

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Will be observed Sunday and Monday, Sept. 16, 17. Fifty years ago, in 1873, the fifty or sixty families that comprised the Catholic parish in central and southern Cedar Lake twp., this county, had completed a labor of several years in building the fine stone church that still serves as a house of worship in that community. It was upon the suggestion of John Webb of that community that the new church was named St. Patrick. The settlers had built the edifice with arduous toil. Some of them still had ox-teams but no horses. Their work with the axe and the grub hoe in subduing the forests to tillage land was far from done. When they harvested the golden grain in the clearings, it was not the modern handy grain binder with bundle carrier delivering the sheaves for easy shocking that they had, but the reaper, after which men and women stopped to the hard toil of binding the sheaves by hand. Not all of them had the reaping machine, for some it was still the swing of the "cradle" in the grain fields.