

REPLY BY MR. WATSON.

The Rev. R. T. Nicholson (secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society) stated on Thursday that the Rev. J. T. Watson had not been in the Northern Territory since the end of 1925, and had no knowledge of the trouble which had caused the prosecutions or what had led up to it. Mr. Watson was one of the finest missionaries under the jurisdiction of the society.

The Rev. J. T. Watson, when the matter was referred to him, said:—"I left the Methodist mission station and the Northern Territory in December, 1925, and

know nothing about the present case or what led up to it. As the attack which is the subject of the prosecution did not occur until February of this year it seems to have no relevance to my stay in the Northern Territory."