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Only Wait

Oft there comes a gentle whisper o'er me stealing,
When my trials and my burdens seem too great;
Like the sweet-voiced bells of evening, softly pealing,
It is saying to my spirit, "Only wait."

When I can not understand my Father's leading,
And His dealing seems to me but cruel fate,
Still I hear that gentle whisper ever pleading:
"God is working, God is faithful — only wait."

When the promise seems to linger, long delaying,
And I tremble lest perhaps it come too late,
Still I hear that sweet-voiced whisper ever saying:
"Though it tarry, it is coming — only wait."

—Joshua Tappmeyer.



British New Guinea—No. 1

S. W. CARR

WE feel it a privilege to be called to work in New Guinea for a people who have never heard the gospel, and who have never had any missionaries among them. Mission work is being carried forward on a large part of the coast of British New Guinea by various missionary societies; but inland little has been attempted, and nothing at all where we are working.

Our station is twenty-seven miles inland from Port Moresby, the capital, and we are laboring from there further inland to the main range of mountains, about six days' journey distant. When we enter a village, the women and children often run into the forest; but as we make ourselves known, they gradually reappear, and a spoonful of salt given to each quickly makes many friends. Our mission is explained, and all are told to come to *guriguri* (church or worship). What a motley crowd gathers around, all talking at once, wondering what is going to happen. It has to be explained to them what *guriguri* is, as they do not worship anything, but live in constant dread of sorcerers and evil spirits.

When service begins, all talking stops, so that all may listen. The missionary has come to tell them of the true God, who dwells above; he who made the rivers and trees and great mountains, and who loves them, and desires them to listen to his word. The missionary speaks of Jesus, who left his Father to come to this evil world, that we, through believing on him, might receive his gift of eternal life. The story of his life and cruel death is related amid deep silence; when the facts of the resurrection are told, exclamations of surprise and incredulity are heard. His ascension is described, and the promises of his soon coming are read. It is explained that when he comes, he will take all who love and obey him to a place where there are no tears, no sickness, no death, and where there is abundance of food, clothing, and houses for all. The people are exhorted to listen to the words of the missionary, so that they may know more of the good news he has for them.

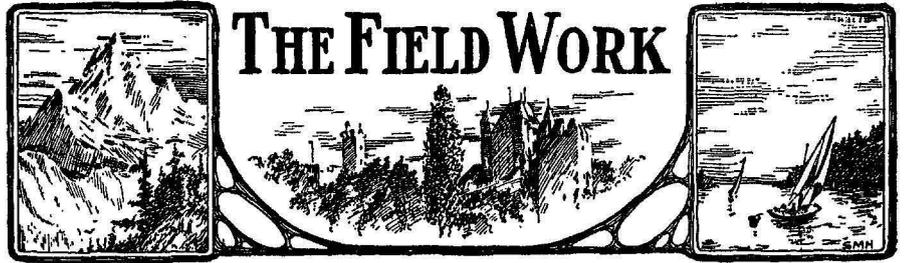
All are then shown how to kneel, so we can speak to the Great Spirit above. A few words of prayer for God's blessing upon the poor, ignorant hearers closes the meeting. Then what a commotion there is! Every one tries to speak at once; some shout, and others laugh. It all seems very strange to them.

This is a description of the usual first effort in a village. The later meetings are followed with less noise and confusion, and gradually the people begin to understand the meaning of it all.

We work with apparently little results, but we are under a Master to whom all power in heaven and earth is given, and we leave ourselves and our work with him.

S. W. CARR.

Port Moresby.



I Need Thee

SAMUEL J. WRIGHT

I NEED thee, Father.
Each hour I want my hand in thine;
The way is dark; I can not see
The path that thou hast left for me,
Except thou leadest me.

I need thee, Father.
Each day I need thy hand to guide
Me through the furnace and the fire;
For there I can not walk alone.
Thou art my heart's desire.

I need thee, Father.
Through the night I e'en would dream
of thee;
For then the hours would span, it
seems,
The loneliness of sleep, if thou wouldst
be
The golden heart of all my dreams.

I need thee, Saviour.
Every year I need thy love and care.
Each tender thought of thine will be
The rarest gem that I could ask; for
thou
Art God's best gift to me.

I need thee, Father.
All through life I need thy tender care.
Be thou my comforter and friend;
For thou art all the meaning of the day,
And wilt be till the end.

Bozeman, Mont.

The Medical Council

REALIZING that a long time had elapsed since a medical council had been held for our physicians, it was decided some months ago to hold such a council at Loma Linda, Cal., in connection with the meeting of the American Medical Association, June 26-30, 1911.

Steps were taken to bring about such a council, and our physicians throughout the United States were invited to attend. It was thought that many would be coming West at the time of the American Medical Association meeting, and would be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of attending the council at Loma Linda. We were happily surprised at the result of this effort. Forty-five physicians and others were present, as follows: Dr. and Mrs. David Paulson and Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Sadler, of Chicago, Ill.; Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Rand, Sanitarium, Cal.; Dr. B. E. Fullmer, Los Angeles, Cal.; Dr. T. S. Whitelock, San Diego, Cal.; Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Bliss, Melrose, Mass.; Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Dunn, Wichita, Kan.; Dr. C. E. Eddy, Fresno, Cal.; Dr. B. N. MacLafferty, Aberdeen, Wash.; Dr. J. M. Bond, Phoenix, Ariz.; Dr. W. H. Warner, College Place, Wash.; Dr. L. H. Wolfson, Merced, Cal.; Dr. C. A. Burrows, Loma Linda, Cal.; Dr. H. J. Hoare, Los Angeles, Cal.; Dr. F. F. Abbott, Na-

tional City, Cal.; Dr. L. Wood-Starr, Fernando, Cal.; Dr. A. W. Simpson, Long Beach, Cal.; Dr. A. J. Sanderson, Berkeley, Cal.; Dr. A. N. Loper, Fresno, Cal.; Dr. F. M. Rossiter, North Yakima, Wash.; and Drs. E. H. Risley, A. Shryock, W. A. Ruble, J. A. Vernier, D. T. Harbaugh, and G. K. Abbott, of Loma Linda, Cal. Others present were Elders E. E. Andross, W. C. White, R. S. Owen, C. Santee, J. A. Burden, H. G. Thurston, and J. M. Price, and V. H. Lucas and W. D. Salisbury.

Sunday morning at 6:30 the first regular session was held. The subject under discussion was "The Elimination of Poisonous Drugs From Our Sanitariums." This was led by a paper from Dr. D. H. Kress. At 9:30 the council met again, continuing the discussion of the morning on drug medication, Drs. Paulson and Abbott leading. This was followed by an interesting and extended discussion on the subject of surgery in our sanitariums. The session lasted until 1:30 P. M.

Consideration of the College of Medical Evangelists, its history, development, and plans, occupied the afternoon meeting from three thirty until six o'clock. This was followed by a continuation of the same subject in a round-table discussion and question box from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M.

Monday morning at 6:30 Dr. Paulson led in the discussion of the city problem, and our relation as medical missionaries to it. Dr. Sadler, Dr. Bliss, and others followed in the discussion. This was a very important and instructive meeting. At nine o'clock Dr. Fullmer read a paper on "A New Worker in the Old Field," being a new version of the combination of the medical and evangelistic work. It naturally merged into the question of the morning pertaining to city work, so that the entire forenoon, until one o'clock, was occupied in the consideration of this important subject.

Two strictly medical sessions had been planned for the council, but so much interest centered about the matters pertaining to our medical missionary and sanitarium work that time could be found for but one such meeting. This was held from three to six o'clock on Monday afternoon. Several interesting clinical subjects were brought before the council, two being cases of pellagra and one of dermatitis exfoliativa. This was followed by a further discussion of some medical cases, especially that of exophthalmic goiter. Other interesting questions which have perplexed our physicians were brought before the council, and the experience of the physicians present contributed to the interest of the occasion. At seven thirty in the evening the last meeting of the session was held, and lasted until ten o'clock. "Secular Medicine and Exclusive Specialties" was the subject presented by Dr.