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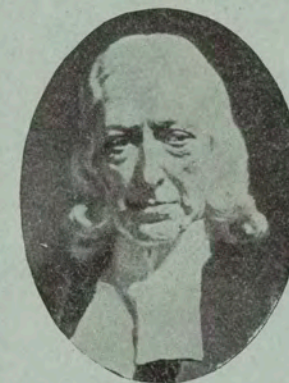
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IS MY  
PARISH”

—John Wesley.

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Rev. A. H. VOYCE .. .. .	Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
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Rev. A. W. E. SILVESTER .. .. .	Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
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MISSIONARY DOCTOR.

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The Doctor on His Round  
THE CHALLENGE OF THE MEDICAL UNIT.

Immediately after the re-establishment of the Medical Unit at Bilua on May 24th—Bi-Centenary Day—the Rev. A. W. Silvester wrote: "As we left, the Doctor could be seen on his round, and our hearts are thankful." New Zealand Methodism will also be thankful that at last the Doctor is actually on his round, and the splendid work, begun so successfully by Dr. Sayers, re-established. This gratitude is born in a sense of the urgent need of the Western Solomons for medical attention.

Within a few days of landing Dr. Allen Rutter writes: "There has been such a lot to think of and arrange before the return of the "Malaita," that what I want more than anything else at the moment is the chance to get away from everybody and have a real good think!"

"Actually, things are in very good heart. Out-patients is running well and we have quite a number in the women's ward. You'll be sorry to hear that the one occupant of our male ward is Gina; he has been having a lot of fever, and to-day—having arrived at two this morning—he began to shiver, and shot a temperature of 105; so into the hospital he went, and I hope we shall be able to keep him for a bit and give him a thorough course of treatment. . . . We are also coping to-day with our first white patient. . . . To-day has also seen our first surgical operation; Sister Merle very capably administered the anaesthetic."

This is but the beginning, when the Doctor has but barely landed, but is ample indication of the great work that lies ahead. Dr. Rutter goes on to say: "Once steamer day is safely past, we shall have a chance to get things really into going

order. The house is delightful, and we shall be very comfortable here. . . . My Roviana is improving rapidly, but I suppose I shall soon begin to realise how little I really know. . . . We have Kera, Dr. Sayers' old house boy as our head boy; he's a gem of the first water, and is having the time of his life piloting Betty through the intricacies of the language problem."

The Doctor concludes his letter by asking to be remembered to all New Zealand folk and signs himself as "Yours in joyful service." The same joyful note is detected in the letters of other members of the party:

"They are the blithe outrunners  
Who trek the world's long reaches for  
old trails  
Whereon to lay the pavement of new  
years,"

quoted by the President in his splendid dedication charge that appears in this issue. It is joyous to them to devote their love and skill in the service of a needy primitive people and thus commend to them the spirit of the Great Healer Himself.

Will you, O Reader, accept the challenge of this joyous service and this urgent need? Will you, who live in a land where we have a doctor for every three hundred of the community, be prepared for more worthy service and sacrifice that we may **Maintain the Doctor and his staff** in the Western Solomons? New permanent wards are being built to facilitate the work. More native medical assistants and nurses will be trained. A great number of sick and needy people will receive attention. But the maintenance of all this depends very largely upon YOU.

## Bi-centenary Celebrations and Other Inspiration.

Extracts from the Rev. J. F. Goldie's Letter.



Rev. J. F. GOLDIE.

We are arranging for great gatherings on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday the 22nd, 23rd and 24th May, both at Roviana and Bilua, and of course they will have a great time at Sasamuqa. We are having special services on the Sunday, and big gatherings at Kokegolo on the Monday, and then to Bilua for the Tuesday where the gatherings are to be continued. Some of the chiefs have discussed the matter with me, and all are desirous of making this a period of spiritual refreshing that will be felt right through the District.

Gina has gone back to Simbo, after having a very successful time visiting all the stations round New Georgia. He gave a fine testimony to the keeping power of God wherever he went, and his services have done a lot of good. The time spent in the Dominion has done him good also, and he is to-day a better and more useful man for his visit to the Home Churches. I was at Simbo a few weeks ago, and found that his boys had kept things together very well indeed, and during his absence the people built him a beautiful new house. I had a baptismal service on the Sunday morning, and over twenty were presented for baptism, including some fine youths and three very old men who had only recently been converted, and who desired to publicly confess Christ in baptism.

Since writing the above I have been into Gizo, and we had a rough trip in. The N.W. Monsoons were on in full blast, and our old sails were ripped, and we were stationary for several hours while going full speed ahead. Finally we had to turn

for shelter to our mission station on Duki. The Government vessel which was just behind us was in as bad a plight, as every stitch of their awnings was ripped off her, and she had to run for shelter also. However, we got through to Gizo the next day.

We are experiencing another slump in the copra market. There are various causes, increased freights to Europe, a record cotton crop (cotton seed oil), and the return of the whaling fleets loaded with whale oil. The Japanese fleet alone reported slaughtering 890 full grown whales in the few months they were out. These things and the unsettled condition of the European countries all pull down the copra market. This slump will hit our Island people much harder than the last, as the recent high prices led everyone to believe that things would now become stable at a fair price and many of the leading natives undertook responsibilities based on that belief, and will find it difficult to pull through. But I am not a pessimist, and these troubles are not lost on the native, as they increase his knowledge, sharpen his perception and give him a better grip of the realities of business dealings. We will be hard hit, and I am certain that unless things take a very decided leap upward, we shall not nearly reach our estimated Island income this year. For the first time in all our island experience we have been caught by the market. With fully 150 tons of produce in our sheds estimated at what appeared to us a very conservative price (£10) the price at present is £5. Of course it may go up.

Anyhow, these things, although important, are secondary matters. The things concerning the Kingdom are the things about which we really concern ourselves, and thank God, the work grows and fruits in every direction. We cling to the promise, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all other things will be added unto you." If the spiritual life of our people is right, everything else will fall into line.

## Dedication of Dr. A. G. Rutter

Dedication Charge delivered at Wesley Church Taranaki Street, on April 25th, by the Rev. Percy Paris, President of the Conference.

My Dear Brethren,

Dr. and Mrs. Rutter,—

I want to give you two texts, both from the book of Acts; a book written by a medical missionary; a book which tells the story of the first missionary work of the Early Church. The texts are Acts 13:4 and Acts 3:6. The one reads, "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia, and from thence they sailed to Cyprus." And the other,

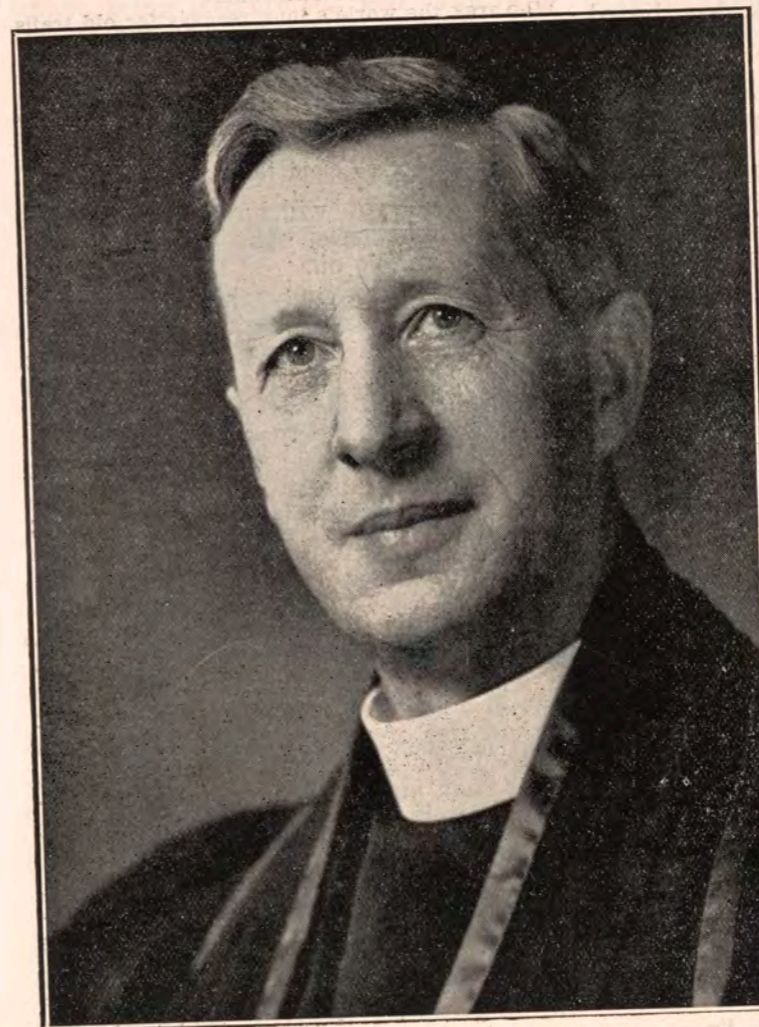
"Then Peter said, 'Such as I have, give I unto Thee: In the Name of Jesus Christ rise up and walk.'"

I want to put these verses into your hands. Hold them fast. So that when in the days to come you may be overtaken by loneliness, overwhelmed with the greatness of the work, cast down by failure, disappointed at the slow response of the people, you will open your Testament at this first verse, and recall this hour of

your dedication, and realise afresh that you did not go forth at your own charges. You will remember that it was the Holy Spirit Who called and sent you forth, and it was in obedience to His Call that you departed from N.Z. and sailed to the Solomons. Whom He calls, He qualifies. Those who follow Him, He sustains. Those who obey Him, can never fail ultimately.

You go forth not merely as a physician. You go in a far greater capacity. You go as a medical missionary. And so you go in the Name of Jesus Christ. You take with you all the skill and science which long years of study, practice and preparation in modern medicine and surgery place in your hands. When you gave yourself, you dedicated these gifts and powers with which God has endowed you. You will go to the sick and diseased in the Solomons, and say as Peter said, "Such as I have, give I unto Thee: In the Name of Jesus Christ rise up and walk."

God will work His miracles of grace and healing through you.



Rev. PERCY PARIS  
President of the Conference.

Man and Sick Wife Unbalanced minds.  
Mother & Dying Baby Sin-burdened souls.

This in Anzac Day. We recall how on this day, twenty-three years ago, those gallant men of Australia and New Zealand went at the call of duty, and entered upon their great enterprise. They counted not their lives dear unto themselves that, as they believed, they might save peace, honour and liberty for the world.

In the same Spirit of Service and Sacrifice you go forth, but with no weapon save love; and not to destroy life, but to save life.

While to the world, April 25th is Anzac Day; on the Church's Kalendar it is always St. Mark's Day. Mark, who heard the story of the life of Jesus from the lips of Peter; Mark who was the first to write the story and give the world a Gospel; Mark's Gospel whose closing verses record—"And Jesus said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "And these signs shall follow: In My Name shall they cast out devils . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Always remember you were dedicated on St. Mark's Day.

And so from the days of the Apostles, when Luke, the beloved physician, accompanied Paul on his missionary journeyings caring for that great missionary's health, from then, all down the Christian ages there has been a bright succession of able and devoted doctors and nurses ministering in Christ's Name to the mind diseased and the body ailing.

In our own day we think of Sweitzer adding to his doctorates in Theology, Philosophy and Music, that of Medical Doctor that he might serve Christ amid the sweltering heat of Africa;

of Grenfell consecrating his medical knowledge and skill in the same service among the Eskimos, amid the dangers and cold of the Far North;

and Donald Ross spending a life-time hunting down the bacteria that are the causes of dreadful tropical diseases, and finding their suitable antidote.

You follow in their train.

Someone has written these lines entitled "Missionaries."

### MISSIONARIES.

Who are these  
That run along the highways of the world,  
And seek its meanest suburbs with their feet?  
They are the troubadours of God,  
Blowing an airy melody along earth's aisles  
As solid as the masonry of dreams.  
They are the wise eccentrics  
Who reason with divine hilarity.  
They are the canny merchants  
Who buy the hearts of nations for their Prince.  
They are the vivid tailors  
Who push the threads of ages through their hands.  
Who take no blood, to spill it, save their own.  
They are the blessed coolies  
Who lift the loads of folly on their backs  
And dump them into truth's dissolving streams.  
They are the blithe outrunners  
Who trek the world's long reaches for old trails  
Whereon to lay the pavement of new years.  
They are the grave cross-carriers  
Who bear stern wooden gibbets on their backs,  
And nail their loves and treasures to the beams.  
They are our princely brothers,  
Born of the womb which bore us,  
Who speak for us amid the courts of life.

Of course, you will have to work with other missionaries, who are ministers, teachers, and so on.

Some of these may think they know how to run a hospital better than you do. They may even tell you so. You must not be angry. A mere doctor may give an exhibition of temper. I have seen some doing it in a military camp in the war days. But a medical missionary must not. You must listen quietly and attentively; then talk it over with your wife; then pray about it; then do what you know to be right.

I believe you will find all your fellow-labourers on the field to be choice spirits, earnest and devoted men and women. Keep in touch with your Chairman. The Rev. J. F. Goldie is one of the greatest missionaries of modern times. He knows the field, and he knows the natives there, better than any living man. All the missionaries will support you to the utmost in your work.

Through every village and island in the Solomons to-night the natives are thinking of you and praying for you. They are greeting one another with the glad news—"They are sending the doctor back." There will be great thanksgiving services when you and your nurses are installed in the Helena Goldie Hospital.

You go out together, united in your love for one another; united in your love for the medical profession and its healing work, for your wife is a trained bacteriologist; united in your love for Christ; and united in your love for God's black children in the Solomons. And you will always be united to the great Church Universal and to the Church's Lord and Head. When the first missionaries left England for New Zealand they were presented with a Silver Communion plate—for use on the mission field. Around the patens or plates, and around the base of the Chalice, were engraved Latin words which, being interpreted, read "The Seas divide; but the Sacrament unites." For those who love and labour together in Christ there is no distance or separation.

We are one in Him. You will be supported by the love, prayers, and gifts of the home Church.

You may feel very much your inadequacy and poverty of spirit as you take up the work. Let me remind you of some lines in Browning's "Paracelsus." Paracelsus says to Festus:—

"Are there not, Festus; are there not, dear Michal;

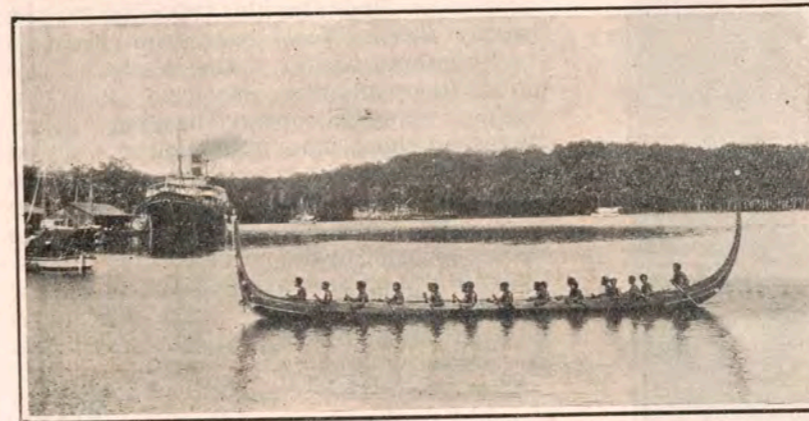
Two points in the adventure of the diver:  
One—when, a beggar, he prepares to plunge,  
One—when, a prince, he rises with his pearl?  
Festus, I plunge!"

You, my brethren, now take your plunge in faith. Your sufficiency is of God. You will rise with treasures far beyond a prince's. You will come with the love and

confidence of the natives, and with the record of their healed bodies, balanced minds, and saved souls. What priceless pearls to gain and bring to the Master of us all.

May the blessing of God abide with you both, and may you have the joy of seeing the work of the Lord prosper in your hands.

—Amen.



GIZO, where the Medical Party transhipped to the Mission ketch on May 16th.

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### MAINTAIN THE DOCTOR!

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous contributions.

The Medical Party reached the Solomons on May 16th, and look to you for support in the great work to which they have set their hands.

Cambridge Combined Bible Classes, £5; Thames Girls' B.C., £1/10/-; J.N.S.I., Temuka, £1; Rahotu B.C., £3; "Gina's Friend," £1; Miss Davidson, Durham Street, 10/-; Miss Butler, Addington, £1; Mr. E. H. Logan, Geraldine, £5; Nukuroa S.S., per "Lotu," £1; Mrs. A. E. Curel, Epsom, £2/10/-; Christchurch Meeting—Dr. Rutter, £14/19/7; Dunedin Meeting—Dr. Rutter, £9/6/9; Timaru Meeting—Dr. Rutter, £5/12/-; Palmerston North Meeting—Dr. Rutter, £10/10/2; Otaki, £3; Pitt St. Girls' Club, £3; A. R. Vosper, Putaruru, £5; "Anon"—Lotu, 10/-; Mrs. Caughey Preston, £50; Hamil-

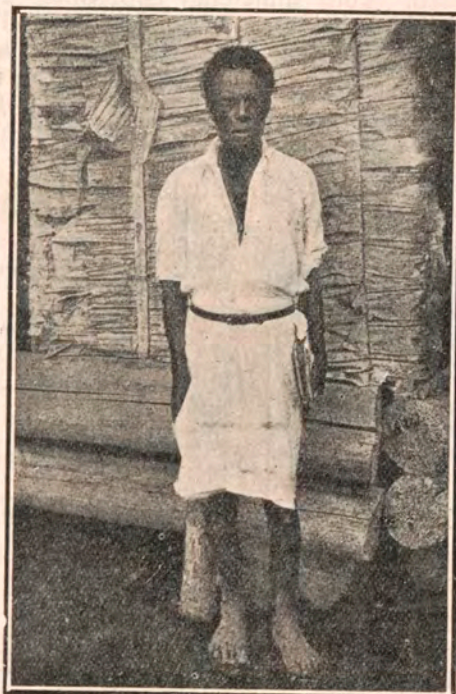
ton Circuit, £1; Mrs. S. A. Cocker, Masterton, £1; Birkenhead Circuit, 2/-; Ashburton, £4/18/-; "In Memory, E.G.," £10; Hastings, £2; Mrs. Newman, Waitara, £6; Rev. G. W. Crammond, Murchison, 18/-; F. H. Steel, £10; Miss Perryman, Timaru, 10/-; Pitt St. Collection, £1; Napier, £1; Wellington Meeting—Dr. Rutter, £30/5/5; North Canterbury Y.W.B.C. Camp, 4/7; Pitt St. Meeting, £23/3/10; "In Memory of Keith, Foxton," 10/-; Miss Pedersen, Remuera, £2; Fire Insurance Fund, £30; Mr. and Mrs. Nuttall, Wakefield, £1; Kia Ora, Hamilton, 10/-; Mrs. E., Reefton, 5/-; Papakura S.S., 15/-; New Plymouth Meeting—Dr. Rutter, £12; Peggy and Nancy Biddle, 10/6; G.S.V., Taumarunui, £1; "Shined Shoes," Timaru Easter Camp, 7/6; Miss Little, Dunedin Central, 10/-; "A Rejoicer," Dunedin Central, 10/-; Mrs. Smale, Dunedin Central, 5/-; Mr. Kershaw, £3; "Trinity," Wellington, £5.

## Days of Light.

THE STORY OF THE COMING OF THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST TO BOUGAINVILLE.

By Rev. A. H. VOYCE.

Away out in the Pacific to the south of Bougainville, lies a mountainous island called Treasury Is., or by the natives, MONO, an island which figures largely in the history of European contacts with the Solomon Islands. To this island, Mr. Goldie carried the Lotu and settled a teacher there. The people of MONO had occasional contacts with the Forest Tribes



DAVID PAUSU.  
One of the pioneer missionaries to Bougainville.

of Southern Bougainville, where they used to go on expeditions for slaves, and to barter pigs, native currency, and various New European articles of which they had become possessed, such as knives, axes, cloth and many other things. Some of these native trading parties spoke in eulogistic terms of the Mission and its work on their island, and from some Siwai chiefs received orders to inform Mr. Goldie

that they too desired to participate in the much talked of enlightenment. Thus it came about that the Rev. J. G. When accompanied Mr. Goldie on an initial visit of survey to that district, a visit that was paid during a very disturbed period, when the Government's "Peaceful Penetration Policy" (!!) was being put into effect with the aid of armed native constabulary and the assistance of "partly controlled" enemy tribes.

Later, somewhere about 1915-16 the real pioneers of Methodist Missionary Enterprise on Bougainville, travelled up the Stormy South West coast from Faisi in the Shortland Group of the Western Solomons, in open native canoes. Unaccompanied by any European Missionary, they landed on those inhospitable shores, dared the dangers of the forest amongst a barbarous people, sought out openings for Missionary work, and applied the religion of Jesus Christ to the needs of those primitive people. They went in the power of a new found love and there began to TEACH and to PREACH and to LIVE the Gospel.

Thus came the beginning of the Days of Light to the people of Bougainville.

Those early pioneers were 5 in number, two died in the very early years, a third later returned to his home at Roviana, and two remain to this day still active workers after over 20 years of pioneering teaching on Southern Bougainville. Their names are DAVID PAUSU and CHILION KIAU.

Through the years with many vicissitudes the work progressed. About 1922, the Rev. A. H. Cropp was appointed as the Pioneer European Missionary, and given a "Roving Commission" to seek out the best site for establishing a European Methodist Mission Station. He settled at Buka, a small island to the north of Bougainville, and separated by only a very narrow, winding, deep water passage (known as Buka Passage) through which the tides swirl with amazing force. Later about

*Process of A.H. Cropp*

1924, the Rev. H. G. Brown was sent to Teop Island off the North Bougainville coast, and in 1926, the writer was appointed to Southern Bougainville, and settled in the forests of Siwai, amongst the people first touched by Methodist influence some 10 years previously. Thus the work has grown until at the Annual Synod of 1937 the following were given as the returns for the Bougainville and Buka Circuit.

Native Agents .....	142
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Day School Teachers .....	144
Day School Scholars .....	1539
Adherents .....	7284
Native Members & Members on Trial	669

In all the Schools, scripture is the basis of much instruction, as well as the three R's. During the last two years permission has been gained from the New Guinea Government (of which Bougainville is a part) to train Bougainville and Buka students at Roviana in the British Solomon Islands, and to-day 28 of the best students are there undergoing a course of 3 years intensive training to fit them as teachers to return to their own people.

It is generally recognised in all modern missionary enterprise that enlightenment can best be carried to the native peoples, by well-trained native evangelist-teachers, and the directing and controlling work to be the chief task of the European Missionary, as well as the training of the native workers. Thus the vast majority of the native Agents on Bougainville and Buka to-day are locally trained, some with very poor equipment educationally, but they are "holding the fort" until later trained teachers are available to replace them.

In four centres on Bougainville and Buka

### SPECIAL NOTICE.

Foreign Missionary Accounts close this year on  
**DECEMBER 15th**  
A month earlier than in past years

All Missionary Money should be forwarded  
without delay to—

The General Treasurer,  
Rev. W. A. SINCLAIR,  
Probert Chambers,  
Queen St., Auckland.

to-day, there are Hospitals, where native medical workers, with varying ability, are doing splendid work as "Doctor Boys", and the Quarterly Reports which appear in print from time to time bear eloquent



ISAAC PITAKOMUKI.  
Native Medical Assistant in charge of Tonu Hospital.

testimony to the worthwhileness and effectiveness of this essential Missionary Service.

So the Days of Darkness are surely giving place to the Days of Light.

We much regret to report the sudden passing of Mr. Clement C. Scott of Scott & Scott Ltd., publishers of "The Open Door" and "The Lotu." The late Mr. Scott was a member of our Mt. Eden Church and was a man of sterling Christian character. He took a personal interest in all matters connected with the printing of our papers. We tender Mrs. Scott and family our sincere sympathy in their great sorrow.

## The Thirty-sixth Anniversary of the Methodist Mission in the Solomon Islands.

We have just begun our Anniversary Celebrations, but this letter will have to be sent before they are completed. So all I can do at present is to tell you something about the Sunday service on May 22nd, when the Chairman, Rev. J. F. Goldie, preached to us. To-morrow, which is the actual anniversary of the day when he first arrived here at Roviana, he will be on his way to Gizo to take the letters to the steamer. From Gizo he will go on to Bilua to join in the Bi-Centenary of Methodism celebrations, while we here will also remember the day when John Wesley felt his heart strangely warmed.

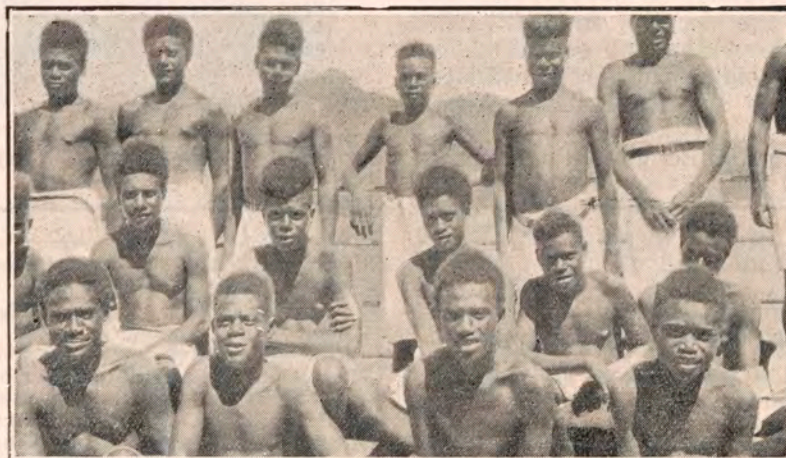
But this morning we had a very fine service. The church was crowded to capacity. A number of people were unable to get inside the building, in spite of the fact that those at the door pushed in as many as they possibly could, until there was hardly an inch of room. One woman who had a fractious baby, struggled foot by foot to the door to take the child out, and held up the service for what seemed quite a little while. But nobody minded that. Children were packed into the pulpit, where they sat all around the feet of the preacher.

Mr. Goldie spoke first of all of the 400th Anniversary of the great day when the Bible was allowed to be read freely in

England. From this point he went on to speak of the founding of the Mission at Roviana. It was on May 23rd, 1902, that the party of missionaries arrived in the "Titus." The Government, or what there was of it, wished the party to begin work at some other place, but they felt, when they saw the condition of the people at Roviana, that this was the spot where God wished them to begin work. The natives were not unfriendly, but rather afraid, and rumours went around of the sickness and other ills which would follow on the coming of the Gospel.

Most of the old chiefs who were there at the time are now no more; such men as Lepi, Inqava, Wongi, Gumi, Liliti, Brodie and Mia Bule. Boaz Veo, who was among those who attended the celebrations this year, was among those who saw the beginning of the work. Boaz Suna, of whom some of you have heard, was a lad at the time.

The language presented difficulties. None of the mission party could speak it, but there were some natives who had a smattering of Fijian, having worked on the sugar plantations there, while others knew something of "pidgin English." In this way, the Gospel was simply preached, and the work of learning the Roviana language and reducing it to writing went



Bougainville and Buka Students on their way to Roviana.

on. Mr. Goldie was very proud, he said, when he was first able to preach in the Roviana dialect. One Tongan teacher called Aparosa preached what we can only regard as unorthodox. He told the people that they should be "tie tunuru," which means "swimmers," and one old chief came to Mr. Goldie and wanted to know whether there was much water in Heaven, for they had been told that they would have to be swimmers if they wanted to go to Heaven. On investigation it transpired that the Tongan, having an imperfect knowledge of the language, had meant to tell the people to be "tie tataru," which means "kind or loving people."

When the school was first established, there was a great rush to obtain something of the white man's knowledge. Old men came eagerly to school with slates and wrote all over them, but with no knowledge of what they were writing.

One prominent native of that time was called Pendoro. He it was who usually guided visiting Government warships through the tricky passages among the reefs. The Government, with headquarters at Fiji, heard that this man was a murderer, and the cause of much trouble, so instructions were given to the captain of the next warship sent, to find Pendoro and hang him. When the warship anchored at Roviana, the first native to board her was Pendoro himself. The captain asked him if he knew of a man called Pendoro, but the wily native, wishing to know the reason for the captain's interest in him, said Yes, he knew him. The captain then engaged Pendoro to find him, so that he could arrest him. Pendoro, realising that he was safest in the midst

of those who were looking for him, stayed on the ship for three weeks, taking her to all parts of the lagoon, searching for himself and meanwhile dining well off the ship's rice and biscuits. At the end of that time, the warship departed, the search for Pendoro having proved unsuccessful. Pendoro was an enemy of the Mission, but his adopted child became one of the first converts. Pendoro went one day to the Mission with his axe and shield, and tried to make the boy return with him, but he refused, saying that he was a tie Lotu (Christian) and would remain so.

The work developed rapidly. In 1903, Simbo asked for a teacher. In 1904, the Bilua people opened their hearts to the Gospel. In the same year, work was begun, at the invitation of the people, on Choiseul, and also at the Lord Howe Group, an isolated group of low lying coral islands far to the north. So through the years the blessing of God has rested on our Mission work. At the present time, 36 years after the first small beginning, there are 238 churches, 218 day schools, 3905 scholars, 6588 church members, and 15,593 adherents.

In the coming of the Doctor and nurses to Bilua, we have another answer to prayer. God has honoured our faith and will continue to do so if we continue to put spiritual things first.

Concluding, Mr. Goldie urged the need for spiritual blessings, without which nothing worth while could be accomplished. These came only to those who put themselves completely in God's hands, letting Him have His way in their hearts.

## Welcoming the Medical Party

By Rev. A. W. SILVESTER.

Throughout the previous week a number of canoes made the journey to Vonunu (Bilua), but on Friday and Saturday the people gathered in large numbers. Preparation had been made by the inauguration of a prayer meeting on Wednesday evening in all our villages and on the head station. The response was splendid, and

the meetings at Vonunu were full of spiritual warmth and inspiration. Thus on Sunday we were not disappointed, and throughout the day felt the presence of God.

At 11 a.m. the church was packed, and numbers equalling a good congregation failed to gain admission. The singing

was splendid, while the choir in its anthem rose to the occasion. On behalf of our circuit I extended a very sincere and glad welcome, and you can well imagine the thrill in the hearts of the white staff. Mark Pivo spoke for the local people, Silas Lezetuni for the people of Vella Lavella, and Joni Mosi on behalf of Ranonga.

Doctor Rutter captured every heart as he replied, and one could see the welcome radiating from a sea of upturned faces. He conveyed the greetings of the Church of New Zealand, and reminded us of the "blest tie" that binds our hearts in the Great Crusade to establish God's Kingdom in these islands of the Pacific. Sister Merle and Sister Joy gave short but convincing speeches and endeared themselves to all. I did my best to translate all speeches so that the people would receive some help and blessing. That the people appreciated their coming was definitely demonstrated when all the timber for the hospital and house was moved without a murmur after the Lotu of next morning. They practiced the love in their hearts.

In the quietness of the Sunday evening hour we gathered again to renew our vows and worship, and while the Doctor led us in prayer we grew more and more conscious of the Living Christ who had made all things possible.

## First Impressions

By SISTER MERLE FARLAND.

I am starting this while waiting for the drums to sound for our fourth Lotu of the day. It is just 6.30 p.m. Sunday seems to be about as full as any other day here. We started this morning at 7 a.m. with early Lotu, held in the church instead of the school, as there are many natives in from the villages up the coast. At 11 a.m. there was a large number who could not get into the church, and we reckoned there must be over 300 inside. It was a great service, really our official welcome. Three of the natives welcomed us on behalf of the various tribes, etc., Rev. Silvester and Sister Edna interpreting for them. Doctor gave a short address in reply, and Joy and I "just a few words." The singing was most enjoyable as you will no doubt know,

On Tuesday, May 24th, we gathered for Lotu as the day started, and felt our hearts uplifted as we remembered the Anniversaries which we were celebrating. At 10 o'clock Mr. Goldie arrived. We were glad to have him, and he conducted the Lotu which brought us very near to God. He reminded us of the notable anniversaries we were celebrating—the Open Bible, the Wesley Bi-Centenary and the Birth of Methodism, and the 36th Mission Anniversary. He directed our thoughts to the great event we had worked and prayed for—the re-establishment of our Medical Work. In two addresses, one in English and the other in Roviana, we all felt the pulsating life and love of Christ, and Mr. Goldie fitly prepared us to gladly place our lives on the altar of service for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. Dr. Rutter and party were again welcomed, and as he spoke we all felt a new day of freedom and glorious spiritual and bodily liberty had dawned.

With rejoicing hearts we sang the Doxology in the Roviana and Bilua languages as a special act of thanksgiving to God for the re-establishment of the Medical Work and in grateful remembrance of Mr. Gorman, whose generosity had made it possible.

and it made one feel very humble to hear them speak of their gladness in our arrival.

To go back a little, we had a marvellous trip up and all thoroughly enjoyed it. It was lovely having Ada Lee with us—she helped us in lots of ways and we were sorry to part with her.

We were all naturally rather excited when last Monday morning dawned and we were almost in Gizo. It was not very long before we were anchored, and shortly after saw a dinghy with four native boys at the oars and three white men in the stern, pulling for the Malaita. Revs. Goldie, Metcalfe and Silvester were soon on board, followed a little later by Gina. After breakfast we were rowed ashore in

the dinghy and met, Gina's contingent, about 40 of his people, including Mary. They all came over to Bilua later and sang at evening Lotu, and will probably be over again for Tuesday's celebrations.

The Malaita with our party and the three Ministers on board, sailed again at 11 a.m. for Bilua to land the timber for our house and the two new wards. There was wild excitement among the passengers when, near Bilua, a large war canoe, paddled by twenty natives, pulled out to meet us. Everyone rushed from the dining room and armed themselves with cameras, movie ones included. Several of the passengers later had a ride in the tomoko.

The timber was landed on the beach further round than the usual landing place, and we all had to be carried ashore by the native boys. It was good to meet Edna again, and you can imagine all the chatter which went on. Ada came over with us, but left next morning for Roviana.

We were pleasantly surprised with the fresh green appearance of the Solomon

Islands in general and love what we have seen of this place. There has not been time yet to explore much though, as we are trying to get acquainted with the Hospital as soon as we can. We have been busy stock-taking so that an order could go down with this steamer, both for house and hospital. Joy and I are with the Dr. and Mrs. Rutter in their home until ours is built, so have not done very much unpacking yet.

Lotu to-night was good. There were three items by various choirs, one item being the Hallelujah Chorus, slightly abbreviated, but marvellously well sung. It is amazing the way they manage without music or accompaniment of any kind. Their basses are particularly good, and the general effect would do great credit to any of our choirs at home. The hymn singing at all the services has been a real treat, mostly familiar tunes, all beautifully sung. We do not understand their language, but the music itself is a common means of expression and one cannot misunderstand the spirit of it all.

## Mrs. H. E. Pacey.

The Missionary Cause in particular has suffered serious loss through the accident that has compelled Mrs. H. E. Pacey to relinquish, for the time being, the presidency of the Wellington Women's Auxiliary which she has filled with such distinction for a number of years; her

seat on the National Missionary Council; and the Wellington Foreign Mission District Secretaryship to which she was appointed by last Conference. We are grateful, however, that Mrs. Pacey will be able to carry on her valuable work as Foreign Missionary Secretary of the Wellington Central Circuit.

Mrs. Pacey has rendered outstanding service to the Missionary Cause. In 1908 she was elected President of the first Auckland Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliary, and held this important office for eleven years, when she removed to Palmerston North. Mrs. Pacey was elected Dominion President of the M.W.M.U., and later, in Wellington, to a further term of this the highest office of the Missionary Union. Her service has ever been marked by ability and devotion, and her inspirational leadership by vision and faith.

The whole Church will unite in wishing this fine missionary leader a speedy recovery.



Miss Gunson  
(Secretary).

Mrs. H. E. Pacey  
(President).

Mrs. Geo.  
Winstone  
(Senior  
Treasurer)

FIRST EXECUTIVE OF THE AUCKLAND WOMEN'S  
MISSIONARY AUXILIARY, FORMED JUNE, 1908.

## The Chained Bible: 1538.

QUARTER-CENTENARY OF ENGLISH BIBLE IN THE PARISH CHURCHES OF ENGLAND.

Less than a year after Tindale prayed before his death in October, 1536, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes." Henry VIII had actually given his sanction to the selling of Matthew's Bible, a version that combined the work of both Tindale and Coverdale. Another year passed, and in 1538 Thomas Cromwell, Lord Chancellor of England, ordered that in every parish the parson should secure "one boke of the whole Bible in the largest volume



in Englishe," to be "set up in sum convenient place wythin the churche that ye have care of, where as your parishioners may moste comodiously resorte to the same and reade it." And so the English Bible came to church.

That, of course, was not the end of the story. Perhaps the order was never fully carried out. How could it be till the printers could issue many more copies than that first edition of the Great Bible which appeared in 1539?

Yet 1538 forms a milestone in our history, and the copies of these ancient Bibles, treasured and preserved in many an old parish church throughout England,

bear witness to it. Sometimes there can be seen the marks of sockets or the groove in the pillar made by the swing of the chain as the reader moved the book towards the light or turned the pages. We can imagine the deep thrill of that reading. The people gathering round to listen: the dim light: the voice of the reader speaking words that to us have grown familiar. Think of the first hearing of the story of Elijah on Mount Carmel, of the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, of how Christ blessed the children or raised the widow's son. The year 1538 saw England receiving a greater gift than has come to her at any other time since the landing of the first missionaries. The Bible of Tindale and Coverdale has changed her history, inspired her poets, moulded the character of her people.

### THE GOOD WORK GOES ON

During the whole of the last century men and women from our country have been translating the Scriptures into the mother tongues of other races until today parts of Holy Writ are translated in one thousand tongues. The joy of 1538 has been repeated even in the islands of Polynesia, in the far north of America and among the tribes of the Congo River. The work is still going on, and the thank-offerings of many of us people of England for our English Bible will help to give others that same Bible in their own tongue. The one aim of the British and Foreign Bible Society is to carry on this glorious God-given task. —D.R.A.

Of the thousand tongues mentioned above the following are in the dialects of the Western Solomons translated by our own Missionaries:—

Dialect.	Translator.
Roviana .....	Rev. J. F. Goldie
Marovo .....	Rev. T. Dent
Vella Lavella ....	Rev. A. A. Bensley
Choiseul .....	Rev. V. Le C. Binet
Buka .....	Rev. A. H. Cropp

## Medical Patrol on Rennell Island.

NOTES FROM A NATIVE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER'S DIARY.

Hughie Wheatley is known to many of our people. At Roviana he showed distinct promise as a student, and subsequently came to Wesley College, Paerata, where he did excellent work. Returning to the Solomons he qualified to proceed to the Medical School at Suva, Fiji, where, after four years of successful study, he gained the diploma of Native Medical Practitioner. He was then appointed to the Government Medical Service of the British Solomons. His first station was Rennell Island, and we have received from him a remarkably fine account of this interesting island and its people and his work there. The article, which is of considerable scientific value, is too long to reproduce in full in these pages, but the following extracts will prove of considerable interest to our readers and make them more than ever proud of the high type of Christian worker that our Native Church in the Solomons is producing.



Hugh Wheatley

The natives of Rennell are of Polynesian race, lighter in colour than the Samoans and Tongans. The men are big fine healthy fellows, whose average height, I would say is about 5ft. 8ins., and they are splendidly built with handsome features. The women are smaller relatively than the men except that the legs are knock-kneed, this may be due to the heavy loads they carry and to their dress, bound precariously around their waists.

Their hair is straight rather than curly, and while it stands out in a bushy mass when dry, it has not the wiry quality of the Melanesian. In ceremonial practice rather than for comfort the men tie their hair into a top-knot. When one of their relatives dies they crop the hair off the crown of their head and make several cuts on their forehead with a sharp instrument, such as a knife or an axe, showing the sign of sorrow. Broken glass recently introduced is now used for shaving and hair cutting, but sharp shark fins were formerly used. The children crop their hair till of marriageable age.

The trouble I am up against with these people is not the language, because they speak Pidgeon-English; but to get their mental concepts of things into my head; and to get my ideas into theirs. And one who has not dealt with primitives cannot realise the mental barriers on both sides that have to be patiently overcome to gain or impart a fresh idea even when the language question is not a factor. It is comparable exactly to teaching ideas to a small baby on the part of an educated man; the baby imparting his ideas to a grown-up, on the part of the native here.

There are five political divisions each being under a big Falla Master (Chief) with the exception of the Lughu District where Taupongi and Tighesua have an equal share of control:—

Divisions.	Big Falla Master (Chief)
TEGANO .....	Taupongi
LUGHU .....	Taupongi & Tighesua
KANAVA .....	Tighesua
MUNGIHENUA ..	Togakamatua

These four Big Falla Masters as they would call them in Pidgeon-English, have their authority from Tehaingatua, the Supreme Being. Lands and crops belong to him, he makes the laws (tabus) which are interpreted by the Big Masters as his Oracles who regulate the life of the people. Everything that grows is his property, distributed by the Masters, his representatives.

Their religion is not a seventh-day affair but bound up with their whole life, they pray about everything they do. I often hear them mumbling their prayers while walking long distances or paddling their canoes. When one of them is ill, they fill



a coconut-shell with the purest water obtainable, and put it next to the sick person and pray for hours, asking their god to cast the sickness into the water. I have witnessed many instances of this during the epidemic which I tackled here in my first month, and which you will read more about in the coming paragraphs. Their god is Tehaingatua (whose name is always whispered in one's ear, never spoken aloud).



SAMOAN HOUSES.

The people of Rennell Island are akin to the Samoans and are the only Polynesian community in the Solomons.

It will be interesting too, for the readers to know that, about 27 years ago, three teachers who were landed here by Dr. Deck of Malaita, were killed and buried by the natives.

After a few days at Tuhugago I decided to make a day's visit to the village of Nuipani on the lake Tegano; after a strenuous 1½ hours' walk we arrived there. The village is situated on the southern bank of the lake at its narrowest part, and is three miles from its north-western end. I inspected the village and examined about 80 patients, then I gave about 30 N.A.B. injections and treated several ulcers and fever cases and also scabies.

To my surprise, after examining many sick patients and diagnosing the condition, I discovered that these people were afflicted by an epidemic of Acute Bronchitis and about 20 per cent. of cases were complicated by Broncho-Pneumonia. I did not have all my required drugs that day, and beside we did not have any food since we

left Tuhugago, so I decided to return home and planned for a fresh trip, trying to help these people in spite of the difficult road. I was determined to go inland, for I know that an epidemic of this kind will certainly come to a grave result if neglected, owing to free exposure of these people to wet and cold which are two predisposing causes to Bronchitis and Pneumonia, which everyone of us knows. Yet these two important factors are overlooked

or neglected by these people. They strongly believe that the sick should be exposed to the weather and should not sleep in houses.

Shortly after arrival we had to go and salute Taupongi, who was sitting in one end of the house. We have to go and bow down in front of him and then rub-nose, but I only shook hands. He was gracious. A big man, well over six feet, who looked enormous in his trapping of kogo. After which we selected a nice site for our tent and we pitched it, but did us no good as far as comfort was concerned as we were almost crowded out with the visitors. The tent flies had to be re-erected several times because the crowd pulled them over by their numbers. Only when we ate or the lantern went out, we were left alone, and at earliest daybreak the crowd came back. The effect of a few weeks of this is very harassing to the nerves.

At one village I found an orphan girl four months old; her mother died just after the child was one month old, and

she was poorly fed with solid food ever since then. She was thin and had small ulcers all over her body and also scabies. I pitied the poor girl, so I asked the father if I could take care of his daughter for a few months, to which he agreed. I discovered afterward that I have no tinned milk or any artificial milk to feed the child with, and there was no woman healthy enough to be the child's wet-nurse. So I worked out a recipe which I thought would give the child the necessary nourishment. They were all native foods obtainable, viz., squeezed coconut milk, boiled paw-paw juice, lime solution, and fish soup. The child is now healthier and has no sores and she is fatter than any human milk-fed child on the island. I took her down with me here at Tuhugago; she is the only one in my tent; I made a sleeping hammock for her, but she was very annoying at night; yet someone had got to take care of her, and I love the child. She has got lovely bright eyes, fair skin, and she is clean. Her name is Kaniko Asenatha.

After spending two days at Temagama'asoa I went back and visited Nuipani. But everyone was well, so I took my last trip on the lake to Vaigau and Temaige, 5½ miles on the Southern bank of the lake, spending another two days there. Then we came back to Nuipani and started off for our journey back to Tuhugago, by the

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## The Children Rise Up and Call Her Blessed.

### Fruit of Sister Ethel McMillan's Work.

"It was a double wedding. Doris is the daughter of Ruve, one of the first six girls to enter the Home when I opened it to them on 1st January, 1916. I nursed Ruve with five out of her six children. Doris was the eldest. She had five years' training in the Home and married one of our Choiseul boys who is stationed as a Teacher at Roviana. Two more of my girls were to be married at Christmas. That would make eight for the year. Seven married Teachers, and I am sure they will be a blessing wherever they go."

—Ethel McMillan.

same road we took going up. I took Kaniko, while the others helped carrying our load, but the boxes were not so heavy as before, for we had used practically everything in them. It will probably interest the readers to know that the carriers this time were all single women, because Taupongi needed all his men to cut four canoes that day so that he can finish them before the Government boat returns. The women are better carriers than the men, although slow, but are more careful than the men.

Until your return mail, peace and happiness be with us all. Good-bye, and God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,

HUGHIE WHEATLEY.

P.S.—These figures will probably be interesting to you. These are the number of cases treated during my three months at Rennell:—

Treatments.	No. of Cases.
Injections N.A.B. ....	284
Dressings .....	491
Other treatments .....	314
Total .....	1089

### Closing Thought.

Remember us here in the Solomons in your daily prayers.

—H. W.



A Double Wedding—Doris and husband on left. Photo: Sister E. McMillan

## WOMEN'S PAGES

## M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's  
Missionary Union of  
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May, 1938.

Dear Fellow-members,

How quickly one season follows another! Easter with its deep thoughts has come and gone, and now we are thinking on to June 3rd, Whitsuntide, the coming of the Holy Spirit foretold by Christ to His disciples. With the Holy Spirit we are told we "shall receive power." But we must remember that this spirit is a gift, and if we do not open our hearts to receive this gracious Guest we cannot expect to have the power, which is part of the promise.

Bi-Centenary commemorative services will have been held in our churches before you read this, and I am sure that we shall have received fresh incentive to "maintain the spiritual glow—serve the Lord." Rev. Irving Benson told us that all the time and in every way we must be trying to win souls. That was our Founder's life work and His commission to His Church.

Mr. Goldie writes: "We are looking forward to a great time on 22nd, 23rd, and 24th May. The chiefs and teachers are of my opinion that we should endeavour to make the time one of spiritual uplift so that the whole district may feel the influence."

I am sure that every Auxiliary member will join in offering congratulations to our Chairman of the Mission District on the 37th Anniversary of his going to give service to these Solomon people whom he has learnt to love so dearly. For our pioneer missionary May 23rd will be brimming over with sacred memories.

The past quarter has been full of interesting happenings. First came Conference with its special inspiration of Bi-centenary sessions and Rev. Irving Benson's addresses. Then followed a month's visiting in Marlborough, Nelson and West Coast districts. It was good to meet the members of the various Auxiliaries and realise afresh the faithful work being done in our

towns and in our country places. Knowing that for many years the West Coast had had no visit from any Missionary Sister or Auxiliary representative, the M.W.M.U. Executive decided to include that area in the itinerary. Greymouth has been the only Auxiliary on the West Coast, and although few in number, they have worked loyally in our women's cause. All down the Coast the women in the various centres seemed to appreciate hearing, not only about our women's mission work, but also something of our Connexional church life. They gave your representative the warmest of welcomes.

We are grateful to the ministers for the ready help they gave in preparing the ground and for arranging meetings in the different churches. It is satisfactory to be able to report that five new Auxiliaries and one Young People's Branch have been formed. We give a big welcome into our Auxiliary fellowship to Westport, Granity, Millerton, Reefton and Hokitika, and to our young group at Hokitika, and hope that much joy will come to them in their linking up with the work of the M.W.M.U. These are mostly small Auxiliaries, and it will not be easy for them to sustain interest as they will be almost entirely dependent on the Sisters' and President's letters for their meetings. Rarely will they get an outside speaker or have the encouragement of a crowded gathering, so I would ask other Auxiliaries to remember these new groups in your prayers.

One of the great events of the quarter is the setting out of our long-hoped-for medical unit to take up the full hospital work once more. Many of you will have met and heard Dr. and Mrs. Rutter, for they visited as many places as possible in their hurried deputation through New Zealand. In Auckland there was a fine service in Pitt Street, when Dr. and Mrs. Rutter and Nurses Merle Farland and Joy Whitehouse were farewelled. Dr. Sayers was in the Chair. It was good to look

upon these workers and better to hear them tell of their desire to serve and of their preparation to that end.

To hear Betty Rutter's voice ring as she stated, "I am going out with a song in my heart," brought an answering exultant throb into the hearts of her audience.

The nurses had gifts and flowers showered upon them when they sailed away on April 14th. Nurses' Association, Plunket nurses, B.C. girls as well as Auxiliary members and private friends all wished to give tokens of their love and good wishes. Their happy faces gave evidence that they too were starting out on their mission adventure with singing hearts.

At a solemn service in Wellington, Dr. and Mrs. Rutter were dedicated to their great work. Sister Ada Lee and also Mrs. Nicholson, representing the M.W.M.U., shared in the sacrament.

Sister Ada Lee has greatly benefited from her furlough and is looking forward to her new experience of work on Bougainville.

Mr. Joyce has been stirring the imagination of many in our Northern centres—his is a wide vision of mission enterprise—he is to return on May 31st to the Solomons.

You will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Pacey has had the misfortune to break her leg and is spending weary weeks in hospital. Our loving sympathy goes to you, Mrs. Pacey—you can still use your great powers of inspiration for our Auxiliary uplift.

Good wishes to all Auxiliaries for your winter's work from  
Yours sincerely,  
EMILY M. RISHWORTH.

### TARANAKI—WANGANUI.

A most successful District Convention was held at Eltham on May 4th. The opening devotions were followed by a very beautiful Communion service when Rev. C. O. Hailwood spoke on the need for sincerity. Our response to the Master's call in consecrated lives is the real test of our religion.

The afternoon session was given to Missionary news, Mrs. Harkness speaking on Sister Effie's work in the Solomons, and Sister Atawhai presenting a resume of her travels through New Zealand. Mrs. Whitlock conducted an Open Forum in which many Auxiliary problems were freely discussed. —E.W.

### NELSON.

Nelson reports a quarterly Bring-and-Buy stall in addition to the regular monthly collections, also a special thankoffering day in May.

Our sympathy is extended to the Greymouth President in her illness. —E.M.S.

### WELLINGTON.

At the united rally of the Wellington M.W.M.A. treasurers of 11 branches presented their Easter offerings (over £45) for missionary work. Miss Ethel Law, Y.W.C.A. National Secretary, spoke on the 1937 Oxford Conference of the Universal Christian Council of all the churches in the world.

Many of the delegates were in strange costumes, but all realised the need for consistent Christianity and unity between the nations. —A.W.R.

### AUCKLAND.

Auckland members have made the most of their opportunities of meeting Nurses Farland and Whitehouse—at afternoon tea following the Council meeting; at the Epsom Auxiliary garden party; and at the farewell to the Rutters. Easter offering amounted to over £93.

Northern Wairoa have started a fund for Kurahuna. Dargaville, their branch Auxiliary, had a bring-and-buy for Sisters' salaries. Ruawai read the Sisters' letters; their branches are Naumai and Taka Taka, Mrs. Reeves Palmers being their President. Waiuku are also very anxious to work for the Auxiliary. —F.R.

### OTAGO—SOUTHLAND.

Invercargill's Silver Jubilee garden sale resulted in £16 cash and renewed missionary interest and fellowship. The Jubilee thanksgiving services were held in conjunction with the Annual Day of Intercession. Dr. and Mrs. Rutter's visit will long be remembered. In April a "silver tree" evening brought in £25.

Dunedin much enjoyed meeting Sister Ada Lee. The Easter offering was nearly £60. In May, Mrs. Duke gave an account of her visit to the historic places of early N.Z. Methodism.

Gore recently appointed a Kurahuna collector. Members visited the Invercargill Auxiliary and contributed to the parcel for the Maori Sisters' work.

Mosgiel has doubled its membership within the past few months.

Roslyn (evening branch) has a box placed on the table to receive gifts for Kurahuna. —E.S.

### CHRISTCHURCH.

Gifts at the Annual Thanksgiving Service amounted to £121; heartfelt praise was the keynote of the service. Miss Elliott, Presbyterian Missionary, told of the faithful service of both European and native workers in the schools, hospitals and villages of North India. There was particular need to remember the native Christians in prayer. They best interpret the living faith of a living Christ to their own people. —M.M.

### HAWKE'S BAY—MANAWATU.

Hastings and Feilding report the forming of Fireside Circles for those unable to attend afternoon meetings, and Pahiatua are considering a similar venture. Palmerston North have another branch, composed of Rongotea and Taikorea women. A club for young married women has been formed at Gisborne, where a Membership Campaign is giving good results.

Miss Rishworth's visit to Palmerston North was much appreciated, a number of Feilding Auxiliary women sharing in the enjoyment. —I.A.T.

### DR. RUTTER.

At the farewell gathering in Wellington Dr. Rutter said: "What a great day this is for us all that now a doctor and nurses are going back to take up the medical work again. It is for us to see that it is maintained. We must all keep the flame of love and compassion burning."

The collection for the afternoon was over £12, the money being for the work of Mrs. Rutter, who is a qualified bacteriologist.

## MAINTAIN THE DOCTOR!

Dr. and Mrs. Rutter and Nurses Merle Farland and Joy Whitehouse have arrived in the Solomons to re-establish the Medical Unit at Bilua.

Will you help by raising your annual subscription to Foreign Missions or by a special gift to maintain them in this Christ-like work? You will thus help to make the Bi-Centenary Year memorable in the Solomons.

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