DESCRIPTION OF OLD CHURCH

Approximately in 1880 or 1881 the frame church was moved to the lot purchased in 1887 - the present location of the church, Park Avenue and Fourth Street. During the pastorate of the Rev. Charles Holmes, it was slightly enlarged and beautified. It is presented from the memory of one of the Committee*man* (The italicized letters may have been crossed out). The Church, as previously stated was moved to the present site. Park Street, as it was called then, was an unpaved street, fringed by wooden sidewalks, whose protruding nails and splinters, were a constant menace to the barefoot urchins; These were bordered with a generous growth of dog fennel and other weeds - the Street, when unfrozen, was often a mud hole in the winter, and early spring, contained two lanes, of rough and uncertain surface, drained by two deep open ditches -one each side of the street. The Church building resembled the typical rural school house, with little or no foundation except the supporting brick piers, it flattened itself upon the ground. Its exterior was usually painted white, but once it was coated with grey. Its interior was the usual type. A high, three steps pulpit stood in the center of the south end, approached by steps on either side, and fronted by by a one step platform surrounded by a rail. In this enclosure set a table, which served a desk for the Superintendent and Secretary of the Sunday School during the School hour. On the southwest gable wall was the flat-topped organ, finally surplanted by the chapel organ, now discarded and located in the present Baraca room. On the Southeast was the library - containing the collection of songbooks, Bibles and