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Special Gifts.

We acknowledge, with warm thanks, the gift of £400 from a gentleman in Nelson, who has for many years been a generous supporter of our Missionary work. He had provided in his will that the sum of £400 should be left to the Missionary Society, but some years ago, he came to the conclusion that the immediate use of the money would benefit the work of God in the Islands, and at that time handed over the amount to the Missionary Society. Under the blessing of God, his days being lengthened, another amount of £400 was placed in his will. Again the urgency of the present need appealed to him, and he decided that this second amount should be released for use, and accordingly the Missionary Treasurers have received a cheque for £400. By the request of the donor, the money will be invested and the interest, year by year, credited to the Missionary Society. Who will follow this splendid example?

Legacies.

The members of the Church are to-day, in a very special manner, remembering our Foreign Missions in their wills. Since the Church in New Zealand became responsible for the work in the Solomon Islands, notification has been received of no less than forty-eight legacies, some of them being for substantial sums. In several cases, payment is contingent on the decease of one or more persons. During this year, since the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions, information has been received of the following bequests, and in some cases the money has been paid:—

- John Hicks Brown (St. Kilda Circuit), £50.
- Alexander McKenzie (Ashburton Circuit), £100.
- Rev. W. S. Potter (Auckland West), One fifth of estate.
- Margaret Elliott (Dunedin, Trinity), Fifty shares in Brown, Ewing Ltd.
- Mr. H. Ford (Papakura Circuit), £25.
- Mr. S. Uren (Timaru), £500.

S. J. Ambury (Auckland, Pitt St.), Two fortieths of the residuary estate.

For these remembrances of devoted members of the Church, we are devoutly thankful.

It should be noted that money received from legacies is never absorbed into the General Fund of the Missionary Society. Largely through the assistance received from this source, we have been able to build up Working Capital which has made it possible for us to finance our Missionary operations in the Solomon Islands.

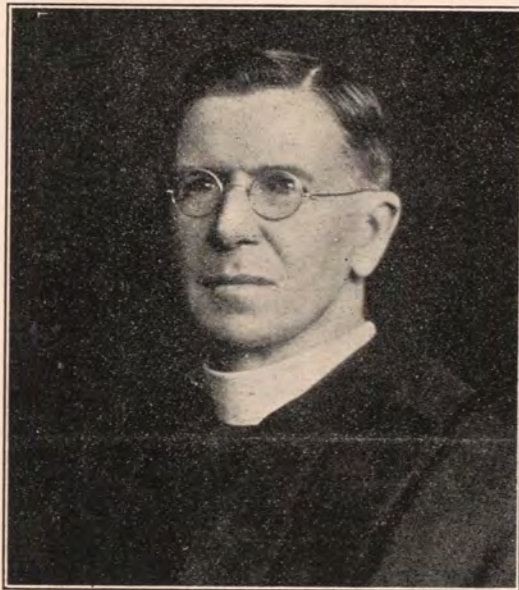
May we commend the above method of perpetuating one's subscription for the Missionary work of the Church.

BANGA PLANTATION DEBENTURES.

It will be known to most of our readers that the Missionary Society owns a coco-nut plantation on the island of Banga, in the Solomons. This was taken over with the work of the Mission from the Missionary Society of Australasia. The island has an area of about 1,000 acres and was the gift of an old island trader. About half the area is planted in coco-nuts. A considerable number of the trees are already bearing and the plantation is approaching paying point. A large sum has been spent in developing the plantation. The Board of Missions has, from the time of assuming responsibility for the plantation, kept its finance, as far as possible, separate from that of the Missionary Society. More capital is now required for working and developing the plantation, and the Board of Missions, with the consent and approval of the Conference, has launched a scheme for raising capital. Debentures to the amount of £6,000 have been issued, with a currency of seven years, bearing interest at 5½ per cent. Debentures can be secured in series of £25 upwards. Already a considerable number of debentures have been taken up. The scheme provides a safe investment for those who are interested in missionary work. Full information may be obtained on application to the Mission Office, Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland.

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THE PRESIDENT APPEALS TO THE CHURCH.



REV. J. F. GOLDIE,
President of Conference.

The Church has decided that there is to be no retreat from the advanced positions we have taken up on our Mission Field. I thank God for that decision. Any hesitation or faltering on this matter would have been disloyalty to our Lord, and treachery to our dark-skinned brethren in the Solomons. The Banner of the Cross has been planted with great daring in these advanced positions, and this decision means that "the men are to be brought up to the colours, and not the colours back to the men."

The glorious traditions of our Methodist Church challenge us to see this great work through. No other Church has seen such triumphs in the Pacific as our own beloved Church. From Tonga right through to New Guinea her messengers have gone at the command of our Lord, preaching the Cross of Christ, and everywhere they have gone the Cross has triumphed. The untamed passions of cruel, blood-thirsty savages have been subdued; from the fetters of gross superstitions and grotesque delusions men have been delivered; and from darkness and ignorance and degradation as deep as hell whole communities

have been saved, and brought into the light and liberty and happiness of the Christian life. The difference the coming of the Christ makes to these people is the difference between life and death, between heaven and hell, and these miracles of Grace are taking place wherever the Gospel is being proclaimed in the Solomons to-day.

The Challenge of a Great Opportunity.

Again, we are challenged to-day by a magnificent opportunity. The missionaries of yesterday laboured under quite different conditions. The work that could not be done immediately could be done next month or next year. It is not so in any part of our Mission field to-day. There, as elsewhere, it is the day of rapid change. Civil government follows hard on the heels of the missionary, and often by its unsympathetic attitude and hampering restrictions renders a difficult task harder still. A godless commercialism—out to exploit the native for selfish ends, and with countless evils in its train—make our work the more urgent. An anti-Christian civilisation is penetrating every corner of the Pacific, and the unconverted native must go down before it. There is nothing but the Gospel of Jesus Christ can save him. The opportunity is there to-day and our Church must take it or lose it for ever. Doors open to us this year will be closed next year.

Again our own pledges to our native brethren challenge us. We cannot repudiate our responsibility in this matter. We stand pledged to the Native Church to see the business through, and we cannot, without disloyalty to Christ and dishonour to ourselves, fail in our support of this great adventure.

Come Over and Help Us.

Once again, the Command of our Lord, the heroic effort of the Native Church, the deep need—the urgency that rings in the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," all challenge our faith, our courage, our love. We cannot pass these by without passing Jesus by. The black hands from dark Bougainville—stretched out in mute appeal—seem to me to bear the "print of the nails," and in their cry I hear His voice Who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

OUR MEDICAL MISSION.

The following paragraphs are taken from the last quarterly report of Dr. E. G. Sayers, Roviana, Solomon Islands.

STATISTICS.

Compared with the corresponding quarter of last year there is quite a marked increase in the number of patients admitted. The average daily number of patients in hospital is only slightly increased. In the case of men and women there is actually a slight decrease, but the large increase in the number of children more than compensates for this.

Average Number of Patients in Hospital	
For April, May, June	34
Number of Patients in Leper Asylum	8
Daily Average of Out-Patients	69
Injections Given	303

RELIGION OF PATIENTS TREATED.

Methodist, 226; Seventh Day Adventist, 45; Miscellaneous, 25.

KINDS OF DISEASES TREATED.

Malaria, Yaws, Dysentery, Influenza, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Asthma, Pulmonary T.B., Colic, Scabies, Leprosy, etc.

SURGICAL CASES.

Ulcers, Septic Foot, Septic Arm, Centipede Bite, Sting-ray Bite, Abscess, injuries, tropical myositis, etc.

Out-patient attendance is less than last year. I think this is largely to be attributed to "cleaning up" the local natives. A large ulcer is now rarely seen in this hospital.

LEPERS.

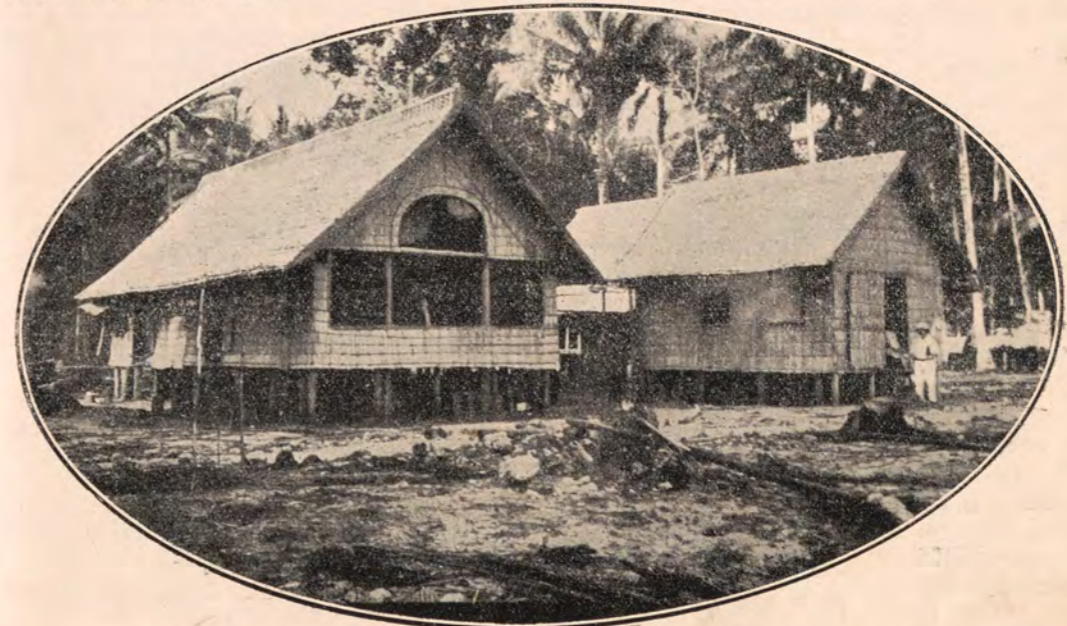
One leper was admitted to the leper asylum during the quarter.

GENERAL DISEASES.

Malaria:—This has been a very malarial season, as our admissions will show. The subtertian form has been unduly prevalent, and I think this probably accounts for the unusually high death rate of the district for the last quarter.

MEDICAL BOAT.

A small, 33-ft. boat, cutter rigged, with a second-hand, 10-h.p. Frisco Standard engine, has been placed at the disposal of the medical department. She is not very fast, but is a good sea boat, and should enable one to do a great deal more district visiting. Various places in the lagoon have already been visited, and a trip was also made to Vella Lavella.



NATIVE HOSPITAL RECENTLY ERECTED AT BAMBATANA, CHOISEUL.
Dr. Clifford James is the Medical Superintendent.

[Photo: Rev. J. R. Metcalfe.]

The First Operation on Choiseul.

By Dr. Clifford James.

SCENE.

The Dining Room of the minister's house, cleared of everything but a table and a couch to serve as an operating-table. It stands on two petrol cases.

PERSONNAE DRAMATIS.

THE PATIENT.

She is the frail, delicate, young wife of a teacher. She is seriously ill, and unless operated upon, will probably die. She is carried up the steep, slippery steps on some boards, and is covered with a piece of sail, for it is raining in torrents. Her carriers are some stalwart black men of Choiseul, including her anxious husband.

THE ANAESTHETIST.

He is the School-master of Roviana. He had ear-trouble and is having a short spell. He has volunteered to give the chloroform. He looks pale and anxious, and struggles to catch the sound of the faint breathing of the patient while the rain outside endeavours to drown it.

THE ASSISTANT-SURGEON.

She is the younger sister of the Mission Station. She just naturally fills the gap, and now carries through a task she has never done before. She wears a gown and a mask showing only her eyes. She stands at her table and jealously guards its contents from an unsterile touch.

THE NURSES.

These have offered to do their little. One, the doctor's wife, has charge of the jugs and lotions. The other, the minister, gives a hand here and there wherever he is required.

THE SURGEON.

The newly-appointed doctor of Choiseul. His hardest task is over. It is not the operation. It was to answer a question. "If I operate and the patient should die, I cannot claim the confidence of these people, and my work here will receive a blow in its very infancy. If I do not operate the patient will die."

THE OPERATION PROCEEDS.

"A scalpel, Sister!" Sister goes to the table. This table is the dining-room table, and it is divided into two by a rolled sheet. One part contains instruments and apparatus which can be touched only by sister, for she has sterilised gloves on her hands. The other part contains enamel jugs and basins which can be handled only by a nurse because she wears no sterile gloves.

"A scalpel!" Sister sets it among its motley companions. The new hospital instruments are not to hand, and few and poor are those she sees. Some of them are made from the wire which bound a packing case, some are from the wood itself. There is just a very short length of catgut, and threads have been taken from a reel in the sewing-machine drawer and sterilised. Little pieces of wool tied on pieces of string and looking like the tail of a kite, serve as swabs. Boiled butter muslin serves for gauze. A spoon and a jam dish also serve their turn.

The incision is made, and then the table has to be tilted so that the patient almost stands on her head. The anaesthetist sits almost on the floor, and willingly he does it.

And again the work proceeds, swabs, ligatures and forceps all doing their little. Then something goes wrong. The anaesthetist's face takes on a startled look. "Say, doc., she's stopped breathing." Everybody turns pale. The patient lies with eyes partly open. She is deadly still, not a movement anywhere. Is she dead?" is the unconscious question. The wound is quickly covered up and artificial respiration is started. A sub-conscious prayer accompanies every pressure—for this operation means so much to Choiseul. After a minute—it seems an hour—she takes a little breath, almost imperceptible. Then another a little stronger, and then another and another. It seems almost a life brought back from the grave, and all feel that they have come through the "Valley of the Shadow of Death."

The operation is hurried on. It has become so dark by reason of the heavy rain-clouds that a nurse has to shine a torch into the depths of the wound to enable the operation area to be seen. The work proceeds, but it is one and a half hours before it is all over, and the stitches inserted which bring together layer by layer the parts of the wound which have been cut. Iodine is painted over it all, a dressing is put on, and masks and gowns and anxious looks are thrown off for the time.

It is all over!

A week or two ago, a plump, shy-looking round-faced Choiseul girl, with a bright smile came to our hospital. In fun we said, "Ade yitene?" (what is your name?) "Asanata" she replied. She says she is strong now, and to prove it, shows us her operation scar.

We thank God for her life, and for what we were able to do for her.

Death of Lembu.

Are Malign Influences at Work?

Another serious loss has been suffered by our Mission on Vella Lavella through the death of Zebedee Lembu, one of the most promising of our native teachers. Lembu accompanied the Rev. A. A. Bensley to New Zealand last year, spoke at the Conference, and assisted in deputation work in the North Island. He also rendered valuable service in the translation work in which Mr. Bensley was then engaged. Lembu possessed something of the fine spirit of Daniel Bula, and was regarded as his successor.

In the following letter to the General Secretary, the Rev. A. A. Bensley tells the story of the passing of Lembu:—

I remember some years ago writing to you a rather sad letter telling you of the death of Daniel Bula. To-day, my task is not less sad, for I have to report the death of his successor, Zebedee Lembu. It is very difficult to realise, and I keep expecting to see him come along past the house to go round to the Medical Room to attend to the boys suffering from minor ailments. Last Monday, less than a week ago, he complained of feeling unwell, and as there was a good deal of mild sickness about, brought on by the cold south east



ZEBEDEE LEMBU. ✓

weather, I was not at all apprehensive. I sent him to bed, and told him to stay there. The next day I saw him and the next, but there did not seem to be much improvement, though he did not have a high temperature. On the Thursday I had him brought up to the house, and I attended to him as well as I knew how, but I had no fears, as he still had no great temperature. He complained that he was not able to swallow his saliva, yet he could swallow nourishment and medicine. This was changed on Friday morning, for then he was incapable of swallowing anything, and I was faced with a situation that was beyond me. The weather was most stormy and unpleasant, yet there was only one thing to do, and that was to get him that 50 miles to Dr. Sayers. It took some time to prepare the boat, but at last the boys got away, but it was already late; even if our engine kept at her best pace all the way. This she failed to do, and the boys had to anchor for the night near Banga in the rain and darkness. This they did at Zebedee's wish, and they intended to push on with the first streak of light. It was too late, however. Before daylight, Zebedee had a violent haemorrhage, and soon after he passed away. The boys got going at daylight, and arrived back here about one o'clock yesterday, with Zebedee's body. His father accompanied him, and Ambrose is a fine Christian native gentleman, if ever there was one. He told us that Zebedee had no shadow of doubt but that they just kept on praying as long as they could. I am to go along to his village shortly and commit his body to the grave. We feel this untimely passing most keenly, it is almost a personal blow to us. During the week, Amy, the fine native girl he was soon to marry, had been helping to make clothes for the crowd of little boys that, in a week or two, would have entered with them into the fine new house waiting ready. Now, this morning, she has come sadly bringing back the things to Mrs. Bensley that had been given her for her box. I felt pretty done up, but things never come singly. These people get very panicky, and within an hour of the return of the "Bilua," two other people began to roll about, saying they couldn't swallow. Then toward evening, a crowd of people appeared, carrying someone up the hill. More trouble, we thought, but this time I was rather glad of the new demand for it took our minds off

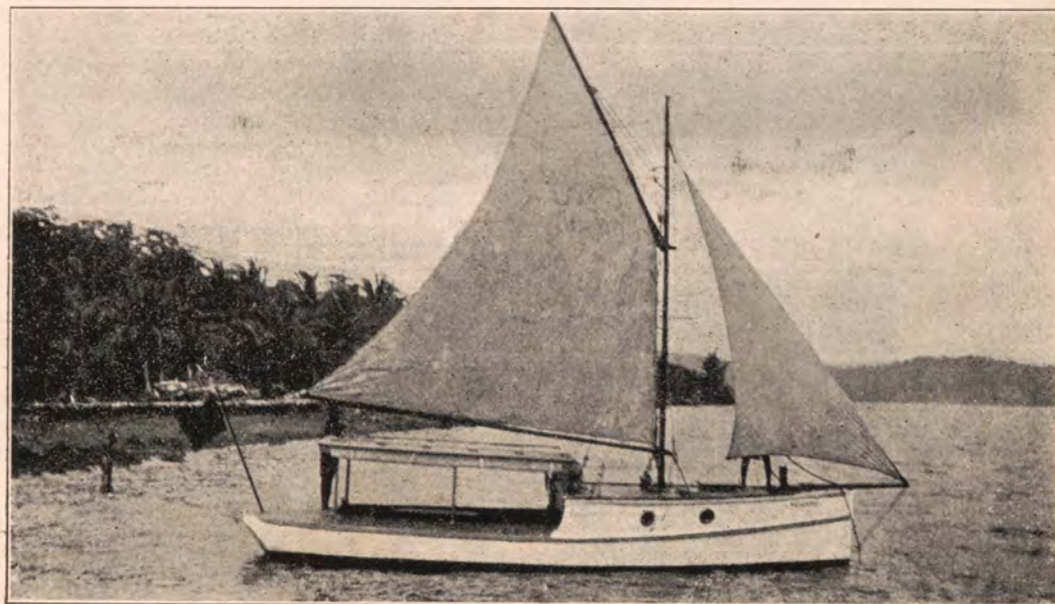
other things. One of our teachers had cut his foot badly with an axe, and his people had rushed him down the coast in a canoe, but his case is not serious.

MALIGN INFLUENCES.

I often think that we know very little of these people, and am satisfied that malign influences are still at work. Sometimes I almost think I can feel the indefinable, subtle, thought-current. It will take generations yet to eradicate entirely these things from their hearts. We can grapple with the bodily ailments of the people, but we are helpless in the face of this intangible, impalpable thing. Even the best and most enlightened are conscious of the power of this subtle thing. Daniel Bula was a strong man, and he died a day or so after he first felt sick, but he had enemies, chiefly among some heathen people, and there are those who are certain that the malign influence of these men encompassed his death. One of our teachers came into my study the other day, and his face was all a-quiver. "Do you know that my child is dead," he said. I had not heard and told him so, and inquired the cause. He told me the child was not ill long, and that its death was brought on by the ill will of another, some embittered relative of its mother's.

I was asking a young teacher, who had accompanied Zebedee when I sent the boat off to Roviana, all the circumstances of his death.

He told me that they had prayed for a long time and then the haemorrhage set in. Just before he died, Zebedee said, "Ke! Ke loava," (They get me). A week or so previously, a good deal of unpleasantness was caused by one or two people who were related to Amy, the little girl he was to marry. One day, he came to me and he was very upset at something he had heard from some bitter tongue. I did my best to cheer him, and he went about his work, but it seemed to me that he had lost a good deal of his buoyancy and sparkle. He seemed to us to have been so well lately and he was very busy making paths and tidying up round his new house, but there—it was all very dark and mystifying. One comes to close grips with the forces of evil when engaged in this work, and one is shocked again and again by the utter malignancy of evil. The great Apostle had a close knowledge of these dark forces, for he wrote that powerful exposure wherein he tears the disguises away and lets us see the terrible potency of the evil we are up against. (Ephesian VI., 12.) We are very sceptical about believing these things, and usually don't attach much credence to such stories, but I am convinced the people do not doubt that the ill will of one is able to accomplish the death of another. For months things go along pretty quietly and then something happens which gives us a glimpse of the sinister forces.



THE "WANGANUI."

The gift of a generous friend of Missions.

[Photo., Rev. Tom Dent.

News from the Front.

PIONEERING IN INLAND BOUGAINVILLE.

The Rev. A. H. Voyce writes: "We, i.e., Mrs. Voyce, baby, boys and I, are just back from a fortnight's exploration and pioneering tour into the wilds of the mountains, where white man has never yet been, much less a woman. We had many exciting experiences. This life has its dangers from the hands of savage men. Some of the boys got a fright once or twice. To come suddenly across armed men in hiding, and see them run out shaking their poisoned spears as though to strike, is not a pleasant experience.

SPIRITUAL ADVANCE.

Although the work at Siwai, Bougainville, is still in the pioneer stage, excellent progress is being made. Mr. Voyce reports: "Everything here prospers. Further enquiries for teachers continue to come in. The monthly class meeting is a great means of inspiration. Many earnest natives are seeking baptism. I pray for guidance in all these matters."

THE SURF-BOAT.

The surf-boat named "Te Oranga" (the Safety), which has been purchased with the contributions of the scholars in our Sunday Schools, is now in full use. In a recent letter, Mr. Voyce writes: "I sent the new surf-boat to the Buin Police Post for her first trip, and the boys say she is splendid. The Buin Post is forty miles by road from here. They picked up mail and cargo and took less than twenty hours, including stopping time." Mr. Voyce adds that he intends to travel to Kieta in the surf-boat, a distance of considerably over one hundred miles.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

Sister Lina Jones writes: "You will doubtless have heard of the spell we have had from school because of infantile paralysis. This is our fourth week, but we will most likely begin again next week. Fortunately it does not seem to have reached any of the children round here (Roviana), for which we are very thankful."

Mr. Dent reports that the people from the villages on the beaches are not allowed to gather for Lotu, so that only the people on the station at Roviana attend services. College and ordinary work go on as usual.

LEPROSY.

The Rev. Tom Dent writes:— Dr. Sayers has established a leper settlement on the way to the new hospital site. The lepers have made themselves quite a nice little place, have put up good native houses, and planted gardens for native foods. The leprosy is not of the malignant type, and is responding splendidly to the doctor's treatment. Yesterday, Sunday, after my morning service at Koken-golo, I went to visit the leper settlement and held a service with the patients. We had quite a good time together and they were pleased to have had Lotu.

DR. CLIFFORD JAMES.

The Rev. V. le C. Binet writes: "Dr. James has examined nearly 1,400 different patients involving 20,000 treatments to date (six months). Surgical operations are giving sight to the blind, also making the blind to walk and restoring vitality to hitherto lifeless limbs. Yet native prejudices need to be overcome in certain instances and the verdict still needs to be written: 'And he there could do no mighty work . . . because of their unbelief.'"

Writing of the infantile paralysis Mr. Binet says: "Dr. James is contemplating meeting the coming steamer, and has made 60 masks for the protection of the Mission crew and for the plantation labourers at Choiseul Bay."

More Special Gifts.

On another page we report a special gift of £400 for our missionary funds. Just as we go to press information has come to hand from Mrs. G. Bowron, President of the New Zealand Women's Missionary Union, of other generous gifts. A Wanganui lady has given £75, of which £25 is to be credited to each of the three following purposes: Helena Goldie Hospital, Girls' Training School, Solomon Islands, and the Maori Girls' School.

Two Canterbury ladies, who also desire to remain anonymous, have undertaken the support of a trained nurse for the hospital at Bambatana, Choiseul, where Dr. Clifford James and Nurse Muriel Stewart are doing such splendid work. These contributions have been made through the Women's Auxiliary. May their examples inspire others to good deeds.

Women at the Jerusalem Conference.

Of the two hundred and forty delegates at the Jerusalem meeting of the International Missionary Council, forty of them were women. Many of them were "Nationals" from China, India, Japan, Korea and Syria. Europe and America were also represented, and even the South Pacific sent its one delegate.

A shrewd observer remarked that of all the forty women present, the only two bobbed or shingled heads were from the progressive East, and represented China and Korea.

The part which women took in the discussion on Church life at home and abroad was impressive. The great importance of women's work in the Church was emphasised.

"It is no wonder," said Miss Akle, of Syria "that we women want to express our love to the Master through our service in the Church. It is Christianity, and only Christianity that has given woman her rightful place in the home, in the State and the Church. It is through Christ that the standard of womanhood has been raised in the world, and the Church should not exclude women from any of its activities."

Miss Tseng, the founder and principal of a well-known girls' school in China, said:—"Confucius made only two direct statements about women. One was: It is difficult to keep company with women or small-minded men, because if one is too familiar with them they

lose their respect. If too far from them, they grumble. King Wu had said that he had ten persons to keep his kingdom in order. Confucius said that there were only nine, because one of the ten was a woman. No wonder that Confucianism has affected women in China, not in a progressive way, but has rather set them back. . . . The Confucian message therefore, is not enough for China, because it only touches half the nation. The Chinese women can only find full life in the message of Christ, Who was born of a woman, revealed His Messiahship to a woman, and showed His glorified body after His resurrection to a woman. In Christ the women of China will find their right position not only as citizens of China but as citizens of the Christian world."

Miss Helen Kim, of Korea, said:—"Christ has shown clearly both in His life and His teachings that to God one human personality whether it be man's or woman's, bond or free-man's, is just as valuable as any other. I think Christ must pity us women if we are timid and hesitant about bearing witness to Him in all the walks of life, not only in domestic life, but in the industrial, commercial, political and international life of humanity. I think He would say to us, 'Women, have not I freed you? Why are you still so timid? Go forth courageously into all phases of human life.'"

A Sunday at Bilua.

By Rev. A. A. Bensley.

There are no extra hours in bed for the Missionary on Sunday mornings. All the year round the day's work begins at 6 o'clock, and about an hour later on Sunday mornings. All on the Station gather for morning prayer at 7 o'clock, when a morning hymn of praise is sung, a Psalm repeated, and the Missionary usually prays in English at this service, and the Lord's Prayer is repeated in English.

Then the native Catechist issues the food for the day to the boys and girls. The former go down to the beach and the latter return to their house, and before long the whole Station is at breakfast. Mili soon appears with all the girls from the Sisters' Home. On Sunday mornings Mili always takes the girls down.

She has done this for years. Mili is a real native sister if ever there was one, but the lines are getting deeper on her face now. Soon after they have passed along, their peculiar, far-carrying beating of the water can be heard up the hill, as the girls stand round in a ring, merrily laughing and enjoying their bath.

At 10.30 the bell goes for morning service and by 11 o'clock all are in their places in our cool, clean Church. The text for the day is written up on a blackboard, and many of the boys have pencil and paper and they write it down. Ailsa does this task of writing up the text, as her writing is so much better than the Minister's. Just now we are going through

the Acts of the Apostles. The portion for the day is translated and the Missionary scribbles it roughly on a piece of paper and hands it to Ailsa, one of our elder girls in the Sisters' Home, who writes it neatly into the book kept for the purpose. When all is completed, this book will be handed to the printer, and then all the people on the Island will be able to read this wonderful story.

At 3 o'clock there is Sunday School. Mrs Bensley takes the infants and the Missionary has the rest. The blackboard is again used, and the chief points in the lesson written up and taken down by the school boys and girls. We use the Australian Graded Lessons, though, of course, we are usually a month or six weeks behind. Last Sunday we had the story of Jonah and after the evening gathering some of the boys came up onto the verandah seeking further information about Jonah. "Who was his wife?" "Did he have any sons?" "Where was he born?" "What place did he clear away to?" "What kind of a fish swallowed him?" So the Minister explained afresh about Amittai, and Gath-Helper, Niniveh and Tarshish and the whale. The Missionary was relieved that they confined their questions to the plain facts of the story, and did not go into details.

In between times, people come for medicine or to have their inflamed eyes irrigated, or to bring their babies for a dose of oil, or to inquire if the Missionary will be giving injections on Monday morning as usual.

About 7.30 we have our gathering for evening prayer. The boys and girls choose hymns which are heartily sung. One of the teachers usually leads in prayer and the word imparted during the day is in their thoughts, and the burden of the prayer is that the Holy Spirit might plant the Word deep in their hearts. So we bid them good-night, and they go singing their way to their houses.

"I prayed to God to take me and use me. He lifted me up and showed me the world. I saw oceans separating different countries, different colours of skin separating people; but to God the world was one big ball. There were no differences to Him. I learned to love the whole world, because I saw I was a citizen not of one country but of the whole wide world."—Mrs. Sugino (*Woman's Missionary Friend*).

Death of Miss Harvey.

Auckland has suffered a great loss in the passing of Miss Harvey, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. George Bond. Miss Harvey was keenly interested in all Christian work, most particularly missionary work. For some years she was the Secretary of the Auckland branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and in this connection she rendered splendid service.

At the Auckland Women's Auxiliary "Majority Celebrations," the following message was received from Miss Harvey, a former Secretary and Treasurer:—

"Congratulations Auxiliary's Majority. The past inspires gratitude, the present throbs with possibilities, the future beckons to nobler achievement. Forward is the challenging call."



THE LATE MISS HARVEY.

We little thought that this would be her last message to us, but only a short time after, the call came, and Ettie Harvey went on before. Her service to the Women's Auxiliary Movement cannot be estimated. Her valued advice and help was given without stint.

At our last Auckland Conference she was a valued member. Her influence upon those with whom she came in contact cannot be estimated, but she has passed on to riper, richer service in the "world beyond." Her confidence in the value of the Bible in all Missionary work was shown by her outstanding efforts as Auckland District Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Missionary Table Talk.

Church Co-operation in Suva.

Although the Methodist Church has the most extensive Missions in Fiji, it has never had a European Church in Suva, the capital of the Colony. Arrangements have now been made with the Presbyterian Church for co-operation in the European work in Suva. A Methodist minister has been appointed to the Presbyterian Church for three years, and at the end of his term a Presbyterian minister will be appointed for three years, and so on alternately.

Sister Lilian Berry.

Sister Lilian Berry is now on furlough after seven strenuous years of service in the Solomons. She and Sister May Barnett were among the members of the pioneer band of workers from New Zealand who went to the Solomons in 1922. Sister Lilian has rendered splendid service, particularly in connection with the medical work of the Mission. We wish her a very happy holiday in the more temperate climate of the Dominion.

Death of Dr. Bromilow.

In our last number, an account appeared of the golden wedding of Dr. and Mrs. Bromilow. Shortly after this celebration, the grand old warrior passed peacefully away. Dr. Bromilow was one of the outstanding missionaries of the Pacific, and our readers will be pleased to know that his autobiography is soon to be published. The Board of Missions sent a resolution of sympathy to Mrs. Bromilow, who, through all her long missionary career, had given such splendid support to her husband.

Musical Instruments.

The Solomon Island native, Gina, who is assisting in deputation work this year, has had further gifts of musical instruments. Friends at Onchunga gave him a euphonium and well-wishers at the Thames presented him with a cornet and a violin. He hopes to take back with him sufficient instruments to enable him to establish a band on the station to which he is to be appointed.

Missionary Triumphs in Fiji.

A new moving picture film, entitled "Missionary Triumphs in Fiji," has been presented to our Missionary Society, by Mr. F. H. Stewart, of Sydney. This is a most valuable gift which will be of great assistance in deputation work. A private screening of the picture was given in Auckland recently before the members of the Board of Missions and missionary workers. It gives a fine idea of the people of Fiji, and the work which is being done by our Missionaries there.

Sister May Barnett.

Sister May Barnett, who has been on furlough in New Zealand, will leave Sydney by the s.s. Mataram for the Solomons on October 2nd. Sister May has done excellent work for seven years on the Mission Field, and we wish her God-speed, as she returns for a third term of service.

Congratulations.

We rejoice with the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Metcalfe (Bougainville) on the gift of a daughter; and Dr. and Mrs. Clifford James (Choiseul) on the gift of a son.

The June number of *The Open Door* commences the eighth year of publication. The interest of our quarterly Missionary Magazine is well maintained. The circulation shows a slight upward tendency, but there are many in our Church who do not subscribe to it, and would appreciate it if they made its acquaintance. Specimen copies may be obtained by application to the Business Manager, Rev. G. T. Marshall. The prices are 1/- per annum if obtained from a circuit agent; 1/6 if posted direct to subscriber.



MISS GWEN BLAMIRES.
(In native costume.)

A teacher in the service of the Free Wesleyan Church, Tonga.

Chinese Spiritual Outlook.

China Needs Christ.

The Rev. Stanley H. Dixon, B.D., of Wuchang, put before the great audience in the Albert Hall, London, a strong case for patience and forbearance with the great yellow race in the convulsions that have rent China from end to end, socially, morally and economically.

He said every schoolboy in Wuchang wears on his cap the motto, "I will not marry a girl with cramped feet." In China big feet were more popular than bobbed hair, and there is a tax on cramped feet, the proceeds of which go to the support of schools for girls.

The Chinese are the realists of the world, but their realism is not bound up merely with money and position, but with family life. It means loyalty, family friendships, affection for all under the same roof-tree. They are the students of social relationships and social problems. If we would learn to love God, perhaps we must go to India; but, if we would learn to love our neighbour as ourselves, we must go to China—though "neighbour" there is confined to the members of the clan or family. Money and power and education and prestige all have a value to the Chinese so far as they enhance the credit of the family. So far as the other world goes, they are little concerned. Ancestral spirits may injure the clan, so they must be conciliated. But the other world is dim and shadowy and uncertain. The common people are menaced by demons and evil spirits that lurk about their path. Recently some intelligent religious people were asked what contribution religion could make to China to-day, and they answered, "God consciousness." One said "There has been no Jesus in China to reveal God to us completely and fully." The Chinese Church asks us to share in their great adventure our experience of Christ, to give them convincing facts of this other world which has been unreal to them, to deepen the human relationships of China by grounding them not simply on clan happiness but on God Himself. They ask us to live out in China, not a Gospel of "Safety first," but a Gospel of the presence of the Lord Jesus, the love and good cheer of this world-wide clan or family.

From this searching analysis of the Chinese spiritual outlook, Mr. Dixon passed on to tell something of the heroism displayed by the Chinese Christians in the turmoils of the past few years. He spoke of the heroism of Chuh

Kan Chen, the scholarly and gentle Chinese superintendent of the Wuchang Circuit. When regiment after regiment of weary and hungry soldiers tried to occupy our Methodist premises, he stood there and appealed to them as men of honour and Chinese patriots not to desecrate this sacred place; and time after time the rough soldiery listened to his appeal and passed on. To Mr. Dixon this Chinese saint unfolded the secret of his tranquil courage: "I share my perils and fears with Christ."

You are familiar with the difficulties of China at the present time, that five-fold revolution which has broken on the country, political, intellectual, industrial, social and moral. It has come on men so suddenly and so ill-prepared. This revolution has riddled the classics of Confucianism with criticism. They say the clan system has crippled the initiative of the young men, that Confucianism cannot adapt itself to the needs of the new world. Confucianism turns the Chinese into pillars of salt and figures of sport to the outer world. No wonder the Chinese are without chart or compass to-day. There is a cry for men of character and leadership everywhere, but they are not forthcoming. Their best men declare that the first need to-day is the recovery of the Nation's moral character. A young revolutionary, after coming back from the wars, said to me, "The revolutionary army is not enough, the National Party is not enough. They cannot bring to birth a new and powerful China. China needs Christ for that."

Mr. Dixon quoted the words of his old headmaster, W. P. Workman, "When we first go to school in the lower forms we learn to stand alone. But as we climb higher in the school, we learn that we cannot stand alone." China to-day, he said, wanted to stand alone, but she had yet to learn that she could only stand with Christ at her side.

It is significant and encouraging that of the ten ministers or heads of departments in the National Government of China, seven are Christians, six were educated in America and two are former Y.M.C.A. Secretaries. Dr. Yui stated that in all one hundred and fifty former Y.M.C.A. Secretaries are now in Chinese Government service.

Christianity in India.

[The Rev. J. H. Allen, B.Sc., contributes the following interesting article on the influence of the Christian religion in India, to the Australian Christian Commonwealth.]

I suppose that in foreign newspapers Mr. Gandhi's name has almost ceased to appear. His political activities are at an end. But he is still the greatest spiritual force in India. His word counts for more than anybody else's. Some time back he decided to spare one hour regularly to the students of the National College at Ahmedabad. They met to decide what subject they should study, and they chose the New Testament. Such a decision was noted by the press throughout the length and breadth of India, and roused various comments, many Hindu organs being naturally loud in their protests. Some will be interested to read this from the sub-leader of the "Leader," the most widely circulated paper in the United Provinces. It expresses typically the liberal Hindu outlook.

"Mr. Gandhi is to teach the New Testament at the National College that was founded by him at Ahmedabad. Mr. Gandhi is not himself a Christian, but it would be difficult to find in the country one who lives a more Christian life, and who is more fitted to expound the high ethical principles of Christianity. As a result of the humanitarian work done by Christian missionaries in the country for several generations, and of the example of tolerance set by them, there is a better appreciation of Christ among educated Indians than before. Love and charity have done more to move the millions than violence can ever do. If Christian missionaries had not often allied themselves with Imperialism, the triumph of Christianity would have been great. That it still inspires love and respect among non-Christians is due to the attitude of those of its followers who have from time to time raised their voice against wrong and injustice perpetrated by Christian governments against oppressed nationalities, irrespective of their colour or creed. The attitude of righteousness adopted by several eminent Christian divines in connection with the Asiatic question in South Africa is the latest instance in point. Such personalities as Mr. Andrews are the salt of Christianity. The essence of religion is Love, and Love is God. The followers of any religion who

forget this truth inflict a moral injury on their own religion."

There is much in these words worth pondering. It is a Hindu appraisal of our message. It shows how greatly Hindu thought is being constantly influenced by Christian schools and hospitals, and Christian living, quite apart from direct evangelistic appeals. The silent working of this leaven is quite possibly doing more than the work which is tabulated and cherished as "results."

Here is another extract of a very different type. It is taken from the "Statesman," an English paper, excellently edited and published in Calcutta. It has by far the widest circulation of any newspaper in India. Reviewing the work and influence in Christian Missions, it quotes a recent letter of Sir Reginald Craddock, for some time Home Member in the Government of India, and one who has been Governor of two of the great provinces in succession. Sir Reginald says:—

"The effect of Christianity upon India cannot be judged merely by missionary statistics. Slowly but surely, if unconsciously, India is assuming Christian principles; quotations from the New Testament are always finding their way into speeches and newspaper articles. Although Indian philanthropists would naturally trace their action to their own sacred books, yet it was the Christian example that set them going. It is the leaven of Christianity which is making itself felt."

No one can read such words, taken from such widely differing sources, without feeling that they bear witness of something that is very real in the life of India. It is the leaven of the teaching of Christ. It is Christ Himself.

It is a truism that no stream can rise above its source. It is another truism that no people can rise above the level of their womenfolk. In the Christian life woman takes her rightful place by the side of the man. In the non-Christian world she takes her place with the dog and the slave. Our plain duty is to lift such women up.

A CALL TO PRAYER FROM JERUSALEM.

LET US PRAY

I. *For a Missionary Spirit.*—That the Church may see the whole world's need of Christ, and may be ready for any sacrifice in order to make Him known to all mankind.

II. *For a Spirit of Prayer.*—That Christian people may learn to pray as Christ prayed and taught His disciples to pray; and that an ever-increasing number of interceders may be raised up until the whole Church is awakened to prayer.

III. *For a Spirit of Sacrifice.*—That the Church may be willing, at whatever cost, to follow and to bear witness to the way of Christ.

IV. *For a Spirit of Unity.*—That the whole Church of Christ may desire and experience a new unity in Christ.

V. *For the Gift of Interpretation.*—That the Church may learn to preach the eternal Gospel by word and life in terms that the men and women of this age will understand.

VI. *For Courageous Witness in Moral Questions.*—That the witness of the Church in the moral questions of our day may truly reflect the mind of God and may be known and felt throughout the world.

VII. *For a Spirit of Service.*—That a great number of men and women may offer themselves unreservedly to do Christ's work at home and abroad in our generation.

VIII. *For the Completion of our own Conversion.*—For the removal of all hindrances in our own lives to the manifestation of God's redeeming love and power.

WHAT MEN HAVE SAID OF PRAYER.

Whoever prays most, helps most.—*William Goodell.*

Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer.—*Arthur T. Pierson.*

He who faithfully prays at home does as much for foreign missions as the man on the field, for the nearest way to the heart of a Hindu or a Chinaman is by way of the throne of God.—*Eugene Stock.*

Let us advance upon our knees.—*Joseph Hardy Neesima.*

Communion without service is a dream; service without communion is ashes.—*Robert E. Speer.*

I never prayed sincerely for anything but it came, at some time—no matter at how distant a day—somehow, in some shape—it came.—*Adoniram Judson.*

I have resolved to pray more and to pray always; to pray in all places, where quietness inviteth, in the house, on the highway, and on the street; and to know no street or passage in this city that may not witness that I have not forgotten God.—*Sir Thomas Browne.*

I resolve to devote an hour morning and evening to private prayer, no pretense, no excuse whatever.—*John Wesley.*

Ten minutes spent in Christ's society everyday; aye ten minutes, if it be face to face and heart to heart, will make the whole life different.—*Henry Drummond.*

We must not conceive of prayer as an overcoming of God's reluctance, but as a laying hold of His highest willingness.—*Archbishop Trench.*

On all my expeditions prayer made me stronger, morally and mentally, than any of my non-praying companions. It lifted me hopefully over the one thousand five hundred miles of forest tracks.—*Henry M. Stanley.*

Prayer is like opening a sluice between the great ocean and our little channels, when the sea gathers itself together and flows in at full tide.—*Lord Tennyson.*

I am so busy now that if I did not spend two or three hours each day in prayer, I could not get through the day.—*Martin Luther.*

WOMEN'S PAGES

M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's Missionary Union of New Zealand.

Our President's Letter.

Christchurch, Sept., 1929.

Dear Fellow Workers,—

The end of our financial year approaches, and we begin to review the activities of the past twelve months. I fear that very few of us feel that we have done all that we might have done—but we must not spend too much time and strength in bewailing our shortcomings, but just make a note of the things to improve in our next year's work, and go forward with resolution and faith in our members for the future.

Let us not forget to avail ourselves of every opportunity of learning more about the activities of our Methodist Church, especially among Maori women and children, and in the Solomon Islands, remembering that "facts are the fuel of the Missionary fire," and that "interest based on knowledge" is the kind that lasts.

Mrs. Goldie is feeling the cold of our more rigorous climate, but we are hoping that as the warmer weather comes Mrs. Goldie may be able to take her trip to the South and also visit some of the northern Auxiliaries. This may be possible after the M.W.M.U. Conference.

Sister May Barnett has been doing fine deputation work during her furlough. She has spoken at meetings at Blenheim, New Plymouth, Te Awamutu, Matamata and Putaruru, while visiting friends and relatives in these districts, and later in Oamaru, Timaru, and branches round about Christchurch. She also spoke to a gathering of about fifty in Leeston. The keen interest evinced will we hope result in an Auxiliary being formed there at no distant date. Soon our sister will be returning to her work in Bilua, and many loving thoughts will go with her. All our Sisters are fine consecrated women, but their life on the Mission Field makes constant demand upon all their powers, and they depend very much for encouragement and help upon our prayer and sympathy. Let us see to it that we never fail them.

Sister Lilian Berry will be with us before the end of the month. She will receive a warm welcome, and we hope will get the rest and recuperation she needs. We are hoping to have her with us during some of the sessions

of our Conference, after which she may be able to do a little deputation work.

With these opportunities of getting first-hand information from the Field, all our Auxiliaries should be stimulated.

We are hoping shortly to be able to report the appointment of the second trained nurse to assist Dr. James in the hospital at Bombatana. All are delighted at the news of the birth of a son to Mrs. James. Many prayers will be offered for the welfare of mother and child.

The President and Secretary of the Union Executive enjoyed a visit to Timaru on the occasion of the Auxiliary's twenty-first birthday. An enthusiastic company of members and friends gathered to hear a very fine reading of a play entitled, "The Bishop's Candlesticks," and to partake of a dainty supper with a gorgeous cake adorned by beautiful decorations and twenty-one candles, which were lighted by Miss Holdgate, who was for so many years President. Touching and affectionate reference was made to the memory of Mrs. C. S. Howard, their first President. It was fitting that Mrs. B. Low (nee Miss Sally Howard), should preside over the meeting. This she did with efficiency and grace. News of the formation of a branch at Geraldine cheered all present.

The Executive has lately had the pleasure of welcoming two new Auxiliaries in the North Island, Manaia and Kaponga. These are a definite result of the efforts of Mrs. W. Avery, brought to a head by the District Convention recently held at Eltham.

May I remind you all of our M.W.M.U. Conference to be held in Auckland from October 22 to 25! A good representation from Auxiliaries is very desirable, for several matters of the greatest importance have to be discussed. The Executive is busy preparing a very interesting and attractive programme, and we can promise those who attend a very enjoyable time. One or two changes in the routine of the Conference will make, we hope, for greater efficiency. A suggestion has been made that if Auxiliaries find it difficult to finance a delegate to Conference, two or more should join in the expense, and the delegate on her return give a report to each Auxiliary which contributed.

The members of the Executive have been much cheered lately by several generous gifts for special objects. Rev. W. W. Avery has sent us £15 toward the new nurse's salary. Mrs. Liversedge has sent £25, the first instalment toward endowing a Child's Cot in the Helena Goldie Hospital, to be called the "Dolly Ives Cot," in memory of a little niece who died at the age of three years. And a lady who wishes to be anonymous has sent £25 each to the Helena Goldie Hospital, the Maori Girls' Training School, and the Solomon Islands Girls' Training School. Our grateful thanks are offered to our kind friends, and to our Lord who has put the desire into their hearts.

In conclusion, may I beg every member faithfully and constantly to use the Prayer Cycle; also to pray that our coming Conference may

live in the future. The achievement of the past is a challenge to that future for 'there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.' Dr. Stanley Jones, in a great address in London recently, said: 'Throughout the world we are trembling on the eve of a great spiritual awakening; there is an upsurge of spiritual craving throughout the world.' As women, we must give ourselves more to prayer and consecration that we may be prepared to take a more worthy part in bringing in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. I was privileged to attend the Anniversary gatherings of the Women's Auxiliaries in England. I wish I could convey to you the inspiration and thrill of these great meetings. The annual report, presented by that gifted little lady, Mrs. Duncan, Leith, B.A., was a record of wonderful achievement, of



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be directed by the Holy Spirit, so that all we do and say may be used for the Glory of God, and the extension of His Kingdom.

With love and gratitude for all your co-operation, believe me,

Yours on behalf of the Executive,

MARY E. BOWRON.

MRS. H. E. PACEY.

Mrs. H. E. Pacey, ex-President of the Women's Missionary Union of New Zealand, who has been absent from the Dominion for several months, reached Auckland by the "Aorangi," on September 9th. Mrs. Pacey was the first President of the Auckland Auxiliary. We take the following extracts from a letter sent by her and read at the "Majority Celebrations," recently in Auckland:—

"To-day you are rejoicing in the privileges and opportunities that have been, but we must

the great service of 215 Missionaries, of 19 devoted women in training, of whom 15 are from the Girls' League, and of £65,000 raised, an increase of £2,000 on last year. Missionary Sisters on furlough addressed the meetings. They emphasised that they were out to make Christian homes, and stressed the need of training and winning the girls and women for Jesus Christ. Most gifted women are doing this work, and money is being freely spent on Schools and Colleges to this end. May your members go forth into the coming years full of faith and courage remembering the Master's words, 'I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto Me.' Live Christ, preach Christ, follow Christ and victory is yours."

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT CONVENTION.

A cheerful bustle prevailed in the Deaconess' House, Christchurch, on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 28, as members of the

Committee, with several willing helpers, arranged rooms, made up beds, unpacked provisions, counted cups and saucers, and such like. As the dusk deepened, cheerful fires were lit, our gracious hostess was kept busy welcoming the guests, and soon all were gathered in the bright well-lit dining-room round the hospitable tables. Tea over, willing hands pushed back the tables, and re-arranged the chairs for the welcome social. More ladies came in from nearer homes, friends were greeted, and soon we were again in the dining-room. Now came a pleasant surprise, as Mr. Scotter entered, followed by Gina and Kera. Sister May sprang up from her chair to greet her beloved Solomon Islanders. The boys received many hearty greetings as they passed around among the ladies. The party could not stay long however, and after a few words from Mr. Scotter, and a duet by the boys, they departed. A welcome to the visitors from the President followed, with a few words explaining the reasons for this experiment in Christian fellowship. Then beautiful singing passed the time until 9 p.m., when Mr. Blight came to conduct "Family Prayer." His theme was, "This is my Commandment that ye love one another," and we truly felt that God's blessing was upon us.

Prayers in the sitting-room at 8 a.m. began the next day's activities, and at 9.30 a.m. everyone was settled in groups, much augmented by the arrival of twelve or fourteen local ladies for an hour's study of I. Cor. XIII. G. H. M. Shaflo's "Song of the Excellent Way," was the text-book chosen. To many of the ladies this method of Bible study was a revelation, and resolutions were made to continue it on returning to their own home church. Morning tea at 10.30, then over to the large room at the Y.W.C.A. building, and an hour spent hearing a practical account of the methods, etc., of Auxiliary work. The first hour of the afternoon session was also devoted to Auxiliary matters, and after a dainty afternoon tea served by ladies of the Cashmere Branch, Sister May Barnett told of the work in the Solomon Islands—and Mrs. W. J. Williams of the work in New Zealand among the Maoris. Back again across the Square for tea and a rest, then a quiet gathering at 7.30 in Wesley Church, Fitzgerald Avenue, for the solemn and beautiful Vesper Service and Communion.

AUCKLAND NOTES.

Auckland Auxiliary was en fete on June 12th, for an all-day session. Pitt Street Church and Schoolroom were beautifully decorated by willing and loving hands.

Morning:—A memorable Communion Service—our finest emotions stirred.

Afternoon:—Thanksgiving Service with birthday cake and candles, greetings from near and far. Never-to-be-forgotten talks from Mrs. Goldie and Sister Eleanor Dobby.

Evening:—Demonstration of work in new Britain, New Guinea, Fiji, Solomon Islands, and among our Maori people, given in tableaux, song and story. Missionary Work is "just the art of doing finely a multitude of unromantic things."

Packing operations are in full swing in our depot; 20 cases already packed and wired to be sent early in September in order to reach the Solomons before Xmas. A very fine response for the boxes has come in, and most useful articles are included. A.E.C.



Mrs. J. DELLOW, Auckland.
A Veteran Missionary Worker.

Mrs. Dellow, of Mt. Eden, Auckland, the widow of the late Rev. J. Dellow, and a daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Buddle, pioneer Wesleyan missionary in New Zealand, is one of the most honoured of the workers in connection with the Women's Auxiliary. She is a life president of the Auckland Auxiliary. For six years the gift boxes for the Mission Field were packed at her home and in many ways she has evidenced her deep interest in the missionary work of the Church. Her three sons and daughter are active Church workers.

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