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M. W. M. U.

There are no better known letters in New Zealand Methodism than M.W.M.U., and there is no finer nor more effective organisation within the Church than the Methodist Women's Missionary Union. For the vision, devotion, and ability of these wonderful women, we thank God. It is indicative of the spirit of these women whose hearts God has touched, that while most circuits and practically every other department of the Church have been more or less under the dire influence of the "depression," the M.W.M.U. has continued to advance. It has not permitted this word, which has been a nightmare to many, to appear in its annals. This movement is really inspirational, and has played a profoundly important part in the development of missionary work both in New Zealand and the Western Solomons, more particularly among the women and children and in the care of the sick.

One question that arises is: If such achievement is possible with a membership of less than 3,000, what could not be accomplished if every woman in New Zealand Methodism were linked up in membership with this great movement? Visualise the M.W.M.U. 10,000 strong, and you behold, in a very real sense, "the coming of the glory of the Lord" among our Maori people and yonder in the Solomons. The "Open Door" goes into 6,000 homes. In nearly all of those homes there is one, sometimes two or three, eligible for membership. The Movement needs you, needs your prayers and support in extending the great work to which it has set its hand. The work already achieved, and the task yet awaiting, constitute a challenge that you cannot pass lightly by on

the grounds of too many other engagements. Very few of those engagements can be as important as that of winning the Western Solomons for Jesus Christ and taking the great ministry of healing to the sick and suffering. Please link up immediately with your local Auxiliary.

There is inspiration in the knowledge that in the Young Women's Bible Class Movement, and in such organisations as the "Evening Missionary Circles" in Christchurch and Karori, our young women are dreaming dreams and seeing visions of missionary service and fitting themselves for the ranks of the M.W.M.U.

To make the future quite secure, however, it is imperative that the missionary flame should be fanned in the hearts of our children, and the wider vision come to them of the needs of those who sit in the darkness and shadows. O! ye Mothers of Methodism, how great is your opportunity here to stir in your children an eager desire to be true to the trust Christ committed to His Church. Practice and precept must go together if these quick-witted, lovable little ones of ours are to be impressed. Have you the vision? Are you standing behind the M.W.M.U. in its great ideals? If so, the flame will surely spread in your families, and, later, your hearts will glow with pride and gratitude as you behold those you love best on earth standing for your own high principles, and vitally concerned with this great central purpose of the Church of Jesus Christ.

We hail you, Elect Ladies of the M.W.M.U. May the Spirit of God continue to work mightily in your midst, and use you yet more in the extension of His Kingdom.

GREETINGS.

We wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a New Year rich with God's good gifts.

Amidst the joys of Christmastide, please think and pray for those in the Western Solomons who know nothing of the peace and goodwill Christ came to bring, and of those who have gone for you with the glad tidings.

Conference Impressions.

Women's Missionary Union Conference—1934.

By Mrs. C. E. TAYLOR.

Conference 1934 closed with the general feeling of work well done and time well spent. Let us review briefly the main causes contributing to its success.

Under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. Pacey, beloved and capable President, the business sessions were conducted in such a way that matters dealing with policy and finance were clearly presented and fully discussed.

This 20th Conference comprised 75 delegates from 26 Auxiliaries, 20 first-time delegates being present. An increase, for the year, of 10 new Auxiliaries was a pleasing feature of the Annual Report. The Financial Statement revealed an income, for the year, of £2,768, being £134 in advance of last year's; specially gratifying with the contribution from Auxiliaries of £487 towards the Debt Reduction Fund, augmented by a donation of £300 from the General Fund of the M.W.M.U., made possible by the inability to pursue the forward policy decided upon at last Conference.

Boxes issued by the Gleanings Department contributed £55 to the year's income, an increase of £2 on last year; while the contents of Gift Boxes, sent out by the Box Department, have proved invaluable to the Sisters in their work.

The report of the Literature Department was an eye-opener to many, and should lead to a deeper appreciation of all the letters and reports which are sent to Auxiliaries. No fewer than 6,659 postages were made by the busy Secretary of this

Department.

In the capable charge of Sister Netta, Kurahuna continues to do great service for our Maori girls, who are showing a very real spirit of self-denial and co-operation by their willingness to help in B.C. and Missionary meetings, and also by their gift to the Debt Reduction Fund.

In an interesting and arresting manner was the report of the Y.W.B.C. Movement presented by Mrs. Boyer, stressing the growing bond between the B.C. and Missionary Movements, nor failing to note some very real problems which face those interested in the work among our young people.

The reports received from both the N.Z. and Solomon Island Sisters were full of inspiration and challenge, and could not fail to arouse in all delegates an earnest desire to do more to help and encourage them in their self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of Missions.

Much time and earnest thought was given to the consideration of the Union's future policy. Faced with the urgency of the need and the challenge of the present situation, the Conference pledged itself to adventure in faith in a forward move by the payment this year to the F.M. Board of £1,200 to cover the full support of the three Sisters now on the Field and to enable a nurse to be sent to Roviana and one to Bilua as soon as practicable, £125 being allowed for each of these new Sisters for medical supplies. Nor must the plea for a Girls' Training School in the



20th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE M.W.M.U.

Solomons be unheeded. Herein lies an urgent need and a call to go forward.

The Devotional periods with which each day's work opened were times of quiet and heart-searching thought. Mrs. Hodder, Mrs. Bowron, and Mrs. R. Richards in turn presented a challenging message and a call to prayer. The Communion Service, with its quiet and its fellowship, brought to all the call to share with Him the life of unbounded sacrifice and undying love.

Conference was indeed honoured with the presence and quiet charm of Sisters Ethel McMillan and Eleanor Dobby, to say nothing of the constant attendance of our worthy and genial F.M. Secretary, who was ever ready with kindly words of appreciation and wise counsel. Addresses by each of these Missionary enthusiasts were warmly appreciated. Sister Ethel has left behind her a memory of undaunted heroism and selfless devotion that will long stimulate all who were privileged to hear her, to a more loyal and whole-hearted allegiance to the cause of Foreign Missions. Sister Eleanor—how we love her!—always calls us to further endeavour, and we are glad to know that her "Tale of Old Clothes" is to be circulated among Auxiliaries. In her own quietly impressive way, our President, Mrs. Pacey, laid before us her hopes and ideals for the future, calling to more prayerful organisation in the enlisting of new members and reminding us of the need for more and more of the devotional in our

meetings. Her call to greater achievement concluded with the assurance that "If we will but venture, God will lead us to greater heights and achievements." Rev. Scrivin conveyed the thanks of the F.M. Board for the loyalty and help of the M.W.M.U., and urged members to keep in mind a development policy, to include a School for the girls in the Islands and additional nurses at Roviana and Bilua. He urged that the Missionary spirit be fostered among the boys and girls in our land, through our Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. Revs. Patchett and Geamer on behalf of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards respectively, voiced words of appreciation and encouragement.

Fostered by a warmth of welcome at the opening Social Function, a spirit of genial good-fellowship prevailed throughout the Conference, and our grateful thanks are tendered to all who gave hospitality or proffered the welcome "cup that cheers." Flowers—such beautiful flowers—added their fragrant welcome and spoke their silent message.

And now our thoughts fly forward to plans and hopes for the coming year. The Wellington Executive, after a term of faithful service in most difficult times, have handed on the torch to our Dunedin friends, who will have our loyal support and our prayers. And so we go forward to give of our best for another year, till we meet again in Conference in New Plymouth.



GINA with his father and other members of his family.

(Photo—Sister Lina Jones.)

Day by Day at Roviana.

By the Rev. E. C. LEADLEY.

We are as busy as ever in the Hospital. Altogether we have eight patients, and the little place is full up. Another patient is waiting to come in.

Tuesday, July 31.—This morning we performed another operation. I gave the anaesthetic, and the patient soon went to sleep. Then Amy opened the hand, which was full of pus. Septic sores are very common here. Yesterday Amy opened a groin swelling, after I had given a local anaesthetic. The patient was very nervous, and yelled like a hyena. However, that's all right.

I had better tell you a bit more about both College and Day School. In College, we begin each day's studies with a hymn and prayer, and then the three classes separate. Each takes its own particular studies in Theology on Mondays, History on Tuesdays, Geography on Wednesdays, Drawing on Thursdays, and Sermon criticism on Fridays. In addition, I give them all half an hour on Old Testament History on Mondays and Wednesdays, and they have Semaphore signalling on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In the Day School, after the opening Hymn and Lord's Prayer which is sung, the eight classes separate. I go from class to class, helping, and keeping an eye on the work of each pupil. If a teacher is away with fever, I take his class. I am also taking the classes in English speaking. I ask them simple questions in English, and if they understand the purport of the question they do what I ask. After a little of this, I ask other questions, and they try to reply in English. It is usually broken English, and I write the answers on the board as they are given, and then correct them. The boys are very shy about answering in English, and they take a bit of encouraging, but they are responding very well. Every Friday, I have a special class for the teachers, and the work is set out for the week ahead.

Thursday, August 2.—The other day I gave the College boys a choice of four texts, and asked them to write down

sermon outlines. The result was very good indeed. Here is one quite original illustration. The outline was written



(Photo—Rev. A. H. Voyce.)

Man wearing mask made of bark, and a body covering of the same material; carrying bow and arrows. He is representative of the spirit that wars on thieves who steal the almond nuts.

largely in Roviana, but there were bits of English like this: 'Clever merry is the enemy of grease. Clever merry is like the blood of Christ, and the grease is like sin.' Not bad, I think.

Many of the District Teachers have come in to-day for the monthly class meeting. Most of them came with empty bottles, wanting fresh supplies of quinine, tonic, cough mixture, also cotton wool, old linen, etc. (We are now using some of Mr. Dent's old shirts for linen).

Puzaka has gone home. He has had a great deal of treatment, and ought to be grateful.

Friday, August 10.—To-day, a woman came to Hospital suffering with elephantiasis. Her leg is more than twice the usual size. Amy bound it tightly in elastic plaster, and I made a splint for the arch of the foot, which had dropped. This morning, a baby was brought in with what seems to be dysentery. We hope it isn't that, for it is very contagious. The trouble is that we have no isolation ward, and the contagious cases have to be put into the ordinary wards. The Hospital buildings are nearer to the houses and school, too, which makes it worse. However, every possible precaution is taken, and it is something to have the contagious cases where we can keep an eye on them; for natives often do things which are a menace to themselves or others — they don't understand the need for hygiene, or the deadly work of some germs. We try to teach them, but it is not easy.

Monday, August 13.—Some of the old people here are very superstitious. An old man came up this morning to have some teeth out, but he would not come near the Hospital, because there were some maternity cases in the other ward. And in olden times the men would not go near the building where the women had their babies. After much persuasion, he came to the edge of the verandah and sat there, and Amy pulled one ugly molar, and because he was old and weak, the pulling of one tooth was all that he could stand. He is to come back again. He told us that in the old days teeth were dug out with a piece of hard pointed wood, but that way was 'very sore,' and I can well believe it.

Wednesday, August 15.—We have another woman in the Hospital with dysentery. I hope there is not going to be an epidemic. This woman is the mother of 11 children, the youngest being two weeks old. She has no milk for the little chap, and he is nearly starved. We brought him home, and Amy made some humanised milk for him, and didn't he tuck into it! We put his cot into our room last night, and he slept until 1.30 a.m., and then

woke us with yelling. We gave him another feed, because he was used to it at that time of night. In fact, the native mothers give their babies a spot of milk every time they cry. Well, when our baby (whom we call Pip) had had his second feed, he developed a pain, and it was 3.30 before he went to sleep again. Then Amy couldn't sleep, for wondering whether he was all right, so I had to tell her a story to put her to sleep. I usually do this when her mind is full of Hospital and she is restless. Anyhow, we all went to sleep at last, the baby in the bed between us. This morning, when I got up, Amy and Pip were fast asleep, side by side. They did look funny! The baby is tired enough now, and so am I. He was so sleepy that I could hardly keep him awake while I fed him. Oh yes! I fed him, and prepared the food, too, and got myself in a proper tangle, what with milk, and teats, and water, and bottles. Anyhow, it is good experience.



(Photo—Rev. A. H. Voyce.)

A Chief of the Poroai Valley area, Southern Bougainville. All smiles.

Friday, August 17.—We have another girl in Hospital with dysentery. That is three, and a further suspected case has just come in, but this may be a false alarm. Baby Pip is a very naughty boy, and has been spoiled. We are kept awake every night for an hour or more. It strikes me as very hard work breaking in other people's babies. **Next morning.** We have had another rotten night—the baby was worse than ever. The child has a pair of lungs that I should imagine are slightly more powerful than a Wurlitzer organ. Amy had less than four hours' sleep. She said this morning that she asked the Lord to send the child to sleep, but it was making so much noise that she believed the Lord could not hear.

Sunday, August 19.—Young Pip is now housed in the Hospital with his mother, and we had a glorious night's sleep, but the poor patients did not. The mother is fed up with it already.

I took the service again this morning, as Mr. Goldie is again away. In the children's address, I was speaking on love to parents, and using as much of the native language as I could. But Sister Lina tells me I made one bad mistake. The word for "parents" is "tia tamadia," and I must have said "tia tama," which means (don't laugh) "father's stomach."

Monday, August 20.—Names are a

puzzle here. A family does not possess a common surname. Usually each person has a Biblical or English name, and a native one, and they are called by either. In one family the father may be Job Zio, say; the mother may be Mary Bea; and the children, shall we say, Daniel Tisa, Diana Pina, Lily Bui, Philip Zomoro, etc. But we cannot tell who belong to whom, though the boys seem to have all the genealogies at their finger tips. But for us it is difficult. For instance, I may know a boy in school by one of his names. But in an exam. he may put one of his names on one paper, and the other name on another, and perhaps both on another; and not knowing both his names, I do not realise that they all belong to the one boy. Names are often shortened, too. Jone Bitibule may sign himself "Biti," and Solomon Gadepeta will often put just "Gade." It is pretty confusing.

To-day I took Class I. (the top class in the school) to learn about weights and measures. The boys know these tables, and use them in their sums, but they haven't much idea about the things themselves. So I got hold of some scales and weights, a measuring tape, etc. We weighed various articles, and measured the class room, and then estimated the cost of a carpet for the floor, which we shall never get. Then outside, on the grass, we pegged out chains, poles, fathoms, square



(Photo—Rev. A. H. Voyce.)
Members of the Teop Quarterly Meeting.

yards, and so on. The boys were keen to peg out a square chain, so I let them carry on. There is not much playing ground around the buildings, and the square chain landed them over in the garden. It was awfully funny to see them trying to manage the measuring tape. They had it tangled in the tomatoes, and stuck in a tree. Then we went inside, and played with paper money. I gave each boy an assorted handful to add up. There were more sovereigns and half sovereigns than I ever expect to see. Out here, practically the only coin in use is the shilling, though we sometimes see a sixpence or a two-shilling piece.



LEMEKI SIQALA,
Native Teacher supported by the Mornington
Sunday School.

Tuesday, August 21.—We have just ended a very busy 12 hours. About five o'clock yesterday afternoon a woman came from one of the villages nearly two miles away, and said that her husband had cut his foot with an axe, and no one could stop the bleeding. So I set off post haste, with one of the Hospital boys. We found the man lying on a verandah, about two feet above the ground. We had a blanket over him, and a little fire was burning under

the spot where he was laid. Quite a novel way of keeping him warm! He had lost a lot of blood, and was very weak, so we bandaged the cut, and told him to come to the Mission by canoe next day. On the way back we called at a place to render first aid to a man who had been out spearing fish, but a fish had speared him in the foot. The walk back was very pleasant. The sunset glow was magnificent. The distant islands were a deep purple, and the sky in the west was a gorgeous red, thinning away into pink. I thought of Charlotte Bronte's words: "Nature is at evening prayer; there glows the sacrificial flame upon the altar of the hills." On the way home the boy showed me a birth hut, where the women had their babies in the olden days, and where they still have them if there is no nurse at the Mission. It was a most awful old place, almost tumbling to pieces. No wonder the children often died when they were born in such miserable, dirty places, attended by the native midwives.

After dinner Lotu, and a visit to the Hospital, we were just going to bed, when word was brought up that an old man, not far away, was coughing up blood. So we went to see him. He is far gone with T.B., so we could not do much. Amy gave him some cough medicine and a sleeping draught. We had just got off to sleep when we were told that he had coughed up the medicine and more blood. We sent him some more medicine, but in the end we had to go down and give him a little morphia, and leave one of the Hospital boys in charge. After one or two other interruptions we got to bed, but were awakened at three o'clock for a maternity case. Amy came back to bed at 4.30, with the information that another maternity case had just come in, and she had to get up at 5.30 for this second case. That makes 23 babies born here since we arrived, and only three of them are girls. I never before knew that baby boys could be such a pest.

Wednesday, August 22.—The old T.B. patient died last night. Mr. Goldie arrived home a few hours earlier, and so was able to say "good-bye" to the old Christian, who was one of the first converts over 30 years ago.

Mrs. W. H. Duke--M.W.M.U. Dominion President.

An Appreciation by Mrs. GEO. DAVIES.

The Methodist Women's Auxiliary has been fortunate above most Societies in the women who have served it as executive officers, and its new Dominion President, Mrs. W. H. Duke, of Dunedin, will, without doubt, prove a worthy successor to the splendid women who have preceded her.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. Morley, she was cradled in Methodism, and inherited a lively interest in Missions—an interest that early blossomed into service.

A member of the Otago Missionary Auxiliary from its inception (and the Otago Auxiliary was the first among many sisters), Mrs. Duke was for sixteen years its President, retiring only when taking up the Presidency for the Dominion.

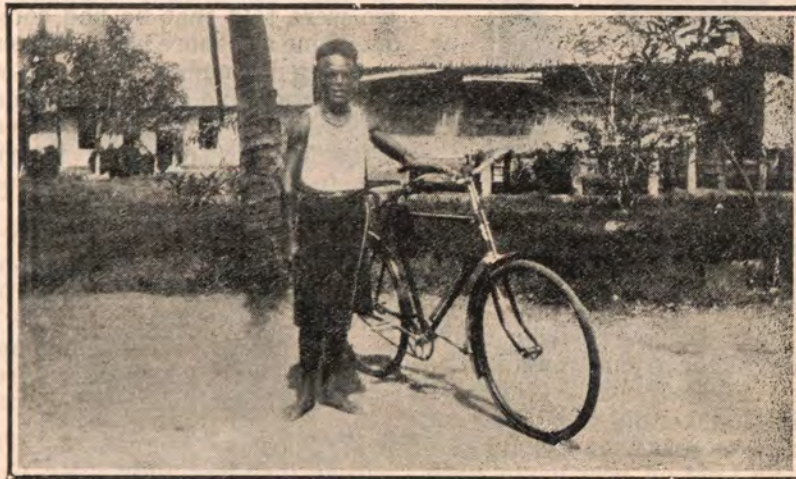
As Otago President, she has indeed proved herself a woman beloved, for in her enthusiasm for the cause she never lost interest in the individual, and each of the members of the Auxiliary found in her Presidency a very real friend. To those sick or sad she has been loving and helpful, and her wide outlook and her sense of humour have gained her friends in every class of society.

Her two sisters, Mrs. F. Denton and

"Sister" Mabel Morley, are also stalwarts in the Missionary cause, and it would be difficult to over-estimate the service that these three devoted women have rendered to the Missionary department of the Methodist Church. But Mrs. Duke is not a woman of one enthusiasm only. All good causes claim her interest—notably, the Y.W.C.A. of Dunedin, which she served as President for several years. And only those intimately connected with Trinity Church know what a real "Mother in Israel" she has become.

Inspired and assisted by her husband, the late Mr. W. H. Duke (a man with a genius for friendship), Mrs. Duke has exercised a very wide and gracious hospitality, to which many throughout New Zealand will be glad to testify.

To those members of our M.W.M.U. who have not yet met our new President, we would say: "Here is a woman of prayer and vision, of wide sympathies and of great practical gifts—one indeed who serves her Master. "With careful Martha's hands and loving Martha's heart. Surely the future administration of our beloved M.W.M.U. is safe in her hands." —L.D.



ABEL VIURU,

(Photo—Rev. A. H. Voyce.)

the Medical Orderly at Teop, formerly a trainee of Mr. Binet's at Suga on Choiseul; later four years at Roviana, and has been on Teop rendering splendid service as a medical worker for three years. He is using the bicycle generously donated by Scott & Scott, Ltd., printers of the "Open Door" and "Lotu."

Extracts from Reports of overseas Sisters and Missionaries' Wives.

Sister Elizabeth Common.

To date, all of our girls have been married to teachers—Buka boys, trained in our own Mission School. Will you pray that these young teachers' wives may be an influence for good among the women of the villages. It is almost pathetic to find how soon some of them are striving to pass on the knowledge that has come to them, drawing round them some village girls, and teaching them to sew, sing, etc.

It was an encouraging proof to us of the value of training when two of our old girls, now teachers' wives living in distant villages of North-west Buka, were able to make such a favourable impression on their people that six girls from those villages were allowed to come to the Mission.

Deputation work brought me into contact with many Auxiliaries in the South Island, and was both enjoyable and helpful to me. One realised afresh how much we Sisters owe to the women for their support, financial and spiritual. For your prayers and loving sympathetic interest I thank you. I would thank you, too, for gift boxes, books, and magazines, and for letters received. Last, but not least, I would mention the President's quarterly letters, which never fail to bring inspiration and help.

I go joyfully back to my work, praying that God may abundantly bless our work, as we begin the new term in the new Home.

May it truly be to our Buka girls a "House of Light."

Sister Isabel Stringer.

One poor leper is suffering so much from the complications—he is practically blind, and hands and feet are deformed—that he is unable to do very much work; but he does his best to help with their small garden. He has a fine Christian spirit, and has a great influence over his fellow sufferers. The lepers are now practically self-supporting, growing their own native vegetables and fruit.

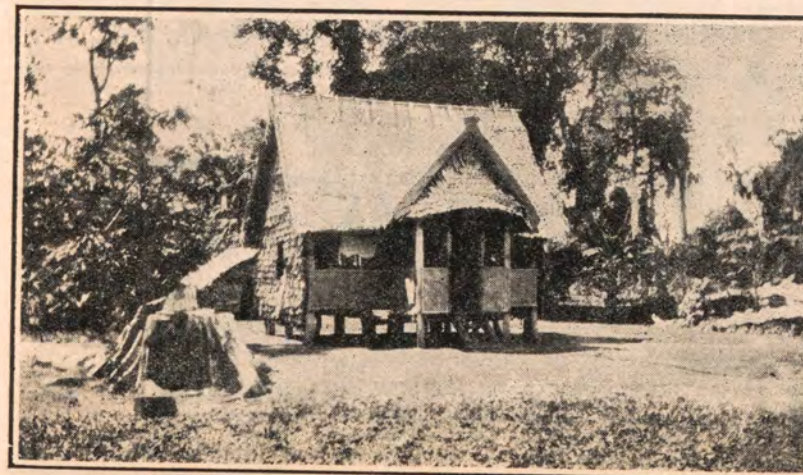
Our maternity ward is still popular. At present there are three mothers with babies, each representing a different island. At the time of writing we have fourteen in-patients.

At our out-patients' department the work still goes on, averaging between 40 and 50 treatments per day. One day this month our number went up to 80 owing to visits from neighbouring islands. Over 100 injections of N.A.B. have been given since doctor left.

Our outlay in medicines is still a big item. We cannot refuse to give medicines to teachers who come into contact with people who are unable to reach us. Our Hospital grounds are now formed, paths finished, a motor track made, and the lawns, where once were coral patches.

Mrs. Bensley, of Bilua.

I am afraid I for one do not suffi-



This is Abel's fine and unique type of house. The grounds are now being put in order.

Photo—
Rev. A. H. Voyce.

ciently express my appreciation of all you women are doing, but we often talk of it, and thank God for your loyal backing. When we get past this rough patch we will make greater progress than ever; and if we all learn to trust more to God for wisdom and guidance, our service will be more acceptable, and this time that seems so dark will have been a blessing and a help.

These are lovable people, and when you have been with them a long time and know

them better, you love them more. I often think the kiddies are the nicest—as naughty as any children anywhere—mischievous and disobedient often, but dear things. I have a class of little girls for sewing. There are about 15 or 16 of them, each making a dress for herself. After that there are younger sisters and brothers; they sew well and like it. The bigger ones do very good fancy work. Sister Grace taught them well.

From the Board Minutes.

Successor to the Rev. A. A. Bensley.

That, subject to satisfactory medical reports, it be a recommendation to the Annual Meeting that the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester be nominated for appointment to the Solomon Islands District at the ensuing Conference.

Greetings to Returned Nurses.

That the greetings of the Board be conveyed to Nurses Isabel Stringer and May Bartle upon their return to New Zealand. The Board places on record its sincere thanks to these workers for their devoted service, greatly regrets that it has been necessary to withdraw them from such a great work, and wishes for them God's rich blessing as they resume work in the Homeland.

Thanks to M.W.M.U.

That the Board places on record its sincere thanks to the M.W.M.U. for the

resolutions passed at the recent Conference, assuring the Board of its continued support. The Board greatly appreciates the Union's action in bringing this year's contribution up to the average of previous years by the additional grant of £135 and the generous additional gift of £115.

The Board also expresses sincere thanks for and appreciation of the statesmanlike policy of the Union in granting a definite sum of £1,200 for the ensuing year. This not only enheartens the Board, but will be of definite service when estimates are being prepared.

Appointment of Nurse.

That the appointment of a nurse to Roviana be made, and we recommend that the Annual Meeting of the Board give effect to this immediately, and that as soon as practicable a nurse be appointed to Bilua.



The canoe in which a lot of the Rev. A. H. Voyce's Travelling is done.

Mrs. Frank Thompson.

PRESIDENT, CHRISTCHURCH M.W.M.U.
By Sister MABEL MORLEY.

This brown-eyed new President of ours, with a smile like sunlight on a still lake, is not new to Presidential honours nor to Christchurch. One of many sisters in a real Methodist home, with a "Dominie" and lay preacher for a father, she has known Christchurch Methodism well and intimately. To be one of a large family

in a God-fearing home is in itself a liberal education for life. Then came a period of teacher-training and teaching, and then her marriage to Mr. Frank Thompson, with whom she has shared to the full, in his many activities, both in Church and Community life.

A fine friend is Mrs. Thompson. In Missionary matters Mrs. Thompson has twice been Dominion Secretary of the M.W.M.U., local Secretary before Christchurch divided into Branches, and she still is President of the St. Albans Branch. She has a native dignity, she is alert and keen in mind, her speech is clear and incisive, as evidenced in Synod, Conference, or Committee, while every activity is but the overflowing of a prayer life that is deep and constant. If "those who run may read," her life's motto is surely "Ich Dien," "I serve."

Missionary literature of many lands is constantly found in her home, where come many visitors, young and old, and want to come again. A recent visit to America and England has broadened her horizon and widened her knowledge, and she comes to the larger Presidency ripe in understanding and ability.

When speaking of an admired and loved mutual friend, whose serenity of spirit soared above work-a-day worries and irritations, Mrs. Thompson remarked, "I'd like to work alongside of her." Christchurch Auxiliary women will eagerly say the same of our new and loved President, Mrs. Frank Thompson.



MRS. FRANK THOMPSON.

URGENT NOTICE!

Have you Paid Your Annual Subscription for Foreign Missions?

Our financial year closes on December 31st. Fourteen days of grace are allowed after that date. Moneys received after January 15th cannot be included in this year's accounts. If each of our 25,400 members contributed an additional 2/6 per annum, we could replace all the retrenched workers and continue our great medical work.

Will you do your share and prevail upon others to do theirs?

We Need YOUR Help and We Need It NOW!

Our Missionary Income for 1934.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURERS.

As the Missionary financial year draws near to its close on December 31st, responsible officials have many anxious thoughts. Will the general income for the year equal the year's expenditure, or will there be a deficiency on the year's working? What is the outlook for 1934? The amount required to be raised in New Zealand this year is £9,350. At the time of going to press the Treasurers have received from the Home Church the amount of £6,092, leaving £3,258 to be raised before the closing of accounts on December 31st. Only one month remains in which to find this amount. For debt reduction, the sum of £3,110 has already been received, but the value of this will to some extent be neutralised if there is a large deficiency on this year's working. It must also be remembered that the income from the Mission Field will be much below the estimate. Practically the only source of income for these Island people is the sale of their copra, and record low prices for copra have been reached this year.

We must not allow our overseas work to suffer more than has been the case during this yast year with its drastic retrenchment and withdrawal of workers. We asked for this field of Missionary service. We pledged the Church in New Zealand to greatly extend the work. That under-



Part of a picturesque
Teop Village.

(Photo—Rev. A. H. Voyce.)

taking has been honoured to some extent; but the withdrawal of workers, and particularly the doctors and nurses, has been a great disappointment to the native people, and we must at the earliest possible moment replace these workers. The women of the Church have done magnificently. If the men of the Church will organise Missionary debt would soon be wiped out, their forces, as the women have done, the Missionary income increased, workers (medical and otherwise) would be restored to the Field, and our Mission Field would become what we have longed to make it—one of the model fields of the Pacific.

The Missionary income of many of our strongest circuits at the present moment is far below that of last year. We quite recognise the problems confronting our circuits to-day, and how difficult it is to avoid heavy circuit debts; but we must not allow our Missionary income to suffer and the work on the Mission Field to be crippled. May we urge, though late in the year, that a further effort be made to bring Circuit Missionary income up to that of last year as a minimum. Will every minister and every Circuit Missionary income of the circuit to date to see what Treasurer examine afresh the Missionary last effort can be made to return a record Missionary income for the year.

W. A. SINCLAIR,
ARTHUR J. BUTTLE,
General Treasurers.

Mrs. George Bowron--A Missionary Heroine.

By Sister MABEL MORLEY.

Yes—a Missionary Heroine—though never has she seen active service in Asia, Africa, or the Islands of the Seas. And yet, her service has been keenly active in every quarter of the round world, for she has read widely and studied intelligently many varieties of Missionary literature—she has prayed fervently and constantly, she has laboured from the rising of the sun till the going down thereof, in the interest of every Missionary work at home or abroad.

It is always interesting to watch growth—and this Missionary enterprise to which Mrs. Bowron put her hand twenty-seven years ago began in a small group of women in Durham Street, Christchurch, where, inspired by the Rev. Wm. Slade, who had laboured as a Missionary in Fiji, they adventured for Christ, as a group to assist, an Auxiliary to the Missionary work of our Church.

In the course of time these Auxiliaries were springing up throughout the Domin-

ion, and it was at the suggestion of the late Rev. S. Lawry that they were gathered together into a Union. Mrs. Bowron eagerly and wholeheartedly supported this forward step, and it was in 1914 that the Methodist Women's Missionary Union came into being—thus does God lead from strength to strength, and only He, aided by sanctified, devoted women, can tell "whereunto this thing will grow."

All true Missionaries go to their tasks called of God. By His Spirit do they learn the language, love and understand the people to whom they are sent, strive in His strength to labour and to pray, and in so doing humbly lay at His feet their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Such has been the call, and such has been the response of our ten-talented lady—we lovingly call her ours, proud that she belongs to us, and we to her, in the great fellowship of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union.

Trials and Triumphs at Buka.

Extracts from Letters from Rev. A. H. CROPP.

The Buka and Bougainville Circuit has been hit harder probably than any other. Mr. Voyce and I are still in semi-native houses. I have been 12 years in such now! but we will not growl if the actual work is not disbanded. For two years we carried the girls' work on in the kitchen of our "parsonage," rather than let it drop, and we had 12 to 16 girls resident. Now we have a "Home" for the girls and Sister, would it not have been a shame to have closed it down? It would have affected our people considerably. On Buka and the north of Bougainville we have 32 teachers, and 22 of those teachers are our own Buka boys. Eleven of these 22 Buka boys are married, and each of those 11 teachers got his better half from the Girls' Home on our station at Buka.

Our class-meetings have been a great success. Probably the harder times are affecting the people. Petats, the large village near us, in which a lot of our work is done, still keeps up its high birthrate, and the crowd of children one gets in the Sunday service there is an inspiration and a joy. The day-school there has about 60 kiddies in it. We are all in the best of health and happy in our work, despite lack of funds. Those of the "Way" are increasing and improv-

ing. Our native subscriptions will be less this year. The people simply haven't got the cash and cannot get it. They have given us some free labour instead.

With the best of wishes for your unenjoyable task in New Zealand of finding the "necessary" for our existence and work here, and may God bear you up at all times!

DAFFODILS.

The Rev. Wm. W. Avery expects to have a fine lot of surplus daffodil bulbs to dispose of at the end of this year. Any money received from sale of bulbs, after paying expenses, will be deposited with the Foreign Mission Board free of interest, and thus assist in keeping down the overdraft and reducing interest charges. Mr. Avery has contributed over £300 to the F.M. Funds from this source. He guarantees good value in bulbs, and has received hundreds of letters from satisfied customers all over New Zealand, while every year at many daffodil shows numerous awards go to blooms produced from these mission daffodils. Liberal discount in extra bulbs will be given on all orders. Lists of available bulbs will be supplied on application to 46, Brighton Street, Roslyn, Dunedin.

WOMEN'S PAGES

M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's
Missionary Union of
New Zealand.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS,—

Mrs. Pacey, in her Presidential address at Conference, stressed the need of prayerful organised effort to increase our membership. Since my return from Wellington I have had a copy of the first issue of the "Open Door" lent me, and in that issue Mrs. Bowron stated the membership of our Union to be about 1600; this year it was returned as 2774—surely not an adequate increase of members in twelve years. When we think of the needs of the work both at Home and in the Solomon Islands, it behoves us to try and interest all our Methodist women in this great Missionary enterprise.

I would like to pass on to you the words of a secretary of one of the English branches reported in the last copy of Women's Work." She had been working hard at plans for meetings, and to rest herself put on a record of a melody — by Sir Walford Davis, and heard once more that the A.B.C. of music building is in three words—Adventure, Balance, Completion. She says, "It rather set my mind thinking about our kind of building, and I wonder if it is true for us too. Adventure, we do need that, don't we? Breaking new ground in new ways: finding the right approach to hundreds who would discover a new reality in the Lord Jesus if they knew the joy of our service.

Balance, where does that come in? Putting the emphasis in the right place? Not money our chief thought always, but going deeper to our motive in seeking the other sheep wherever they are, here at home or there abroad. Yet not afraid of seeing money as a natural outcome of love. "Now concerning the Collection," says St. Paul immediately after his great chapter in I Cor. 15.

Completion, a thought that takes our breath away. How incomplete our building, how incomplete even a good circuit

or a good meeting. Yet the Lord Jesus is the beginner and perfecter of our faith, and of all our imperfect ways. If we ask him, if we begin and continue and end all our plans and doings in Him, what may He not do?

Shall we here in New Zealand also strive to adventure in this way, and see if this year, when we celebrate our majority as a Union, we can make a record advance in membership? Some who are unable to attend meetings might be induced to take a gleaner's box and so become interested.

Mr. Scrivin, in his address at Conference, appealed to us to keep the School for girls in the Solomons steadily in mind. We must remember that the native teachers and their wives can make the best contacts with their own people, and that a native teacher can penetrate to places where it would be impossible for a white worker to live; realising this we see how necessary it is for the girls to be trained as well as the boys, so that together they can take the gospel of Jesus Christ to others of their own people who have not yet heard it. It saddens us to know that at Vella Lavella, where once we had seven white workers, at present there is no one. This places much more work and responsibility on the native teachers, and though they are responding nobly, yet as Sister Ethel reminded us, they are like little children not able to stand alone, and that they still need the help and support from the missionaries and sisters. Let us pray very specially for all our native teachers in this time of stress.

Conference members were all disappointed that Mrs. Smethurst, the Dominion Box Organiser, was unable to be present. Her excellent report of the year's work was read by Mrs. Armitage. Amongst other things, she told us that in ten years 892 boxes of a total value £3373/11/10 had been packed. She concluded her report with these words: "Work on, fight

on, pray on." Surely good advice for us all to take to heart for our work in the ensuing year.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

On behalf of the Executive,

Yours sincerely,

H. LILIAN DUKE.

SIDELIGHTS ON OUR M.W.M.U.

CONFERENCE, 1934.

The Twentieth Annual Conference of the M.W.M.U. is now only a memory, but what a fragrant memory!

So many things conspired to make the days of meeting a joy and a time of refreshing.

Even our capital city belied its reputation, for from the first day of Conference to the last we were favoured with smiling blue skies and glorious sunny days.

Then, how beautiful were the flowers which adorned every room we made use of. As one Conference member remarked, the very flowers gave us a welcome. To the lady who achieved such colourful and artistic effects we tender out sincere thanks.

Mention must also be made of the excellent organisation of the local Executive. Everything possible was done to ensure the comfort and well-being of the delegates, from the meeting of trains and boats to the providing of a delightful rest room; and daily morning and afternoon

teas, where we made the most of the opportunity of greeting old friends and making new ones.

To the members of the Wellington Executive, and to our very kind hostesses, we say a big "Thank you."

The gracious personality of our President also added greatly to the success of Conference. We were all impressed with her capacity to do and say the right thing. No one was allowed to waste the time of Conference, but even the smallest contribution to the discussions was received with the utmost courtesy.

The Communion Service, conducted by Rev. T. R. Richards, was a high light in our Conference experience. In a deeply inspirational address the Rev. Leadley told us that the Church which is not Missionary weaves its own shroud, and no Church can be Missionary unless it is sacrificial. In every throb of emotion, and in every deep desire, we should hear the words, "Thy life was given for me; what have I given for Thee?" We remember Christ's utmost giving of Himself, and we must give ourselves utterly to Him.

One of the most moving scenes of the Conference was the Induction of new officers. As we looked at the faces of the retiring officers and the incoming ones, we could not help realising how dear and sacred this work is to each one of them. It was a wonderful moment, and all felt that God's presence was indeed with us.

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From time to time friends of Missions have included in their wills Bequests to the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society's Funds. The following form for such a testamentary gift should be brought under the notice of the Solicitor drawing the will or codicil:—

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