prepared and confirmed a class in the old court which we used for sometime, as well as the Masonic Hall and new court house. The Bishop gave us the hope of a regular supply, if we could meet the expense. Our guild books show that we did. Mr. Lee of Manhattan was our first clergyman. Then Mr. Delong of Salina, Mr. Thomas Richey, Mr. Henry C. Atwater, Professor Jay, Reverend Roland Hill, who was a Congregationalist, but was studying for Holy Orders under our Bishop. We also had as lay readers, Mr. R. Evans, and a young Englishman, and Mr. Burdette, lawyer and friend of E. W. Wellington.