

### MISS BERTHA FLETCHER

Miss Bertha Fletcher, who recently passed away at Leura in her 81st year, was the daughter of the Rev. William Fletcher, Methodist missionary at Rotuma. She was thus a child of the mission field, and she retained her interest in Overseas Missions all through her long life. On their retirement from missionary activity her parents settled in Redfern, where Mr. Fletcher died in 1881. Mrs. Fletcher subsequently married the Rev. William Watkin, of New-Zealand, and Miss Bertha went to reside with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Slack, of Hull, England.

On Mr. Watkin's death some years later the family settled in Lindfield, and took a leading part in the church life there, her brother, the late Mr. Arthur Fletcher, serving in the Foreign Mission Office as accountant for several years. During the past fifteen years she lived at Leura along with her brother A. P. Fletcher, and her sister Mrs. M. Hunt, and greatly endeared herself by her gentleness and sweetness of disposition. Always most regular and faithful in fellowship and worship, Miss Fletcher was also most helpful in practical ways, particularly in the Ladies' Church Aid Association. Of her it

could fittingly be said: "A truer, nobler, trustier heart, more loving or more loyal, never beat within a human breast." She was always humble, retiring, unobtrusive, but she radiated sweetness and graciousness wherever she was, and hers was an influence none the less real because it was unconsciously exercised. We thank God on every remembrance of her.—T.M.T.