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Rev. A. A. BENSLEY	Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
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The President's Appeal.

"A GOOD CONFERENCE" would probably be the verdict of those attending the recent Conference in the Empire City. Public functions splendidly attended, a sustained interest throughout the business sessions, no controversial questions disturbing the harmony of debate.

But a happy Conference had one unhappy session—the occasion when Foreign Mission affairs were under review. The Conference listened to the report of contracting income and heavy overdraft, and dumbly acquiesced in the recommendation



Rev. C. Eaton, President of the Conference, of the Solomon Islands Synod and the Board that when Dr. Sayers returned to New Zealand no one was to be sent out to take his place. The new Helena Goldie Hospital was to be left without a resident medical officer, and a stay put upon all progressive enterprises. We tried to persuade ourselves that after all medical work was really the responsibility of the Government, and that the souls of the people, rather than their bodies, were our chief concern. But in our heart of hearts we knew that only hateful necessity dictated

the withdrawal from a field of service of immense value to the Solomon Islands Mission. In a recent issue of the "Methodist Recorder," W. J. Noble assures us that the Mission Hospital is one of the swiftest and most effective methods of making Christ known to the people. The wonder of Christian compassion has brought thousands to the knowledge of the Lord Who inspires it. Medical Missions are not an accessory to Christian work, they are Christian work of the noblest kind. Christ healed the diseases of soul and body, and the completely equipped Missionary Society must be ready to follow Him. And here is this Christlike and widely-appealing ministry paralysed for want of money! "I am filled with indignation sometimes," says Canon Sinker, Vicar of Blackburn, "when people give me cheques for one guinea when they could easily give £100." The General Secretary of our Foreign Mission Department is asking sixty Methodist sympathisers to give each £100 to lift the burden of debt. Have our people the means? Is the goal beyond the realm of practical politics? It can be done.

Our people have but to realise what the Solomon Islanders are doing for them. We usually view the matter from the other angle, and consider what we are doing for the Solomons. Have we considered what the Solomon Islands Mission is doing for us? The Rev. C. H. Darlow, pleading for missionary activity, reminds us it is the running stream that keeps pure. To keep the Church in health we must keep her in activity. The Missionary spirit is the one sufficient means to keep the Church pure in life and doctrine. No form of sound words can of itself preserve the deposit of Christian belief. But wherever the Church is deeply concerned about the salvation of the world, she naturally becomes healthy, holy, orthodox, in the best sense.

... Much as our generous people have given

to the Solomons, we venture to say they have retained more. Think of the activities of our Women's Missionary Union and the sustained interest of the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Class Movements! There are the bright spots in our Church life. If these groups ceased their beneficent activities the whole Church would suffer impoverishment. We simply cannot afford to be slack in a field where the Church reaps such magnificent harvests. Our very life depends on the zealous prosecution of a work that keeps the soul of the Church alive.

A story is recorded of a Negro preacher who was told if he asked for money, he would kill the Church. "If you can find a Church," was his reply, "killed by giving, I will stand over the ruins and say: 'Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.'"

Our missionary income will leap forward when we can **widen the scope of our appeal**. Whatever we do, we must not suffer our congregations to fall into two classes, viz.,

those willing to pay, and those willing to let them. Any Methodist worth the name will refuse to let the generous bear the weight of this great enterprise. "All in it and all well in it" must be the motto. One of "Ezra's" stories concerned a Mr. Little who was blessed with ten children and small means. Asked how he managed to get along, he answered, "Every Little helps." What a difference would reveal itself in our missionary income were a little help forthcoming from **every member** of our Church. We are not asking from the Methodist people some extraordinary and heroic sacrifice. What we ask is that we shall practise the art of giving according to the Scriptural plan. "Upon the first day of the week (systematic giving) let each one of you (individual giving) lay by him in store as he may prosper" (proportionate giving).—(1 Cor. 16:2.)

A return to New Testament standards would solve all our financial problems, provide sufficient means to enable us to enter doors of opportunity that stand wide, and end humiliating retreat and shameful withdrawal.

The President.



Five boys from Bilua sent to College at Roviana, January, 1934.

(From left:) Titus Sando, Reuben In-gapala, Abishai Huka, Mesach Jibela, Steven Kikolo.

The Tragedy of Retrenchment.

It is well nigh impossible to express the sorrow with which the Mission Board and Conference agreed that for the time being our medical work will have to be carried on without a doctor. One has only to read Dr. Sayers' report for the past year, which appears on another page of this issue, to realise something of what is involved in such a decision. That such work should be so gravely hindered at this stage of its development is tragic indeed. The nurses and native medical assistants will carry on bravely the ministry of healing, but the absence of the doctor will mean that much of the great work that has rejoiced our hearts during the past six years will now be impossible.

It is expected that the Government will re-open its hospital at Gizo, and that, to some extent, will meet the need created by our inability to replace Dr. Sayers.

More serious even than the withdrawal of the doctor is the retrenchment of one of our three missionaries from the great Bougainville-Buka circuit with its sixty thousand people. Wonderfully successful

pioneering work has been carried out in this circuit for a number of years. Many new stations have been established, and the people eagerly await the Gospel message. And in the midst of all this progress the work is suddenly halted and set back by the withdrawal of one of its three leaders. The Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Metcalfe have been rendering splendid service at Teop, on the extreme north of Bougainville, but that station will now be without a white leader. Mr. Metcalfe has been transferred to Choiseul, where for more than two years Sister Ethel McMillan has been the solitary white worker.

In two years we have retrenched two missionaries, our two doctors, and one nurse. And this when doors of opportunity and avenues of fresh service are opening up on every hand. At the very time that we should be entering in to possess the land for our Master, we are withdrawing. Surely we shall be solemnised by this grave situation and stirred to real sacrifice in order that this tragic retrogression may be stayed.

An Appeal from the Vice-President.

All enlisted under the banner of our Lord Jesus Christ have been given the very definite commission to evangelise the world in His name. May I then be given this opportunity to commend to our people in New Zealand Methodism the Special Debt Reduction Appeal made by the General Secretary of our Foreign Missions.

A door great and effectual has been opened to us in the Solomons.

Our representatives there have, by the grace of God, gathered fruit unto life eternal in a field ripe for the reception of the Gospel of our Lord. Large areas of this harvest field remain untouched, while in that already reached much work remains for the gleaners, both in gathering up and in consolidating what has already



Mr. J. T. Johnson, Vice-President of the Conference.

been covered. In view of the present critical financial position of our Foreign Mission Board, the harvest now gathered can only be conserved if we who owe so much to God for the Love Gift of His Son, our Saviour, realise that the responsibility is ours.

Called to be co-workers together with God and labourers in this great harvest-field, dare we, having put in the sickle to reap, draw back in the face of difficulty? God forbid. Rather let us determine to hold for God that which already has been won and honour Him by enabling those who, under Divine guidance, we have sent into this field, to continue their aggressive

work against social, moral, and spiritual darkness, by bringing to ever-increasing numbers of this people a saving knowledge of that Great Light which will dispel darkness of mind and soul and bring to them a conception of the Christian God, the Divine Trinity. When we remember the revelation that has come to us of God through Christ Jesus, His Son, may we have in mind also those in the Solomons who as yet know not God. Freely ye have received, freely give.

Yours in the Master's Service,

J. T. JOHNSON, Vice-President.

The Treasurer's Report.

For the Year Ended 31st December, 1933.

The returns now presented to the Board show an income in New Zealand of £9,485/19/-, and in the Solomon Islands of £2,001/14/1. The total income is £11,487/13/11. The expenditure is £11,411/12/- in the Solomon Islands and £2,183/16/8 in New Zealand; the total being £13,595/8/8. The deficiency on the year's working is £2,107/14/9.

The total deficiency is reduced by the transfer of £4,500 from the Working Capital Account to the General Account, and is now £14,360/2/5. The overdraft at the Bank of New Zealand is £8,106/11/7. The limit allowed us, in consequence of the reduction of our capital is now £8,400. The position would have been worse but for new loans at call, amounting to £510, which have been obtained during the year. The Capital Account is overdrawn to the extent of £6,150/8/4 as against £4,042-13/7 at the beginning of the year.

The small amount of credit available at the Bank will make it difficult to finance the work of the Society during the next six months before the contributions from the circuits are received. The prospect

at present is that it will be impossible to do this except by going into debt to the firm from which the bulk of our supplies are obtained, hoping that they will not press for payment until late in the year. The only escape from this humiliating position is in a prompt and adequate response to the General Secretary's appeal for £6,000 for reduction of debt.

A section in Atherton Road, Epsom, has been bought as a site for a house for the General Secretary at a cost of £300. Of this sum £100 has been granted from the Church Site Branch of the Church Building and Loan Fund: £151/8/9 (including £93/1/7 received from legacies this year) has been taken from the Equipment Fund and £48/11/3 has been advanced from the General Fund. We recommend that, if the Board decides to proceed with the erection of the house, the Trustees appoint a Secretary and Treasurer and handle all money involved in the enterprise.

(Sgd.) GEO. T. MARSHALL.

A. J. BUTTLE.

Report of Helena Goldie Hospital—Bilua.

OCTOBER, 1932, to SEPTEMBER, 1933.

Miss May Bartle joined the staff of the Hospital in December, 1932, and has been in constant charge of the women and children's wards and the maternity ward.

The native staff has not been changed very much on the male side, and we have no difficulty in getting suitable boys for male orderlies. Our senior girl, Susie, was married during the year to our senior boy. It is by no means so easy to get suitable girls for native nurses, and one feels that we shall make little progress in this direction until a central girls' school is established.

During the year the whole aspect of our work has been altered by the provision of suitable buildings.

A small but compact European building contains:—(1) A really good operating theatre; (2) a laboratory; (3) a dispensary; (4) a white patients' ward; (5) an office.

The Chairman, with Mr. Cropp's most valuable assistance, has recently put in two sinks with pipe drainage to the sea. Sanitation has been solved by the erection of two native latrines over the salt water. New tanks and new catchment area on the new building have ensured an adequate water supply, and a fine corrugated store relieves us of all worry regarding stores.

The grounds have been laid out, and paths completed, and shrubs planted. The whole area is now almost completely covered with fine grass. The hospital compound is now fenced off from surrounding plantation. Altogether, as far as buildings are concerned, it has been an eventful year.

The statistics show that this has been easily our busiest year. Every effort has been made to cut down the number of in-patients, so as to save expense. Cases of malaria, which formerly were admitted, have nearly all been treated as out-patients. In spite of this, 633 patients were admitted and 50 babies were born, making a total of 683. The average daily number in hospital was 55, which is easily a record.

There were 26,639 attendances at the out-patient department, and 1,777 intravenous injections for yaws were given.

It should be noted that these statistics are conservative.

In out-patient rush hours, doubtless, a good many cases are missed by the orderlies, but no allowance is made for this contingency.

The distribution of patients shows a more even distribution over the district than we have previously recorded.

There has been a great increase in the amount of operative work. This is partly due to the new theatre, partly due to increased confidence on the part of the natives, but mainly, I think, because of the almost entire use of local and regional anaesthesia. By modern methods of nerve blocking even the biggest operations can be painlessly performed, and natives who have a superstitious fear of losing consciousness greatly appreciate the new regime. Its advantages from the standpoint of the single-handed surgeon are obvious. Some of the new anaesthetics for pre-operative use have been tried, and one, nembutal, has been found very satisfactory.

Research along many lines continues. A comprehensive paper on "The Melanesian Woman in Pregnancy and Labour" is nearly ready for publication.

A long investigation into "Malaria in the British Solomons" is now finished and will be published when time permits.

During the year two scientific papers were published—one on "The Treatment of Tropical Ulcers by a New Method," and one on the interesting question of the relation of Herpes Zoster to Chickenpox as seen locally.

The method of treating ulcers has been a great advance on old methods, and is an adaptation of a method devised for treating varicose ulcers. No dressing whatever is applied to the wound, but the whole leg is strapped with a special adhesive bandage. The bandage is left undisturbed for two to three weeks. Large

chronic ulcers heal in almost remarkable fashion.

The latest malarial drugs, plasmquine and atebtrin, have been on trial. Atebrin is particularly promising, although our percentage of toxic effects from the drug has been higher than reported elsewhere.



Dr. E. G. Sayers, author of this report, who retires shortly after seven years' splendid service.

In the writer's opinion, within a few years quinine will be almost superseded in the treatment of malaria. The chief drawback to the new drugs is their expense.

Work is also proceeding on Cancer among Melanesians, the incidence of Filarial infection, the incidence of Nephritis, the whole question of native diets, and the question of the common muscle abscess. One has been able to prove by using a special injection recently introduced by Dr. Hamilton-Fairley, of the London School of Tropical Medicine, and kindly supplied by him, that the common so-called filarial abscess is not due to filarial infection at all.

Information regarding infantile paralysis has been supplied to the Rockefeller Foundation in New York in response to a request from Dr. McNamara, and information re measles and chickenpox to the U.S. Public Health Service.

Work has been continued in collaboration with the British Museum in collecting and naming the local snakes, scorpions and centipedes. Although snake bite is almost unknown, venomous snakes do occur.

Seven leprosy patients are under treatment, and very good results have been obtained with children and early cases by the newer methods. The British Empire

Leprosy Association have given us a grant of £125 for this work.

The Native staff has had to shoulder new responsibilities during the year, and has responded very well. One boy does a big proportion of the routine laboratory work, and for some time two of our boys have given all the injections for yaws. They have just returned from their first patrol round Vella in a canoe, and one feels very proud of them. As far as I know they are the first locally-trained Melanesians to give N.A.B. injections, and it opens up great possibilities. By this means patrol work can be done very cheaply and very extensively.

Mrs. Dent, and later Sister Ruth Grant, have very capably carried on the work at Kokeqolo, and visits have been paid there every six weeks.

The District Officer has been assisted on several occasions. One would like to express one's appreciation of his constant helpfulness, and he has several times placed the Government launch at my disposal. The Senior Medical Officer has extended his usual courtesy and kindness during the year.

Fifty babies have been born in Hospital, including twins. There has been a higher proportion of difficult cases than usual. The ante-natal clinic has been well attended, and in every way this work continues to grow.

For five years the population has been steadily increasing in this district, and I think the work of the Hospital has played some part in this gratifying result. In this, my last report, I would like to express the firm conviction that there is no reason whatever why the Melanesian should die out. I believe that they are now facing the future with new confidence and new hope.

It is a pleasure to express my grateful thanks to my staff, European and Native, to the Chairman, the Rev. John F. Goldie, and to my ministerial colleague, the Rev. A. A. Bensley, for much kindness and much practical help.

(Signed) E. G. SAYERS.

Solomon Islands Synod Jottings.

IT was not a large Synod. Our numbers are growing less again. Some of us wonder how long it will be before the position stabilises itself. We began with few. We rose like a rocket. Now our numbers are being diminished, and it seems as though the thinning out may not yet be ended. On Friday, November 10th, the "Saga" arrived with Mr. Cropp on board. We see Mr. Cropp and his neat little vessel once a year. He was the first arrival. Later came another vessel, borrowed for the occasion, with Mr. Metcalfe on board. Still later in the day came the "Tandanya," with the Chairman and Mr. and Mrs. Dent. These folk are led off to the houses on the hill. Neither the Chairman nor Mr. Cropp will leave their vessels at night, so our sleeping accommodation is not over-taxed. The members of Synod are accommodated at the Manse and at the Doctor's residence.

On Friday afternoon a shot is heard from down in the plantation, followed by the shouting of numbers of youngsters. A prime young bullock is sacrificed to cater for the Synod appetite. The following morning, Mrs. Sayers, armed with

carving knife, and the Superintendent of the Vella Lavella circuit, attack half a bullock, and before long portions are being sent to the Hospital, the Sister's Home, the "Tandanya," and all over the place. Bananas in great bunches are brought in, as well as numbers of golden pineapples. The Synod must be fed, even though the budget refuses to balance.

Numbers of people have come to meet the ministers and to see what is being done. Teachers and chiefs are here to hear the sermons and to gossip.

It was a great day on Sunday. All the people could not crowd into our large Church. In the morning, the Chairman preached in English. This is the annual occasion. We hear prayers and a sermon in English, though we sing hymns in Roviana and Bilua. How the people sang! The Bilua choir rendered "King of Kings" very creditably in English, and the "Tandanya" choir also sang, Gina taking the solo parts. In the afternoon Nathan Kera preached a trial sermon, and he preached well.

That night the "Bilua" left for Roviana to make a quick trip for some goods that



FUTURE TORCH BEARERS—STUDENTS IN TRAINING.

were required, but during the night our thoughts were with the native crew travelling in the darkness, as a most violent storm broke, and we wondered whether they would be much buffeted. A native cutter in the harbour broke from her moorings and stranded on a reef.

On Monday morning the Pastoral session opened, when the chief business was the examination of the two native probationers, Gina and Kera. Gina is a proud man these days, as just before Synod opened, his wife, Mary, presented him with a bonny black son, in the Helena Goldie Hospital. A day or two later I was discussing names with Gina, and suggested what I thought would be a suitable one. Gina said, "O no, I've got that all arranged. He is to be called 'Holden.'" Gina cherishes an unchanging affection for Mr. and Mrs. Holden and family, of Redcliffs, Christchurch. On Monday evening, Gina preached his trial sermon to a crowded church. Gina preached in English and Roviana, and while we would not say he preached with equal facility in both languages, yet it was a creditable piece of linguistic acrobatics. Gina always creates an atmosphere for himself, and he comes through every situation "trailing clouds of glory." It is a fine thing to have the knowledge that one is equal to every situation. Gina is vitally alive. His wonderful voice rings with passion and ardour, and his New Zealand friends will be glad to hear that he is not belying his early promise. Kera is a student, intensely keen to do well in his examination work and to make the most of the education he has received. Not only that, he has shown wonderful tenacity of purpose in his very difficult situation at Varese, Choiseul. I am sure our New Zealand friends will not forget these two probationers, forerunners of an ordained native ministry.

On Tuesday morning, at 7 a.m., we gathered for a Communion Service. All the available white folk were there, as well as native probationers, teachers, and catechists. We gathered as members of one family in Christ round the table of our Risen Christ, to worship and adore Him, to surrender ourselves once more to His service and to enter more fully into His Divine Brotherhood.

We were all sorry Dr. Sayers was not with us during the meetings of the representative session. News came of an outbreak of sickness and many deaths at Saikili, New Georgia, and, though the hospital was full of patients, and many cases were awaiting his attention, he had to rush off in the "Bilua" to investigate this visitation. This came at a time when one of the nurses was sick and he was urgently needed at home. Such is the work of our Medical Superintendent. He has to be where the need is greatest. Appreciative references were made to his devotion to duty and his imminent departure from the Field was regretfully mentioned. Medical matters engaged the attention of Synod. Our expenditure in this department is growing and we cannot stay our hand. It is a thousand pities that we should have to contemplate doing so. The Government subsidy is inadequate. The thing that causes us most heartburning is the attitude of the Adventists. They come for treatment in crowds, occupy our buildings, make no contribution of a penny piece in money or kind, but they, though enjoying our hospitality, consider it right insidiously to proselytise whenever they have an opportunity. They airily and untruthfully speak of the Helena Goldie Hospital as the Government Hospital, and Dr. Sayers as the Government Doctor. This, because the Government pay us a small subsidy and make a present of quantities of medicines.

Financial matters caused us much heavy thought, for our expenditure has outdistanced the sum allowed us by the Board, and we cannot see where we might have economised to any appreciable extent. There is so much fixed expenditure that cannot be altered, and the amount left, upon which we have to effect our economies, is so small that large savings seem impossible. There seems no alternative but to reorganise. We must prune away some large fruit-bearing branch from the Mission tree. We must sever the fruitful medical branch, or there is the Bougainville branch weighed down with the promise of abundant harvest. Whose hand must take the axe to this? It is a sigh-provoking situation. We are embarrassed by the abundance of the

harvest. Like those who burned the surplus wheat and cast again into the sea the unwanted shoals, so must we stay our hand from in-gathering. What a problem in spiritual economics. Such is the substance of our resolution to the Board. Tell it not on the tomb of John Wesley and publish it not in Aldersgate Street, O ye Methodists. We are the more sorry as this is our esteemed General Secretary's first year, and this unbalanced budget will greatly embarrass him and will bring the grey hairs of our octogenarian treasurer with sorrow to the grave. So our Synod has closed. We are writing up the minutes and typing out documents for the Board. Our useful Brother Cropp is doing some

helpful work at the Hospital, connecting up piping and making things a little more convenient for Dr. Sayers and the Medical Staff. Sister Lina Jones came over during Synod, as she was feeling unwell, and she is now resting at the residence of our Medical Superintendent. Doctor Sayers is away, and we do not know when he will be able to return. To-day or to-morrow the visiting members of Synod will be leaving for their various stations. We are in the hands of God. May He lead us out of the narrow path of human limitation into the wide fields of abundant harvest, where there need be no withholding of hands.

(Signed) A. A. BENSLEY.

New Home for Sister and Girls at Buka.

You will be glad to know that the Buka Mission Girls' Home is now an accomplished fact. It stands on the side of the hill at Skotolan, some distance down from the Parsonage, and just below the mid-wifery ward. It is a long building, comprising kitchen, dining-room, Sister's bedroom, and girls' dormitory, and has a full-length verandah on the lower side, with a small bathroom taken off the kitchen end.

It is a native house with an European floor, built with all possible regard for comfort and convenience. The good workmanship throughout testifies to the Mis-

sionary's careful supervision of the native boys who helped in the building of it.

The various local material used in the building was assembled from different places, near and far—kuila from the bush, mangrove from the swamp, and sago palm leaf (of which roof and walls are composed) from close at hand, on the Mission property.

The girls' cookhouse, which also serves as wash-house, is detached, and built of galvanised iron, to eliminate, as far as possible, the risk of fire.

The verandah overlooks the water, and from it one has a fine view of Petats and adjacent islands. It has a native floor, and is going to be a very useful part of the house, being wide enough to hold classes, and much cooler for this purpose than the girls' dormitory.

One day, as we were sitting on the verandah, the girls and I were talking of the generosity of the M.W.M.U. in giving us our comfortable new home. I asked them what message they wished me to carry back to New Zealand, and Soaka replied for the party of girls, "Hain pan!" which is the Petats form of "Thank you!" In this their Sister most heartily joins: "Thank you for the 'Luma ni Konan'—the 'House of Light'!"

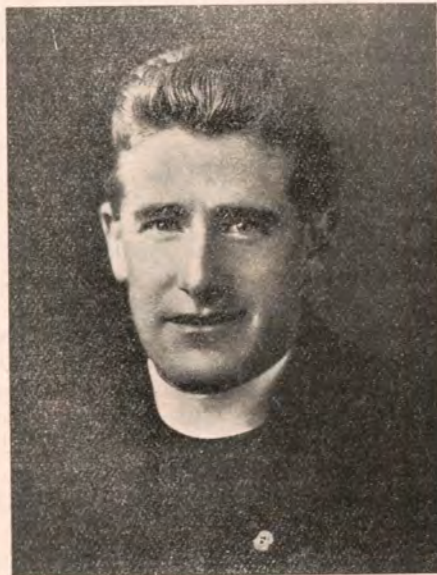
ELIZABETH COMMON.



"Luma ni Konan"—The House of Light.

Extracts from the Roviana Circuit Report, 1933

The year just closed has been one of exceptional difficulty in some senses, and our work has called for the exercise of great grace and patience. Not only have we been compelled to prune our expenditure severely, but our work has been again attacked by the Seventh Day Adventist people, and we have been hampered and hindered by additional taxation, and vexatious Government Regulations. In spite



Rev. E. C. Leadley, appointed as the Chairman's colleague, who arrived at Roviana in March.

of these troubles, however, the Gospel of Christ has triumphed, and many conversions have taken place—men and women have been led out of darkness into the glorious light and liberty of the Children of God.

Spiritual Life. There are no means by which spiritual progress can be accurately gauged, but there are many evidences of vigorous spiritual life to be found in our Solomon Islands Methodist Church to those who have eyes to see. The difference Christ makes in the life of this once heathen people is wonderful. To change hearts in which were harboured every evil passion; to dispel a fear that overshadowed lives to such an extent that existence became a living hell; to banish the false

and hideous conceptions of God, and the grotesque delusions concerning the spirit world; to transform lives given up to sorcery, witchcraft, head-hunting, and all the other evil practices of a filthy, degraded, and cruel heathenism; to arrest the decline of one of the finest native races on the face of the earth—otherwise doomed to extinction; to produce a Christian people, healthy in mind and body, and establish them in happy, healthy, Christian surroundings, and engage them in industrial effort to raise themselves and their descendants in the scale of being, surely this is the work of Christ—an evolution taking place before our eyes—this is the evidence of His power to save.

The attendances at public worship and class and fellowship meetings during the year have been splendid—better than in any previous year. In loving service for their fellows our people have made wonderful progress. To me it seems a moral miracle to sit—as I sometimes do—and listen to the preaching of some of these sons of the old head-hunters. I knew their fathers—some of them are with us still, and I watch the faces of the old men whose sons—converted, trained, and called to preach—are now with fiery eloquence or tender pleading calling on men to accept Christ.

Outstations. The stations under the care of our native teachers have been visited several times during the year. Our native brethren are really the front-line troops. They make the first contact with the forces of heathenism. They have done remarkably well considering all the disabilities under which they labour. The failures are comparatively few, and many of them have done really fine work. It is quite impossible for our people at home to understand the conditions of life in these Christian villages. In many of the villages the chief is a Christian man of strong personality, and he and the teacher work in perfect harmony, and the result is a clean, prosperous, healthy village life—with school, church, and organised industrial effort, making for the present happiness and future welfare of the people. Sometimes the chief is the trained

teacher, and in such cases he is also appointed Government representative. We thank God for the splendid work of our native teachers.

Choiseul. It has fallen to my lot to supervise the great Choiseul Circuit in the absence of a Superintendent Minister. This has involved a lot of travelling, and extra work which, in the present understaffed condition of our own circuit, made life very strenuous indeed. The measure of supervision I was able to give would have been impossible but for the loyal and devoted assistance of Mr. Dent and his good wife—always willing to shoulder just a little more to enable me to do necessary outside work. Sister Ethel has done noble work as preacher, teacher, class-leader, doctor, nurse, and general administrator of the circuit. Her report is a wonderful document if we have the spiritual insight to understand it. Gina and Kera and Stephen have been of great assistance to Sister, and between them they have kept things going in the absence of their European Missionary.

Women's Work. The Sisters' reports have been sent in, and they speak for themselves. It is still our hope, however, that something more may be possible for our growing girls, and we are all anxious to see the Girls' Central School in actual being.

Educational. Satisfactory progress has been made in this department of our work during the year—although as I said last year, we are very far from reaching our ideal. Mr. Dent and Sisters Lina and Ruth on the head station, with their native assistants, have done fine work. The attendance at both Kindergarten and day school has been good, and considerable progress has been made by the scholars in their studies. The work in the village schools has been better than usual, but far from satisfactory, although as the people begin to realise how necessary an education is, they are bringing pressure to bear on their children to attend. The teachers are taking their job seriously. I have been in correspondence with the Administrator during the year on the matter of the tax recently imposed on our teachers and students, and the people have also made protests themselves against this

very severe handicap on the educational work of our Mission. However, the last word has not been said on this matter, and, acting on a suggestion made by me last year, the High Commissioner has instructed the Administrator to invite the heads of the various Missions to a conference in Tulagi in February next. I hope



Mrs. E. C. Leadley, who accompanied her husband to Roviana.

we may arrive at some understanding satisfactory to all parties. I have placed Gina in charge of the Circuit Training Institution on Choiseul for the time being, and his work and influence can only be described as excellent.

District Training Institution.

The Vice-Principal, Rev. T. Dent, sends a very fine report of the work done in the District Training Institution, which I strongly commend to all interested in Mission work. It reveals something of the work done and progress made by the students. These are things which cannot be tabulated, however, and these are the things which really matter. Mr. Dent has literally given himself to this work, and deserves all the credit for the fine results, although it is far from him to look for any praise whatever.

Medical. The report of Dr. Sayers will show something of what has been done during the year in the Medical Depart-

ment of our Mission work. The new Central Block has been of great value and convenience, and if we are to go on with this work, we should hasten the work of erecting the other wards which are badly needed. The Branch Hospital at Roviana has been kept going, and all serious cases sent on to the main hospital at Bilua.

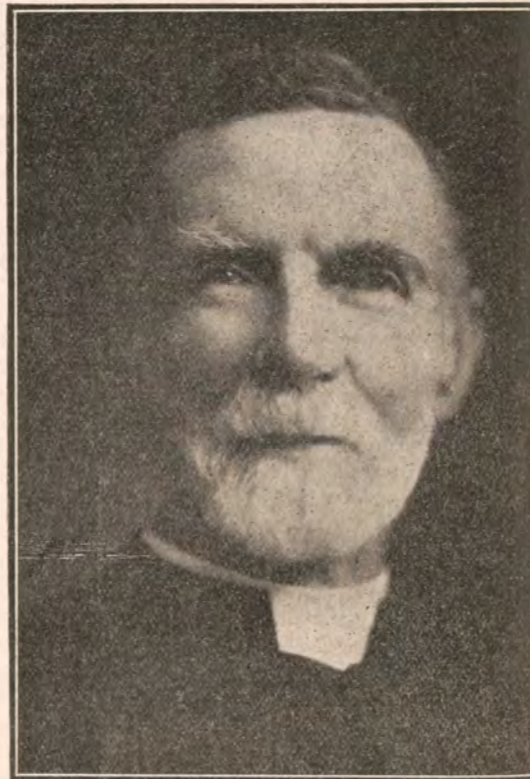
After Sister Lilian Berry left the district in January last, the old buildings were pulled down and a new hospital, built entirely of native materials, took its place. Mrs. Dent did most of the work there in the absence of a trained nurse, with the assistance of Sister Ruth and two trained wardsmen. Since Mrs. Dent's health gave way Sister Ruth has carried on the work, but it is really too much for her with her other work to carry on. Sister Ruth has done splendidly, and seems to have been cut out for a nurse. Her work has been wonderfully blessed, and I cannot speak too highly of the very devoted and unselfish service she has rendered to us all during the year. It is a most remarkable fact that in the Vital Statistics issued for the first time this year by the Government—the period covered being the last five years—the district covered by the operations of the Methodist Mission is the only district which shows a steady upward tendency of the native population. Of course this result is not merely the work of our medical men and nurses, but the steady work of the Mission for thirty years, and proves against all carping criticism that the policy of the Methodist Mission is the one most calculated to achieve the results we are after. The work of our medical department, however, has done much to bring about this fine result, and has helped us particularly to consolidate the work done through the spiritual agencies of our church.

Industrial Work. We have had to "go slow" with this work, but have continued the work in the Saw Mill, and plantation at head station. The Saw Mill has supplied almost all our needs in repairs to buildings, etc., and we have a fine stock of timber on hand. The plantation has given half-time employment to our college students.

Staff. There have been some changes during the year. Sister Lilian Berry,

after many years' devoted service, had to retire, and her place has not yet been filled. Mr. Binet has had to definitely retire from the Mission District owing to ill-health, and we all regret that his valuable services will be lost to the district. Mr. Voyce and family have been on furlough, and others overdue for leave have not been able to take it on account of pressure of work. I cannot close this report without paying a tribute to the loyal, devoted service, and successful work of my colleagues—Native and European—especially to those more closely associated with me on the head station—Mr. and Mrs. Dent, and Sisters Lina and Ruth, as well as to the Native Chiefs and Teachers, without whose co-operation nothing, humanly speaking, could have been accomplished.

(Signed) JOHN F. GOLDIE,
Superintendent and Chairman.



Rev. G. T. Marshall, Clerical Treasurer:
retiring after 15 years' valuable service.

(See Board Minutes, page 13.)

Extracts from the Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions, held on January 30th and 31st, 1934.

Devotions.—The meeting was opened with Hymn 243, and prayer by Mrs. Pacey and Rev. F. Copeland, and at a later stage there was a special period of intercession.

Greetings were directed to be sent to the following:—Sister E. Common (home on furlough), Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Gilmour (home from Papua), Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Donnelly (appointed to Fiji), Missionaries on the Field, the Native Church, the Australasian Board, Misses Harford and Patterson (recently returned from Tonga).

Loan of £500.—Resolution: That the offer of "A Member of the Board" of a loan of £500, free of interest, until December 1st, 1934, be accepted with gratitude, and suitably acknowledged.

Legacies.—The General Secretary reported that several small legacies, amounting to £93/1/7, had been received, and that a further £100 is expected in the near future from the estate of the late Thomas Giles, of Eketahuna.

Debt Reduction.—The General Secretary reported on the special appeal now being made, as set out in "The Methodist Times." Resolution: That the Board approves of this appeal and the scheme as outlined by the General Secretary.

Appointment of Clerical Treasurer.—Resolutions: 1. That the resignation of the Rev. G. T. Marshall be accepted with very sincere regret.

2. That the Board place on record its sincere regret at the retirement of the Rev. G. T. Marshall from the position of Clerical Treasurer of the Methodist Missionary Society of New Zealand, and its keen appreciation of the valuable and faithful services rendered by him in this office for a lengthy period of fifteen years. On several occasions during the absence of the General Secretary from the Dominion he occupied the position of Acting General Secretary with efficiency. The Board tenders him its hearty thanks, and wishes Mrs. Marshall and himself a long and happy eventide.

3. That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair be appointed Clerical Treasurer at an honora-

rium of £25 per annum.

Literature.—The financial statement of "The Open Door" and "The Lotu" was presented by the Clerical Treasurer, and received and adopted. Receipts: "The Open Door," £240/7/-; "The Lotu," £137 19/4; Maps, 7/-; Total, £378/13/4. Payments: "The Open Door," £151/16/9; "The Lotu," £170/7/-; Total, £322/3/9; Profit, £56/9/7. No. circulated: "The Open Door," 5,300; "The Lotu," 6,700.

Retrenchment.—Withdrawal of Doctor. Resolutions: 1. That the Board agrees to the withdrawal of Dr. Sayers, and that for the time being no other doctor be appointed. 2. That the Chairman, General Secretary and Rev. W. A. Sinclair be a committee to frame a resolution covering the relationship of Resolution 1 to cognate matters.

In regretfully agreeing to the early return of Dr. Sayers and the maintenance for the time being of our medical work without a doctor, the Board has been actuated by the following facts:—The huge and increasing debt; the impossibility of maintaining the full scope of the work on the income provided by the Church even in the most prosperous years; the unanimous recommendation of the Solomon Islands Synod; the Government can and will do a part of the work our doctor is doing, whereas it cannot do any of our other work; Dr. Sayers himself supports the Synod resolution.

The Board desires to place on record its high appreciation of the splendid service rendered by Dr. E. G. Sayers as superintendent of our medical unit in the Solomon Islands. The Rev. J. F. Goldie and others who are familiar with his work speak in the highest terms of his ability and devotion, and he has won a high reputation beyond the boundaries of our own Mission. It was with profound regret the Board learned that, for family reasons, Dr. Sayers would be unable to continue in the work. That regret is deepened by the fact that the grave financial situation forbids the immediate appointment of a successor.

Allocation.—The Board regrets that the

serious shrinkage in income, both in New Zealand and on the Field, makes it imperative for the present to reduce the allocation to the Field to £9,000 per annum, and desires to inform the Chairman that it is imperative that the expenditure must not exceed this amount. It requests the Chairman to take all steps immediately to initiate such economies, after considering those suggested by the Board, as will reduce the expenditure to the amount named, until an improvement in finance enables the Board to increase the allocation. That the General Secretary's suggestions regarding possible reduction of expenditure on the Field, with the exception of the further cut in European stipends, be adopted and sent on to the Chairman of the Islands District. If there is any objection to the further cut in native teachers' stipends, a reduction in the number of teachers employed is suggested.

Bible Class Unions and Foreign Missions.

Resolution: That the Board, realising the depth and steadfastness of the interest taken by the young men and young women of the Bible Class Movement, expresses its gratitude, particularly for definite and continued acceptance of financial responsibility for the support of special agencies on the Field. It notes and commends as of great promise the inauguration of a Foreign Mission debt reduction scheme by the Canterbury Young Men's Union.

Call to Prayer.

1. In view of its critical financial position, the Board of Missions requests Conference to arrange a definite time during its sessions for special prayer that all our people may be stirred to a deep sense of responsibility regarding the work in the Solomon Islands.

2. That a Week of Special Prayer for Missions be fixed, with special services of intercession on the Sunday. The week in which Wesley Day, May 24th, occurs is suggested, special meetings also to be held on that day.

3. In urging this request, the Board would point out that, in the words of the Chairman, "it is our success that is embarrassing us." God is owning and blessing the work in a wonderful way, and it is to maintain this work that we ask the

special prayer of the whole Church.

4. That Resolution 2 be referred to the H.M. Board for its approval and co-operation.

Rev. T. Dent's Retirement.—Resolution: That in view of the doctor's report on Mrs. Dent and his own application, the Rev. T. Dent be transferred to New Zealand.

Mrs. Dent.—Resolution: That the Board expresses its high appreciation of the fine service rendered to our Church by Mrs. Dent, and the hope that her health will be speedily restored.

Rev. E. C. Leadley.—That the Rev. E. C. Leadley be appointed to the Roviana Circuit.

Sister Ruth Grant.—Resolution: That the Board approve of the appointment of a successor to Sister Ruth Grant, and that Mr. Goldie be informed of this resolution.

Women's Missionary Union.

The report of the work of the Union was presented by the President, Mrs. H. E. Pacey.

Resolutions: 1. That the report be received and adopted. 2. That the thanks and congratulations of the Board be extended to the M.W.M.U. upon another very successful year's work. The Board also expresses its gratitude to the Women's Missionary Union for the generous and inspirational support received. By accepting yet further responsibility with regard to the support of Sisters, and by their splendid gift of £300 towards the Debt Reduction Scheme, and still more by their deep interest and prayers, our Methodist women have rendered signal service to our cause.

House for General Secretary.—Resolution: That the Annual Meeting of the Board cordially approves of the scheme to provide a house for the General Secretary.

Mr. D. C. Cameron.—Resolution: That the resignation of Mr. D. C. Cameron be accepted with sincere regret. The Board expresses its hearty appreciation of Mr. Cameron's long association with the Board.

Thanks.—That the thanks of the Board be given to all District and Circuit Secretaries, Collectors and Subscribers.

The meeting closed with prayer and the Benediction.

The Special Appeal for Debt Reduction.

So grave was the financial situation that confronted the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions that a special appeal to our people was considered imperative. Conference concurred, and approved the Mission Board's urgent appeal that the £6,000 by which its capital account is overdrawn should be raised this year as a special amount over and above ordinary contributions. Unless a generous response is forthcoming to this appeal our Treasurers will be in the humiliating position of having to suspend payment.

The Native Church in the Solomon Islands would be eager to help us in this grave emergency if at all possible, but they have been hit by the fall in produce values far more severely than New Zealand. Copra, for which they received as much as £40 per ton in peak periods, and for which they never expected to take less than £20, has fallen below £4 per ton, and is almost unsaleable. This has meant that the annual contribution from the Native Church has decreased from nearly £5,000 a few years ago to £2,000 in 1933. If the present price of copra continues it will mean much sacrifice for £1,000 to be raised in 1934. This throws urgent and grave responsibility upon us to maintain the work at a time when it was never richer in promise.

The Special Appeal when launched was to those who could help with substantial sums of £100 or £50. It was felt that it might jeopardise the general fund if a special appeal was broadcast through the circuits at the present time. Many, however, while unable to contribute £100 or even £50, have felt the urge of the appeal and have responded with lesser sums. The M.W.M.U. has again rallied to our aid in a wonderful way, and the youth of our Church are recognising the challenge of our serious situation. Some circuits have gladly agreed not only to maintain the general fund but also to contribute something special for Debt Reduction. You also are earnestly requested to accept the challenge of this Debt that is so seriously hindering the growth of the Kingdom of God in the Western Solomons.

Contributions have been received to date as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
A. H. Scrivin	100	0	0
J. E. Astley	100	0	0
G. E. Clark	10	0	0
Methodist Women's Missionary Union	300	0	0
Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Gilmour	5	0	0
Miss S. L. Cunningham	5	0	0
A Member of the Women's Auxiliary	5	0	0
Mr. H. H. Williams	5	0	0
A Lover of Missions	50	0	0
In Memory of a Sainted Mother	100	0	0
Nurse Edna White	10	0	0
Thank-offering	10	0	0
Cheerio, Pitt Street	1	0	0
In His Name	100	0	0
Miss E. M. Rishworth	5	0	0
Dunedin Women's Auxiliary	20	0	0
Anonymous, Pitt Street	10	0	0
Another Auxiliary Woman	5	0	0
Sympathiser	25	0	0
Anonymous (Epsom)	5	0	0
Rev. A. H. Voyce	5	0	0
Anonymous (Hamilton East)	5	0	0
The Vice-President (Mr. J. T. Johnson)	50	0	0
Mr. H. Oldham	20	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. H. Nicholson	2	0	0
Mr. H. E. Pacey	100	0	0
Sale of Mr. F. J. W. Fear's Watch	11	2	6
Sympathy, Ballance	1	0	0
X.Y.Z. (Palmerston North)	10	0	0
Anonymous (Hastings)	1	10	0
H.R. (Auckland)	5	0	0
Morrinsville Circuit (including Thomas Bros. £5, Mrs. J. B. Thomas £5)	60	0	0
A Widow's Gift (per Connexional office)	5	0	0
Mr. A. H. Fisher	5	0	0
Mrs. L. E. Penrose	50	0	0
H.L.J., Chch.	25	0	0
Gratitude (Auckland)	10	0	0
Sympathiser (Invercargill)	10	0	0
Anonymous (Waiuku)	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Clark	25	0	0
"Sympathy" Ballance (sale of old gold)	1	15	9
Rev. and Mrs. A. Liversedge	20	0	0
T. & E. A. White (Hamilton)	1	0	0
A.B.C. (Palmerston North)	15	0	0
Mrs. G. Pearce (Senr.)	1	0	0
Rev. J. Dennis	1	0	0
J. C. Tietjens	2	0	0
Miss H. C. Shorland	5	0	0
Rev. T. F. Jones	5	0	0
Mr. T. R. Hodder	10	0	0
Mr. J. Cunninghame	20	0	0
Mr. C. M. Luke	10	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson	50	0	0
Total to date	£1408	18	3

WOMEN'S PAGES

M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's
Missionary Union of
New Zealand.

PRESIDENT'S QUARTERLY LETTER. February 9th.

Dear Auxiliary Friends,—

In looking back over the work of 1932-1933, your Executive are deeply conscious of the very fine spirit of devotion, loyalty and sacrifice that has been manifest in every department of our work.

To the smaller Auxiliaries and those in country districts, who have carried on with self-denying efforts, and who in many places have increased their income, we take this opportunity of expressing our warm appreciation.

1934 is before us. Auxiliaries will be planning their winter programmes thoughtfully and prayerfully. May I urge that we "Go Forward" hopefully and courageously, for the "Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Someone has said, "To fear is to distrust Love; to grow weary is to fail God."

You will remember that at the M.W.M.U. Conference, held in Dunedin last October, we decided on Extension work, namely, to send out a Sister to help Mr. and Mrs. Voyce at Siwai; to fill the vacancy at Roviana, owing to the retirement of Sister Lillian; and to take on further financial responsibility for Sisters already in the Field. Much to our disappointment, it is now not possible for us to carry out our Conference programme.

Owing to the reduced income and the great debt confronting the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Goldie, through the Island Synod, has requested that no further workers be sent forward.

The native income is very much reduced, to the amount of £1000, the very low price of copra being responsible for this. The demands of the work have caused an over-expenditure in the Field of nearly another £1000. This, added to the already large accumulated debt, brings the Foreign Mission Board's indebtedness to £14,000. You will readily understand that extension work under these circumstances is

impossible. The Foreign Mission Board, at its annual meeting, was confronted with a great problem, which was faced with courage and prayerful thought. It is not possible to carry on the medical work; Dr. Sayers is to be recalled.

It is expected the Government will carry on the Hospital work. The suggestion from the islands is to cut out all medical work, but the suggestion from the F.M. Board, in which our Executive concurs, is that the nurses be allowed to carry on, so that the women and children may be cared for. The Government will be expected to care for the men and boys.

Many suggestions for curtailment of expenditure were adopted. The debt has to be faced. An appeal is being made to the representative members of our churches, indeed to every one who possibly can, to give a little extra to "remove this burden," and in this connection the M.W.M.U. were asked to co-operate. The Executive carefully considered the request, and unanimously decided our duty was to stand behind the Board and help to the best of our ability. We realised the women of our Methodist Church would not fail in this time of crisis, thus we decided that part of the money we were planning to expend on extension work we would hand over to the Board for the **Debt Reduction Fund**. We are sending forward £300.

In addition, we ask that every Auxiliary and Branch within the next few months will have one special effort for the Debt Reduction Fund, the money to be sent to Mrs. S. C. Maunder, the Union Treasurer, who will then forward it on to the Foreign Mission Treasurer. This morning I had a letter from Mrs. Duke (President-elect), of Dunedin, stating that at their meeting on February 5th promises amounting to £20 were given towards the debt reduction. This in addition to £30 extra, which had been given for extension now to be similarly apportioned. A very

fine spirit of sacrifice and service. Dunedin Auxiliary is giving a very beautiful lead, which will, I am sure, inspire others to follow. We say, Thank God for their love and deep interest which inspires such giving. In the teaching of our Lord, it is very clear that it is the **gift that costs** which really counts.

Call to Prayer. The General Conference is being asked to appoint Days of Prayer, especially for our Mission work, in which we will gladly co-operate.

I feel these difficulties are not insuperable if the whole Church will accept the challenge. I know our women will **not** fail. We must bring love, light and help to the peoples of the Western Solomons.

There is a silver lining to every cloud. Encouraging reports from the Islands state there are signs of success and vigorous spiritual life everywhere, and I feel sure that, in spite of the colossal task ahead of missionary workers at home and abroad, a task God-given, if we are faithful, lasting victory will come.

Sisters. Sister Elizabeth Common arrived from Buka on January 2nd, and is looking very well indeed. After a few weeks' rest with her family and friends, Sister Elizabeth will do deputation work with our Auxiliaries in the South Island.

The remaining Sisters on the Field are well, very busy meeting the many demands of the work.

Sister Grace McDonald is on furlough, having gone to visit her relatives in Ireland.

Sister Ethel is planning to be with us in New Zealand later on in the year.

Sister Olive has sent in her first annual report. It is an interesting record of work done among the Maori people. This is being circulated.

Sister Eleanor is improving in health. The demands and needs of her work are very great. I am sure all our members will remember her lovingly in prayer.

While in Auckland, Mrs. Hodder and I were privileged to attend the Kurahuna monthly meeting. This work is progressing very satisfactorily. Another dormitory has had to be furnished to meet the demands of applicants. A pleasing feature of the work is the changed lives of the girls, and how anxious they are to live up to their responsibilities and privileges.

Where the parents have been unable to meet payments, the girls, when they begin to earn, are striving to make good. Sister Rita continues to improve, and hopes to resume duty at the beginning of March.

Extension Work. Opunake has decided to form an Auxiliary in connection with their Guild. The Executive are approaching other centres in the hope of forming branches. We are looking to all Auxiliaries to extend their borders, thus enabling the Union to meet the many demands that claim their attention.

Nurse Common is going with them as their guest, and will help in the work there. Owing to the retrenchment on the Field, Nurse Common could not go forward as a member of the staff, but is filling in voluntarily until there is an opening, such is her spirit of devotion.

Easter Offering.

Easter is approaching, when we commemorate the great sacrifice of our Lord. May we not only give our gifts in order that Christ's Kingdom may come, and that "His Will may be done on earth as in Heaven." Again I say, "it is the gift that costs which really counts."

Finance. Mrs. S. C. Maunder, Dominion Treasurer, thanks those Auxiliaries who have sent forward affiliation fees and Executive donations, also quarterly remittances. Our Treasurers would be glad if all Executive and affiliation fees could be forwarded by the end of March, if possible.

In your praying, will you listen to the Macedonian call, "Come and help us"? As a Church we asked for the Western Solomons to evangelise. Other denominations refrained from going, knowing that the New Zealand Methodist Church were pledged to this work. Shall we as women fail? Never! Let us pray for Mr. Scrivin and the Board, as well as for Mr. Goldie and his colleagues, that great wisdom and guidance may be theirs.

The Rev. E. C. and Mrs. Leadley leave for the Solomons at an early date to replace the Rev. and Mrs. Dent, who are returning. They will carry with them our best wishes; our praying will uphold them.

Looking forward to greater achievement and warm appreciation,

I am, yours sincerely,
MARGARET W. PACEY.

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