

70 was of little importance at the time, but Oh those pictures! The ice fields and walrus and seals. And what a pleasure when we were taken to Christchurch to the Great Cooper and Bailey Menagerie and Circus. And there saw the elephants and lions, tigers and many other kinds of animals, and to see the performances of the various actors and acrobats, and most wonderful of all the ventriloquist.

I think that it was early in the year 1840 that ^{the} first Sunday school was opened. I cannot really recall anything outstanding about it, nor who was the first Superintendent; but I think that it must have been a Mr. Elman, who was in charge of the Public School. It was very soon after his coming to the district, and chiefly through his instrumentality, that the Methodist Church had been built. It was called the Wesleyan Chapel at the time, and the Church as a whole throughout New Zealand was known as the Wesleyan Church. Its adherents were called Wesleyans. The influence which he manifested

71 in the district remains even to the present time, and the Building is still in existence. Previous to this there were church services held in the Scotch Church as previously mentioned being used for school purposes. I can recollect a Mr. Stewart and also a Mr. McCleary conducting services, but there was no stationed minister in charge. I can also recollect going on the Sunday to services being held in private houses, one in particular at Mr. Moor's, & I think that there were also services held in our house. After the Wesleyan Chapel was opened a minister by the name of Mr. Keall, used to come occasionally, & it was under his charge or circuit of Springston that had the oversight. Well I remember his once coming to our place and staying the Saturday night with us after his visiting around amongst his people. At this time he was not married. There was not much accommodation in our house at the time, as there were so many of us. However he dined in