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EVANGELICAL MISSION.**WELCOME TO VAWTER PARTY.**

The Vawter Evangelistic party, which is to conduct a mission at the Exhibition Hall, commencing to-morrow, was welcomed to Brisbane last night at the Ann-street Church of Christ. The Lord Mayor (Alderman W. A. Jolly, C.M.G.), who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, occupied the chair. The party consists of Dr. C. R. L. Vawter, M.A. (Evangelist), Mrs. Vawter (singer), and Mrs. H. T. House (pianist and crayon artist).

The Lord Mayor, in welcoming the party, said that some of his happiest days, as were those of Mrs. Jolly, had been spent in church work. Brisbane had many visitors, but none were so important as those connected with religious work, for the success of a city was not represented by its material wealth, but by the moral and spiritual character of its men and women. He extended a hearty and cordial welcome to the party, and hoped that their influence would not be confined to the Church of Christ, but would extend to the community as a whole.

Mr. A. E. Bickmore (President of the Queensland Council of Churches) said that it was interesting to know that people from other lands would come to declare the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Undoubtedly it was a great call. Things that had been held tenaciously in days gone by were now lightly gripped. People must put spiritual things first. If Dr. Vawter could revive spiritual life in this city his visit would not be in vain. He felt that a change was due. Perhaps it was the darkness before the dawn. In past days nearly always a revival followed a period of sharp financial depression. Man's extremity was God's opportunity. The present financial depression was likely to lead into the state of revival for which some of them had been praying so long.

REASON OF MISSIONS.

Mr. H. G. Payne (President of the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ) said that he had been asked, "Why should there be a mission?" His reply was that a mission appealed to some of those who otherwise never went inside a church. The visiting party would present the Gospel in a manner to attract the man in the street.

Mr. W. A. C. Wendorf (President of the Queensland Conference of Churches of Christ) and Pastor R. H. Bussard (representing the ministers of the Churches of Christ) also joined in the welcome, and Mrs. Vawter sang a solo.

Dr. Vawter, in replying, said that there were a thousand things he would like to say. They were made very happy indeed by the cordial reception—and who would not be thrilled with the Lord Mayor presiding? Everybody knew how busy he was, and yet he could spare the time. He (the speaker) had made the acquaintance of Australia 18 years ago, and had worked in missions to all the capitals except

Brisbane, and he had mementoes of each. He tried to observe three rules in his work—to preach what Jesus Christ and His apostles preached; to preach in the spirit of Christ (those who came to his meetings to hear him say unkind things; of those who did not agree with him would be disappointed); and to do all simply—he would put before them in the simplest way he could the Gospel of the Lord.

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