

The first school was started by and was under the control of the Wesleyan Church. The school was in the Church itself, and its site was near where Petersen's now is.

A larger Church was built later a little further north in High Street. The Presbyterians later started a school which my brother and I attended. This was opposite the Hospital and it served for some years.

Later, the school building was taken bodily to the present West Christchurch School site and was towed there on wheels by the boys themselves.

Christ's College had its infancy on a site in Lichfield Street opposite St. Michael's. It was then known as the Grammar School.

Of the people I naturally remember best those with whom I came in contact. My father had his Smithy at the Eastern side of his section, while his dwelling was on the Western side.

Material for his work was very difficult to obtain, and I remember him telling us of one incident which is illustrative of the difficulties those early settlers had to face.

He required a bar of iron of a particular size for an urgent job. It was in Lyttelton, but the roads were impassable for wheel traffic. He walked over via the Bridle Path, got his iron and