

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

We have a letter from Rev. H. A. Robertson dated, Sydney, Australia, April 1st. The *Dayspring* was to sail that day for the Islands. Our Missionary with his family had an exceedingly pleasant voyage from San Francisco to Sydney. Mr. Robertson's children are left at School at Sydney. Rev. Mr. Laurie of Aneityum, and Rev. Charles Murray for Ambrym sailed in the *Dayspring* with Mr. R. In Sydney Mr. R. secured a horse, cart, and harness for use on Erromanga. Mr. Murray, late of Ambrym, is in poor health, and failing rapidly. Rev. Charles Murray, who proceeds to fill his station is his brother.—*Witness*.

A Karen woman offered herself for baptism. After the usual examination I inquired whether she could give up her ornaments for Christ. It was an unexpected blow. I explained the spirit of the gospel; I appealed to her own consciousness of vanity; I read to her the apostle's prohibition (1 Tim ii 9) She looked again and again to her handsome necklace, and then, with an air of modest decision that would adorn beyond all ornaments any Christian in the land, she took it off, saying, 'I love Christ more than this.'—*Dr. Judson*.

There was an old man on a quiet country road, whose habit was to shut his gate at night, and take his nap. One wet midnight I knocked at his door, calling, 'Gate, Gate.' 'Coming,' said the voice of the old man.

Then I knocked again, and once more the voice replied, 'Coming.' This went on for some time, till at length I impatiently jumped off my horse, and opening the door, demanded why he cried 'Coming' for twenty minutes, but never came.

'Who's there?' said the old man in a quiet sleepy voice, rubbing his eyes; what do ye want, sir? Then awaking, "Beg your pardon, sir, I was asleep I got so used to hearing 'em knock, that I answers 'Coming' in my sleep, and takes no more notice of it.'

So it is with many hearers of the Gospel who hear it by habit, and at length die with their souls asleep.—*Selected*.

"There is not a more effectual way to receive the true spirit of Christianity in the world than seriously to meditate on what we commonly call the four last things—death, judgment, heaven, and hell."—*Bishop Sherlock*.

Plain, straitforward morality and every-day righteousness are better than all emotion and dogmatism and all churchiam, says the world, and Christianity says much the same; but plain, straightforward righteousness and every-day morality come most surely when a man is keeping close to Christ.—*Maclaren*.

To run a few steps will not get a man heated, but walking an hour together may; so though a sudden occasional thought of heaven will not raise our affections to any spiritual heat, yet meditation can continue our thoughts and lengthen our walk, till our hearts grow warmer.—*Baxter*.

The good results of educating the youth in the family into the habit of going to church may be well illustrated by a remark attributed to an ex-mayor of Boston, to wit:—"When I was a boy I went to church because I had to; later on, I went because I felt I ought to; and now I go because I enjoy it."

Every beautiful thought that enters into a child's mind adds to the strength and loveliness of the character in after days. The educating influence of the best books and papers is in valuable, and no parent can afford to lose it in the training of his family.—*J. R. Miller, D. D.*

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