

church quite young and is buried in the Barbadoes Street Cemetery.

We had Penny Readings also.

In the 60's. R. W. Kohler, who had come from Australia with Cobb & Co's. coaches, and who was a native of California, took over what was known as "Taylor's Gardens", now the site of the West Christchurch School. Kohler erected a very fine dancing hall and he himself, perhaps the finest cornet player in the world, and his brother Jack, also a player, and Zingraef, the pianist, formed a band which has never been surpassed since.

Kohler, as well as being a cornet player (and it was he who taught the late Charles Coombs the cornet) was a genius as he could play any instrument and was a band in himself.

I remember the opening night of Kohler's Gardens. It was wonderfully supported and was a very great institution whilst it lasted. Ultimately the Kohlers drifted back again to San Francisco and the buildings were pulled down and the present West Christchurch School erected on the site.

Rowing was also very vigorously prosecuted. All the Rowing Clubs were formed in the 60's - Canterbury, Union, Black Eagle, Kaiapoi and Lyttelton Snowdrop.

Regattas were frequently