

112. of the great war 1914-1918) to be opened before
9 o'clock in the morning & closed at six o'clock
in the evening. My own particular district ^{was} singularly free from much over-indul-
gence, altho. I can remember ~~it~~ once when
after a service held in the church, a preacher had
taken as his text "Be Sober Be vigilant" ~~and~~
made an onslaught on Moderate drinking. I heard
the remark made after service. "When we want
a man to preach temperance we'll send for him.
But times changed.

Our district was really a very religious
community, altho. according to the times, any
overstepping of the line of strict morality,
the poor unfortunate was almost looked upon
as an outcast. "But Charity suffereth long
and is kind" It was a Church going com-
munity, and I cannot recall more than
perhaps half a dozen of the residents who did
not attend Church on Sunday.

The Presbyterian Church ^{building} was the first erected
later the Wesleyan & then the Anglican as
previously mentioned

113. That really was a characteristic feature
of those early days, what ought be called
the mid Victorian age. There was little
or no past history, as far as the country or
communities were concerned. And what
we now call the "Old Pioneers" had come
from the old land England, Scotland &
Ireland, Home it was called, and they
brought the old ideas and amongst them
was a habit of Church going, and soon
practically every district had one or more
places of worship, and it must be said
(I think with truth) looking at the matter
from this later time, that there was a good
deal of bigotry and narrow mindedness
but I must also say that there was
also sincerity in their in their beliefs.
But there was always a good feeling manifested
at anniversary time, when all united at
the tea tables, those were days when there
were large families, and the congregations
filled the churches, and two of them
had to be enlarged. The same buildings