

Then the wonderful parables of Jesus, "The sower went forth to sow. Consider the lilies of the field", and many other glorious Nature words and symbols. Now notice nothing learned or academic about them, nothing theological but something everybody could understand, how delightfully simple and wonderfully profound. All that is true culture, knowing how to make the highest use of Nature. Nature inspires us to look up and beyond the physical world to Heaven or the Spiritual world.

Plato did the same in his wonderful parable of the prisoners in the dark cave, in the Seventh Book of his immortal Republic. When one of the prisoners escaped out into the brilliant sunlight, he was dazed and could not see the splendour of the real world. And when he went back and told the other prisoners still in the cave, they would not believe him, for they thought that the dark cave was the only real world. That parable is still applicable today. It is only when men are inspired by observing Nature's laws that they are cultured and able to step out into the sunlight of the Spiritual world.



The love of Nature is a continual source of power to us, as it was to Anteus in the Greek myth. When Anteus wrestled with Hercules and was thrown, Anteus sprang up reinvigorated because he had touched Mother Earth.

Plato and all the great poets and illumined ones know that the world we see around us is not real. Nature is not a perception of our sight but a projection of human consciousness. We see according to our consciousness. Change our consciousness and the world changes, for, said Emerson, "Before the great revelations of the soul, Time, Space and Nature shrink away".

It is well known that people who live in some small bush town have a deep sense of friendship and social responsibility. There the whole town is as one family. But in large cities, they have to form all kinds of Clubs and Societies to regain that spirit of service and fellowship. In "Flying Fox and Drifting Sand", Francis Ratcliffe wrote "It is strange that the more desolate and cruel the land, the finer in their simple way are the people. I defy anyone to live among the folk of the Australian interior and to come away without an unshakeable belief in the fundamental decency and kindness of human nature".

It is the universal testimony of all men who have lived in the bush close to Mother Nature that they never lose the urge to go back again, to sleep under the Southern Cross and to see the morning star shoot up over the horizon in the early morn like some celestial being to herald the light of the Spiritual world. If we make our love and knowledge of Nature "As a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night" we will be ushered here and now into the glory, the grandeur and the immortality of the Spiritual world.

FIRST P. & C. for ABORIGINES AT CUBAWEE

A meeting of 27 residents of the Cubawee Reserve has formed the first aboriginal P. and C. Association in the State.

When the meeting was opened in the school, the president of the Federated P. and C. Associations in the district, Mr. M. C. Bush, said it was an historic occasion. Apart from being the first aboriginal P. and C. Association it was the 2,501st association in the State.

Mr. Brill, who is teaching at the school for the first year, said that since the start of the term he had been delighted with the co-operation of the parents and the attendance of the children.

With valid excuses for absence, the attendance had been 100 per cent.

The help of the parents and the response to the formation of the association, had shown they were keen to have their children educated.

He said that accommodation in the school was taxed by the 28 children attending the classes, but seating had been arranged for six more children.

The regional officer for the University of New England, Mr. M. Praed, reviewed plans to hold a conference with aborigines at Lennox Head on May 27 and asked for representation from the Cubawee people.

The meeting decided to hold working bees to provide notice boards at the school, mow grass and spread filling in the grounds of the school.

The membership fee was fixed at 2s. 6d. per person.

Social evenings will be held at the school in conjunction with meetings on the third Friday of each month.

Officers elected are: President, Mr. Tom Roberts; vice-presidents, Mrs. L. King, Mr. Fletcher Roberts; secretary, Mrs. Aub Roberts; treasurer, Mrs. M. Roberts.