

### A PROPHETIC PREACHER.

The seventh day Adventists are holding their annual encampment this year at Ballarat, and their preachers are indulging in prophecy. Pastor Daniells (Sydney) spoke on "The Eastern question as the prelude to a crisis foretold in prophecy." He prefaced his remarks by reading Luke xxi., from 20th verse onwards, and dealt with the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus. Having traced the history of the East from then to the present day, he said a most solemn time had arrived, and the world stood on the verge of a tremendous revolution, and many people believed that the Eastern question would bring it about, and that God in His providence had brought it to the front thus early to warn His people of the impending change. The preacher then quoted Daniel xi., 45, the words in parentheses being his interpretation:— "And he (Turkey), shall plant the tabernacles of his palace (seat of Government) between the seas (the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean) in the glorious holy mountain (Mount Zion, at Jerusalem.)" Continuing, he said it was admitted by everybody—by the Turks themselves—that they must go from Europe, and where could they go but to Palestine? The Turks looked forward to that, and when in Jerusalem they expected the Powers to assemble there and fight a great battle—the Armageddon of the Bible. Why was the Eastern question so constantly before them, and their daily papers so full of it?—God had caused the cables to be laid so that the facts about it might be sent straight from the strategic point, and thus it was their papers displayed the news in head-lines, so that all might know of it and God's people be warned. Russia and France had agreed that the Turk should be thrust from Europe, England would no longer support him, and what could Germany do alone? The balance that maintained the Turkish empire in Europe had gone, and it would cause such a time of trouble as never was. The signs showed them that the Gospel had about done its work, that Jesus Christ, as the world's mediator, was closing His work, and that God was about to come and gather His redeemed people. The trouble now brewing in the East was a last warning to His people of the great change impending.