

Moree Mumbles



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I would like to refer to a passage in the Bible which I've proved by my own experiences.

I've proved, and I suppose other Christians have too, the words of St. Luke, chapter 1, verse 37: "For with God nothing shall be impossible".

All of we coloured Christians have found assimilation no problem because God has made it possible for all who have accepted Christ; white, coloured or of any nationality, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Firstly, I would like to tell of my experiences as I circulated among the churches and their people.

I was given an invitation by Captain and Mrs. McIntosh to attend their church. My husband and I went to their church one Sunday evening and were given a very warm welcome. We were invited by Mr. and Mrs. Willis, members of the Salvation Army, to share their seats, and it was my privilege and pleasure to speak with the people.

Their attitude was of friendliness, kindness and joy to have us with them.

We accepted another invitation extended by all ministers to attend a united church service which was held in the Methodist hall. There it was my joy to speak to the minister of the Methodist church, Mr. Bowels. I had the pleasure of sharing seats with two Christian ladies who were teachers, Miss Owen, who taught at the infants' school in town, and Miss Sexton, who taught at our aboriginal school. There was another young married lady whose name I just can't remember.

Everyone made my visit a profitable and pleasant one. I also spoke to Archdeacon Stockdale of the Church of England, and Mr. Matheison, the Presbyterian minister, both very kind and considerate men of God.

On Friday, 6th October, and Saturday, 7th October, Mr. Green, Superintendent of the Aborigines Welfare, all ministers, pastors, and all concerned in our welfare held a conference in the Methodist hall with a view to getting our people familiar with attending church.

I believe the Lord has placed upon their hearts the burden of our people, and the condition of their lives that the evil one has destroyed through the things of the world and ungodly men.

If all our people could be brought to Christ, there would be no more problems, for the Lord has given men and women in marriage and given them children, so it is our responsibility to provide for our families and rear them correctly. To bring our children up without Christ or to build our lives on anything else will fail. In the Bible we read, Corinthians 3 and 4, chapter 3, verse 11: "For other foundation no man can lay than

that is laid, which is Jesus Christ". "All our knowledge of the worldly things and its good pleasures will do us no good, for without Christ we will accomplish nothing."

In Corinthians 3 and 4, chapter 3, verses 18, 19 and 20, we read: "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God, for it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness", and again "the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain". In God's word we read, Isaiah, chapter 64, verse 6: "We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags".

Let's all search our own hearts first. We read in St. Matthew 13, chapter 12, verse 34: "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh".

Yes, let us all put our hearts right with God, then we will be right with all men.

I would like to personally thank, for myself and on behalf of all the parents of the children who attend high schools, the staff of *Dawn*, and the Aborigines Welfare Board, for *Dawn*; because we can see that the Editor and staff are deeply concerned for us. They keep us in better contact with our people who are scattered over wide areas, and show us how some of our people are progressing.

Dawn also gives us a wonderful uplift in spirit. The Aborigines Welfare Board deserves our thanks because it knows our education is just average and not enough to get us good positions and better paying jobs to buy our homes, and to keep up with the high cost of living. We thank them for the opportunity our children obtain, for better educations, by going to high school and winning bursaries.

We thank the board for the homes they have built us, because the sum we pay for rent is suitable to our income. It is really wonderful to have such beautiful homes, and to have a manager and matron to help us in our difficulties.

Sunday, 8th October, was a very wonderful and enjoyable day. Thirty-six girls from Gunnedah Girls' Life Brigade visited our Girls' Life Brigade, on the invitation of Captain Miss Burketts. They held a display on the Saturday night in the Methodist hall, and on Sunday morning met in the reserve church. It was wonderful to see all the girls mingling together.

The mothers subscribed towards giving all the girls a cup of tea before they left. Mr. Reynolds, the manager, gave us the use of the hall for the afternoon tea. It was wonderful to see the girls trained so well by the captains in marching, singing, and other activities.