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1. WHEN WAS OUR CHURCH
BEGUN?

I PRESUME THAT YOU WANT TO
KNOW ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH.
WELL, IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME
CORRECTLY IT WAS DURING THE
YEAR 1893. THE SAME YEAR THAT
THE C. E. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
WAS STARTED, INFACIT IT WAS THESE
TWO AGENCIES THAT CAUSED THE
CHURCH TO BE FORMED.

2. WHAT WAS THE COMMUNITY
LIKE AT THAT TIME?

THERE WAS NO COMMUNITY AT
THAT TIME. THERE WERE BUT 5
OR SIX HOUSES BETWEEN THE
SIGHT OF THE PRESENT CHURCH
AND PINE STREET AND THERE
WERE ON THE EAST SIDE OF
STEDMAN STREET WHICH IS THE
PRESENT NINETEENTH ST.

THE SIDEWALKS WERE TWO
BOARDS LAID LENGHTWISE WITH
A SPACE OF THE WIDTH OF ONE
BOARD BETWEEN WHICH OF COURSE
MADE IT VERY INTERESTING FOR THE
BOYS AND GIRLS WHO WERE SO
INTERESTED IN EACH OTHER THAT
NOBOY ELSE LIVED ON THE STREET
BUT THEM.

OF COURSE WALKING ON THIS KIND
OF SIDEWALK MADE IT VERY NECESSARY
THAT THE GENTLEMANN SHOULD USE
PARTICULAR CARE THAT THE
KADY DID NOT STEP DOWN BETWEEN
THE PLANKS. I HAVE KNOWN MANY
INCIDENTS WHERE IT SEEM QUITE
NECESSARY THAT THEY BOTH SHOULD
WALK ON THE ONE PLANK.

AT TIMES THERE SEEMED TO BE
NOTHING MUT MUD AND WATER IN
SIGHT AND THE BOYS VERY
OFTEN HAD TO WEAR THEIR
HIP RUBBER BOOTS, AND ALSO
BE SURE THAT THEIR ARM MUSCLE
WERE IN GOOD SHAPE, ESPECIALLY
WHEN THEY CAME TO AYN EXTRA
LARGE MUD PUDDLE, FOR YOU
SEE IT WOULD NEVER DO TO HAVE
THE YOUNG LADYX GET HER FEET
WET.

AT THAT TIME ALSO THERE WERE
BUT THREE HOUSES BETWEEN
STEDMAN STREET AND SUGAR
STREET ON PINE STREET.

WHY DID THE PEOPLE
ORGANIZE THE CHURCH?

WELL, THE CHURCH AS WELL AS
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THE C.E
WERE THE RESULTS OF THE WORK
DID BY OUR OLD AND NEVER
FORGOTTEN FRIEND MR E A
BUTLER.

MR BUTLER HAD A BIBLE CLASS OF
YOUNG PEOPLE WHO USED TO MEET
EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT THE
FIRST PRESBY CHURCH IN THEXXXXX
VILLAGE OF NIAGARA FALLS NY
AND AFTERWARDS AT THE
HALL KNOWN AS C M YOUNGS HALL
IN THE OLD FRONTIER BUILDING
THE PRESENT SIGHT OF BIER BRO:
AND M AMBERG'S STORES.

THERE WAS A C E SOCIETY
FORMED FROM SOME OF THE
YOUNG PEOPLE OF THIS CLASS XXX
AT THE FIRST CHURCH IN 1885
AND CONSEQUENTLY MR BUTLER
WAS DRIVEN OUT SO TO SPEAK.

HE CAME DOWN ON STEDMAN STREET
AND STARTED TO HOLD COTTAGE
PRAYER MEETINGS, MEETING FROM
HOME TO HOME, AND AGAIN THIS IS

WHERE THE BRAUNN OF THE YOUNG
MEN CAME IN HANDY AS THEY HAD
TO CARRY CHAIRS FROM HOME TO
HOME WHEREEVER THE MEETINGS
WERE BEING HELD.

IT WAS A COMMON SIGHT TO SEE
THE YOUNG MEN AND EVEN THE
YOUNG LADIES CARRY A CHAIR
UNDER EACH ARM DOWN STEDMAN
STREET TO ONE OF THE HOMES.
THE COTTAGE MEETINGS GREW AND
PROSPERED AND IT WAS DECIDED
TO FORM A SUNDAY SCHOOL.
THE FIRST CHURCH BECAME XXXXX
INTERESTED AND THE
SCHOELKOPF FAMILY WAS
PERSUADED TO GIVE THE FIRST
CHURCH A LOT IN THE
COMMUNITY WHICH THEY DID AND
THAT LOT IS NOW OCCUPIED BY
THE PIERCE AVENUE PRESBY CH
AND SUNDAY SCHOOL.

A MAN BY THE NAME OF ASHER
CUDDABACH BOUGHT UP MOST OF
THE LAND IN THIS COMMUNITY
AND THEN GOT SORE BECAUSE THE
PEOPLE DID NOT BUY LOTS FROM
HEREITAND USED HIS INFLUENCE
TO HAVE STEDMAN STREET CUT
OFF AT WHITNEY STREET OR LANE
AND THAT IS WHY THE PIERCE AVE
CHURCH IS NOT ON THE CORNER
OF 19TH ST AND PIERCE AVENUE.
WE SHOULD HAVE HAD A CORNER
LOT.

AS I SAID BEFORE. WE WERE A
MISSION OF THE FIRST CHURCH
AND THEY CARED FOR US FOR SOME
TIME.

SOME OF THE MEN SUCH AS
MR BUTLER, MR BRETT,
MR DUTCHER, MR LUNDY SR
MR WILSON MR CAIN MRS
BARLOW, MR SWAN MRS SWAN
AND A FEW OTHERS WHOM I DO
NOT RECALL AT THIS TIME,
GOT TOGETHER AND DECIDED
TO ORGANIZE A CHURCH, WHICH
THEY DID AND INCORPORATED
THE PRESENT PIERCE AVENUE
PRESBY CHURCH.

(TELL OF THE CAKE.)

THEY ~~WENT~~ MET
IN THE LITTLE
BRICK MISSION WHICH WAS BUILT
BY THE FIRST PRESBY CHURCH
AND OCCUPIED ABOUT 30 FEET
ON THE BACK OF THE PRESENT
LOT RUNNING PARALLEL WITH THE
PRESENT ALLEY BEING ABOUT 55
FEET LONG. THEY CALLED THE
REV GEO NICHOLLS AS THEIR 1ST
PASTOR, AND HAVE HAD ~~SIX~~
PASTORS SINCE.

WHEN THEY HAD GROWN SOME,
AND ELL WAS THROWN ON THE
NORTH SIDE OF THE LITTLE CHURCH
AND AFTERWARD A BALCONY WAS
BUILT IN THE BACK END OF THE

THE NEW ELL AND ENCLOSED
WITH SLIDING GLASS WINDOWS.

AGAIN THEY WERE CROWDED OUT
AND A NEW CHURCH AUDITORIUM
WAS ADDED ON THE FRONT OR
NORTH END OF LOT WHICH IS THE
PRESENT CHURCH. AND YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE PRESENT BUILDING IN
WHICH YOU NOW SIT AND TOOK THE
PLACE OF BOTH THE ORIGINAL
MISSION BUILDING AND THE
ADDITIONS.

I WANT TO TAKE YOU BACK
FOR JUST A MINUTE TO ~~XXXX~~
MR BUTLER'S BIBLE CLASS, AND
SAY ~~XXXX~~ AGAIN THAT THIS
CLASS WAS THE BASE UPON WHICH
THIS P A P C WAS FOUNDED.
THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
ATTENDED THAT CLASS LEARNED
MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE FROM
WEEK TO WEEK THAN THEY
LEARN NOWADAYS IN SIX MONTHS.
MR ~~XXX~~ BUTLER WAS NO PREACHER
BUT HE WAS A NO 1 BIBLE
STUDENT AND HE TAUGHT IT TOO.
WELL, AFTER THE CLASS ~~WAS~~
HAD RUN A WHILE, AND MORE
ESPECIALLY IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD
IT DEVELOPED SOMEWHAT INTO
A SORT OF MATRIMONIAL BUREAU
WHICH WAS SOMEWHAT NATURAL
AFTER ALL, FOR WHEN YOU GET
A CROWD OF YOUNG PEOPLE A
MEETING TOGETHER WEEK AFTER
WEEK AND ESPECIALLY THOSE
OF OPPOSITE SEXES, THERE IS
BOUND TO GROW UP A FEELING
OF FAMILIARITY WHICH AS A
RULE DEVELOPES ONTO SOME
THING STRONGER AND CAUSES
MEN AND WOMEN TO PICK OUT
CERTAIN ONES WHO ATTRACT
THEM IN A SPECIAL WAY.

LET ME GIVE YOU AN APT
ILLUSTRATION.

MR BUTLER HELD ONE OF HIS ~~MEETINGS~~
MEETING IN THE OLD ARMSTRONG
HOME ON THE PACKARD ROAD
OR AS WAS KNOWN IN THOSE DAYS X
THE OLD LIME KILN. I HAPPENED
TO ATTEND THAT MEETING AND IN
THE COURSE OF THE MEETING MR
BUTLER CALLED FOR TESTIMONIES.
A YOUNG ~~MAN~~ OVER ON THE OPPOSITE
SIDE OF THE BIG PARLOR IN WHICH
WE WERE MEETING AROSE AND GAVE
TESTIMONY TO THE SAVING GRACE
OF JESUS; THIS WAS THE FIRST
TIME I EVER LAID ~~EYES~~ ON
THE YOUNG WOMAN. I BECAME
ACQUAINTED WITH HER AND
AFTER FEELING THAT SHE COULD
PUT UP WITH MY TEMPER AND
ODDITIES FOR 4 YEARS BEFORE
MARRIAGE SHE DECIDED THAT SHE
COULD DO THE SAME AFTER SHE
MARRIED ME AND FOR 35 YEARS
ENDING ~~TOMORROW~~ THE 23RD ~~SHE~~ ^{March}
HAS DONE SO. SO IT IS WITH
A GOOD DEAL OF PRIDE THAT
I SAY THAT I GOT MY WIFE OUT
OF MR BUTLER'S BIBLE CLASS.
I COULD NAME YOU AT LEAST
A DOZEN OTHER COUPLES WHO
CAN MAKE THE SAME CLAIM.

NOW I JUST WANT TO SAY A WORD ABOUT THE MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED THIS CHURCH DURING THE PAST YEARS.

AS I SAID LAST SUNDAY.

MR GEO NICHOLLS WAS OUR FIRST PASTOR HE SERVED FROM JULY 1893 TO APRIL 1896 NEXT CAME THE REV J W ROSS WHO SERVED FROM JUNE 1896 TO OCT 1897. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY MR H D LELAND WHO SERVED FROM DEC 1897 TO APRIL 1898 AND HE IS THE MAN THAT GOT ME INTO TROUBLE FOR HE WAS THE MINISTER WHO HITCHED ME UP TO THIS WOMAN WHO HAS BOSSSED FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS. ALONG CAME MR EDWIN D HARDIN WHO HAD JUST COME OUR OF COLLEGE AND SERVED FROM OCT 1898 TO MAY 1903. NEXT IN LINE CAME O B PERSHING WHO SERVED FROM DEC 1903 TO FEB 1906. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY OUR GOOD FRIEND U S SCHAUL WHO CAME APRIL 1906 AND SERVED UNTIL 1917. HE WAS THE ONE WHO ENLARGED THE ELL WHICH WAS ADDED TO THE OLD CHAPEL BY BUILDING THE BALCONY IN THE REAR AND ENCLOSING IT WITH SLIDING GLASS WINDOWS.

IT WAS WHILE HE WAS HERE THAT THE NEW CHURCH AUDITORIUM WAS BUILT IN 1911.

HE WAS FOLLOWED BY OUR PRESENT PASTOR WHO CAME TO US IN DEC 1917. DURING HIS MINISTRY WE ADDED THE CHURCH ORGAN WHICH WAS DEDICATED IN 1921 AND THE BUTLER MEMORIAL HALL WAS ERECTED IN

I THINK I HAVE TOLD YOU OF EVRYTHING WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO YOU.

Found in The 1933 Trustee Minutes.

History of the Pierce Ave. Presbyterian Church.

In 1892 Steadman St., now 19th St. was opened and a few houses built. There being no walks or pavements, the residents were debarred from church privileges until Mr. E.A. Butler & Mr. Henry Crowell took hand in a series of house to house prayer meetings the first being held in the home of Mrs. M. Connell corner of Pine Ave. and Steadman St.

Afterwards on prayer meeting evenings, it was usual to see all the chairs of the neighborhood carried to the place of worship. It was soon decided to have a Sunday School and Church. The Sunday School was organized April 22, 1893 with 27 present with Mr. E.A. Butler Supt. The Pierce Ave. Presbyterian Church was formed by the Presbytery of Niagara September 19th, 1893 and incorporated according to the laws of New York State February 15th, 1894.

Its first building erected in 1893 was fifty feet long and thirty feet wide and was constructed of brick at a cost of \$2,500.00. It was placed on the rear of a 60 foot lot given by the Schoellkopf family and located about 1815 Pierce Ave.

The entire cost of the building was met by the First Presbyterian Church of this city. Such was the growth of the Sunday School that in the spring of 1904, eleven years after its formation, an addition of 35 feet square was added to the north side of the original building at a cost of \$4,000.00*** one thousand of which was donated by the board of Church Erection of our denomination, the remaining remaining being paid off by the congregation in 1906.

The members of the congregation and their friends assisted in many ways in their efforts to clear up the indebtedness and especially the Ladies Missionary Society.

In 1907 a balcony was placed in the rear of the church, or rather in other words, using a portion of the first or original building for the balcony, making a Primary Department for the Sunday School 50 by 30 feet at a cost of \$800.00.

In 1905 a parsonage was erected at 1889 Pierce Ave. at a cost of \$4,566.00

The Sunday School gradually kept increasing until a membership of over 900 was recorded and early in 1911 it was decided to proceed with the Erection of a larger building, large enough to accommodate future requirements. After very careful study of the matter it was decided to erect a building 58 by 60 feet with a seating capacity of 750 and at a cost of \$10,000.00. of which sum the congregation hoped to secure \$5,000.00 by subscriptions and gifts from themselves and friends in the city. The building was completed and turned over to the Trustees April 13th, 1913.

After a few years, it became very necessary to consider the matter of a pipe organ and finally in 1921 the long standing dream became a reality and the present pipe organ was installed. Very much credit for the realization of the dream should be given to the long and faithful efforts of the choir and their friends.

The increasing growth of the Sunday School and their demand for additional room and more convenient and serviceable quarters resulted in a call for a special Congregational meeting to be held Wednesday evening Feb. 20th, 1924 to consider the matter. After careful consideration a building committee was duly elected to consider the matter in detail and were further given authority to proceed with the erection of a building and equipping the same.

The following persons were elected to serve on the committee:

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| H.T. Myers | Chairman | Russell West |
| G. Max Hoak | Secretary | Robert Muir |
| George Curry | Treasurer | Clawson Johnson |
| Andrew C. Hoak | Fin. Secretary | A. J. Campbell |
| Geo. W. Hoak | Act Secretary | W.G. Best |
| | | E.H. Gray. |

The above organized and proceeded along the lines outlined by the congregation. An architect was secured and contracts were let for the erection of the present Butler Memorial building. Contractor was notified June 24th, 1925 that the site was ready to demolish the first original building and the

addition to same erected in 1904. The new Butler Memorial building was completed with the necessary equipment and turned over to the Board of Trustees April 3th, 1926.

Organizations Connected with the Church

Sunday School - organized April 22, 1893.

Y.P.S.C.E. organized October 1893

Jr. Y.P.S.C.E. Reorganized Nov. 21, 1896

Ladies Missionary Society Previous to Sept. 13, 1899 became

Ladies Missionary and Aid Society about Oct. 5, 1903

Girls Mission Band organized about June 22, 1899

Boys Brigade, in interest of the S.S. organized about May 29, 1904, Mr.

Wm. Coutts, Captain, Eugene Gray Lieut.

Boys Brigade changed to Boys Scouts in 1911

Ushers Association first organized Jan. 6, 1899, Reorganized and became

a very valuable and helpful organization Nov. 27, 1904.

Also various other organizations at various times.

Since the call of the first pastor to the Pierce Ave. Presbyterian Church we have had seven persons serve in that capacity

1st Rev. Geo. Nicholls

July 1893 - April 1896

2nd Rev. J.W. Ross

June 1896 - Oct. 1897

3rd Rev. H.D. Leland

Dec. 1897 - April 1898

4th Rev. E.D. Hardin

Oct. 1898 - May 1903

5th Rev. O.B. Pershing

Dec. 1903 - Feb. 1906

6th Rev. U.S. Schaul

April 1906 - Sept. 1917

7th Rev. W.C. Crofts

Dec. 1917 - 1939

The Presbyterian Church stands for Sovereignty and Fatherhood of God, for the Bible as the word of God and rule of Faith, for simplicity of worship for representative government, for righteousness, liberty, education, missions and in the hope of a near and brotherly unity of all the members of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our hopes and prayers should be that P.A. Church and its entire membership may be ever prove loyal and faithful to the work given us by our Lord and Saviour.

Presented by G.W. Hoak to the Congregation Sunday Aug. 21, 1932.

G.W. Hoak and wife united with P.A.P.C. June 26, 1898

G.W. Hoak elected elder Oct. 3, 1898

" elected clerk Dec. 17, 1899

" Resigned clerk Apr. 18, 1920

HISTORY OF PIERCE AVENUE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1893 -- 1968

Clawson C. Johnson

The essential part of any community is a place to worship so in 1892 E. A. Butler and Henry Crowell formed a group to have prayer meetings in the area homes. They took their own chairs with them. The venture was so successful, that they decided to have a Sunday School and Church. A Sunday School was organized and met April 22, 1893 with 27 present. Eugene A. Butler was chosen as Superintendent. Then on September 19 of the same year the Pierce Avenue Presbyterian Church was formed.

The first building erected at 1815 Pierce Ave. was 30' wide and 50' long. They intended their church to be on the corner of Stedman Rd. and Pierce Ave. (Stedman is now 19th St.), but finally the road did not come through to Pierce. This first building was erected at a cost of \$2500 on the rear of a lot 60' wide. It was donated by the Schoellkopf family.

In 1904 an addition of 35' square was added at a cost of \$4000. The board of Church erections donated \$1000. The remaining balance was paid off by the congregation in 1906. In 1907 a balcony was placed in the rear of the original building for the Primary Dept. of the Sunday School at a cost of \$800. A parsonage was erected in 1905 at 1889 Pierce Avenue at a cost of \$4500. The Sunday School kept increasing until a membership of 900 was recorded.

In 1911 it was decided to proceed with the erection of a larger building - 58' by 60' - with a seating capacity of 750 and a cost of \$10,000. This is our present sanctuary and was completed and ready for use April 13, 1913. In 1921 a pipe organ, much desired by the congregation, was purchased and installed.

In 1924 it was decided not to hold classes in the sanctuary if possible and so a building committee was duly elected. They then made plans to demolish the original building, at the rear of the lot and erect a Butler Memorial Building. This present building was completed and ready for use by April 8, 1926 at a cost of \$45,000.

Then in about 1935 the Church bought the house and lot on the west side of the building. This was rented for a few years then demolished and we now have a lawn next to our church.

Our first pastor was Rev. George Nichols, in 1893. He was later pastor in Dresden & Cato, N.Y. where he died about 1935. Including our present minister, Rev. Roger Purdy, we have had a total of 13. The Rev. W.C. Crofts served our church the longest time - 22 years.

Our Presbyterian Church stands for sovereignty and Fatherhood of God; for the Bible as the word of God and rule of faith; for simplicity of true worship; representative government, righteousness; liberty; education; missions and the hope of brotherly love of all members of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR THEN & NOW.
1885 ----- 1931.

THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THE
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR OF 1885

AND THAT OF 1931 SO FAR AS
THE PRINCIPLES OF C E ARE
CONCERNED. IT HAS THE SAME
MOTTO "FOR CHRIST AND THE
CHURCH" AND THE SAME AIM
"ONE IS YOUR MASTER EVEN
CHRIST AND ALL YE ARE
BRETHREN.", BUT THERE IS A
VAST DIFFERENCE IN THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE C E
THEN AND NOW.

New

WELL LET ME GIVE YOU A BRIEF
HISTORY OF THE LOCAL SOCIETY
AS WELL AS I CAN RECALL IT.

PREVIOUS TO THE YEAR 1885

A BUNCH OF YOUNG PEOPLE
FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN
THE VILLAGE OF NIAGARA FALLS
TOGETHER WITH SOME FROM
10TH STREET PINE AVENUE

29th + 30th st
STEADMAN STREET WHICH IS NOW
19TH STREET CLEVELAND
AVE - NUE AND NIAGARA AVE
AND 16TH AND 18TH STREETS
OF THE VILLAGE OF SUSP BRIDGE
USED TO CONGREGATE IN A BIBLE

CLASS EACH THURSDAY EVENING
AT THE FIRST PRESBY CHURCH
AND AFTERWARD ON A HALL
IN THE OLD FRONTIER MART WHICH
IS NOW OCCUPIED BY THE
~~NANXABXABOX~~ STORES OF
BIER BROS AND MAM AMBERG,
THE LEADER WAS THAT WELL
BELOVED MAN AFTER WHOM THE
BUILDING WE ARE NOW SITTING IN
~~IS~~ ^{IS} NAMED E. A. BUTLER AND
THE CLASS WAS KNOWN ALL
OVER THE TERRITORY NOW KNOWN
AS THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS
AS THE BUTLER BIBLE CLASS.

SOME OF YOU KN HAVING KNOWN
MR BUTLER WILL REALIZE THAT
THE MEMBERS OF THAT CLASS WERE
STUDYING THE BIBLE AND
GROWING IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE
IN THE YEAR 1885 IN THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER QUITE A
FEW MEMBERS OF THE CLASS
ORGANIZED A C E SOCIETY
IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND I WAS
A CHARTER MEMBER OF THAT
SOCIETY. OF COURSE THIS
SOMEWHAT UPSET MR BUTLERS
PLANS AND SO HE TOOK THE
REMAINDER OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE
AND CAME OUT INTO THIS

TERRITORY AND BEGAN TO
HOLD MEETINGS AT THE DIFFERENT
HOMES. I HAVNT TIME TO
SWELL VERY MUCH ON THIS
ASPECT OF HIS MEETINGS BUT
I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT
ONE OF THE REQUISITES OF
THE YOUNG MEN WAS LONG
HIP RUBBER BOOTS AND THE
GIRLS OF COURSE WOULD HAVE
TO PROVIDE THEMSELVES WITH THE
THE BEST KIND OF RUBBERS,
AND I DARE SAY THAT MANY
TIMES THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF
A GOOD PAIR OF STRONG ARMS
BELONGING TO THE LONG HIP
BOOTS.

IT WAS ALSO NECESSARY FOR THE
YOUNG MEN TO HAVE BROWN
ENOUGH TO CARRY TWO OR THREE
OF THE COMMON WOOD BOTTOM
CHAIRS FOR WE HAD TO LUG
CHAIRS FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE
WHERE WE HELD THE MEETING.

THE OUTCOME OF THE COTTAGE
PRAYER MEETINGS INAGURATED
BY MR BUTLERS BIBLE CLASS
WAS THE FORMING OF A
SUNDAY SCHOOL, WHICH WAS
ORGANIZED AND KNOWN AS THE
PIERCE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN
SUNDAY SCHOOL, WHICH IN TURN
IN OCTOBER 1893 WAS THE
CAUSE FOR THE FORMING OF A
C E SOCIETY KNOWN AS THE
PIERCE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN C E
THE OUTCOME OF THESE UNITED
EFFORTS WAS THE PRESENT
P A P CHURCH.

IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF C E
"LOYALTY" WAS AN OUTSTANDING
QUALITY OF THE C E.
LOYALTY TO THE LOCAL
SOCIETY, LOCAL CHURCH AND
ITS MEETINGS. THE C E
WAS THE SOCIAL ~~COMM~~ CENTER
OF THE CHURCH WITH WHICH IT
WAS CONNECTED.
IT WAS THE CENTRAL MEETING
PLACE OF ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE
OF THAT COMMUNITY SO TO
SPEAK. IN FACT YOU MIGHT
SAY THAT IT WAS THE CHURCH
ITSELF. NOW THIS SOUNDS AS
IF I WAS KNOCKING THE
YOUNG PEOPLE OF TODAY.

WELL, IF THE COAT FITS
PUT IT ON. THERE IS SOME
PLAUSIBLE EXCUSE FOR SOME
OF THE YOUNG PEOPLES
REMISSNESS TODAY, PERHAPS;
FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THAT
DAY DID NOT HAVE MOVIES
OR AUTOMOBILES AND SUCH
TO DETRACT THEM FROM THEIR
LOYALTY TO THE C E AND
CHURCH. FOR ALL OF THEIR
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS
ETC HINGED AROUND THE
C E AND THE CHURCH.

Illustrate Loyalty

Blaise

ANOTHER NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE
IN THE CE'S OF THAT DAY AND THE
THIS, IS THE ABSENCE OF
BIBLES IN THE HANDS OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE CE OF TODAY.
IN THOSE DAYS THE MEMBERS WERE
GIVEN A TOPIC CARD AND
THEY LOOKED UP THE REFERENCE
AT HOME AND BROUGHT THEIR
BIBLES WITH THEM TO C E
MEETING AND READ THEIR
FINDINGS ON THE TOPIC FROM
THEIR BIBLES. TODAY YOU
TRAVELLING ALONG ON CRUTCHES,
OR PROPS AS I CALL THEM
FURNISHED BY YOUR LEADERS
AND YOU DO NOT EVEN KNOW

WHAT THE TOPIC IS.

Solden Park - CE Hall
ANOTHER DIFFERENCE IS IN YOUR
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY
THINK YOU HAVE WONDERFUL
TIMES AMONGST YOURSELVES NOW,
BUT I JUST WISH IT WERE
POSSIBLE TO TRANSPLANT YOU
BACK FOR FORTY YEARS AND
INTO ONE OF THE SOCIAL
GATHERINGS THEN YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE
USED TO HAVE THEN.

YOU WOULD LAUGH AND SCORN
AND TURN UP YOUR NOSES IF
I COULD JUST TAKE YOU INTO
ONE OF THE BOX SOCIALS,
PINK TEAS, AUCTION SALES,

Illustrate

TIE AND APRON SOCIALS WHICH
OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE USED TO
PUT ON.

WELL LAUGH ALL YOU PLEASE
WE HAD GENUINE FUN AND
WHOLESOME LAUGHTER AT THOSE
TIMES AND NECKING AND
PETTING PARTIES WERE UNKNOWN.
WE WERE ONE, UNITED, LOYAL
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR FAMILY
OUT FOR A GOOD TIME AND,
A GANG OR CLIQUE WERE
SCORNED.

Illustrate
WELL THAT IS ENOUGH FOR
THAT.

I JOINED THE PRESENT
P A P C E SOCIETY IN
OCTOBER 1893 AND THE VERY
NIGHT THAT I WAS ELECTED AN
MEMBER I WAS ALSO ELECTED
THEIR SECRETARY AN FOR
MANY YEARS I ENDEAVORED TO
INSTALL INTO THEIR HEARTS
AND LIVES, LOYALTY TO
CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH.

I THANK YOU FOR THIS
OPPORTUNITY OF GETTING THIS
OFF MY CHEST.