

Names and Postal Addresses of Missionaries, Missionary Sisters and Lay Missionaries.

SOLOMON ISLANDS MISSION DISTRICT.

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Rev. J. F. GOLDIE	Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
Rev. J. R. METCALFE	Choiseul, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
Rev. A. H. CROPP	Buka Passage, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
Rev. A. H. VOYCE	Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
Rev. E. C. LEADLEY	Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
Rev. A. W. E. SILVESTER	Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
Rev. D. C. ALLEY	Teopasina, via Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

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Sister LINA JONES	Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
Nurse EDNA WHITE	Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
Sister ADA LEE	Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
Nurse VERA CANNON	Roviana, British Solomon Islands.

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Rev. BELSHAZZAR GINA	Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
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He whose great commission we seek to carry out, has yet again manifested His presence and power, both on the Field and at the Home Base, and we render to Him praise and thanksgiving. The Board and Staff have worked with a sense of high privilege.

THE FIELD.

The annual reports from the Field make very enheartening reading and indicate definite growth and development in the affairs of the Kingdom. The statistical returns from the Solomons are never dry reading. This year again they bring us much joy. To establish 32 new Teachers' Stations in one year is an outstanding achievement and a source of profound gratitude to God. Membership has increased by 562, scholars by 220, and schools by 16, adherents by 207, and 12 additional churches have been built. Mr.

Voyce reports—"Many new villages, and some new tribes, have during this year had access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

An indication of the spirit of the Native Church is found in an appeal Boaz Sunga—the most influential chief in the Roviana Lagoon, and one of the ablest and best of our Native Catechists—made to his people for a spirit of sacrifice that the Kingdom of God might be extended in the Western Solomons. He gave several reasons why his people should be prepared for sacrifice, and they were all in the interests of people not less than 50 miles away, and their one-time enemies. He made a special plea for the restoration of the Medical Unit at Bilua amongst a people upon whom their fathers had waged war.

The reappointment of a third European Missionary (Rev. D. C. Alley) to Bougainville-Buka, has greatly strengthened our position in that area and given much help

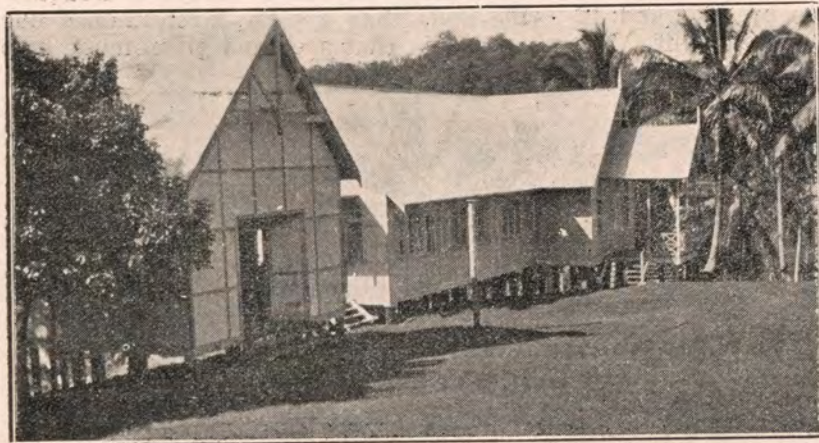


Type of Village where new Teachers' Stations have been opened.

and encouragement to our Native Teachers who have been facing great difficulties in bitter opposition on the part of Roman Catholics and minor Government officials. Several of our Teachers were arrested, and at Kieta, where a District Officer and other Officials have immediate charge, were maltreated, one of them sustaining a broken rib. The matter was promptly taken up with the Administration at Rabaul by the Rev. J. F. Goldie. As a result of the subsequent enquiry, two native police were fined, but further investigation is being sought.

An important development has taken place in Buin, Southern Bougainville, concerning which the Rev. A. H. Voyce reports as follows:—

"Section Training Institution. During the early months of 1936 the students were transferred from Tonu in Siwai to Kihil in Buin, and a new station commenced there. Even as yet the work of building the station is in its early stages, but the prospects are distinctly bright. The newly-acquired land seems of suitable quality for native agriculture, and during the year some 50 to 60 acres



College Hall and School, Roviana.

of forest have been felled, and the work of burning and clearing and planting is being pushed ahead as fast as possible.

Some 42 students are in residence there at present, in charge of three Native Teachers. During the greater part of the year the Minister has been absent in other

parts of the Circuit, but the Native helpers have loyally carried on the work of the station to the best of their ability."

EDUCATIONAL.

The work of our Colleges and Schools exercises an ever-growing influence upon the life and well-being of the Western Solomons. The work of the translator is largely ineffective until the people have been taught to read. Those who, with but a very superficial knowledge of what is being achieved, not infrequently criticise missionary educational methods, would do well to visit with an open mind our District and Circuit Training Institutions and our Native Teachers' Stations. It is true that on some Teachers' Stations they would find the School work very elementary and poor, but in many such cases the training of the Teacher himself has not been completed — sometimes scarcely begun. He has gone out as an evangelist, and the effectiveness of his work in this direction may be seen in many transformed lives. But in numerous instances really remarkable educational work is being done by the Teachers who have graduated from our Institutions. In such schools practically all the scholars learn to read and write in their own dialect, many of them in another dialect in which there is more literature, and not a few in English. This means that God's Word is opened for them—a great and priceless heritage. Such effectiveness is made possible by the splendid work done at our various

Training Institutions, particularly the College at Roviana.

MEDICAL WORK.

The sick, halt and lame are ever with us in malarial climes, and the Ministry of Healing carried out on all our Stations

has, through another year, helped to commend more effectively the Great Physician. In spite of the grave disabilities created by the absence of a Doctor, excellent medical service has been rendered to many sufferers. At Roviana, Mrs. E. C. Leadley and Nurse Vera Cannon, with their Native Staff, have maintained and extended the hospital work. There have been 106 inpatients, and the average number of treatments for outpatients has been 114 daily. 776 injections have been given for yaws, and there have been 65 births.

Concerning the work on Southern Bougainville, the Rev. A. H. Voyce reports:

"Hospital. — As in the past, fairly liberal assistance has been given in the matter of drugs and bandaging material by the Administration's Department of Public Health.

An average of 50 to 80 inpatients per month have been treated, with the addition of much larger numbers of outpatients. Also thousands of patients have been treated on outstations by the Teachers, chiefly cases of tropical ulcers, malaria and colds. During the year a building for use as a dressing station has been erected, and all other buildings and the hospital grounds maintained in good order.

Isaac Pitakomoki has ably carried out his duties, and there is no doubt that he has the confidence of the Siwai peoples."

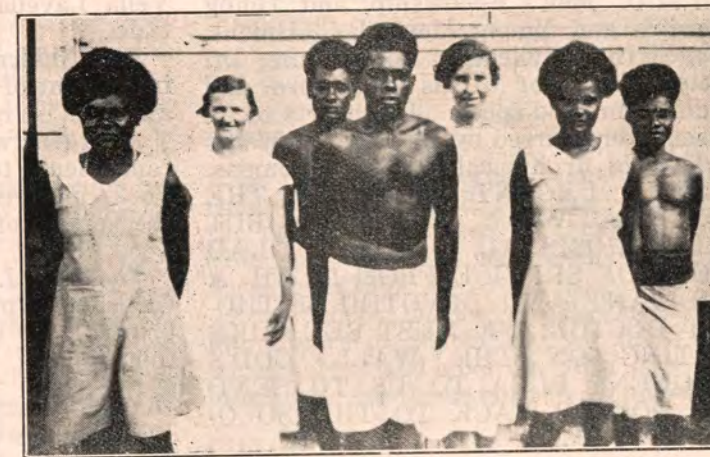
Mr. Metcalfe reports 14,000 treatments for the year at Bambatana and 600 injections of N.A.B. throughout the Circuit. Many needing injections had to be turned away owing to insufficient supply of this wonderful drug. This shortage has been apparent in every Circuit.

In addition to the heavy claims of their large families of girls and babies, Sisters Ethel McMillan and Elizabeth Common have had to combat an epidemic of whooping cough. Our Sisterhood continues to render outstanding service in many phases of the work.

Upon their arrival at Teop, the Rev.

and Mrs. Alley threw themselves wholeheartedly into medical service. Mr. Alley took a course of instruction at the Kieta Hospital, qualifying him to give N.A.B. injections.

Nurse Edna White, in an excellent report, tells of an average of 70 outpatients per day and between 6 and 7 inpatients. The latter numbers have had to be kept



Mrs. E. C. Leadley, Nurse Vera Cannon and Native Medical Staff.

low for financial reasons. She adds: "I've hardly had a lone minute and have felt a content hitherto unknown."

It was a source of much gratitude and rejoicing that we were able to reappoint Nurse Edna White to Bilua to engage in the great task of preparing the way for the re-establishment of the Medical Unit. Considerable family sacrifice was necessary to enable Sister Edna to return to the work, but the wonderfully enthusiastic way in which she has been welcomed by the people, and the high service she is already rendering, reveal that she followed the definite leading of God.

Surely it is equally definite that God is calling us to Send Back the Doctor. In a letter just to hand, Sister Edna reports the death of Oscar, one of our splendid young Native Medical Assistants. By the previous mail she reported that Oscar was ill and that his case was puzzling her, and added: "Oh, that a Doctor were here to run his stethoscope over him and tell me what the trouble is." But because no Doctor was there, Oscar died, and a life

of rich service to his own people cut tragically short. Many have died needlessly because we withdrew the only Doctor they had. Dr. Allen G. Rutter sailed, at the end of July, for England, where he will gain valuable experience and hopes to qualify for the Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and F.R.C.S. The Board of Missions and representatives of the M.W.M.U., Men's Fellowship, and Young Women's and Young Men's B.C. Unions, enjoyed the privilege of entertaining Dr. Rutter just prior to his departure and bidding him God-speed. The hearts of all present were stirred by Dr. Rutter's words as he told of his call to the Solomons. **IN THE URGENT NEED OF THE FIELD, A WELL EQUIPPED BUT EMPTY HOSPITAL, AND THE GLAD OFFER OF SERVICE FROM SUCH A BRILLIANT AND DEVOTED METHODIST DOCTOR, WE MUST SEE, LIKE WRITING ON THE WALL, GOD'S ELOQUENT PLEA TO US TO SEND THE DOCTOR BACK TO THE SOLOMONS.**

SEND THE DOCTOR BACK! SPECIAL FUND.

The Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Bequest has been augmented during the year by two further contributions of £1,000 each from Mr. Gorman. This noble bequest now stands at £5,000. The capital sum has been invested and the interest will be available to help send back and maintain the Doctor. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Gorman and others who have contributed so generously to this noble work. Let us not forget, however, that to steadily maintain the medical unit, we must lift the General Income of the Society. We confidently appeal to the whole Church to stand behind us in this Christ-like endeavour.

Another outstanding contribution we are making to medical service in the Solomons is a supply of suitable students for the medical profession. In addition to the medical assistants trained by our own Doctors, four students have qualified by special Government examination for the Medical School at Suva in Fiji. One of these, Hughie Wheatley, has successfully completed the four-year course and re-

turned to the Solomons under appointment by the Government as Native Medical Practitioner. Two others are continuing their course and the fourth has just reached Fiji.

TRANSLATION AND PRINTING.

The Rev. A. A. Bensley's translation of St. Luke's Gospel has been received on Vella Lavella with much joy and gratitude.

The Chairman reports that a further instalment of the New Testament in Roviana will be ready during the year.

Approval was given at Synod for arrangements to be made to print a Lesson Book prepared by Sister Lina Jones, and the version of "The Life of Christ" in the Teop dialect.

The Rev. J. R. Metcalfe has revised the Choiseul Hymn Book and it has been reprinted. A book of services, etc., is to follow.

M.W.M.U.

With clear vision of the need and opportunity in the Solomons and with unabated zeal, the Women's Missionary Union has continued its outstanding service. These elect ladies are always among the first to recognise and accept the challenge offered by some new development in our great task. At their recent Conference the ladies set as an objective, in addition to their generous quota of £1,200 for Sisters' salaries, etc., an additional £100 to help Send the Doctor Back. To maintain the Doctor and his work, we must lift the annual income, and such an inspirational lead from the M.W.M.U. is a source of much encouragement to the Board. We count it a privilege to work in close harmony with the Executive of the Movement and are very grateful for much sympathy and help throughout the year.

BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENTS.

The Young Women's B.C. Movement has continued to support Sister Ada Lee, and the Young Men's Movement has made a generous contribution toward maintaining the work of the Rev. A. H. Voyce. We are grateful for this financial support and for the prayer and sympathy manifested by both Movements. We sincerely trust that definite and practical support of the

Missionary Society will continue to be a vital part of Bible Class Movement policy, and that more and more there may come to the Youth of the Church a clear vision of the large part they may play in winning the Western Solomons for Jesus Christ and extending the educational and medical work.

"OPEN DOOR" AND "LOTU."

Our Missionary magazines have continued to play an important part in disseminating information of the Solomons and other Fields and giving to our people a wider vision of the great work that is ours.

Owing to pressure of work during his Presidential year, the Rev. E. P. Blamires sought relief from the editorship of "The Lotu," and the Rev. V. Le C. Binet was appointed acting editor. So well has the latter handled the task that Mr. Blamires has come to the conclusion that here is the man for whom he has been looking to take the Children's Magazine off his hands, and has nominated him as his successor. We will welcome Mr. Binet to the editorial chair—a position his long experience on the Mission Field and his facile pen admirably equip him to fill.

The sincere thanks of the whole Church will be accorded Mr. Blamires for the able and devoted way he has edited the "Lotu" from its inception. To give missionary vision and enthusiasm to our girls and boys is a notable achievement that will have far-reaching effects on the future of the work.

We are greatly indebted to the Sunday School officials and Circuit agents who, quarter by quarter, distribute "The Lotu" and "The Open Door."

FINANCIAL.

The Treasurers' Statement, Balance Sheet, etc., will reveal definite cause for thanksgiving. We thank God for the generous giving of our Missionaries and the Native Church, which, coupled with improved copra prices, has lifted the Islands' income to £3,000. Equally encouraging is the fact that increased contributions have been received from a large proportion of circuits in New Zealand, resulting in a total of £760 above that of last year. With

the improved economic conditions and a growing missionary interest on the part of our people, we are confident that the Board will receive a mandate from the Church in the shape of sufficient income **TO SEND FORTH REAPERS INTO THE WHITENED HARVEST AND TO SEND BACK THE DOCTOR.**

SPECIAL MEDICAL FUND.

This Fund has been augmented during the year by £3,035, including £2,000 from Mr. S. Gorman.

DEBT REDUCTION.

£477 has been specially contributed for Debt Reduction and has been added to the amount estimated for that purpose. This year the Debt has been further reduced by £1869.

Our deficit, however, still touches the high figure of £8169, and we must work on, pray on, and give on, until this crippling debt has been entirely liquidated.

CONCLUSION.

What more shall we say? The challenge, need, and glorious opportunity of a new year are before us. God grant us vision and courage for our task. Let no day pass without intercession for the Work and Workers in the Solomons.

Up! the ripening fields ye see,
Mighty shall the harvest be;
But the reapers still are few,
Great the work they have to do.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

SYMPATHY.

The women of the Auxiliaries and the whole Church sympathise very sincerely with the Rev. and Mrs. Don Alley in the illness of Mrs. Alley. We regret very much that Mrs. Alley has been obliged to return to the Dominion, and our prayers ascend that she may soon be restored and enabled to return to the work she has so successfully started.

The Skull Houses.

On an island some distance down the Wanawana Lagoon, there is a large heap



Skull House, containing the skull of Ingava — most powerful chief in the Western Solomons 30 years ago. ✓

Photo: Rev. A. H. Voyce.

A Personal Representative on the Field.

Within the last few months we have been greatly encouraged by additional offers to support a Teacher in the Solomon Islands. This method of contributing to the Missionary Cause is of considerable help to the Society and establishes a beautiful bond that binds New Zealand more closely to the Solomons. Individual supporters, Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Endeavour Societies, L.Y.M.S., Women's Auxiliaries, etc., share the inspiration of this personal contact by supporting either Native Minister, Teacher, Student or Baby. As far as possible we supply a photograph of the one supported and try to establish a correspondence between supporter and supported.

of coral rock, and in the front of this pile are two skull houses like the one in the picture. Under the pile of rocks, in such a position that many of them can be seen, are the skulls of people who died here, many of them at a period before the Mission arrived. The Roviana custom was to take the body to an island, where it was left to rot, and then the skull was taken away and placed in its position under the rocks, and with it were put such offerings as shell money, canoe ornaments, armlets and the like. On the top of the rocks we found an old spear, in a very rotten condition, and also a paddle, and a war axe with an iron head, such as were sold by the early traders to the natives. The skull houses interested us most, for in these were the skulls of chiefs. The one shown in the photo contains the skull of Ingava, who was at one time the high chief at Roviana. The houses were strongly made of wood, the sides being adzed out in a solid piece. On the front of the houses are carvings such as can be seen in the photo. The chief one of these is that which represents the deceased in a canoe, being paddled by two of his followers, while in his hands he holds his shield and spear. On the post which supports the house shown in the photo, are offerings of shell money. An interesting offering is a piece of fossiled tobacco. Carved on the post is a fish called the makasi, the favourite food fish of the people here.

—E. C. LEADLEY.

The cost per annum for such Christ-like service is:—

Native Minister	£20
„ Teacher	£10
„ Student	£6
„ Baby	£3

Some teachers receive more than the amount mentioned and some less, but the figures quoted are a fair average.

Surely there are many more in New Zealand who, unable to answer the Missionary Call in person, would count it a privilege to have a representative on the Field.

Please communicate with the Rev. A. H. Scrivin, Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.1.

History of a Prized Tribal Heirloom.

By the Rev. A. H. VOYCE.

The object referred to was recently brought to me, and in the accompanying photograph you see it being worn by the Chief who brought it. He is LOKUPAU of Duisei village, one of the oldest villages in Siwai to which our Lotu brought the LIGHT of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is the only man entitled to wear this valued heirloom at the present time. At his death, his younger brother would inherit both the heirloom, and the right—very greatly valued and jealously guarded—of wearing it on certain ceremonial occasions.

The original owner was an important Chief called MUKONG, who used to live at the ancient tribal headquarters called MOROKENGTU, and according to oral tradition it has been passed down through seven generations, the following chiefs each inheriting it in turn after MUKONG died, namely, KAUPA, PINOPONG, DOMOKEHRA, KAKOTO, MINSIPI the father of the present owner, the Chief



LOKUPAU

who first invited the Lotu to his district, and LOKUPAU, whom Mr. Scrivin will remember as the huntsman. The next in order of succession is MONORI, at present

doing relieving teaching in this district, and who, we expect, will go to the College at Roviana in a few months' time, there to fit himself to carry, not a battle axe, as his ancestors did, but the Gospel of Helpfulness; to learn to direct, not warriors with spears and clubs, as did his ancient clansman KAUPA, but the development of the Christian Church; to proclaim to his people, even his tribal enemies, not the call to battle, and to death, but the call to surrender to the Master, and to Life Eternal.

The history of the heirloom is as follows:—The large shell ring at the base is the ring of the original owner, and is called MUKONG. The original twine that was attached to this ring, was ceremonially burnt in the KAPOSO or Drum House, with magical incantations for the death of enemies in the coming time of fighting, and, said the owner, the sorcery was efficacious, for the fire having ceremonially consumed the native twine attachment, thus all the enemies did die, or were killed, in the ensuing times of fighting.

When a killing was made, whether of one or of many persons, then this heirloom was hung up in the KAPOSO on the main post, just above the altar, called SAPU, a fire was ceremonially lit, the ears of those killed were cut from the heads, and presented as burnt offerings to the god of war.

The small rings, on either side of the large ring, each represent a man killed in the various fights by the warriors of MUKONG, and they number some 89, the ears of each being used as burnt offerings in the Drum House. It was not customary for the Chief himself to take part in the fighting, he being the Directing Force and Influence, sending his men to do his bidding.

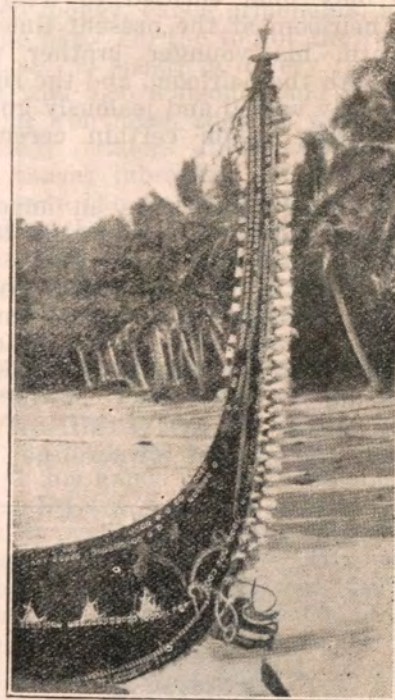
Do you wonder why they brought this heirloom to me? More and more as the years go by, are such things losing their value in the eyes of the people, no more we hope, and believe, will tribal fighting take place in Siwai, for the Man of Galilee

is making His influence felt in the cause of universal peace. Knowing our interest, not only in their future welfare, but in the history of their days of warfare, quite often some object of very great interest is brought to us, objects of whose existence we never dreamed until they are brought, and their stories told. Thus can

be preserved for posterity, much information of interest, not only to the natives themselves, but to the Science of Anthropology. The rings on this heirloom, are all laboriously, yet beautifully, ground down with stones and sand and water, from the Cone shell. (*Conus litteratus millepunctata Lamk.*)

The Nuzu Nuzu.

In order to give the correct Roviana pronunciation of the N underlined, you must give it a soft ng sound, while the letter u has the sound of oo in 'soon.' When you can pronounce this properly, you will want to know what it all means. It means 'Mouth,' and the queer looking object in the photo, with the long nose and mouth, is not the 'Nosey Parker' of whom we have all heard at times, but it is the Nuzu Nuzu or Mouth. It is an ornament which was formerly fastened on the prows of large canoes, just at the water line, and underneath this was an object which made a soughing sound as the canoe dipped into the water. But the Nuzu Nuzu itself, so the old people say, was not for ornamental purposes only. It was the guardian of the people in the canoe, keeping a keen lookout for a certain harmful spirit which had the head of the frigate bird and the body of a child. This creature would approach a canoe unseen, and its intention was to wait until the



people blinked, closing their eyes for half a second, when it would attack them. But they were protected by the Nuzu Nuzu, which never closed its staring eyes, and so the spirit, unable to get past this stern guardian, went on its way in disgust. An old man told me that one of these spirits used to live at a certain point along the beach, but it was dead now. Another old man said that the footmarks of the spirit were just like those of a little child; sometimes they would be seen in a row, indicating the way the spirit had gone. At other times there would be only the one solitary footmark, where the spirit had placed a foot and then departed.

—E. C. LEADLEY.

MEDICAL POLICY SEND THE DOCTOR BACK CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

The 1937 Conference, on the recommendation of the Board of Missions, unanimously passed the following resolution relative to our Medical Policy in the Solomon Islands:—

“Medical Policy.—Conference being resolved to fulfil its objective, as already announced, of restoring the Medical Unit with the appointment of a Doctor in 1938, looks confidently to the Church to augment the fund to make this possible, and resolves:

That Dr. Allen G. Rutter be designated for the appointment in 1938.

That warm greetings be conveyed to Dr. Rutter and hearty congratulations upon his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and the award to him of the Balfour Studentship.”

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Conference and the Board of Missions look confidently to the Whole Church to stand behind them in this truly Christ-like work.



Dr. Allen G. Rutter.

**WORK and PRAY to Send
Back the Doctor.**

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**“FREELY Ye have
Received, FREELY GIVE.”**

Solomon Islands District.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 1936.

We close the year with gratitude in our hearts for all God's goodness to us. We have had our usual share of disappointments and difficulties, but the Work of God has gone on. All through the dark cloud of depression our people have been faithful, and borne their difficulties with Christian courage. The lift in the market price of all Island products put our people in better heart, and relieved them of many anxieties. This is reflected in the large increase in the amount contributed for the carrying on of Christian work. The money test is not the supreme test of Christian character, of course, but a man's estimate



Synod 1936 — From left: Rev. A. W. Silvester, Sister Lina Jones, Revs. D. C. Alley, A. H. Voyce, J. R. Metcalfe, E. C. Leadley; seated, Rev. J. F. Goldie.

of the value of his religion can often be fairly gauged by what it costs him. The fact that the offerings of our Methodist people in the Solomons amounted to nearly double those of last year, and 50% more than our estimated income for the year, speaks volumes for the generosity and devotion of our people.

The Staff.

The alterations in the staff of workers—unlike those of two years ago—are recorded with gratitude to God. For they are additions and represent advance, and

not retrenchments which meant retreat, and for the devoted service and hearty co-operation of these fellow workers during the year I desire to record my sincere thanks. Without their support the work of the year could not have been done. We welcomed Rev. Don Alley and his good wife who came to re-occupy our vacant station at Teop in the Bougainville section of our District. They received a great welcome from our people there, and have already taken a grip of things with enthusiasm. Then the prayers of God's people have been answered in sending us a trained Nurse for Bilua. No better choice could have been made than Sister Edna White, who, amid the general rejoicing of the folk there, has settled down, and is very happy in the splendid work she is doing. Our old friend Rev. Paula Havea has returned to us with his good wife. Paula is one of Tonga's best gifts to us—a cultured Christian gentleman whom we all love. He has settled down at Patutiva—Mr. Dent's old station—and doing great service there. Sister Lina Jones was on furlough for part of the year, and Sister Ada Lee took hold of her work, but we were all delighted to have Sister Lina back again.

Spiritual Life.

While not blind to the defects of character often seen in our native people—defects not confined to Natives—we have to thank God for their very evident faith, and their self-sacrificing devotion to spiritual things. Although in most things it may be said of all native races that they have little sense of the relative value of things, it may also be said of our people that they really do put "first things first." It is difficult for European residents, who have been accustomed to regard religion as an entirely separate and independent department of life, to understand the native point of view—that religion, if it means anything at all to a man, is **everything**. That it must touch and penetrate and influence every part of life. Some people express surprise that native Christians should gladly come fifty miles to

attend a fellowship meeting, and often wonder at our crowded churches. And some even attempt to find explanations of these things that will fit in with their own ignorant ideas of native character. Blindness disqualifies a critic. The natural man cannot understand these things—they are spiritually discerned. We report many baptisms during the year—both adults, on their profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the children of Christian parents dedicated to God. An increase of over 500 members, and opening of 32 new stations at the invitation of heathen people, and the building of 12 additional churches, indicate progress. There has been no falling off in attendance at public services and class meeting, and everywhere our people are eager to avail themselves of the means of Grace. It would not be true to say that there have not been cases of falling away which have caused us great sorrow of heart, but on the whole we have in the Solomon Island Church thousands of devoted loyal men and women who in newness of life are seeking to serve Him Who has been, and still is, their personal Saviour and Friend.

Educational.

Convinced that a Christian Church cannot be built on uninstructed savagery, we have carried on our educational work with enthusiasm and success. The people are not only beginning to realise the value of a Christian education, but are willing to make sacrifices in order that the young people may have such advantages as we can offer them. Our **Village Schools**, while still leaving much to be desired, are doing excellent work. We lack the means to give them necessary equipment in the way of text books and other things, but with the means at their disposal the teachers are doing splendid work. The Kindergarten, Primary School, and Circuit Training Institution at the Head Station are centres where the young people are making real progress. We may say without boasting that Roviana is now the recognised Educational Centre of the Solomons. Not only has Roviana supplied, without exception, all the Native Clerks in the Government service, but since the establishment of the Government Examination Committee at Tulagi, only boys from our

schools have been able to pass the educational test enabling them to enter the Central Medical School established at Suva by the Government with assistance of the Rockefeller Foundation. Thus avenues for fine Christian service in the interests of the native race are opened up for our Methodist young men, who thus enter the Government service carrying with them the evidence of the power of Christ to transform lives which but for the work of our Mission would have been lost.



EZEKIEL KOPANA, our latest student for the Medical School, Fiji.

Photo: T. H. Ashe, Onehunga

Mr. Leadley will himself present the report of the District Training College, but I may say that the thing of outstanding importance during the year was the coming of eighteen new students from the Mandated Territory portion of our great Mission District. For years the Government of the Mandated Territory has refused to permit our young men from Bougainville and Buka to come for training to Roviana. The only alternative was an almost impossible one—that of duplicating our educational establishments on the other side of the political border line. However, last year this barrier was removed, and permission was given for our students to come for training to Roviana. This is a great concession, and we greatly appreciate it. We were able to select immediately a number of suitable students from the many who desired to offer for

the work, and at present there are 18 fine young fellows in the College who are doing well.

I was able to arrange for Sister Lina Jones to spend a couple of months at Bilua to assist in reorganising the school work there with Mr. Silvester, who was delighted to have this expert assistance.

Women's Work.

Copies of the Sisters' and Nurses' Reports have been sent on to the Women's Missionary Union, and from these it will be seen that a great deal has been accomplished during 1936. In the Sisters' homes, and in the schools and hospitals, these devoted women are doing magnificent work for their dark-skinned sisters. They feel in this work the worth of the support from the Women of the Home Land. The sympathy, the prayers, and the practical assistance, from the Home Church is very precious to them, and a new race of women in the Solomons, women with a new hope, a new vision, new courage in their hearts, and eyes that have a new outlook on life, is rising up to call them blessed. We are still praying for the establishment of our Girls' High School in the not-distant future.

Medical.

We are still hoping that the Doctor may be sent to us in 1938. A great work is awaiting him. Sister Vera at Roviana, working faithfully under Mrs. Leadley, and Sister Edna at Bilua have done splendid service, but there are things that a Nurse, no matter how highly trained and skilled, cannot do, and these splendid women often cry out, "Oh, if the doctor were only here." The people are doing all they can for this object. One little village on Vella Lavella, in addition to giving their usual gift of about four tons of copra (worth about £70 now) came up to the table at the gift service on the Sunday, singing as they came, with £35 worth of silver in their hands, and put it in the plate saying, "bring the doctor back." This money had been gathered by the entire men of the village going for weeks out on the reefs diving for shell, which they sold, and bringing the entire proceeds as a special gift to assist the return of the doctor. Can one wonder that many of

us were deeply stirred by this sacrificial offering. We have "lent" one of our medical boys to the Government at Gizo, while the lad there comes back for a "refresher course." We have also been able to station a medical Assistant with Gina at Simbo, and one at the distant station on Mono, or Treasury Island. These lads are doing good service.

Industrial.

We were not able to do much in the Saw Mill this year, but under the very capable supervision of our carpenter lad, Joni Tioni, many of our buildings have been repaired, and boats cared for. The "Elehe" has been entirely reconditioned, and engine installed by our boys. The "Bilua" has been slipped, and repaired thoroughly with new keel and new copper, and a new engine of 24 H.P. installed in her. She will now be of great service to us. This fine service of our boat-building and carpenter lads saves our Church many pounds during each year, as well as affording a fine opportunity for training lads in useful arts. The Kokeqolo Plantation was thoroughly worked, and gave to the general funds of the Mission about £200 over and above working expenses.

In closing I must again express my deep indebtedness to all my fellow-workers, both European and Native, for their loyal support and enthusiastic co-operation, without which what has been accomplished could not have been done. We give God the glory for all that has been done in the year 1936, and look forward with faith—which is the substance of things hoped for in 1937.

JOHN F. GOLDIE,
Chairman.

In a recent number of "The Methodist Times and Leader," there is an account of the Dedication Service of nine women Missionaries.

There were Nurses and Teachers going to China, India and French West Africa. The Charge was given by the Rev. H. B. Rattenbury who spoke on the separation of Paul and Barnabas—the first Missionaries dedicated. There are 4,000 Ministers in the Church, 377 Missionaries, 241 Women and 72 Laymen.

The Passing of David Voeta.

A TRIBUTE by the Rev. D. C. ALLEY.

David Voeta's death is a tragic loss indeed to our cause. Workers of his calibre are rare, and he was peculiarly suitable for pioneering work. He had set off with the Siwai Senior Teachers on an extensive patrol beyond the area previously entered just after we left for Synod. Up in the mountains at his old village he became ill. They found it necessary to bring him down to Tearaka, and sent word to Mrs. Alley that he was very ill. The same day they brought him the 30 miles by canoe to the Teop Hospital. He was a very sick man with pleurisy, but not too ill to take his thoughts off his work. He asked for Teachers to be sent out, and frequently urged that he must be allowed up so that he could walk about and get strong, then return to finish his work. Medicines ran out (we can afford to keep such small stocks only) and the ladies sent as far as 40 miles away in vain attempts to secure more. At one stage the Pleurisy seemed much better and hope revived, but other complications developed. The night before he died he refused to allow the Native Medical Assistant to keep him in the hospital, for he maintained he must get out and go back to his work. They helped him over to the Teacher's House until Mrs. Alley was able to take him in hand next day. The end came soon after, to the very great sorrow of the whole Dis-

trict. Mr. Voyce and I heard the news as the "Saga" came up the Teop Bay late at night, and a keen sense of personal loss possessed us, and we also felt profoundly sorry for our wives who had passed through such anxious times. Yet David's influence will live on. Many Teachers will have entered the work because of his challenging ministry, many Villages have felt the persuasive power of his Christian Manhood, and the parable of the grain of wheat is illustrated by the testimony of the Village where he was last teaching. The Priest tried to win them over shortly after David's death, but these semi-heathens answered, "No, David died as our Teacher, so we will always belong to his Lotu." To the very end his simple faith asserted itself. At his request the Mission Boys gathered round about the Hospital and sang his favourite hymns, or the Teachers and Marama drew near and they prayed together. Such was the quality of his life, and now we are asking, "Who can take his place?" Already his loss has been felt in that there has been none to lead that Patrol, and the Teachers over whom he had oversight are not the same without his companionship. We hold our Quarterly Meeting in a few days, and then I hope the Teachers as a body will accept the challenge of such a life. Eroni, too, is back to help us.

M.W.M.U. Philatelic Department.

As all Auxiliaries have resumed after the holiday season we hope to receive a large supply of used postage stamps as soon as possible. We urge our Church people to save their used stamps and ask their friends to use, whenever possible, Commemorative stamps; and that on parcels, stamps of higher value be used, instead of a number of ½d and 1d ones. We ask our people to use the forthcoming Coronation issue, especially those of the higher values. It has been very disappointing to have to destroy thousands of stamps because of some slight defect.

We repeat, STAMPS MUST BE IN PERFECT CONDITION. The dye from coloured envelopes is responsible for the destruction of many stamps. We ask the larger auxiliaries, selling their own stamps, to state when sending remittances to the Union Treasurer, the amount from the sale of stamps as it is too late to find this in the Annual Balance Sheets.

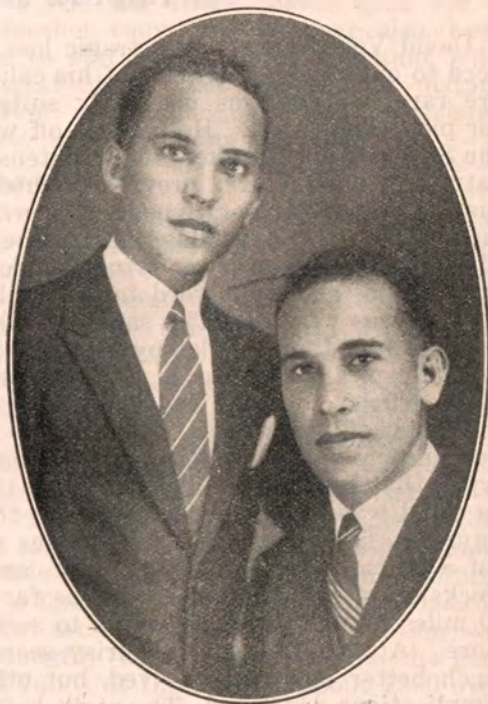
WILL WE THIS YEAR OBTAIN THE SUM OF £60 FROM THIS SOURCE? A continual supply of stamps is necessary. Stamps may be sent to the local agent or to Miss Purdie, 103 Highgate, Dunedin, N.W.1.

Hugh Wheatley, N.M.P.

Many of our readers will remember Hugh Wheatley, who came from our Roviana School to Wesley College, Paerata, some years ago. After returning to the Solomons this very promising boy was nominated by the Rev. J. F. Goldie for training at the Medical School in Fiji. He has completed his training and graduated N.M.P. (Native Medical Practitioner), in the minimum time of four years, having proved an excellent student. He passed through Auckland recently on his way back to the Solomons to take up a Government medical appointment. In Hugh Wheatley our Mission has made yet another valuable contribution to the well-being of the Solomons. Wherever he goes with his ministry of healing he will also preach the Gospel to the people.

He is on the right of the accompanying picture, the boy on the left being his brother Kitchener, who is also taking the medical course in Fiji with John Wesley Kere and Ezekeli Kopana, whose photo appears on another page.

What wonders God has wrought!



The Power to Satisfy.

Foreign Missions enjoyed an able and timely apology in the Archbishop of Canterbury's broadcast address recently. Dr. Lang powerfully argued the vital necessity of Christian missions to the South and East, on the ground that, through the impact of Western civilisation, the peoples of Asia and Africa were throwing off allegiance to their old religions. The crucial question, therefore, is: Are they to be left to become wholly irreligious? All experience, the Archbishop well urged, points to the necessity of religion to human nature for its full development. Of the various religions of the world Christianity is undoubtedly the best, as it is the only one with the power of adaptation to every people. Wherever it has entered the void created by abandoned

superstitions and uprooted customs, it has demonstrated its power to satisfy and to bring new hope and joy and strength. In India the six million Christians exercised an influence out of all proportion to their numbers. In the next five years their number was likely to grow by another five million. The reports of Methodist missions in India, and in China and Africa as well, fully confirm the Archbishop's statement, and seem to justify his hopeful estimate of future widespread and increasing success. All Missionary Societies are, we hope and believe, animated by the policy he advocated to encourage and guide the growth of genuine Native Churches dependent less and less on foreign aid. It is the only sound policy.

"METHODIST RECORDER."

Board of Missions—Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions was held in Pitt Street Parlour on 11th and 12th February. The President of the Conference (Rev. E. P. Blamires) presided and there was a large attendance of members, including the Rev. J. F. Goldie, chairman of the Solomon Islands District. This great Missionary received a special resolution of welcome and appreciation, and Sister Vera Cannon was also welcomed. Cordial and affectionate greetings were conveyed to the Native Church and Missionaries.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements, to which reference is made on another page, were very encouraging.

The business occupied 1½ days, the Finance Committee sitting on the evening of 11th. A special period of intercession and thanksgiving added much to the spiritual power and fervour of the meeting.

The details of the Meeting have been reported in the "Methodist Times" and the Treasurers' Statement will appear in the Annual Report.

There was borne in upon every member the profound conviction that this great work in the Western Solomons to which we have put our hand must go on to a triumphant conclusion. We must Speed the Gospel to the people who sit in darkness, and send back the Doctor.

Welcome Back to Buka.

The Natives of Buka held up their gift day until New Year's Day, so that we could be present. By having a hurried welcome for Eroni at Teop, and travelling all night in the "Saga" to Buka, we were able to get to Petats a few hours before the meeting started. We were all dead

tired and sleepy, through having to be awake all night on account of the children on board, but the gifts of our Native folk soon drove all tiredness away. They gave about 30% more than last year. The total was £75. This is the Native gifts only.

—A. H. CROPP.

Send the Doctor Back and Debt Reduction.

SEND THE DOCTOR BACK.

Brooklyn Methodist Girls' Pollyanna Club	2	15	0
Mr. S. Gorman (additional)	1000	0	0
B.W., Takapuna	10	0	0
Mr. J. C. Warren, Tarurutangi	1	0	0
Anon., Dargaville	12	10	0
H.S.M., Dunedin	2	11	0
Anon., Devonport	5	0	0
Woodhaugh Ladies' Guild	2	0	0
E.G.,	10	0	0
Mrs. A. J. Thwaites, Amberley	1	0	0
Coal Creek Flat Junior Bible Class	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. Parsons, Brooklyn	2	0	0
Wellington South Circuit	5	5	0
A. Alley, Fitzroy	10	0	0
"Lotu" Stamp Collectors	2	0	0
Waikanae Bible Class	10	0	0
Mrs. J. W. Bridgeman, Epsom	12	6	0
Anonymous	100	0	0
Sister Lily White, Lumsden	10	0	0
"Gratitude," Dunedin	10	0	0
Mrs. Basire, Mt. Eden	9	0	0
Rev. W. and Mrs. Walker	2	0	0
J.S.,	10	0	0
Anonymous, Mornington	10	0	0

Anonymous	1	0	0
Young Women's Bible Class Union	25	0	0
F.G., S.B., Warkworth	3	0	0
M.E.S.	10	0	0
Ngaio Ladies' Guild	5	0	0
"Want to Help," Hastings	1	0	0

DEBT REDUCTION.

Previously acknowledged	5390	0	11
Redcliffs	10	0	0
"Anonymous," Dargaville	12	10	0
Takapuna Senior Y.W.B.C.	7	12	2
"Anonymous," Devonport	5	0	0
"Anonymous"	1	0	0
"Gratitude," Dunedin	10	0	0
"Thanks be to God," per Rev. G. I. Laurenson	7	0	0
Young Women's Bible Class Union	25	0	0

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We very gratefully acknowledge the following generous contributions to the General Fund. Such gifts must definitely help to hasten the Kingdom in the Western Solomons:—

"Anonymous,"	10	0	0
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WOMEN'S PAGES

M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's
Missionary Union of
New Zealand.

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS,—

In my daily reading lately I was struck with the text, "Be strong and work; for I am with you saith the Lord of Hosts."

I suppose I have read it many times before, but it seemed to come home to me afresh, that it was only as we had God's abiding Presence with us, that we can really be strong to work for Him, and that is what we are desirous of doing.

In the last copy of the "Open Door," there was a page headed "Intercession for Foreign Missions." I am sure if we took that page and studied it carefully and prayerfully it would help us to have a much wider vision, not only of the needs of the Solomons and our own Home land, but of other parts of the world.

Do we really realise the many difficulties and trials our Sisters have to face? Their letters tell of the happy and encouraging side of the work, they keep the discouragements and difficulties to themselves. Do we at all realise the times of loneliness they must have?

The new prayer leaflet has been printed and is being sent to all auxiliaries, though we may not all use the same form, may we keep in mind the fact that our workers rely on us to bear them up in prayer.

Vera Cannon has reached Auckland. We hope she will have a very happy and health-giving furlough. Later we shall be arranging for her deputation work; many will be eager to hear her.

While she is away, Edna White has gone to Roviana to take charge of Hospital work there. This, of course, means that the Native Medical workers have to carry on by themselves again in Bilua and brings home to us the need there is; not only for the return of the Dr. and nurses, but the very real need of a relieving Sister. Whenever one of our Sisters or Missionaries wives is away on furlough, it necessarily means the shouldering of extra work by those who remain and each worker already has plenty.

Sister Lina had a busy time at Bilua

where she went to help re-organise the schoolwork. It certainly must have been difficult as the language is quite different to that spoken in Roviana. Sister had to tell the Teacher who knew Roviana and he would interpret to the scholars, decidedly a hard matter both to teach and learn under these circumstances we would think, but, Mr. Silvester says that thanks to Sister's help they hope to do much better work, and later their scholars may go on to the District Institution.

The last letter we had was full of their Christmas festivities.

Fortunately the boxes arrived in time so all the teachers and children could have presents. They had a Christmas Tree at Roviana on December 18th. Sister Lina said they made up 110 sets of gifts and that none of the children was late that morning, only 6 children who were away some distance, being absent. All the workers send most grateful thanks for the boxes, the contents help to supply many needs.

We have received word from Mr. Scriven that there has been an increase in the total amount of income for the year. The Island Church has done nobly in raising £3,000. This must have meant much effort for our people there.

You will be remembering that in addition to our Sisters' Salaries and the upkeep of Kurahuna, which are our first responsibilities we are hoping this year to raise £100 towards the Fund for the Doctor's return. I am sure we shall use our best endeavour to do this.

We shall be celebrating Easter during the coming month and as again in thought we follow our Lord's suffering and death and rising again, may we in heartfelt gratitude, determine to do our utmost to send the message of His Love to those who still sit in darkness.

With thanks for all the work that is being carried on and loving greetings.

Yours sincerely,
H. LILIAN DUKE.

Christmas at Bilua.

By Rev. A. W. E. SILVESTER.

We had a truly wonderful Christmas and our festivities were an inspiration to all. The people began to gather on the Thursday, and when darkness fell about 700 were on the station.

Lotu was a time of much blessing, and at 9 o'clock the Choirs commenced their carols and continued without a break until 11.40. The music was a wonderful improvement on last year, and much time must have been put in by the teachers in preparation. They sang in Bilua, Roviana and English. On one occasion there were two choirs in competition as neither would give way, and it added humour to a delightful situation.

Christmas morning we held Lotu at 8 a.m. and the Church was absolutely packed. Many, being unable to gain admission, sat on the fence and the school forms. It was splendid to hear the con-

gregation sing and enter into the true spirit of Christmas.

They prepared a marvellous feast and we killed some meat as our contribution. In the afternoon there was great jubilation when the huge oven was opened.

Saturday was given over to sports.

Sunday was the day of days and we had a great time of blessing. In the morning the Church was not big enough. We tried to pack the people in but to no avail. We had children sitting in the pulpit, and many were outside on forms and on the fence. All listened attentively, and we also had four baptisms. The afternoon service was taken by Gina's brother, Alikera, in Roviana, because the Ranongo people could not follow Bilua. The choirs gave us a musical festival throughout the day.

Thus does the birth of the Christ Child bring joy to Vella Lavella.

Both Sides of Buka Passage.

By BEATRICE BLACKWOOD, B.Sc., M.A.

This book is "An Ethnographic study of Social, Sexual and Economic Questions in the North Western Solomon Islands" by a lady anthropologist who occupies the chair of Demonstrator in Ethnology at Oxford University. The area under discussion is one in which our Methodist Church operates considerably. Miss Blackwood, during her residence on Petats Island, regularly attended the services in our church there, and her attitude to Missions was not antagonistic, but rather sympathetic, though she "deplored" the way contact with the Mission had caused many customs in which she, as an anthropologist was interested, to be superseded by Christian ceremonial or usage. In her chapter on "Adolescent Girls," she says, "The establishment of Mission Schools is tending to alter the prospects of the adolescent girl . . . she is just beginning to assert her right to accept or reject the advances of her suitors, instead of passively acquiescing in a match arranged by her parents . . . It is evident that the whole system of betrothal and marriage will eventually disappear . . . there seems reason to think that the early part of married life, at any rate, would be made happier by the change."

In the preface occurs this paragraph. "I received much kindness from Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cropp, who have established a Methodist Mission Station on the West Coast of Buka. I am particularly grateful for Mr. Cropp's generous loan of his vocabulary and grammar notes on the Petats dialect, which were of the greatest service as my first introduction to a Melanesian Language."

The book is well illustrated, is comprehensive, and is very readable. Miss Blackwood became attached to a young lad who became her house boy. She writes, "I secured as my servant a young man named Ross, a native of Petats . . . He served me faithfully and well. I could always leave my establishment safely in his charge, even for several days at a time, and count upon returning, after some strenuous expedition, to a clean house and a good meal. He was bitterly disappointed that he could not come home with me." This same lad is now one of the Boats Crew on the Circuit Vessel of Bougainville and Buka, the "M.V. Saga," and is ever a source of helpfulness to all who have occasion to travel on that vessel.

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—A.H.V.

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Rev. E. C. LEADLEY	Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
Rev. A. W. E. SILVESTER	Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
Rev. D. C. ALLEY	Teopasina, via Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

MISSIONARY DOCTOR.

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

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