

out our own circuit. J. B. Edman, - Shepherd, P. Goldsmith. F. & A. Overton, Robt. & A. Stewart & my brother William & Jos. Rapley - Duayle & John Withell. As our family as a whole were linked up with this Church there were five out of six of us boys who at one time or another, occasionally took up this work.

I have this record as taken from Dr. Malley's History of Methodism as published in 1900. I cannot altogether vouch for its accuracy. The instance of the way in which the interests of the Church is promoted may be cited.

Years ago when immigrants were arriving in Christ Church, Mr. Ritchie invited the families at the Immigrants Barracks to go and hear the Rev. Jas. Butler in High St. Mr. & Mrs. Watson with their young children accepted the invitation, the result was that they became attached to the Church, settled in Brookside, four of their sons are now local preachers, & all the children are active workers in different parts of the Colony.

The land on which the Church is built was given by Mr. J. H. Brooks, and amongst the trustees were Mr. R. Moor, J. Brooks, Reuben Withell, W. Watson, D. Butterick. I am not certain of others, but amongst the number of members & adherents in addition, were Mr. Chas Withell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Scarp, Mr. R. Russell, M. F. Russell, Mr. A. Lear, Mr. R. Granger, Mr. George & Henry Frampton, Chas. Taylor, W. Belton,

W. Rapley, Mr. J. Dain, W. Page, W. Mawson, J. Banks, - Crowe,

Mr. Geo. Holland although being a member of the Baptist Church, was with their family regular attendants and he for many years, undertook preaching services with much acceptance.

As at that time no minister could stay in one circuit for more than three years, so was he allowed to marry until having served a probation of four years. Generally a probationer was appointed for the time being on the establishment. I forget the exact order in which our ministers were in charge, but after Mr. Harper I think there was P. H. Fairclough, W. Keall, Standage, Woker, J. G. Brooke, and J. A. Luxford. There was a Rev. Armitage appointed but he was only in charge for a few months, and was drowned in the wreck of the "Tararua" at ~~the~~ Waipapa Pt. near the Bluff, in 1881. He together with several other ministers were on a journey to a Conference in Melbourne. There was no such thing as the telephone at that time, and the vessel was on the rocks for over a day before any word got to where rescue could be sent. ~~Some~~ I am not sure now how many were saved, but the Captain was drowned in an attempt to swim to the shore. The rest of the passengers clung to the rigging, but ultimately they were washed overboard. I think that there were 149 perished. I mention this as an incident relative to our district. I distinctly remember his