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EXCLUDING PAPUA NEW GUINEA, 1886 - 1986.

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ABBREVIATIONS

1. ADMINISTRATIVE NAMES

NOTE: The Australasian Union Conference (1894) became, in turn, the Australasian Inter-Union Conference (1949), the Australasian Division (1958) and the South Pacific Division (1986).

ACA Australasian Conference Association

AD Australasian Division

AIUC Australasian Inter-Union Conference

AUC Australasian Union Conference

BSIP British Solomon Islands Protectorate

BSUM Bismarck Solomons Union Mission

CPM Central Polynesian Mission

CPUM Central Pacific Union Mission

CSUM Coral Sea Union Mission

EPM Eastern Polynesian Mission

ESIM Eastern Solomon Islands Mission

GEIC Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony

JMV Junior Missionary Volunteer

MV Missionary Volunteer

PNGUM Papua New Guinea Union Mission

SHF Sanitarium Health Food Company

WPUM Western Pacific Union Mission

WSIM Western Solomon Islands Mission

2. ARCHIVES AND HOLDING BODIES

EGW/SDA Ellen G White/SDA Research Centre, Avondale College, Cooranbong, N.S.W.

HR Heritage Room, Avondale College, Cooranbong,

N.S.W.

KNA Kiribati National Archives

MAA Methodist Archives, Auckland

ML Mitchell Library

NAF National Archives of Fiji

NANZ National Archives of New Zealand

SINA Solomon Islands National Archives

SPD South Pacific Division Archives

3. JOURNALS, MINUTES AND PAPERS (SOURCES)

NOTE: The <u>Australasian Union Record</u> (1898) became the Australasian Record (1910) then the South Pacific Record (1985).

AH Adventist Heritage

AJHR Appendices to the Journal of the House of

Representatives (NZ)

AIUC Min Australasian Inter-Union Conference Executive

Committee Minutes

AP Aore Papers, Series AD6, Shelf list Box 114, HR

AR Australasian Record

AUC Min Australasian Union Conference Executive Committee

Minutes

BE Bible Echo

ESIM Min Eastern Solomon Islands Mission Executive

Committee Minutes

HM The Home Missionary

GCDB General Conference Daily Bulletin

GCFMB Min General Conference Foreign Mission Board Minutes

Index Index to the Writings of Ellen G White

JPH Journal of Pacific History

JPS Journal of the Polynesian Society

JRH Journal of Religious History

Miss Mag The Missionary Magazine

MM The Medical Missionary

MP Series D, Moss Papers, MS215, Binder 1, A-L

Auckland Museum Library

NHM Min New Hebrides Mission Executive Committee Minutes

PNGP PNGUM material in possession of D Steley

RP Reye Papers, in possession of Arnold Reye, Sydney

RH Review and Herald (now Adventist Review)

SDA Enc Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia

SIMC Min Solomon Islands Mission Executive Committee

Minutes

SPD Min South Pacific Division Executive Committee Minutes

SPR South Pacific Record

UCR Union Conference Record

WCW William C White Correspondence, EGW/SDA

WP Wicks Papers, HR

WSIM Min Western Solomon Islands Mission Executive

Committee Minutes

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