

# The Aboriginal News

*For the Cause that seeks assistance  
For the wrong that needs redress*

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## A Prayer for Missions

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father who didst give Thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ to be a propitiation for the sins of the whole world We humbly beseech Thee that as during his life of humiliation He was manifested to the Gentiles so Thou wilt now make Him known in the fulness of His redeeming love and power even to the ends of the earth Have mercy on all who are still walking in darkness and ignorance of Thee Cause the light of the Gospel of thy glory to shine upon them and shed forth on them richly Thy converting grace Prosper the labours of those who are striving to extend Thy Kingdom and all shall know Thee from the least to the greatest and the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea Hear us we beseech Thee for the sake of the same Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen.

## General News

On May 1st. The Band and Church Lads Brigade journeyed by the Launch to Cairns to take part in the procession and sports in aid of the Cairns Ambulance brigade. The C. A. B. has been very good in carrying several of our sick from the wharf to the hospital and our desire is to make some little return.

The Boys spent a very enjoyable day and acquitted themselves well indeed. The Band gained praise for progress made since last in town and one brigade with their rifles caused quite a sensation in town this being their first appearance.

We left Cairns at 7 p.m. and anchored off the Mission at 10 p.m. where we remained all night.

Two new girls half-castes were admitted during May, Biddy Westmoreland from Cooktown and Tilly from Herberton both girls had had comfortable homes and in both cases those employing them showed they had their interest at heart in being anxious as to their future.

Both niddy and rilly are contented and happy already in their new home.

The bishop of Carpentaria arrived in Cairns on Tuesday May 18th having journeyed overland from Normanston. He reports satisfactory progress at Trubahaman. The Bishop was quite surprised at the progress made at Trubahaman. There are now nearly forty permanent members, mostly boys with several men.

Our old friends John Grady and Peter Bendigo are well.

The Bishop on his visit confirmed Rhoda and Lizzie the wives of John and Peter and who were formerly residents at Yarrabah and members of the confirmation class here.

A squatter near Trubahaman acknowledged to the Bishop that since the advent of the Mission the aboriginals had been very well behaved and the cattle on the different runs had not been interfered with in any way.

This is valuable testimony indeed.

Sister Ethel owing to ill health has been given two weeks rest in Cairns. She is staying with Mrs. Wriede Mrs. E. K. Gibbles' mother who has been exceedingly kind to different members of the Mission staff.

During Sister Ethel's absence the School is in the care of Sister Illa.

A second trip for the month was made to Fitzroy Island on the 27th May. The weather was very wild and the journey was made at night in two hours and a half.

At Fitzroy Island Willie Ambeyn and his wife lost all their baggage through some noise being burnt down.

A question is being asked at Yarrabah just now and it is this:

What does "Anagogical" mean?

A Yarrabahite last night said he thought it had something to do with "Gog and Magog".

Messrs Woolrych & Gaspar have been licensed as Lay readers by the Bishop of the Diocese.

The following aboriginals all full blooded have also received the Bishop's license as Lay readers: Alick Bybee for Girrawah, Philip Morinhee for Kappa Creek and Clement for Reeves Creek.

We have now five aboriginal Lay readers & six places of worship.

Miss Taormina formerly of the New Guinea Mission joined the Yarrabah Mission Staff in May 3rd last.