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THE CIRCLE OF SONG COMPLETED!

Opening Chorus in Levuka in the Fiji Islands.

AUSTRALIA PASSES IT ON.

Africa Takes Her Place in the Circle.

ONLY TWO HOURS IN THE PACIFIC TO ACCOUNT FOR—THE DRUM BEAT TRANSFORMED INTO A WAVE OF PRAYER AND PRAISE.

The circle is completed, and that which, at its inception, was thought by many to be impracticable, has become an accomplished fact. "The Sons of England Jubilee Service Round the World," when first mooted by our Supreme Grand President, was approved by everybody as a very charming sentiment, a capital idea, an excellent scheme—on paper; but who could hope to carry it through to anything like a successful issue? Such was the criticism offered by many to whom Bro. Cumberland first broached the proposal, and most people with less determination and enthusiasm would have been inclined to drop it then and there as too vast a project to develop to full fruition. Not so our Chief Executive. The idea once conceived was quickly elaborated, details were worked out, and definite action taken. With the aid of our Right Rev. Brother, Bishop Sweatman, of Toronto, and the Toronto Secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute, communication was opened up with the Colonial Bishops and local secretaries of the Institute throughout the Empire, full descriptive circulars were scattered broadcast through every colony and dependency owning allegiance to the Union Jack and sent to the captain of every British ship that would be on the high seas on Accession Day. In our own Dominion the lodges took charge of the demonstration in their several localities and the results as shown in our reports last month and this were successful beyond anticipation.

The circle is practically completed. Starting from Levuka in the Fiji Islands in longitude 178 east, at an hour equivalent to 4.05 o'clock, on Sunday morning at Windsor, we have actual record of its travels from point to point until 1.51 o'clock Monday morning, when the echoes died away on board the steamer Aorangi in the Pacific Ocean in longitude 147° 49' west—a hiatus of less than 35 degrees out of the 360, and an interval of but 24 hours in the twenty-four. Of course there are breaks in the chain which we cannot yet close up, notably in South Africa, where details of the services are still lacking. Bro. Templar, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Africa, writes, however, from King William's Town under date of July 12 as follows:—

"The celebration of Her Most Gracious Majesty's Jubilee was most successful in all parts of South Africa, the Order being prominent in the several towns in which there are lodges. The special commemorative service was generally adopted, and well attended. The Dean of Cape Town took the matter up with a will, although there is no lodge of the Order in that town. I hope and believe that the manner in which the society came forward will be beneficial and of great service in binding members closer and bringing in recruits."

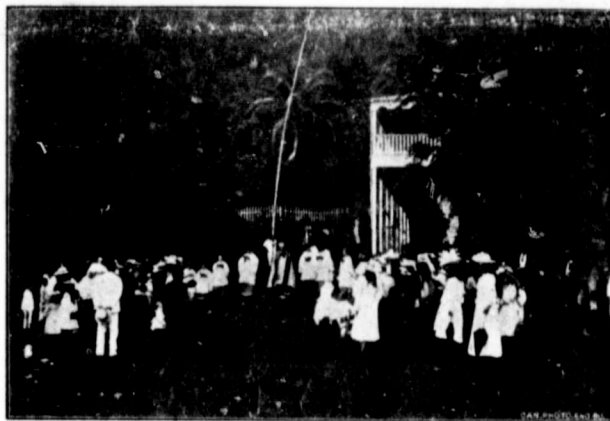
With this general statement of the success of the service across the Dark Continent, the only serious break is bridged, and we are justified in claiming that our great project has been accomplished, and Daniel Webster's famous apothegm upon the British morning drum beat following the sun has been improved upon; from this

interesting story. We are pleased to be able to illustrate the article with two or three excellent pictures of scenes in the chain of song.

4.05 a.m.—Levuka (Fiji Islands)—(4 p.m.)

Dr. Garner Jones, Headmaster of Levuka public schools, writes to *The Globe* as follows: "Owing to geographical position—viz., 178.51 E. long—the inhabitants of Levuka, Fiji Islands, enjoyed the unique honor of initiating the 'Wave of Song' that hailed the Jubilee (Diamond) of Her Majesty's accession, a wave which travelled from colony to colony in order of longitude, encircling the entire globe.

"The service was an open air one, being held in the Government school grounds, Rev. W. Floyd, vicar of the Episcopal English Church, officiating. The attendance was large and included representatives of various races who claim Her Majesty as their sovereign. English, Scotch, Irish, Australian and New Zealand Colonials, Chinese, Germans, Swedes, among whom the char-



S. O. E. JUBILEE SERVICE ROUND THE WORLD—STARTING THE WAVE OF SONG IN LEVUKA, FIJI ISLANDS.

out it may also be claimed that the Empire's anthem of prayer, praise, and loyal devotion to its sovereign Queen, has resounded throughout the inhabited earth in unbroken melody, from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

The Argus—Australia's leading daily journal, has well said:—"Such a universal outburst of loyalty and gratitude has, in fact, been quite unprecedented in the world's history, for as the sound died away in one part, it was taken up in the next, not only in this Southern Hemisphere, but in the north also, where the mighty sound travelled with the progress of the sun from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. Never before could such a wealth of meaning be put into the familiar words, 'God Save the Queen.'"

Appended are reports from distant points, together with a scattering of delayed returns from our own lodges. Taken with last month's report they will make a very

acteristic bushy hair of the Fijian and other South Sea Islanders was prominent, there found themselves shoulder to shoulder in the antipodes of the British Empire earnestly rolling forth our grand old National Anthem, thus giving the keynote of thanksgiving to the entire world. The Masons and Odd Fellows appeared in regalia and the Levuka brass band was in attendance. Surrounding the main body of the assembly were the Levuka school boys, drawn up with their wooden rifles at the 'Order.'

"Punctually at five minutes to 4 o'clock the procession of chorists left their temporary vestry and headed by the processional cross, slowly approached their stand. At 4 o'clock precisely, meridian time, the British ensign was hoisted, which was the prearranged signal, the band immediately struck up and every throat commenced 'God Save the Queen,' while the public school guard stood at the 'Present.'

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