

Churches of Bandon.

In Bandon there are six church organizations, four of which own their buildings, and all have a good membership. The religious influence of these churches has done, and is doing much toward building up a moral and temperate community. It is said that Rev. Swafford had the honor of preaching the first Protestant sermon in Bandon. It was delivered in the open air on a romantic spot, at the western base of Tupper Rock. It was in the year '75 or '76. The first bell in Bandon is said to be the one in the Episcopal church, which was donated by Mrs. Sellwood.

A brief history of some of the Bandon churches is given below:

PRESBYTERIAN.

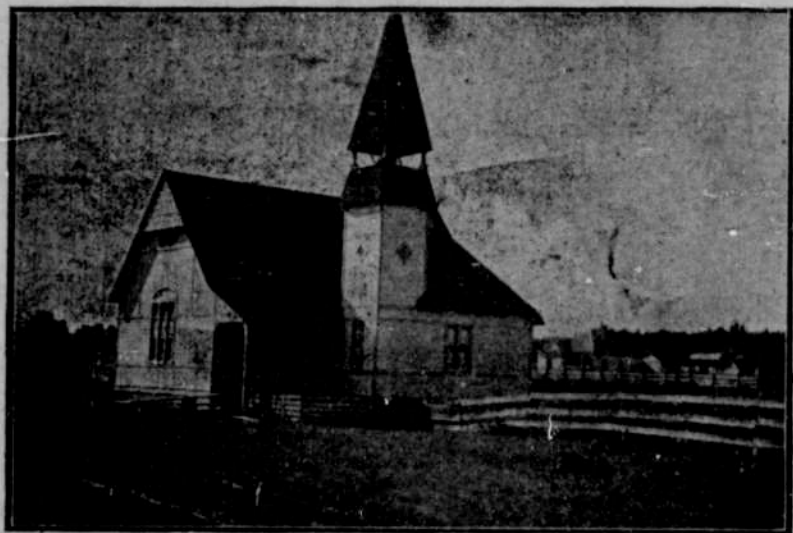
Nearly seventeen years ago—Feb. 6, 1891, the Presbyterian Church of Bandon was organized by the Rev. Eneas McLean. This was the beginning of Presbyterianism on the Coquille. At the time there were 6 charter members to enter into the organization, namely: Mr. Samuel D. Barrows, Mrs. Deette Barrows, Mrs. Catherine Charleson, Miss Jane

served by the following pastors, part of the time in connection with Myrtle Point, and the last few years being part of the Coquille and Bandon charge: Revs. Quimby, McCain, Buckner, Baldwin, Brink, Goodpastue, Bryan, Moore, Myers, Holcombe, Beatty, Browne, Ellis, and the present pastor, W. S. Gordon.

The church is now in a flourishing condition, with good Sunday School, and Junior and Senior Epworth League Chapters, and an energetic Ladies' Aid Society. There is no debt on the property.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, the oldest church organization in Bandon was dedicated about twenty-five years ago by Archbishop Segresh. The church property embraces about eight acres of land, located on a high bluff which commands one of the finest views in the town, and overlooking the entire water front and the Coquille River for miles, besides the Pacific Ocean as far as eye can see. When the property was purchased it was the intention to



Presbyterian Church, Bandon.

Charleson, Mrs. D. T. Barrows, and Mrs. Ella M. McLean. With those persons as a nucleus, the church has found a place for steady service and gradual growth. For awhile its membership included a contingent in Curry county, until a church was organized at Port Orford. Almost simultaneously with the beginning of the church, a Sunday School was organized with 14 pupils. This was followed before very long with a Young People's Society.

The church was incorporated May 27, 1891, as the First Presbyterian Church of Bandon. It was soon after this and yet within the ministry of Mr. McLean, that the present suitable building was begun and finished. Following Mr. McLean seven ministers have served the church: Revs. H. A. Mosser, A. Marcellus, W. C. Scott, Robt. Ennis, Geo. Gillespie, A. Haberly, and Geo. H. Roach. The church building was dedicated Jan. 31, 1904, free of debt. This paved the way materially for growth and greater efficiency. During the mission services of J. E. Snyder and Mr. Jeffries in May, 1905, the membership was doubled. Thus upon the foundation that has already been laid, the church seeks to build worthily, and to grow commensurately with the growth of the community about her.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

This Society was first organized in 1892, by the Rev. L. J. Jones, the Presiding Elder of the district. The Rev. Quimby was the first regular pastor stationed here. Services were first held in the Presbyterian Church, until 1892, when a church was erected. The charge has been

don. In 1884 Rev. Wm. Lund took charge and was succeeded in April, 1889 by the present rector, Rev. Wm. Horsfall, who held his services in Rosa's Hall and in a room of the building now occupied by the Bandon Drug Co. In 1893 the corner stone of the Episcopal Church was laid by Bishop Morris. The church, which was built by Wrenshall Bros., contractors, was opened for service in 1895, and was consecrated by the Bishop the same year, as the Church of St. John by the sea. Bishop Morris died in 1906, and was succeeded by Bishop Charles Scadding of Chicago.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST.

This church was organized in Bandon, Feb. 19, 1901, by W. L. Harris, acting under authority of Apostle G. T. Griffiths. He was assisted by Elder C. E. Crumley. The membership at that time was about 130, but since then the district has been divided into three branches, and the Bandon branch has a membership of 64. The Sunday School was organized in June, 1899. The Religion was started about four years ago, and meetings are held every Friday night. Church services are held every Sunday morning and evening. A new church edifice is being erected in the east part of town

which will soon be ready for occupancy.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

This church was organized August 25, 1907, by Rev. J. N. McConnell, State Evangelist, with a membership of 31. At present they meet every Lord's Day, at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., in Concrete Hall.

The First Day Adventists, M. E. Church South and Methodist Protestant have organizations, and hold services occasionally.

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