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"One offering to go when we can send him. When shall it be?"

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DAKEL.—A ward of the Mission from the age of five days.

—Photo: Rev. T. Dent.

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M.W.M.U. Prayer Circle.

SUNDAY.

THE HOME BASE . . . Psalm 100.
Let us thank God for all that He has given to us, and ask Him to make us willing to find out His will concerning the use of the gifts he has entrusted to us.

Let us ask for a spirit of prayer that our whole Church may be awakened to the sense of privilege and responsibility in sharing in the extension of God's Kingdom.

Let us pray for the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board, our M.W.M.U. Executive, the officers and members of our Auxiliaries, and the leaders and members of the Young Women's Bible Class Movement.

MONDAY.

HOME AND MAORI WORK—Isaiah, 41, 10.
Let us pray for the Deaconesses that they may be given the wisdom to meet the need of the people among whom they labour, and that they may see the rising generation of Maoris captivated by Jesus Christ.

Sister Netta Gittos, and the Girls at "Kura-huna" need special remembrance.

TUESDAY.

SOLOMON ISLANDS MISSIONARIES—
Isaiah, 26, 3-4.
Let us specially pray for Mr. Goldie in this time of stress, that he may be given strength and wisdom for his great task.

Bestow upon our missionaries and their wives Thy heavenly grace. At all times deepen in them the sense of dependence on Thee and give them joy and peace in Thy service.

"Behold I have set before thee an open door."

WEDNESDAY.

MEDICAL WORK—2 Cor. 12, 9.
Pray that European and native nurses may be able to bring healing to souls as well as bodies by their loving service and compassion.

Let us pray earnestly that the way may be opened for the return of a Doctor.
"He himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses."

"He being full of compassion."

THURSDAY.

OUR SISTERS—Matt. 19, 26.
Pray for our Sisters as they strive to break down cruel customs, to redeem womanhood, to minister to children, to help the sick, and who "counting not their lives dear unto themselves," have obeyed God's call to undertake difficult tasks.

FRIDAY.

NATIVE HELPERS—Luke, 17, 5.
Pray for the Christian helpers in the village communities, that grace, wisdom and power of His Holy Spirit may be manifest in their lives, and that they may be used to bring the Light of the Gospel to many hearts and homes, delivering them from ignorance, superstition and power of sin.

SATURDAY.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP . . . Matt. 28, 19.
Pray that God's blessing may be upon all who have been added to the Church in every land, and upon those who are being trained as leaders in the life of the Church and the Nation. That the light may break in upon those still groping in darkness.

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Chairman's Report, 1934.

The past year has been one of great difficulty and trial for our Circuit and District generally, and yet as I look back there are so many things to be thankful for. It is true that the awful cloud of commercial depression has left its mark upon our Native people and the work generally, but so far from shutting out the thought of God, it has given our thoughts a much clearer definition. Our anchor holds. Our faith has not failed.

Changes.—There has been drastic, and in some senses disastrous, pruning of our District expenditure, and it would not be true to say that our work has not suffered. It has suffered greatly. We have been compelled to sound the note of retreat for the first time in 30 years. We have been compelled to surrender advanced and strategic positions which probably we will never be able to recover. In Mission work the doors of opportunity do not remain open indefinitely, and invitations not accepted are often withdrawn for ever. The forces of evil often outstrip the messengers of the Cross. In June last Dr. Sayers was compelled to relinquish the healing ministry he loved so much and carried out so successfully. About the same time Mr. Metcalfe had to leave his station—one of the most important on Bougainville—and come to fill the vacant circuit on Choiseul, where Sister Ethel Macmillan had been bravely carrying on alone for two years. The work of the Sisters on Vella Lavella had to be given up, and our Sister Grace McDonald retired. Then our two nurses, Sisters Isobel Stringer and May Bartle, were recalled from the field in September, and with the exception of Mrs. Leadley at Roviana, we were left without a Nurse in the District. Rev. Tom Dent and his good wife left us in the early part of the year, and Sister Ruth Grant retired in June in

order to get married. All this was enough to dismay any Chairman. What I was most afraid of was the psychological effect on the natives. We were compelled to face greater dangers than appeared on the surface. But although sorely shaken, and in some respects weakened, the Native Church has stood the storm very well. Of course there is the other side of the picture. It has not been all loss, and we are thankful that the lessons of this time of distress have not been lost on us.

Medical.—Although we parted with our doctor with very great regret, and were compelled to let our Nurses go, we were able to carry on and accomplished a good deal with the assistance of the fine young men and women trained by Dr. Sayers, who have carried out their duties faithfully and well. At Roviana we were fortunate indeed to have Mrs. Leadley, who is not only a trained Nurse but a qualified chemist as well. For her devoted service, her patience and grace in tending the sick and suffering we shall ever thank God.

School Work.—In this department at Roviana we felt keenly the loss of Mr. Dent and Sister Ruth Grant, but Mr. Leadley took the place of the former, and Sister Ada Lee took up the school work of Sister Ruth, and so the educational work on the head station went on with little interruption throughout the year. The work of Sister Lina Jones has been very successful, as her own report will show.

Village Work.—Owing to the departure of Sister Ruth, the visitation of the villages of Roviana had to be given up for the time being—which is a distinct loss. Also owing to the many changes in the Roviana Circuit, and the necessity for the

most rigid economy, the Chairman has not been able to give the necessary supervision to the work in the village schools and outside work generally, and this work has suffered to some extent. On many of the stations, however, excellent work has been carried on by our Native Brethren and their wives. This is specially true of the work at Patutiva, Kusage, and Simbo, where Gina is stationed. It has been a very lean year, however, for most of our teachers. With their allowances cut right down, and cut off from other resources, they have laboured nobly and successfully through the year without a murmur of discontent.

Industrial.—During the year we have been compelled to shut down most of our industrial efforts. The sawmill has been of immense importance to us in all our building operations and house repairs, but as we had no money either for building or repairs, we had to close down, and dismiss the boys who were working there. We could not carry on operations on the Banga Plantation without making a loss, owing to the poor price of copra, and so the boys were paid off and sent home. We hope, however, to re-start our industrial work in the near future. These departments have been of great service in our efforts to help the native population, and some of our brethren who are not enthusiastic about industrial mission work have realised since operations ceased how valuable these departments were in the mission scheme of things.

Spiritual Life.—Through all our troubles and difficulties we have been able to sing. The joy and peace which are independent of outward circumstances have been ours. Our people are a singing people, and the depression has failed to depress or interrupt our song. Difficulties and dangers have failed to make our people afraid. The "root of the matter is in them," and the peace of Christ—that God-like calm amidst earthly tumult—has kept them all through. They have learned to say with one of old "What time I am afraid I will trust in Thee." There has been no falling off in attendance at the Church services and Fellowship meetings, and their lives

reveal a very real grip of spiritual realities. Of course it would not be true to say there have not been failures and disappointments, but these are the exception and not the rule. Christ has made a great change in their lives, and many things show how genuine is their conversion. In this time of distress the Government has been very hard on the natives in the collection of taxes, and many have been thrown into gaol for inability to pay, yet our Native Christians have stood up to this test very well. In one village they failed to reach the Government assessment by about £15. Therefore 15 of them were to go to gaol. Amongst the prisoners was an elderly man who was not very strong. One of the young men who had his own tax ready went quietly and took the place of the other—handing the older man the pound which he had scraped together somehow. "I am younger and stronger than you," he said, "let me take your place." Such an incident proves that Christian love with them is not merely a passing sentiment, as it is with so many, but a permanently predominant force in their lives. Christianity means something to them.

It has been a very hard year—a very severe testing time for us all—but the clouds are breaking, and "there's light o'er head." We have been at our wits' end during 1934, but faith and courage have not given way, and we face the coming year with hope and confidence in God. For the loyalty, devotion, and self-sacrificing service and support of all my fellow-workers, European and Native, I thank God. JOHN F. GOLDIE, Chairman.



Three Little Hospital Patients.

A Letter from Gina

TO MRS. A. HOLDEN OF REDCLIFFS.

Methodist Mission,
Narovo,
Simbo,
13-3-35.

My Dear Mother,

Here we are again, to-day is the first day I've got out of bed since last Sunday night. I had a dose of Malaria fever, which makes me feel very weak and tired. Unfortunately we have no Medicines now, we are expecting that Mr. Goldie will be here at any day, but evidently he didn't turn up—so I am going to try to get



—Photo by Mrs. A. C. Cropp.

A Petats woman with the Buka women's hats or capes. Some use two. They are excellent for keeping the sun off and also the rain, but their chief use is to hide the face when a brother-in-law or father-in-law is near.

across to meet the Steamer at Gizo, and then on to Roviana to get some Medicine if I can. There is a lot of sickness about Simbo now, and since Sunday I have closed the School, because a lot of young people

got dysentery and a few of the older people. But the bulk of the people got fever, headache and colds. Mary is the only one who is able to go about, so she went round to see the sick people and she prays with them, but cannot help them with Medicines.

I am not at all well since the beginning of this year, but I don't want to take any notice of it, because there is a lot of work to be done.

Early this morning someone from the other side of the island came with a news of a woman who was expecting a baby at any minutes—so they wanted Mary to go and see her, so she went with them and just on the moment she got there the baby was borne, but the mother was in such a terrible state, so no one cares about the baby and they thought the baby was not alive, but Mary took the baby and bathe it in the warm water and then after a while the little baby cries and Mary gave him some milk which she took with her when she left here. Mary tried to do what she can for the mother all day to-day, but it is impossible. We wish the doctor could be near. I went this afternoon to see her but I don't think she will live for another two days. Mary and I took the baby, and we agoing to be his father and mother. It was such a bonny little baby boy, if Mary were not there amongst them the baby wouldn't be alive. God save his life.

Unfortunately we haven't got any milks so we are going to take the baby to Roviana some day and give to the Sister to look after him for a while.

We were both very sorry about the baby's mother, however, we are hoping and praying that God may give her strength, we leave her in the Hands of God. A very sad day for us.

On the 6th of this month, while we were in School, there was a Steamer came in our little harbour, and it was such a lovely tropical morning. It was the "Rosaura" S.Y.S., from England. Not long after, the anchor was dropped, a small launch came down to inquire about my name, and they

told me that the owner of the ship and the Captain would like to see me. So I went up, and they told me that they had been to Tulagi, the Capital of the Solomons, and that they had seen the Resident Commissioner there and had got permission to visit all the islands of the Solomon Islands to have a look round. They wanted me to take them round the island to have a look round. So first of all, we went by a small out-board launch, and I took them to see the hot springs on the other side of the island which they said they have seen something alike the hot springs in Rotoua, N.Z. And then I took them to see the Corals and the Coral fishes and I can assure you they were quite excited to see the Corals.

The owner of the ship's name was Lord Moyne. He was such a fine Christian man and every one on board were very nice. There were only 27 of them on board. Lord Moyne invited me to have dinner and tea on board, of which I accepted it with honour. They all came down in the afternoon to see the boys playing Cricket, and also to see our School works, and they were both surprised and pleased to see such work as that being done in these

islands. The owner allowed all my School boys and girls to go on board to have a look round, which they were quite pleased to do so. Because it was the first time they ever went through the steamer. Mary was also the first time she been to the steamer. The crew were very kindly showed us round the ship. They asked us to give them some tunes, so we sang some songs and hymns, which they were delighted to hear. They gave us some little presents also some cold drinks. It was a lovely day for us all, and they went away early next morning. They said they have been to all the big ports in New Zealand. They were travel round the world on holidays. It was a great day for all the children here. They took photos and also moving pictures. Well there is no more news to tell you so please remember us to all at home and trusting that you are all well.

Now Cheerio, love from Mary and
Your affec. son,
Gina.

P.S. They gave me quite a lot of nice books to read which I am delighted to have them.



THE YOUNG NAVIGATOR.—Canoe, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
—Photo: Rev. T. Dent.

PERSONAL.

Dr. E. G. Sayers.



Dr. Sayers arrived in Auckland by the "Port Gisborne" on June 9th, and was met and welcomed, on behalf of the Board of Missions, by the Rev. E. D. Patchett (Chairman of the Board), Mr. T. L. Hames (Lay Treasurer), and the General Secretary. A very cordial welcome was also extended to the Doctor at the Board Meeting on June 17th and high appreciation expressed of the outstanding service rendered by him during his seven years in the Western Solomons. Dr. Sayers was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Missions created by the transfer of Mr. D. H. Thomas to Melbourne.

Since leaving the Field in June, 1934, Dr. Sayers has been busy in the London Hospital, doing Post-graduate work, and has secured his M.R.C.P. While in London, he had the distinction of being asked to address the Tropical Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, and the members were greatly interested in the medical problems of the Solomons. One of the most interested listeners was the Director General of the Colonial Medical Service, Sir Charles Stanton, who came to learn more of an area he controls but of which he hears very little.

Sister Lina Jones.

During the past 11 years one of our most devoted and effective educationalists in the Western Solomons has been Sister Lina Jones, who returned to New Zealand last month for furlough. Sister Lina is stationed at the Central Training Institution, Roviana, and has hundreds of children of all ages under her care. Sister Ada Lee is associated with her in this work.

Only when it is remembered that the whole of the educational work in the Solomons is in the hands of the Missions can it be realised what a tremendous part workers like Sister Lina are playing in moulding the destiny of the race.

At the Board Meeting on June 17th, a resolution of warm welcome to Sister Lina was

passed and the wish expressed that her furlough would be very happy and profitable, fitting her to continue the splendid service already rendered.

After a well-earned rest, Sister Lina will be meeting the various Missionary Auxiliaries. She will receive a great welcome everywhere for her own and her work's sake. It is a joy to know that after furlough Sister Lina will be returning to the Solomons for a further term of service.

The Rev. J. R. Metcalfe.

Mr. Metcalfe has just concluded a very successful deputation itinerary in the Taranaki-Wanganui, Wellington, Auckland, and Hawke's Bay-Manawatu Districts. We have received from many quarters expressions of warm appreciation of his addresses and lectures, and are confident that as a result of them the Missionary vision of our people has been widened and their interest deepened.

A resolution of sincere thanks to him and appreciation of his work was heartily carried at the Board Meeting held recently.

Mr. Metcalfe will sail from Auckland on June 21st to take up again his work on Choiseul. Please remember him daily in your prayers and seek God's blessing upon the great task he has in hand.

The General Secretary's Visit to the Solomons.

The Rev. A. H. Scrivin will leave Auckland for the Solomons on June 28th. He expects to reach Gizo on July 29th and to spend four months in visiting every part of our Islands District. He will carry the affectionate greetings of New Zealand Methodism to the Native Church and the Missionaries, and expects to gather much valuable information and high inspiration as he moves from station to station and beholds what great things God hath wrought in the heart and life of the Western Solomons.

Mr. Scrivin will be present at the Annual Synod to be held in November, probably on Bougainville.

Acting General Secretary.

During Mr. Scrivin's visit to the Solomons, the Clerical Treasurer, the Rev. W. A. Sinclair, will be the Acting General Secretary.

The Missionary Outlook.

By Rev. G. T. MARSHALL.

It must be confessed that the immediate prospect is somewhat beclouded so that those specially interested in missions do not look forward with the buoyancy of spirit that marked them in the past. About forty years ago we were given the slogan, "The evangelisation of the world in this generation," and in 1928 the Jerusalem Conference presented an extensive programme that might have been carried out if the churches had the resources of the world at their disposal. Now the staying power of missionary enthusiasts is being tested by hindrances and delays, and it is a time for the manifestation of the "patience of the saints." The uncertainty of the present day that checks industry and commerce affects missionary enterprise also, and large forward movements are not likely in the immediate future.

Consider a few features of the situation to-day. The increasing control of monetary transactions by governments leaves less for voluntary gifts to missionary societies. Should governments take entire control there would be nothing for church purposes, for the feeling of the age is against all national endowment of religion. Such endowment is indeed not desirable, for with government grants goes control and religion, which should be free, is shackled.

Again the extreme nationalism of to-day impedes missionary operations. Governments are not willing to allow persons of alien nationality to operate in lands under their control. This does not affect our mission field at present, but might make a difference if Germany's colonies were returned to her.

As an illustration of the difficulties of to-day we may mention that German Missions are reduced to great straits by the embargo upon the export of money from the Mother Country. They have had to be helped by English Societies. Another illustration is found in the fact that a

rise in the rates of exchanges has cost the English Methodist Missionary Society £20,000 in the last two years.

II. Under these circumstances it behoves Missionary Societies, and ours among the number, to set their houses in order. The response to our appeal for debt reduction last year relieved the situation, but the last balance sheet shows capital overdrawn to the extent of £3223. This is an unsafe and, I believe, an unusual position. The Australian Society's debt is £22,337, but their Working Capital Fund amounts to £32,112. May I remind our friends who can give special amounts, that it is as good a work to pay for what has been done as for what has yet to be done. Everyone recognises that splendid service was rendered on the Mission field by the workers who have been withdrawn, and that the results of their work remain.

To avoid discouragement we must take long views as the saints have ever done. They never lived in the present. To them "the age that now is" was but as the passing moment that was no sooner here than it was gone. They knew themselves to belong to a Kingdom which antedates, overlaps and survives all other Kingdoms, and in its triumph they rejoiced. Thus Abraham rejoiced to see the day of Christ "and he saw it and was glad," though generations were to pass before the Saviour came. The seer of Patmos saw centuries of turmoil, but knew that the victory was with the Lamb. The Wise men from the East are an example for us also. They knew that they would not live to see the King set up his standard and begin to rally his followers, but they desired to do their part in the establishment of his Kingdom and undertook their long journey, not in idle curiosity, but that they might offer their gifts.

Orphans in Siwai.



MOSESI LAKEMPA.

Joni Pirah.

To-day he is a big strapping lad, in the top class at school. When he was born some 16 or 17 years ago, at Harinai (one of the very first stations commenced in Siwai, about 1916-17) he was unwanted, and was thrown away into the Pipiru River. Miriam Jeini, wife of the teacher then in charge at Harinai, went into the river and brought him out, tended him as a mother, feeding and caring for him as if he were her own child. When she returned with her husband to Roviana a few years ago, she placed him in our care on the Mission Station at Tonu, and he has been here ever since, except for a period when he was in the Roroai Valley, helping a teacher on a new station there, and another period of six months when he accompanied the minister to Teop. His capabilities promise to fit him as a teacher of ability in years to come.

Mosesi Lakempa.

Born some six years ago, and saved from death by the same teacher's wife who saved the life of Joni Pirah. His mother died when he was born, and the

relatives were going to kill the child, but someone told the teacher's wife, and she got up and went to the scene, and carried the child off as it was, saying that if his people didn't want it, then she would have him. The child's relatives threatened to kill her for interfering, and for several days she was afraid to go outside her house. Her husband came up and told us all about it. We, of course, had to send a message regarding the dire consequences that would follow any violence on their part. When the child began to grow, the father and others wanted to take him away, but Miriam would not hear of it. When she returned to the B.S.I., she gave Moses to Mrs. Voyce. Poor little chap cried very pitifully when we went on furlough, and left him with a grandfather. During our absence the old chief, who was his grandfather, died. On our return Moses returned to us, and he is here to-day, a very bonny specimen of a native child. He is supported by the Young People at Port Albert.



JOHN PIRAH.

—Photos by Rev. A. H. Voyce.

WORK & PRAY to REPLACE RETRENCHED WORKERS!

Does it mean aught to you, O Reader, that thousands wait the Gospel, and that hundreds die for lack of the attention a doctor and nurses could give? Please give prayerful consideration to the call contained in the following facts to hand by the last mail.

An Appeal from M. LIANA, native medical assistant at Bilua.

Vonunu,
Bilua,
May 10th, 1935.

Dear Rev. A. A. Bensley,

I received your letter that came to me and I was very glad to hear what you are doing by your letter that came. As to my work at the Hospital I but attempt it, as I am quite ignorant in a big difficulty. It is very difficult now for us black people at the hospital. This is because we have no doctor or nurse. It is very difficult for the sick people and for the women when they are having children, and it is our

wish that a nurse shall quickly come to Bilua to help us at the Hospital here. You have both heard of Janie Eva that when her child was being born she nearly died. I was very sad because I do not understand that kind of work. I went and got the castor oil and gave her some, and the child was born and I was glad. This alone is my wish that a nurse comes quickly, so tell the church people of New Zealand my words that a nurse may come to help us. Don't forget us in your prayers and in that way help us.

My love to you,
M. LIANA.

In forwarding Liana's letter the Rev. A. A. Bensley writes:—

It is an urgent call which our people should hear, and hearing, rise in great faith and solemn determination, and in the name of our Master send the help so earnestly desired. It is the call of need, and there is something almost despairing in the call. There is a stumbling block in our way, a small hill of debt, but there is a faith, our Master has told us of it, which if a man has, he will be enabled to remove mountains. What mountains could a united, consecrated and deter-

mined people remove? The hill is slowly crumbling away, but the call is very clamant. What about a week of real self-denial for the whole Church? Not just a petty, half-hearted tinkering kind of self-denial, but a sincere prayerful effort. If all our Methodist people denied themselves the movies, and that kind of thing, for one week, a tidy sum would result. If we went deeper and held a solemn fast, the thing would be done.

Extracts from Rev. A. H. Voyce's letter.

In the Roroai Valley and Kieta, and Ieba Valley areas are a large number of villages asking for teachers—some five of them (following on a principle I laid down some years ago, namely, make a station and build a house, and then we will know that you are in earnest, and will give you a teacher)—had made stations and had built or were building houses. These things rejoice our hearts, but put us in

a quandary. These are all villages without lotu.

Arrived back to conduct Quarterly Meeting and Easter meetings. A very busy time. Still again this quarter the births are twice the number of deaths in Methodist villages. Adherants are just under 3000 by quarterly meeting returns, some of which are incomplete.

I arrived back to find that Marama had another orphan baby.

In my absence one of our Siwai teachers' wives died in childbirth, and her relatives were going to kill the child, as none of them wanted the care of the infant. They took it outside in the wind and rain, and commenced their work with much talk and deliberation, when one of Marama's mission girls who happened to be at the scene, as the deceased mother was a relative of hers, followed them outside, and said, What are you going to do? Do you want calaboose? Isaac has seen the baby and he knows that it is alive. When Marama arrived on the scene they told her to take it away, as no one wanted it. No one would give her even a piece of cloth to wrap the shivering thing in, so she went outside in

the dark, and took her underskirt off, and rolled it up in that. Then there was a lot of talk I believe. She took it home through the bush and wet, and over flooded streams, and has cared for it ever since. It still has the marks of violence on its feet, where the women were violently carrying it upside down, as they commenced to squeeze its life away. I will try to send you a picture of it, for someone might like to support it.

We married two of Marama's girls to teachers at Easter, and they have gone away with their husbands over the ranges. We are proud of them. Still with them gone Marama has a household of 28—still they come.

Methodist Mission, Tonu, Siwai. Hospital Report, Jan.-March, 1935.

1935.	Inpatients	No. of Inpatient Treatments	Outpatients	No. of Outpatient Treatments	No. of Injections	No of Treatments on Out-Stations
Jan.	31	1244	76	2466	178	2864
Feb.	63	1618	102	2757	137	3945
March	53	2536	133	5278	379	5978
	147	5398	311	10,501	694	12,787
Total Treatments, January-March					28,686	
.. Injections					694	

A new hospital building has been commenced. The old one has served for over five years. Very extensive epidemics of eye trouble and influenza have prevailed during the quarter, the eye trouble being very bad, affecting young and old alike,

but the influenza being of a milder nature. Vital statistics in Methodist villages for the quarter are: Births, 30; deaths, 16.

Signed, A. H. VOYCE.
April, 1935.

The total treatments on Southern Bougainville for July-December, 1934, were:—

Tonu Hospital—Inpatients	12,368	
Outpatients	13,534	25,902
Out-stations		13,687
Total		39,589

LEPROSY.

By the Rev. A. A. BENSLEY.

Have you ever seen a leper? When we want to speak of something really repellant and loathsome we liken it to leprosy. It is the living death, at least, let us say it used to be; it need not be so now.

There is leprosy among the people of the Solomon Islands, among the people who have been committed to our care. When Dr. Sayers was so busily engaged in medical work among the people of the islands he thought and planned for these poor, unfortunate ones. A site was selected and the beginnings of a fine and hopeful enterprise were in being some months before he had to leave. The great, philanthropic society that does so much for the lepers in all countries, sent help to Doctor Sayers, when they heard of his work. He traced most of the leprosy on the Southern end of Vella Lavella to one man, and he had begun to collect these poor folk and settle them in their new home and had begun to treat them. What a wonderful message he had to give them! He could tell them that their awful malady was no longer a hopeless one, and that there was the probability of cure to all but the very advanced cases. To achieve this cure meant a long stay at this little home in the bush and a long course of treatment. It must have been a very sad day for these poor people when Dr. Sayers had to leave his work and to give them no hope that another doctor would soon be taking his place. Without constant treatment and care the condition of the leper is hopeless, and the treatment must be by a trained man.

Leprosy spreads by contact. The disease need not necessarily be conveyed by heredity. If the child of an afflicted parent be taken away at birth it may grow up quite clean and healthy. Constant contact is the cause of infection.

We have a family on the station that has a bad history as far as this disease is concerned. Some years ago a leper died and left his widow and a little boy. Later on this woman married again and

had more children. Before doctor went away he had the son of the first marriage under observation for some time as he had detected incipient leprosy. After some months of treatment the progress of the malady was stayed. Later on, this boy married, and he now has a fine little son. Before I came away there was pretty convincing evidence that his old trouble had fired up again. What is going to happen to his children?

Among the children of the second marriage of this woman was a fine boy named Sam. He was a bright, cheerful laddie and had attached himself to our household staff and was a very faithful milk boy. One day as he was working I noticed a bad patch of, what I took to be, the usual bukua or tinea imbricata, on the small of his back and I told him to cease milking the cows till he had been treated at the hospital for this trouble. Then I heard from the people that this was something more serious and he had been concealing the fact. This was confirmed at the hospital by the tests the Sister was able to make, and so the sad story goes on, the horrible entail of leprosy. It is now that he should be isolated and the treatment should begin, but there is no one there to do it. Only a specially trained doctor is capable of such work. If we of the Methodist Church were of one will concerning this matter, the men and women of our churches, the Bible classes and young people, it would soon be done. Debts and difficulties would soon melt if thousands of surrendered Methodists with one voice said, "In God's name, it shall be done." If we delay where will this horrible malady end? Sam is a happy little fellow and all the youngsters are fond of him, and he is always picking them up and carrying them about the place. It is our job to save Sam and others like him from this living death.

A Fijian School on Holiday.

By Sister INEZ HAMES.

"Inland?" you say. How can such a thing be on a small Pacific island? Yet if distance inland be measured by lack of contact with the coast then Viti Levu certainly has its inland districts. Seventy miles, as the river winds from the mouth of the Rewa River is the pretty village of Nakorosuli. Banana growers, its people are small agriculturists, tillers

they build rafts of great bamboo stems. The coastal districts cannot produce such bamboo. On the rafts are placed the produce they hope to sell, sufficient food for a fortnight or so, cooking utensils, firewood and the passengers' personal luggage. A roof of leaves covers a sleeping room. One end is a fireplace. The journey is started to-day, and may end—who cares when? What matters it, as long as people without money can reach the market, exchange goods for cash, purchase new clothing, new gardening tools, perhaps a little household furniture or a few simple groceries? The bamboos are sold and, if he has any money left, the owner gets a passage in the river launch. If not, he walks home.

The Nakorosuli people take a great interest in their school. It is a grouped school. Children of villages up and down the river attend it, some going home only for holidays. Two young Fijian teachers of the Lau Archipelago, both ex-students of the Davuilevu Teacher Training Institution, are at present putting a great deal of enthusiasm into teaching this school. We have heard various reports of their work and felt proud of them. Late one very wet evening in May, 1934, the native minister in Davuilevu was surprised to find these two teachers, Joni and Oliesa, at his door with no less than 30 of their school children, all asking to be put up for the night. Joni's wife had taken 50 more, mostly girls, on to Suva, to the home of another friend. They had brought them to see the world. Davuilevu, Suva, the sea. The next morning the news soon flew round the mission station, that Joni had brought his whole school down the river. We invited them to visit our school. Dapper, smiling, young Oliesa came in looking business-like and pre-occupied, shepherding a flock of school-boys. "Excuse me, I'm sorry, I'm in a hurry. May I use your telephone? I want to buy school-books." Joni seemed just as busy. "Excuse me, I'm sorry. I must go. We are going to Naselai beach.



YOUNG FIJI.

of the soil. Their village of some twenty thatch houses stands amidst breadfruit and ivi trees. They grow their food and bananas for sale, catch prawns and eels in the river, keep their homes in repair. A native minister is stationed in the village to serve the people of the small district of which it is the centre.

If the people wish to visit the coast,

Sixty of the children have never seen the sea. I want to go to Suva, too, to see Miss Tolley about admitting these four girls to Ballantine Memorial School. This one was first in her class this year."

But later we had more conversation with them, and heard about the launch and punts a European settler had lent them and the benzine he had given them; about the 600 taro and the live fowls they had brought with them for food; about the money the school had earned from the sale of garden produce and sewing; about

the children's delight at seeing motor-cars for the first time; and at seeing Baker Hall about which they had read in the Davui reading books. The four girls, who have entered Ballantine Memorial School, are to be supported by money raised by the school.

The whole thing rather thrilled us. It is a praiseworthy example of co-operation of a whole community, and is an interesting and courageous educational project. There is hope for the future of a people, whose children are properly cared for.

First Impressions of Rev. A. W. E. & Mrs. Silvester.

Great preparations had been made for our welcome, but a heavy shower marred the scene. Nevertheless in the torrential downpour two boats with 20 men apiece rowed out and surrounded the launch. Upon our arrival at the wharf about 300 representatives of Vella Lavella and Ranongo were gathered and they sang in English "O Happy Day." It was soul-stirring and not likely to be forgotten. When the rain eased we unloaded and went up to the house accompanied by the Leadleys and Mr. Goldie. Our boys were on the scene and had everything in order. Mr. Goldie had been over making arrangements and Mrs. Macpherson had come across, so that our welcome was well prepared for. Our hearts are thrilled by the kindnesses shown, and we trust that we shall prove worthy of what has been done.

Sunday was a red-letter day. Mr. Goldie conducted the services, extending a welcome that has been borne out since we first met by his sympathy and kindness. Two teachers, Mark Pivo and Jone Mose, also spoke, and I gave a brief reply in English which was interpreted by Mr. Goldie.

The church was not big enough for the congregation, and certainly these people receive a thrill out of their religion. It is a joy to them.

In the afternoon Mr. Goldie asked me

to give a short address, which I did, and he again came to the rescue. For evening "Lotu" we had several choirs assisting, and it was a musical feast enjoyed by all.

On Monday our visitors left, and we carried on with our unpacking. Our two boys, Ian and Opoti, are wonderful in the way in which they assist, for it has been difficult to make oneself understood. We are now fairly straight, and are settling down to our new life. The language is going to be somewhat difficult, but we are beginning to pick up words and phrases in conversation and also at school, so we trust soon to make ourselves intelligible to our people.

Nurse Vera Cannon writes:—

Yes, there is a wonderful opportunity of helping the people to know more of Jesus Christ through the ministry of healing, and I feel very happy to have the privilege of working here. We had a very old man come into hospital; he was once a witch doctor and his son is a teacher at Teop, so he was very pleased when I could give him first-hand news of his grand-children.

Sunday the Church was overcrowded at all Services. In the afternoon the Girls' Choir sang. They have sweet voices, and Sister Ada had taken much pains in training them.

The Work Goes On.

ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM SOUTHERN BOUGAINVILLE.

By the Rev. A. H. VOYCE.

I note your remarks re your visit to the field. All I can say is that the native workers here heard with great joy my statement of your desire to go right around the district, and visit even those stations in the mountains. The prospect to them is very bright, and adds a keen note of interest to their work, and I feel sure that they will work hard to have their places looking well for your visit. But I want here to point out that if you are to visit, not merely every station on Southern Bougainville, but even every tribe in part, then you will require at least a month. When I tell you that there

what the teachers tell me of their desires, open quite a large number of churches, so that we shall not be able to rush through the districts "on eagle's wings." Ours is mostly very new work in the mountain areas, not yet firmly established, and needing all the inspiration such as a visit from you will undoubtedly give, but I do not want you to come without a knowledge of the facts, and then to be disappointed because you are unable to follow your desires. Your itinerary will need very careful planning if you are to successfully negotiate the whole of the wide and far spread Bougainville and Buka Circuit.

Yes, the work here is, I believe, growing and spreading slowly, but very surely. We have retrenched teachers from a few stations, considering all the facts in each case, but have opened new stations in heathen centres in place of those closed, so that we retain, and perhaps increase somewhat the number of our adherents. Of course, the stations closed are only closed temporarily we hope, and so far as we are concerned, they will be opened again as soon as finances permit. To my mind the great task of the future is to replace the European worker at Teop, and give to the Bougainville and Buka circuit all the help in the matter of native workers that it requires and merits.

The results of Dr. Sayers' great work are still working out for the good of Bougainville and Buka people, by the splendid work that Isaac, Abel, and Sioni are doing. An extensive medical work has been done during the last two months here at TONU, and it is a work that is greatly appreciated by the people, and is a source of power for our mission here. Isaac has three local assistants, who are all receiving a training that will be useful to them when the time comes for them to go out as teachers.

Mrs. Voyce's work here with the girls is very extensive, really too much for one



—Photo by Rev. A. H. Voyce.

Two typical hill-men of the Teop Hinterland with bows and arrows.

are about 50 stations, many of them a very good day's march apart, and that to go round the district on foot, for the most part, you will require to travel at least 300 to 400 miles, and climb several ranges rising up to 5000 feet, and from

pair of hands, when her own children and home need so much of her time. The number of resident girls has increased to 16 besides a number of babies and other orphans, who were here before we left for New Zealand. But she is very happy in the work, and puts the girls through a regular time-table of work. They too seem very happy.

Last Sunday Mrs. Voyce and I with the family and a lot of girls walked to PANAKE, a village about 5 or 6 miles away to open a very fine new church. The cause there, though not large, is a good one, and the people are clean and intelligently interested in the LOTU. Now regarding ourselves. We are all well, except that most of us have suffered from the prevailing eye trouble, the epidemic that has ravaged the district during the past few months, and the younger boy has been out of sorts for a week after it.

I am happy that we now, after a great struggle, have got a large area of gardens planted up, thanks to Mr. T. E. Ebery, who has given us the use of his land here until such time as we can secure land for ourselves. The school progresses well here at TONU, but our teachers have a lot of difficulties to meet with their schools, the chief of which is that their students are continually being "recruited." The District Officer has just been round tax collecting, and just ahead of him came recruiters for five different plantations,

and for the gold fields. This BUIN SUB-DISTRICT is the great recruiting area of these islands, and because so many young fellows had no tax money, they recruited to the tune of about 200, just a few days before tax time, throughout this district. Our teachers thus lost many scholars. This is the annual tale, but perhaps in the



—Photo by Rev. A. H. Voyce.
A grave old man of the Roroai Valley area, South Bougainville, with taro mortar of wood.



A Scene on the Beach at Skotolan. —Photo by Mrs. Cropp.

long run it will not be for the detriment of these people. Their contact with civilisation will broaden their outlook, and sometimes make a considerable number of them covet more the peace of their homeland, and the worth-whileness of the help the LOTU comes to give them.

Last night one of my fine young teachers from the great Roroai Valley came in,

the first time he had been to TONU for about seven or eight months. He is a great pioneer—though one of the youngest teachers in my area. In the past he has pioneered four or five stations for our Cause—and recently has two others, for, though he has not been over here, we have been in touch with him. His baptismal name is Daniel—and he certainly "Dares" as Daniel is said to have done.



A dance at Petats, 'Xmas, 1934. Each dancer has a piece of bamboo, and hits the earth with it in time to the singing. The bamboos make a hollow sound not unlike a drum.

—Photo by Mrs. Cropp.

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Canterbury Young Women's B.C. Union		7	0	"An old woman's mite"		1	0	0
Mr. T. P. Hughson, Snr., Rahotu	5	0	0	Auckland Y.W.B.C. Union	18	8	9	
"Lotu" effort: Southbrook Y.P.M.A. Kingsdown S.S., Timaru	15	0	0	M. Leslie, N.P.		1	0	0
"B.C.H."	1	0	0	Mrs. W. T. Mallendine		12	6	
				Mrs. S. Hancocks, Brighton, Otago		1	0	0
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WOMEN'S PAGES

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PRESIDENT'S QUARTERLY LETTER.

Dear Fellow Members,

We are just about to enter on the last Quarter of our Auxiliary Year. May we hope that it will be the best in every sense; we should grow not only in knowledge of the needs of the work but also as to what God wants us to do. Let us pray and study and work, so that we shall be fitted for the great opportunity of service which is open to us.

Both Christchurch and Auckland are planning to hold District Conventions—one in May and the other in June. As our friends gather together we hope they will be greatly blessed. Christchurch is to have Sister Eleanor Dobby with them for a day, and it is just possible that Sister Lina Jones may be at the Auckland meeting. It is not certain whether Sister is arriving in Auckland or Wellington. Sister Lina has done splendid work amongst the children and is returning for a well-earned holiday.

A recent letter from Mrs. Metcalfe, on furlough in Australia, tells of many meetings being addressed, so that she is busy spreading knowledge and arousing interest.

Mr. Metcalfe is busy with Deputation work in the North Island. Mr. and Mrs. Silvester will be settling in their new home; let us often think of them as they start in a strange land. What a joy it will have been for Mr. Leadley to welcome his wife and little son home, and how interested the Solomon Island women will be in the white babe. Mrs. Cropp has written telling of the busy time they have in Skotolan. When we think of what our missionaries' wives accomplish we are filled with admiration. Not only have they their own family to look after; and with no school Mother has to be teacher as well; besides this she does village visiting and helps with all that goes on at the Mission Station.

The girls under Sister Elizabeth

Common's care are doing well; she has a full household. Twenty girls have come from different parts of the circuit, so Sister is kept busy. They have school and garden work, sewing and mat making etc. The girls coming from different districts. More than one dialect is spoken, and they have to resort to Pidgin English with some. Several of the girls come from Teop and are engaged to teachers, so it is good to know that they are being fitted to help their future husbands in their work.

All the letters are most appreciative of the help received from our Women's Auxiliaries.

It is time now to be thinking of our Gift Boxes, and in the Quarterly letter to Auxiliaries I have given the list Mrs. Smethurst has kindly supplied. With all members and friends who contribute to the boxes please be sure to see they get British goods, as the duty on foreign goods is now so prohibitive in the Islands.

Mrs. Avery, Dunedin President, has commenced an evening branch in Roslyn. We hope this is only the forerunner of others which may be started among those unable to attend the afternoon meeting.

As you know, Conference is to be held in New Plymouth this year, and your Executive are beginning to make plans. Will members join in praying that we may be so guided that Conference will be a time of great inspiration?

Southern Auxiliaries and circuits are eagerly looking forward to Sister Eleanor Dobby's visit.

With warm greetings to all,
Yours sincerely,
H. LILIAN DUKE.

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On Tuesday, May 14th, the Canterbury M.W.A. opened their District Convention with a Social Evening, and continued on Wednesday with Communion Service at Cambridge Terrace Church, followed by Study Circles on "The Sermon on the Mount" and Public Meeting at

Durham Street. Here Mrs. Brown spoke on Dr. Kagawa and Sister Eleanor on her work.

With a Devotional Period, Sacred Play Reading, Tea at Deaconess House and a period for Prayer and Fellowship, a successful and helpful Convention was brought to a close. These gatherings together are fraught with much blessing and inspiration, and we only wish that more of our women could attend, and that other Auxiliaries could arrange these Conventions. Auckland is arranging a District Convention in June.

AUCKLAND NOTES.

Our President and Secretary are untiring in their efforts to increase membership in the rural districts, and are meeting with success.

The Branch Presidents are also busy, so already reports are encouraging.

The distribution of Gleaner's Boxes is increasing. So we keep on "keeping on." Up to date the Easter Offering is over £91. With Rev. Metcalfe in our midst, we hope to go forward to more valiant efforts. Rev. Metcalfe has spoken at many of our branch meetings, and the information he gives and the story he tells should increase our interest and enthusiasm, and stir us up to give as God has prospered us.

We each have our Prayer Circle. Let us remember our workers on the Field—"More is wrought by prayer than this world dreams of"—and we can each pray!

WELLINGTON NOTES.

A Rally of the Wellington members of the Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliary was held recently, when Mrs. Pacey occupied the Chair and several ministers were present. Welcomes were extended to the recently-appointed ministers and their wives and to new members.

Reports were presented from Branches, all of which showed increase in members, and in donations. These had been stimulated by addresses given on Missionary matters by returned Missionaries from Solomon Islands, India, Java and other fields.

The Rev. J. H. Haslam, President of the Conference, gave a short address and dedicated the Easter Offering which amounted to £25/16/1. The Rev. P. R. Paris addressed the meeting on "The Work of Women and their Influence in the Home and in Religion."

Sympathetic references were made to the passing of members, Mesdames Moxham, Ralph, and Freeman.

Musical items rendered added to the enjoyment of those present.

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"HOW."

Away in foreign lands they wondered how

Their simple word had power;

At home the gleaners, two or three, had met

To pray an hour.

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"One offering to go when we can send him. When shall it be?"

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