

of the late Dr. Paton of the New Hebrides, great interest is being aroused especially among college men.

This year the New South Wales Assembly took a forward step in foreign mission work by appointing a foreign mission secretary. Rev. John G. Lawton, the new secretary, is a clean cut, strong looking man of deep spirituality, and his appointment in conjunction with the work of the devoted convener of foreign missions, Rev. R. J. McGowan, augurs well for the future. There is a good deal of excitement in Australia over the situation in the New Hebrides. This group has been governed jointly by France and England under what is called a condominium. It works badly and the missionaries are being constantly appealed to to straighten out tangles between the natives and the French. The result is strong hostility on the part of the French to the missionaries, and a serious crippling of that most interesting work.

I found everywhere a feeling of dread as to the future, because of the rise to world significance of the yellow races, and especially of the Japanese. Australians feel that it is somewhat of an anomaly that less than five million people should retain possession of their immeasurably rich and great continent, while teeming millions press over each other in Japan and China and India for a chance to live a life of decent opportunity, and yet they feel that to admit these people in large numbers would mean the death of their democracy and so they have adopted the policy of a white Australia. To maintain this they are building a navy and forcing every young man to undergo military discipline. There was a heated discussion on the question of compulsory training in the New South Wales Assembly which resulted in a vote in its favor. There is no doubt that so long as brute force is the final arbiter in international relations, Australia must be prepared to defend by force her right to keep a white Australia.

As a representative of the Church in Canada I was most heartily welcomed and asked to speak in each Assembly. The moderator in Sydney asked that the hearty greetings of the church in New South Wales should be conveyed to our Assembly, and in the Victorian Assembly, on motion of the venerable and honoured moderator of the Commonwealth Assembly, Prof. Rentoul, a standing vote of greeting was taken by the Assembly.

This double greeting reached Toronto in the heat of a great discussion and brought vividly home to all present our oneness with our brethren beneath the Southern Cross.