

"Undoubtedly the occasion was unique, and Levuka never forgot for a moment that her geographical position was unique also, in so far as she enjoyed the proud distinction of being allowed to start the wave of song which in its course would pass over in rotation all the British possessions on the face of the globe.

"The service lasted exactly 20 minutes, so when it was ended the inhabitants of Suva (the capital) had taken up the tale, to be followed by New Zealand, Howe Islands, Australian colonies, and so on to Vancouver according to meridian time."

The accompanying photograph was taken during the singing of the National Anthem, by Dr. Garner Jones. The weather during the proceedings was very gloomy and soon afterwards turned to a heavy downpour of rain.

From other sources we learn further that the entire service, as suggested in the Supreme President's circular, was faithfully carried out.

4.07—Suva, Fiji Islands—(4.00).—

"The afternoon service was the chief feature of the day, being timed to commence at 3.30 p.m., but by 3 o'clock the church was filled and all available space occupied. His Excellency the acting Governor and Lady Berkeley were present and also the members of the Town Board of Suva, while the navy was represented by the captain and officers and a company from H. M. S. *Mildura*. At 4 p.m. precisely the National Anthem was sung, while the hymns were all specially composed for the occasion."

Mr. Hamilton Hunter, the Fijian Secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute, kindly sends further particulars to the S.G.P., in which he says—"I am glad to report that

the Special Jubilee Service was a great success in this Colony. It was not merely confined to the English Church, but was heartily taken up by the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and Wesleyan Churches. Levuka, being a little further to the east, had the honor of starting 'the Wave of Song,' a few minutes later it was taken up in Suva and the Rewa, and so was passed on to the Australian colonies. On the Rewa River, a meeting was held at Nausori, the headquarters of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, and the National Anthem was sung with great heartiness. At 4 o'clock. In Suva special services were held in the churches, and the National Anthem sung on the stroke of four. I have to thank you for having enabled us to set 'The Wave of Song' in motion, by your timely warning, and I can assure you, that though our numbers are small, and consequently the volume of sound was less than in the larger colonies, yet the loyalty and heartfelt rejoicing shown in Fiji to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the sixtieth anniversary of her reign, could not have been exceeded in any other part of the Empire."

4.26—Napier, New Zealand—(4.00)—

"The Jubilee services at the Cathedral yesterday will be remembered by the Napier people for many a long year, and it is questionable whether a more imposing ecclesiastical spectacle was ever witnessed in New Zealand. The Cathedral was crowded to excess, all the Friendly Societies of Napier being in attendance. The service only lasted 40 minutes, but was most inspiring, and the great volume of sound rising from so many male voices was its chief characteristic. The Dean delivered a powerful and stirring address upon Ephesians iv. 4—"One body and one

spirit.' The service was held in accordance with the request of the Canadian Benefit Society of the Sons of England."

Rev. De Berdt Howell, Dean of the Diocese of Waiapa and of Napier Cathedral, writes to Bro. Cumberland on June 24 thus: "As Dean of the Easternmost Cathedral in the British Empire, the Cathedral upon which the rays of the rising sun first fall, I have to report than in accordance with your wishes we commenced the great circle of anthem singing, as arranged for by the Sons of England, at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday last. The service was a very magnificent and enthusiastic one, our Cathedral, the largest yet erected in this country, being thronged with members of the various Friendly Societies of Napier City, and a mixed multitude of our people. As a Friendly Society man myself, I hereby convey my most hearty good wishes to you, Sir, and to the members of the great organization you represent, with every expression of fraternal regard."

5.50—Brisbane, Queensland—(3.50)—

"No language can more eloquently describe the spirit of loyalty which animates the Brisbane people than the enormous crowd which yesterday crammed the Exhibition to overflowing and filled up the doorways and grounds even to blocking the gateways. If personal presence at such a service is a test of a people's patriotism, then certainly the measure is full to overflowing here. The occasion was a united thanksgiving service organized by the combined city and suburban Anglican churches, and the gathering was distinctly representative. His excellency the Governor and party, members of both branches of the Legislature, the Chief Justice, the Mayors of North and South Brisbane, and most of the aldermen were present, and semi-public and commercial interests were represented by scores of prominent and influential gentlemen. The proceedings opened shortly after 3 o'clock with the soul-stirring hymn, 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' in which the immense congregation joined heartily. The service which followed included special prayers for the Queen. The National Anthem was sung by the whole people at a few minutes to 4 o'clock, and the sermon was preached by Ven. Archdeacon David."

5.50—R.M.S. Empress of China—(4.00)*

"There was a short service in the afternoon, and at 4 p.m. in lat. 41° 16' N. and long. 152° 39' E. we fired a royal salute of signal rockets. R. McIntosh, Commander."

6.20—Melborne, Victoria—(4.20)—

Writing from this city, June 21, Mr. B. Cowderoy, local secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute, who has been most active in promoting the scheme in Australia says:—"Both Cathedrals (Anglican and Roman Catholic) were crushingly full, as a military parade had been ordered and all our local forces were in attendance with their military bands. In the Exhibition building several thousands, after addresses by leading (Wesleyan) ministers and laymen, took up the National Anthem at our standard time (4.20). In the largest of the Congregational churches about 600 children had been gathered from their Sunday schools, and several hundred adults took part in the great service of praise, and there, as in several other churches of the same denomination, large congregations contributed to the grand chorus at 4.20. At the principal metropolitan church of the Presbyterians there was not standing room by half-past 3 o'clock, and they also sang the anthem at



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* This report was placed last month in error at the end of the chain, the position of the boat having been read 152° West instead of East.