

116 hard times and long hours of heavy labour
militated against it, but there were ~~few~~
facilities granted for it - and buildings were
erected in most districts, and well ~~equipped~~
equipped with the best of general literature
~~and~~ by the government, & these libraries
were subsidised each year according to the
receipts from membership fees. ~~In~~ This
building in our district, was used for meetings,
in general, has been moved on several occasions,
& is still in existence.

Whilst I have mostly recorded my own
recollections, and as applied to my own
district, much would apply to other places
as well, particularly in general matters.
My connection with ~~was~~ severed from
New Zealand in 1890 and for about fifteen
years, I was a citizen of Australia, in both
Victoria and New S. Wales. Mostly the latter.
In summing up these reminiscences & general
observations there are a few things that might
be recorded as impressions of that early

117 period in general in comparison with the
present times. & In every phase of life there
have been wonderful changes, both in mode
of living, manners, and customs, also
We say now that we have reached a very
much higher state of civilization, because
so many different openings are available, we
have better houses, better transport, we have
the telephone, the automobile, the aeroplane
as our means of communication, we
have the radio, the wireless, and electricity.
In every thing there is speed. The scriptural
prophecy is true of our times. "The chariots
shall rage in the streets and the people rush
to and fro". By the pressing of a button we
can get to the other side of the world and know
what is transpiring. Our pioneers, had to wait
six months ^{or more} to get into communication with
those they had left behind when they came to this
strange land. Now we can send a message
in a few minutes. We call it civilization.
Yet in years gone by there have been great
wars. Our own country was engaged in war