

50 of this rule. Several of the children had ^a long a distance to come, even as far as six miles but these rode on horses. There were two boys I particularly remember a George Wilson and also a John Kneeshaw. On going home one evening the rest of us boys hid behind a big bush & when these boys came riding up, we jumped out and frightened the horses. John ^{Kneeshaw} fell off ~~the~~ his horse, and immediately there was the threat of being reported the next morning. All that night, & next morning there was the dread of this report hanging over us, but, the next day passed off without any trouble and he volunteered the information that he remembered our rule of the road to make no complaints.

On one occasion this said John Kneeshaw did me a kindly turn, which I have never forgotten. It was when I was kept in school one dinner hour, to write about Joseph. He had Scripture lessons at that time. I had not long been given an exercise book to write composition in and to collect my knowledge & write what

51 knew, and put it on paper was not satisfactory so after being in school for some time and still finding nothing to record, John came inside, & told me what to put down, about his "Coat of many colours," and being sold by his brethren. It made quite a good showing. Later in life I have the impression that he became the Chairman of the Sydney Tramway Company, and carried a high salary. The first house along the road side as we came home from school was occupied by a Mr. Cunningham. Later on a very large house was erected a little further away, and a special roadway and drive was made.

At this time of the sod house, it was enclosed by gum trees, and a gorse fence. In this fence ~~or~~ hedge was a gap where a few of the plants had failed. Inside this fence was a garden, and grew gooseberries in profusion. At this time, they had one little girl Jenny & she also went to school with us. She intimated to the bigger boys about the gooseberries, & she was bribed some