

intention that Canterbury settlement should be really under the auspices of the Church of England, and I think it was in the year 1849 that the first four ships, bringing the colonists out arrived in Lyttelton Harbour. December 16<sup>th</sup> is the day still kept as the anniversary of the arrival of the first of the boats. "The Cross". It was not very long before matters were in operation for the erection of a Cathedral and also the appointment of a Bishop. But it is not to be understood that all who came out were members of the Church of England. And not all those who came out were of what might be called the "upper ten". There were those, from humbler spheres of life, who were necessary, to be as it were the "hewers of wood and drawers of water", the general ~~for~~ labourer and also those who went to take up the positions in domestic duties, and amongst this class were considerable numbers who belonged to that class of people, who in England went under the name of Nonconformists. In England the Church of England is the State Church, & the all the rest, were counted as dissenters. These included amongst others the Wesleyans, or the name given to those followers of John Wesley. Amongst these followers, however there were at least four distinct branches, Wesleyans (the parent)

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Church Branch, Primitive Methodists, Free Methodist & Bible Christian. It might be interesting to know that in N. Z. the Church of England is not the Established Church. And all branches of the Christian Church, have equal rights to worship according to their own free will. It was not long however after the first arrivals that there were some of those first ones who at home had been preachers of these other sections, and they started preaching here in cottages, and then there came the arrival of the earlier missionary from the N. Island particularly the Rev. Jas. Buller. But the early discovery of gold, in various parts of the country induced people to come into the country by the tens of thousands, and so the spread of all classes and creeds took place, and wherever there was "community of interest" in religious matters so there was the formation of different societies and the erection of Churches, and also the stationing of Ministers or preachers in charge. The first Church to be erected in Broxtside was under the jurisdiction of the Presbyterians. I am not quite sure just when it was erected but it must have been somewhere <sup>between</sup> about the year 1865 & 1867. It went by the name of the Scotch Church, and I can call to mind its being used as the day school & went there as a scholar