

rest and esteem on the part of the mission committee at Melbourne. During our visit to Melbourne I preached for the following brethren. On Sabbath the 6th March for the Rev. A. M. Ramsay in the morning and the Rev. R. Hamilton in the evening. On the 13th for the Rev. G. Boyd, Essendon, and the Rev. H. Darling, Emerald Hill in the evening. At 3 o'clock I addressed the children of the Emerald Hill Sabbath Schools in the Rev. H. Darling's Church, and had a most attentive audience. The church was well filled, and the interest taken in missions seemed to be increasing. The late Mr. Gordon addressed them on his way to Anceitum, and obtained the means of supporting two native teachers. I believe that these schools have agreed to support a third now. It was delightful to see such a number of fine, intelligent, well-dressed children meeting on such an occasion, and conducting themselves with such propriety. The good order of these children was remarked by Captain Fraser on the day appointed for visiting the ship.

At Geelong, I preached for the Rev. J. McKenzie Fraser, on the 20th of March, and in the Baptist chapel in the evening of same day. Mr. Geddie preached for the Rev. A. M. Moore of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Mr. Moore was an old college as well as school companion, and we were very glad to meet again and talk over former scenes of olden times. I had the pleasure of recognising school and college companions both at Melbourne and Sydney. We had a most interesting meeting at Geelong, and the various brethren took a part in the proceedings. The Rev. J. McK. Fraser was in the chair, and after the missionaries had addressed the meeting, the Rev. A. Campbell and the Rev. J. Henderson spoke with great effect. The Rev. A. Campbell is an excellent speaker and much liked by his people. He is a very edifying preacher. He was well known in Scotland where he was a successful minister for many years.

On the following Sabbath I preached at Ballarat where gold has been found in greatest abundance, and where Mr. and Mrs. Kean were presented with a nugget valued at 100 guineas. In the morning I preached for the Rev. W. Henderson, and for the Rev. R. J. Walker in the evening. I also addressed the children of the various Sabbath schools in Ballarat in Mr. Walker's Church, and was gratified to see such a large attendance. The children listened with great interest to my account of missions in the New Hebrides, and regretted that they could not see the Dayspring conveniently.

In Sydney we were welcomed by brethren of various denominations. The Rev. A. Buzacott, Agent for the London Society, and J. H. Goodlet, Esq., came off first after reading of our arrival in the *Sydney Morning*

*Herald*. It was arranged that Mr. Gordon, Mrs. McCullagh and I should be the guests of Mr. Goodlet, while Mr. and Mrs. Morrison should go to the Rev. W. McIntyre's. The Rev. Dr. Steel whom I had the pleasure of knowing when in England, would have gladly entertained us, but he was from home when we arrived, and Mrs. Steel's health was not by any means favourable at the time. We spent half the time therefore at Mr. Goodlet's and the remainder at Mr. D. MacIntyre's, Kayuga House. In both houses we experienced the utmost kindness and considerate attention. Mr. and Mrs. Goodlet are well known for their benevolent acts and interest in many charitable institutions. Mr. Goodlet is a member of a committee for the benevolent Asylum, and the Sydney Female Refuge (for which Mrs. G. is Secretary) and Treasurer for the City Mission and the Mission Ship the *Dayspring*. Mr. and Mrs. Goodlet are also much interested in the successful working of the Ragged and Industrial Schools. We accompanied Mrs. G. and Mrs. D. McIntyre and daughters to witness an examination of the Ragged Schools. We found the room filled with a large and very respectable audience. The children presented a neat, clean, and intelligent appearance. We found two intelligent lads at Mr. Goodlet's, one from Mare and the other from Upolu, undergoing instruction both sacred and secular. One is learning the art of boat building, and the other is at a day-school. Mrs. Goodlet is at pains to impart sound scriptural knowledge and teach them to sing hymns. They are fine lads indeed. So is the boy at Mr. Buzacott's from Rarotonga I think—a very interesting boy indeed, mild, intelligent, and quick in his movements.

Sydney is a more homely place than Melbourne. All is life in Melbourne, and a stranger feels on his first visit there that he is among an enterprising, business-like people. It is a matter of wonder indeed when told that this city is only of thirty years' growth. Now it can compete in many respects with any first class city in England. Architectural taste is displayed in various parts of this city, giving quite an aristocratic air to the locality. Chalmers's Church in Melbourne is a fine large building, and in a very healthful situation with manse adjoining. The pastor is the Rev. Dr. Cairns with whom Mr. and Mrs. Morrison resided. Our missionary meeting was held in this church. Opposite the General Hospital in Swanston Street is John Knox's Church, a neat, substantial building, the pastor of which is the Rev. W. Miller, an old college companion of Professor MacKnight, and also acquainted with Professor King and Rev. W. Furlong. Mrs. McC. and I were Mr. Miller's guests in Melbourne. Opposite the Rev. Mr. Lietherington's Church in Collins