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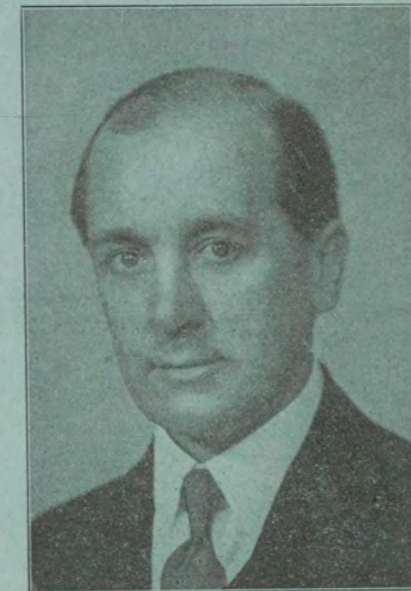
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They that go down to the Sea in Ships.

Nearly all missionaries in the Pacific have to do their best to become sea-minded; some would say to get their sea-legs; but really it is the stomach that is often the chief trouble—a trouble from which some never win free. A record of the sea-faring experiences of the missionaries who carry the Gospel to the islands of the sea would make stirring reading. The Viking blood still flows in the veins of some, and to them a stormy sea voyage in a tiny boat is a thrilling experience. There are others, however, who have an inherent dread of the sea, and it would be difficult to overestimate their courage as they face again and again, in their frail craft, the reef-strewn waters that so often belie their name Pacific. We have known men who scarcely knew fear when ashore to agonise in prayer for courage to face a stormy sea voyage in small launch or ketch. We have been in wrecks and capsizes, and have searched wide wastes of water for days for white and native brethren who had drifted away on a raft as their vessel was being pounded to pieces on a treacherous coral reef. Though a man may face unafraid such conditions, his heart becomes fearful when women and children and sick folk are aboard. But with wonderful devotion our missionaries and their wives and other workers continue to face the dangers and discomforts in order that the Kingdom of God may come to those uttermost parts of the earth.

It will be recognised by all who enjoy the comforts and securities of home that a responsibility devolves upon us to make sea-travel as safe as possible on the Mission Field for which we are responsible, and we desire to draw the special attention of our readers to the able article on

page 2, by the Rev. A. A. Bensley, dealing with the retirement of the "Tandanya"—for nearly 30 years the Solomon Islands District Vessel.

The Methodists of Adelaide made themselves partners in a great enterprise when they gave this noble ship to the Solomons. It is now New Zealand's opportunity to enjoy the same privilege by replacing the old boat with a new one. The Board of Missions has authorised the Rev. J. F. Goldie to make enquiries regarding the building or buying of a suitable vessel at a cost not exceeding £3000. What a glorious opportunity this is for those whom God has blessed to help waft, on the white wings of a new District boat, the message of love and salvation to those for whom Christ died! To make it possible for Mr. Goldie and those who sail with him to continue the great work upon which they have been engaged for the past 36 years! It is imperative that the Chairman should contact frequently with the various parts of the District, and it would be tragic if the help and inspiration of his visits were curtailed, even for a short time, by lack of transport. The situation is urgent, and we send out this message in the earnest hope that it and Mr. Bensley's able article will call forth an eager response.

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NECESSITY for the SOLOMONS—
A NEW DISTRICT VESSEL.

WHO WILL HELP?

A NOBLE SHIP.

THE RETIREMENT OF THE "TANDANYA."

By Rev. A. A. BENSLEY.

Those who know the A. K. "Tandanya" will be very regretful to hear that before long she will have made her last landfall as a Mission vessel. For 27 years she has been a very important unit in the forwarding of one of the finest bits of missionary enterprise of the South Seas, and she may well take her place with those early ves-



The "Tandanya." ✓

sels of the L.M.S. and kindred societies, whose names have become familiar on the pages of missionary history. As is well known, she was given to the Solomon Islands work by the Methodist people of South Australia long before New Zealand took over the work in this Group, and the name she bears is the aboriginal term for the site of the city of Adelaide. She has lovely lines from the sheer of her bow to

the sweep of her counter stern, and it is always a pretty sight when she enters port with her four sails drawing.

The "Tandanya" is a 19-ton ketch and has as auxiliary power a 35 h.p. Frisco Standard engine. Amidships is Mr. Goldie's cabin and office, and forward of the cabin is the hold. In the fo'castle are bunks for some of the crew, and aft of the engine room skylight is a cabin for the native captain and engineer. She has capacity for about 14 tons of cargo. The Chairman designed his ship, and it will be a painful wrench for him when she sails out of the harbour in other hands. No vessel in all the Western Solomons is better known to white folk and black than the "Tandanya." Other ships have come and gone, many have been lost, but the "Tandanya" has never had a major accident and continues to do her work, though now, like some high dowager, she goes more sedately and fares not out when the storms hold sway.

I will not soon forget my first acquaintance with the "Tandanya." The Chairman of the District was in New Zealand on furlough at the time of my arrival, and the Rev. R. B. Nicholson had come from Bilua to Gizo in the small launch "Vonunu" to meet me. We were together at the house of a plantation manager high up on the hillside from whence we could see away out through the passage. During the late afternoon we saw her coming under the command of that fine old native sailor, Harry Raino. Very quickly she entered the harbour and anchored and, her awnings made fast, the crew washed decks and then took their own plunge, some of them leaping from her lofty mast-head and hitting the water with scarcely a splash. Later we went on board and I met the native crew. When evening came we gathered round the wheel for evening prayer. Even yet I remember how near I was to tears as I heard those native Christians lifting up their hearts and

voices in that noble hymn, "Lohina gua na lamana so mua tataru lavata" ("O God of good the unfathomed sea"). What wonderful rich harmony and what abandon! At that moment my heart was knit to the native people and I lifted up my soul in praise to God that He had brought me among them. So it has gone on whether the Chairman is on board, or some other missionary is in temporary charge or just the natives themselves, morning and evening, voices are lifted up in song and praise to God.

Many and many a time have I sat with the Chairman on the deck of the "Tandanya" and he has told me of some of his journeys, beating the whole night through against a dead head wind in the wide open sea or in the narrower waters where the tides rip. No sleep for him sometimes for 48 hours on end. He is a wonderful navigator and his care and seamanship have saved his vessel when others have met loss and disaster.

So she has gone on her way for over a quarter of a century, up and down the Group, doing the work of God, bearing missionaries fresh from home, with their bags and stores, away to their distant stations and, later, bringing them away all wearied and spent to go on furlough;

carrying native teachers to far-off villages and bringing back lads from many islands to commence their training at College; taking stores and medicines to isolated workers and bringing back the love gifts of the natives, the hold bulging with sacks of copra to be turned into cash for further equipment, and, during these later years, bearing many sick folk to where there are nurses or a doctor, and often, great joy, packages of the Word of God translated into the various languages of the Group, to the people who eagerly await it.

Life in the tropics is very hard on boats. The wearing heat, the biting salinity of the water, the voracious teeming marine life, all so much more searching and destroying than in temperate waters. During her long years in the tropics the "Tandanya" has been renewed in almost every part, from stem to stern, from truck to keel; new engine installed, new masts stepped, new sails bent many times, many times new copper sheathing and various timbers, but only one master. Now to continue his work, for he feels young enough to see another ship out, the Chairman calls for a new vessel. The work must go on. Bougainville is developing beyond expectation and workers hasten to new fields.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

By resolution of Conference the financial year of the Foreign Mission Department will close on DEC. 15th. This is a month earlier than in the past. We respectfully urge all Circuits to complete the Foreign Mission Appeal in good time and remit all money in time to reach the Treasurer before the closing date. The Foreign Mission Board is carrying a very heavy overdraft and will be grateful for remits at the earliest possible date.

CLOSING DATE—DECEMBER 15th.

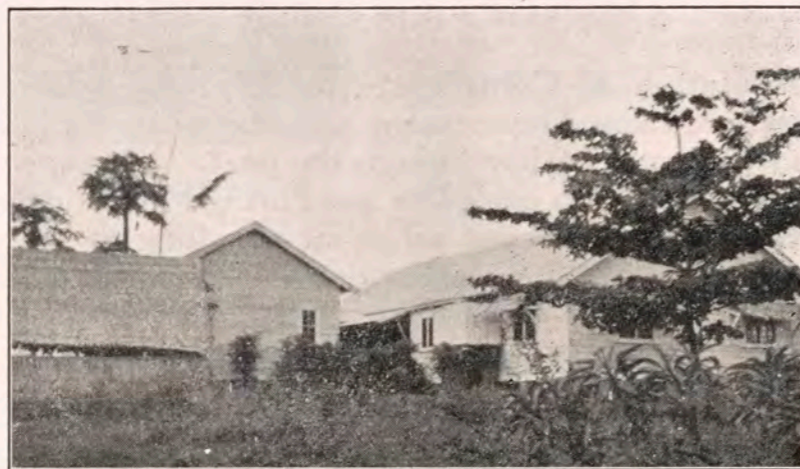
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EARLY IMPRESSIONS AND STATISTICS.

By Dr. ALLEN G. RUTTER.

First impressions is what you will be looking for, I suppose—they are so varied and kaleidoscopic that it's very hard to set them down in any sort of order. But an episode here and there may be of interest to the folk who read the "Open Door," so here goes.

Arrival: We were fortunate to have a perfect day for the landing—it would have been a terrible job getting all the timber and other building materials ashore if the weather had been rough. The "Malaita" made a special call—under Mr. Goldie's expert pilotage—to Bilua for the landing of the stuff: there was a big crowd of boys waiting to handle it, and the passengers on the steamer had the best thrill of the trip when a twenty-seater canoe, bedecked with its inlaid pearlshell ornamentation, put out to welcome us. The boys had the cargo up on the beach in no time, though they made a most remarkable noise in the process. Although we ourselves were very glad to be seeing the last of the steamer, it was such an event for the local white folk that we all went aboard again in the evening for a farewell dinner.



The Doctor's House.

We had a great welcome here as you can imagine, and Mr. and Mrs. Silvester have been wonderfully good to us in helping us to settle down. We are very pleased with the house, and already it has become really home to us. If only we had time for a little work in the garden—there is such a lot to be done at once and it's not long out here before you realise how much nicer your own garden produce is, than the stuff that comes out of the inevitable tin! We are getting a little done at a time, but the climate is not exactly conducive to much heavy digging!

What are the things that strike one most forcibly in these first few weeks? First I think, the very fine work that Sister Edna has been doing in the last two years, and the respect and love that the natives have for her. Then the fact that the coming of the doctor means so much to the people, and increases so tremendously the work that can be done. Soon after, follows a realisation of the difficulties ahead. Progress will be very slow, I know that my patience is going to be sorely tried: ask the people to pray constantly for us: it is only when one

comes out here that one realises how impossible it is for the home folk to form any really adequate idea of what life on the field is like; but if they will remember that the difficulties are infinitely greater than they themselves can appreciate, and will help us always by their prayers, it will make all the difference in the world to us over here.

Don't think from this that we are disheartened—quite the reverse—I am enjoying the work tremendously, and already I have had some most interesting cases, and the joy of saving several lives. The variety of the clinical material out here is surprising, if I may be allowed the purely professional outlook for a moment. I look forward to the time when we shall be better equipped to deal with it all. I can only pick out a story or two here and there.

Padapio: This was a teacher who has been ill for a couple of months: he had not been brought to Bilua, or Sister Edna might have been able to do something for him. The week after we arrived, he was brought over from Gizo, in a very low state indeed: in a day or two, it became obvious that only a blood transfusion could save him. Naturally, there was very little here in the way of materials, and the first thing I had to do was to take the "Bilua," and make a call at Gizo, and also at Duke, the home of our Seventh Day Adventist friends, to collect the necessary gear: this took most of Sunday, but I got back in time to do the job that afternoon: Mrs. Rutter had spent most of the day in testing the blood of a number of prospective donors—boys who had answered Mr. Silvester's call for volunteers at morning Lotu: you can guess how frightened they all were. The lad we chose was a real hero—I'm sure he thought his arm was going to be cut off to secure the necessary blood! Pada has had a rough spin, even since then, but he is now well on the road to recovery—a very encouraging case, so early in our career here.

Abel: Most "Open Door" readers will know this name. Abel was the more advanced of the two lepers who have been living together at Kekeso: one of the most

tragic, and yet at the same time, one of the least regretted of the events since our arrival, has been his passing. He had begun to go down hill shortly before we came, and was in an awful state. I visited him several times, and even in his extremity, he was able to show his pleasure at my coming. Except for one brief interval of discouragement, his faith remained to the very end; there was nothing we could do except to give him an easy, instead of a very unpleasant, ending, but it was good to be able to render even that service. His funeral, just five of us out in the bush in the brilliant starlight, was one of the strangest ceremonies I have ever taken part in.

Paleo: This was a more exciting affair. Only the day after Abel died, just as I was sitting down to a lunch which I, if nobody else, considered well earned, a boy arrived panting at the house, to say that a canoe had come from a village on Ranonga, with a lunatic on board. Down at the jetty I saw what I never hope to see again. The man was mad alright, and the natives in self defence had trussed the poor fellow up like a pig, and had him fastened down in the bottom of the canoe with wooded battens. After a long trip in the glaring sun, he was naturally in a sorry state. For days he remained completely mad, and we had to keep him locked up behind a barricade. The only place I had to put him was in a small part of my out-patients' department, and you can guess his presence was somewhat distracting! For a few days he talked and shouted incessantly, like a radio that's never switched off. I had to have three of my boys with him all the time, and it has been a very trying business looking after him. But patience has had its reward; the wounds on his wrists and ankles, caused by the ropes they had tied him up with, are almost healed; gradually he has responded to love and attention, and last Sunday I had the pleasure of taking him for his first walk to the beach. To-morrow, I am going to put him to sleep in the general ward, and it will not be so very long before he can rejoin his people. I have to confess that I was far from hopeful in the first few days we had

him, but his recovery is a lesson in faith, and a very encouraging thought when difficulties and doubts assail.

I am just back now from a flying visit to Kokeqolo; Mrs. Rutter and I went over with Mr. Goldie, when he returned from his tour further north. Again, the first note I must strike is one of praise for the work that Sister Vera is doing over there. I was amazed at the numbers she is treating, and at the results she is obtaining. But it is too big a responsibility for any nurse to carry single handed, and it is good to think that now I shall be able to share her burden and help her over the rough places. The very night I arrived, she had a complicated maternity case on hand, and we were able to do the job together, even if we did have to work till 2 in the morning to do it. Next day was a real field day—Sister had all her special problems out ready for me, and a most interesting and profitable time we spent. She had a number of very bad cases there, several needing operations, and I was able to bring some of them back with me when I returned next day. Quite a number of others will be coming over at steamer time, so we shall be kept busy. My lamp is failing, as you'll judge from the many mistakes on this page, so I must leave the rest for another instalment.

Wednesday, June 22nd.—If this is going to be ready for the up steamer and the Rabaul connection, I shall have to get a move on. However, I don't know that there's a great deal more I need write at this stage—I could, of course, go on story-telling indefinitely. We have had a very busy time since I came back from Roviana—to-day was one of our record days for

new patients, and for Yaw injections. There is no doubt that the work already done in the control of Yaws is having its effect; but there is still a lot remaining, and only very painstaking and thorough work, with a proper system of follow-up control, can be successful in stamping out the disease.

I have found three lepers, so far, and there is no doubt that a good few more will come to light. I hope to be able to use the building Dr. Sayers had for his lepers. Accommodation is an acute problem at the moment—even more urgent, though, is Tuberculosis. Roviana appears to be a stronghold of the scourge. I saw more in my two days there than in all my time here at Vonunu. The matter of buildings for them, both here and at Kokeqolo, will have to be thought of; it is hardly practicable to bring them all over here, for it is only near their own homes that they can get food. However, once the first rush of new patients is over, and as we get gradually settled in, and especially as I grow a little more at home with the language, we shall be able to take a longer view of our work, and face its problems one by one, in an orderly fashion.

The work is fascinating and absorbing, and I am enjoying it to the full. As I expected, it has its disappointments, terribly disheartening ones on occasions, but its rewards far outweigh them. We are glad that we are here, and are looking forward to the steady expansion of our sphere of influence.

Please convey our good wishes to all the multitude of friends we have no time to write to.

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Helena Goldie Hospital Statistics, June 1938.

INPATIENTS.

Patients in hospital, May 31.—15.
Patients in hospital, June 30th.—23.

Patients admitted.—Men, 28; women, 18; children, 15; births, 3; total, 64.

Patients discharged.—Men, 21; women, 12; children, 15; deaths, 3; total, 51.

Average number of patients in hospital.—15.9.

Average length of stay.—8.9 days.

OUTPATIENTS.

Total attendances.—4979.

Daily average.—135.9.

New patients seen and indexed.—May 20-30, 171; June, 251. Total, 422.

Injections for Yaws.—306.

New patients at Ante-natal clinic.—20.

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Specific Infectious Diseases.—Acute Malaria, 25; Chronic Malaria, 4; Yaws, 3; Tuberculous glands, 1.

Respiratory System.—Pneumonia, 1; Bronchiectasis, 1; Empyema, 1.

Ear, nose, and throat.—Chronic infection of maxillary antrum, 2.

Alimentary System.—Jaundice, 1; Threadworms, 1; Diarrhoea, 1.

Genito-urinary System.—Menorrhagia, 2; Amenorrhoea, 1.

Pregnancy and Labour.—Normal labour, 5; Miscarriage, 1; Obstructed labour, 1; Dead foetus, 1.

Diseases of muscles, joints, etc.—Perforating wound of knee, 1; Chronic arthritis, T.B., 1; Ganglion of wrist, 1.

Skin diseases.—Scabies, 2.

Eye diseases.—Acute conjunctivitis, 1.

Miscellaneous diseases.—Inflamed glands—neck, 1; groin, 2; Tropical myositis neck, 1; Chronic ulcer, 2; Sciatic neuritis, 1; Carcinoma ovary, 1; Cellulitis of foot and leg, 2; Chronic headache, 2; Leukaemia, 1; Observation, 2.

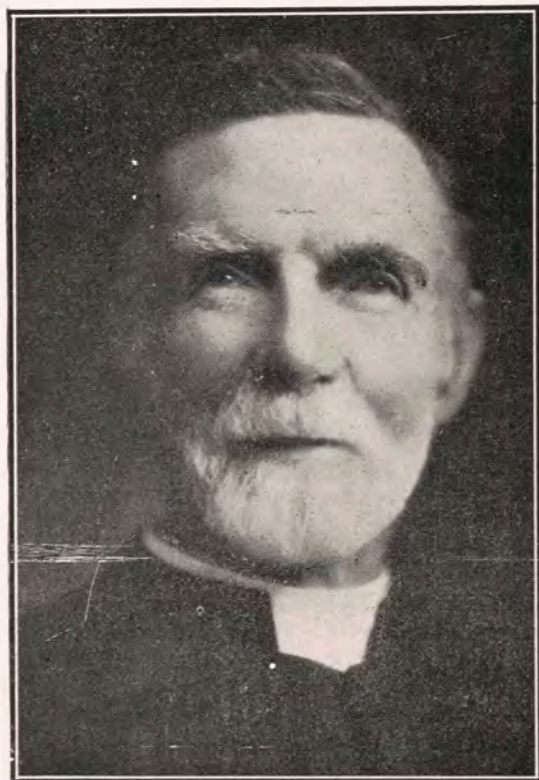
Mental derangement.—Acute mania, 1; Melancholia, 1.



Landing building material for the Hospital at Bilua.

A True Servant of Missions—The late Rev. G. T. Marshall.

AN APPRECIATION by the Rev. C. H. LAWS, B.A., D.D.



The late Rev. G. T. Marshall.

The Rev. G. T. Marshall passed away at the great age of 85, and his life links us with the mid-Victorian days in which he was born. He might indeed have spoken with men who heard John Wesley preach. He was born amid vastly different conditions of life from those which obtain to-day, and he passed through a period more full of change than any other in the history of the world. Yet amid it all he kept his faith intact and found the certainties of religious experience secure to the last.

In youth he consecrated his life to Christ and to the service of His Church, and among the influences which led him to do so must be mentioned the affection and counsel of a wise and good mother.

He became a local preacher in his twentieth year and came to New Zealand

in his twenty-eighth. He was accepted for the ministry and entered College at Three Kings in 1882, and after a single year at that Institution he was appointed as a Probationer to his first circuit.

He was appointed in succession to some of the most arduous and difficult circuits in the Connexion. Those were the days when circuits were wide in area and the minister had to cover almost half a county in his pastoral visitation.

No complaints fell from his lips. Everywhere there was courage and faithfulness of the highest order. Churches were built up, men and women were brought into membership, children of Christian families were shepherded, and God's work was done with a consecrated purpose which never varied and which all who knew him admired.

He was a man of deeply spiritual mind. Few men more greatly believed in prayer or more constantly practised it. He believed, too, in united prayer and in the power it brought into the work of the Church. I often heard him say that in our religious meetings too much time was spent in man talking to man, and too little in man speaking to God and listening for what God had to say in response.

He had an able and active mind. It was active to the last and open to the best that it could learn.

On the whole his type of mind was conservative. He was inclined to the familiar ways of putting truth and always jealous lest the characteristic features of his Church should be lost, with injury to the work of God. No man was less the slave of the last book that had been in his hands. And yet he was never narrow and obscurantist, and no one ever heard him utter a hard word about those from whom he most strongly differed.

Some of Mr. Marshall's best work for the Church was done during his Supernumerary years, which began in 1916. In 1918 the Rev. C. H. Garland, the Principal of the Theological College died, and Mr. Marshall acted as Principal for twelve

months until his successor took office. During those years of retirement the Foreign Mission Board found him out and he became Treasurer of that Fund. He had many gifts for such a position. He was skilled in business methods, an apt accountant, methodical in management and clear in judgment, and always courteous in his dealings with others. He held

the Treasurership for 17 years and in this capacity rendered conspicuous service during the difficult period of the depression. He acted as Secretary of the Foreign Mission Department during the absence for some time of the Rev. W. A. Sinclair on a visit to England, and in all his work held the confidence of the Church in New Zealand and on the Mission Field.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones.

Among other privileges enjoyed by Aucklanders is that of meeting some of the world's great men as they pass east or west. On September 5th, the world-famous missionary, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, spent the day in Auckland, en route to America from India and Australia. He was accorded a civic reception at 11.30 a.m. by His Worship the Mayor, and at mid-day addressed a great gathering in the Auckland Town Hall. In the afternoon he spoke at a conference of ministers and missionary workers, and in the evening addressed an eager audience that overflowed the Pitt St. Methodist Church. It is hoped that at no distant date Dr. Stanley Jones will return to New Zealand for an extended visit.

Over thirty years ago Stanley Jones went from the United States to India to take up Mission Work. After eight years of strenuous service his health gave way. He had been pastor of an English Church, head of a publishing house, missionary to villages, and district superintendent of large areas. He had several collapses in India before he left for furlough. He had a year's furlough, but while holding evangelistic services on his return to India he collapsed again. Naturally he was deeply depressed. He recuperated in the hills, but every visit to the plains seemed to indicate that his health was permanently ruined, and he would have to give up his missionary career. It was his darkest hour.

At this time he was in a meeting in Lucknow, and while in prayer he seemed to hear a voice saying, "Are you yourself ready for this work to which I have called you?" This was the work of making con-

tact with the high caste people to which he felt a call prior to his furlough. Stanley Jones replied: "No, Lord, I am done for. I have reached the end of my rope." The Voice replied: "If you will turn that over to me and not worry about it, I will take care of it." He quickly replied: "Lord, I close the bargain right here." A great peace settled into his heart and pervaded him. Life—abundant life—had taken possession of him. He felt that he scarcely touched the road as he quietly walked home that night. He went through the days, working strenuously, without a trace of tiredness. He seemed possessed of Life and Peace and Rest—by Christ Himself.

Dr. Jones has done a remarkable work among educated Hindus and Mohammedans. He has conducted "round table" discussions, not "preaching" but conversing with groups. One day a leading Government official said to him, "How long has this Mission been in the city?" "About fifty years" was the reply. The cultured Hindu then said, "Then why have you gone only to the low castes? Why haven't you come to us?" Stanley Jones suggested the missionary was not wanted. The reply was, "That is a mistake. We want you if you will come in the right way." Dr. Jones then determined to be a Christian with all the fearless implications of that term, and present Christ to them. He has been used through the years most effectively, and Christ is winning His way among the educated men of India.

Dr. Jones is known by his books "The Christ of the Indian Road," "Christ at the Round Table," "The Christ of Every Road," "Victorious Living," and others.

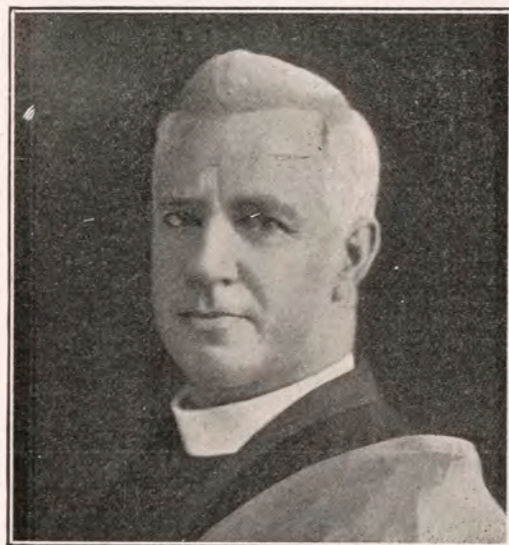
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MISSIONARY ECHOES

FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA RECENTLY CONCLUDED IN ADELAIDE.

REV. J. W. BURTON, M.A.

For many years Mr. Burton has been known as one of the foremost missionary advocates of Australia. On rising to speak, he said that his object would be to give cheer to workers for the extension of



Rev. J. W. Burton, M.A., General Secretary, Department of Overseas Missions, Australasia.

Christ's Kingdom overseas. He proceeded to give some very encouraging facts concerning progress during the past 33 years. In a little more than a generation there had been the following increases in the South Pacific Mission fields of the various Churches:

Ordained ministers, 93 to 264.
Lay missionaries, 23 to 145.
Missionary sisters, 10 to 213.
Native workers, 1,456 to 3,690.
Communicants, 71,000 to 366,000.
Worshippers, 178,000 to 475,000.

In this work our own Church had had a very large share. At the beginning of the century the missionary income from Australia and New Zealand had been about £10,250; last year it had reached

£91,500. The income from the native churches had grown from £6,236 to £45,720 in the same period.

As a result of a century of missionary effort, the main districts had seen a complete change from savagery to Christian civilisations, and their churches were financially self-supporting.

In answer to the question why there was still a need for European missionaries among these Christianised peoples, Mr. Burton said that it was because Western civilisation, as well as Christianity, had gone to the Islands. This had created many very difficult problems for the natives and made the help of the white missionary essential to the conservation of our gains.

In addition to the fact that only two per cent. of the 85,000 Indians in Fiji were yet Christians, there was still the great challenge of the margins, where the Gospel was still struggling with the darkness, and vast areas were practically untouched. Australian Methodism, committed to tremendous tasks, must go on to fulfil her obligations in the name of Christ.

ESALA DELANA KAMA.

This charming Fijian educationist made a profound impression on the audience. He has a delightful style and a well-modulated voice. The microphone did not in the least disturb his poise. But we suspect that there is a lot of guile behind that suave and innocent face! After a preliminary apology for his probable mispronunciations and grammatical errors, he addressed us in cultured English!

Esala expressed the thanks of the races to whom our Church had sent the Gospel. In a few telling sentences he graphically contrasted the old order and the new in Fiji. The sad inhumanities of the reign of cannibalism, witchcraft and fear had gone. As a direct result of the influence of Christ, through the missionaries, the words of St. Paul had come true: "Old things have passed way, all things have

become new." Not a savage remained in Fiji. The transformation was a remarkable witness for Christianity. The Fijians had become a loyal, courteous, sympathetic people; as law-abiding as any in the world.

The Fijian sense of humour was irrepressible in Esala. He told us of a fair inquisitor who had come to him with



Baker Memorial Hall, Davuilevu, Fiji, where native ministers and teachers are trained.

questions as to whether Fijian ladies used lipstick, and how he made his hair so curly. He had assured her that the ladies of his race did not find it necessary to use lipstick, and producing his native comb, had said, "Use a comb like this and eat more crusts!"

The lady's next question was whether the missions had done anything to educate his people. This had given the opportunity he sought, and he had replied, "Madam, the Methodist Church is the real mother of education in my country. For over 60 years the Methodist Church has been training teachers, and most of the present teachers in Fiji are products of her training schools."

The Church could also be described as

the mother of medical work in the islands, an inestimable boon to the people.

Esala gave a very suggestive comment on the need for the European missionary—i.e. Methodist missionary—when he told us that, in travelling through the second largest island of Fiji, he had found that 18,000 of the 20,000 inhabitants were church members, with only one such missionary among them. Then he quietly remarked that the proportion of Roman Catholic and Seventh Day Adventist workers was much greater. It was just a quiet "word to the wise."

In conclusion, this convincing advocate said that the incidence of Western civilisation on the people of Fiji was creating serious problems, in the facing of which they needed the best help we could give them.

—"The Australian Christian Commonwealth."

MAINTAIN THE DOCTOR.

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous contributions:—

	£	s.	d.
E.M.R. — Additional Dr. Rutter's Meeting, Auckland	2	0	0
Geo. Dennis—Enfield	10	0	0
Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Tinsley	1	0	0
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M.W.M.U.	100	0	0
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Kia Ora—Hamilton	5	0	0
Peggy and Nancy Biddle	5	0	0

Rev. J. R. Metcalfe.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND AND NORTH AUCKLAND DEPUTATION.

After yet another term of devoted service in the Solomons the Rev. J. R. and Mrs. Metcalfe are enjoying a well-earned furlough in Victoria. With what joy they were re-united with Elizabeth, their only child from whom they have been separated for the past three years, can be readily understood. For the past eighteen years Mr. Metcalfe has rendered fine service on Choiseul and Bougainville, and Mrs. Metcalfe's record is longer still, as she went to the Solomons twenty-one years ago, and before her marriage was one of our finest Missionary Sisters. Nor did her work cease when she married. Like all missionary wives she has continued to render splendid service.

Mr. Metcalfe will be the Foreign Mission Deputation this year in Otago-South-

land and North Auckland and will have a most interesting and inspiring story to tell of our Mission Work on the large island of Choiseul, where for years he has been the superintendent of the circuit that embraces the whole island. His story will be illustrated by beautifully coloured lantern slides and should command large and enthusiastic audiences. Mr. Metcalfe will be in Otago-Southland from September 25 to November 3, and in North Auckland from November 20 to December 5.

The whole Church will join in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe back to the Homeland and in the hope that their furlough with little Elizabeth may be abundantly happy.

Welcome Home to Sister Edna White.

Some two and a-half years ago, at considerable sacrifice to herself and her parents, Sister Edna White went back to Bilua to prepare the way for the return of the Doctor. Sister Edna had already given six years of distinguished service to the Solomons, and knew both the Roviana and Vella Lavella dialects, and was ideally fitted for the important and joyous task of re-opening the Helena Goldie Hospital and making the way plain for the re-establishment of the Medical Unit. Just how well she succeeded may be gathered from Dr. Rutter's statement that first of the things that struck him most forcibly during the early weeks was "the very fine work that Sister Edna has been doing in the last two years, and the respect and love that the natives have for her." The Home Church joins with the Solomons in congratulating Sister Edna on the splendid service she has rendered and thanking God for her ability and devotion.

Sister Edna is now back in New Zealand and will be the special Foreign Mission speaker at the M.W.M.U. Conference at Feilding in October. We give her a glad Welcome Home! and look forward to her

help and fellowship here at the Home-Base.



Sister Edna White.

Personal and General.

M.W.M.U. Conference.

The M.W.M.U. 24th Annual Conference will meet in Feilding's splendid new Sunday School on October 11th, under the presidency of Miss E. M. Rishworth. The Agenda and Reports are not to hand as we go to press, but we understand that, in the case of nearly every Auxiliary, the past year has been one of encouraging growth. We thank God for these able and devoted women of our Church and pray that, in their Conference, they may be guided and blessed of God, and that yet wider vision and greater joy may come to them as they face the Missionary problems and opportunities that confront them.

The cordial greetings and thanks of the Board of Missions are extended to the Conference.

Back to the Field.

The Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Voyce and Sister Ada Lee, after some delay at Kieta, have reached Kihili, the new head station of Southern Bougainville. The great work that Mr. and Mrs. Voyce have been doing for the past twelve years will be strengthened by the appointment of Sister Ada Lee. The latter's knowledge of the Roviana language and her three years' experience at the District Training Institution will be of considerable value as she helps in the development of the educational work at Kihili.

Sister Ethel McMillan, after extended furlough, sailed again for her beloved work on Choiseul on September 3rd. Sister Ethel has rendered wonderful missionary service for twenty-six years, and has been called "The Mary Slessor of the Solomons." Her work and devotion entitle her to "Ethel McMillan of the Solomons."

Hopes Realised.

"I must let you know that our Medical Party has fulfilled all our expectations, and more. The Doctor and Sisters are so surprisingly at home at hospital and among the natives, and Doctor has a great hold of the language in this short time."

—Sister Edna White.

Life of Gina.

Some months ago we received enquiries from the Young Men's Bible Class Movement as to the possibilities of "A Life of Gina" being written. The Rev. J. F. Goldie, who alone has the necessary knowledge for such a biography, has expressed his willingness to undertake the work at a convenient time.

*G.C.C. in your
of his death
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Encouragement at Buka.

The Rev. A. H. Cropp reports encouraging requests for baptism from women at Petats, which Sister Elizabeth Common is investigating. "We are trying to be careful," writes Mr. Cropp, "and not baptize without a period of trial and an investigation as to the genuineness of the request."

Examinations at Roviana.

The Rev. E. C. Leadley writes: "We have just finished the School and College examinations. I have marked all the school papers that I have to do, and the Sisters have completed theirs. I mark the papers in the classes taken by Native Teachers after they have been over them. The lowest average was 18 and the highest 97. There were 417 papers in the classes which I marked. The prizes have been given out, and a few of the smartest lads moved up. The College examination is also over, but I have not marked the papers. There are about 180 of them."

Wedding Bells.

Cecile, the youngest daughter of the Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Goldie, was married in London on September 14th to the son of Mrs. and the late Professor Duffield. Prior to her marriage, Miss Cecile Goldie had visited London, Oxford and Cambridge, and recently, at the invitation of the King's Chamberlain, was a guest at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. The whole Church will join in our prayer for God's rich blessing upon this young couple.

SERIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Owing to an alarming fall in the price of copra it is practically certain that the income from the Solomon Islands District will be much below the amount estimated. The Native Church is giving with increasing generosity, but the gifts are almost entirely in copra, which has slumped in price from £20 per ton on the beach at one period of last year to £3 per ton at the present time.

This will mean a serious deficit on the work of the year unless the Home Church rallies to our help. We earnestly plead for a generous response to the Foreign Mission Appeal to tide us over a very difficult situation.

A Missionary Sow.

The Rev. D. Hickman, of Warkworth, in forwarding money for Overseas Missions from his circuit, writes: "You will be interested to know that £5/5/- of this amount is from the sale of pigs. One of our members has what he calls a Missionary Sow, and this amount is the value of little pigs sold to date. He tells me that this sow is doing better than any of the others. I hope that this continues to be so."

We join with Mr. Hickman in wishing long life and abundant progeny to this missionary sow, and we thank God for the owner who has so generously adopted this means of helping to extend the Kingdom of God in the Solomons.



A Young Navigator, Roviana, Solomon Islands.

"Billy Boy," the missionary sheep, still flourishes at Pahiatua, and his fleece swells the Foreign Mission Fund. He was adopted into the missionary fold by the Rev. C. M. Roberts.

The Rev. W. W. Avery and others have demonstrated what can be done for the Kingdom by the sale of bulbs; and the Bennett family of Port Albert by the sale of flowers.

Others by sewing, saving stamps, collecting bottles, etc., are seeking to increase their contributions in order that the Kingdom of God may come in the Western Solomons. We commend to others the same earnest, missionary spirit.

The Indian Christian Association of Fiji.

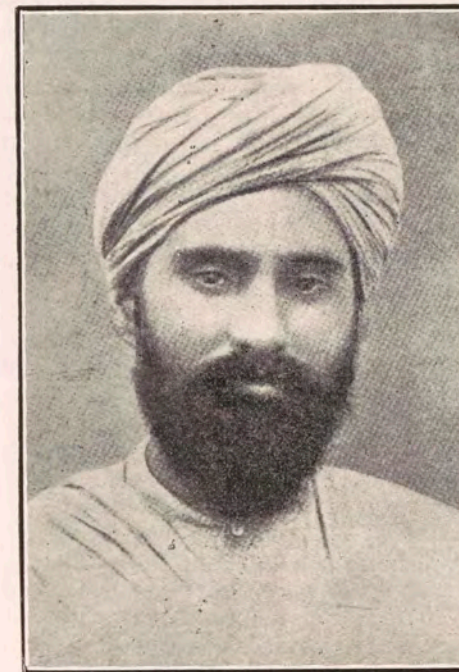
The Indian work in Fiji is, in some ways, the most difficult to which Methodism has set her hand in the Pacific. After many years of devoted and able service on the part of numerous missionaries, the number of Indians in membership with the Christian Church is woefully small.

Charan, B.A., Dip.Ed., who graduated at Auckland University College and was resident for some years at our Methodist Trinity College—a fine Christian gentleman who will give the Association a splendid lead.

In the **Constitution** the Objective is stated as follows, and we trust that with the guidance and blessing of God it will be attained.

Objective: The aims and objects of the Association shall be:—

- (a) The promotion of the general welfare of the peoples of Fiji and Christians in particular, and as well to uphold the good name of the latter, by whatever means and methods found legitimate and proper from time to time.
- (b) To co-operate with Missions, Government, and all such other societies, associations and organisations to the extent the conscience and the constitution of the Association would allow for the furtherance of the purposes and ends of the Association herein stated.
- (c) To promote understanding, sympathy and goodwill among the various societies, associations, etc., and members belonging thereto.
- (d) To foster friendship and fellowship among the members of the Association.
- (e) To afford the members of the Association a proper and recognised channel to voice their views on all matters affecting the peoples of the Colony as a whole, and of the Christian community in particular.
- (f) The Association shall mainly interest itself in religious and social matters. The term 'social' shall be interpreted broadly to mean and include matters pertaining to education, economics, health, etc.
- (g) To organise the social life of the Christian community for the diffusion of religious and cultural influences by means of literature, lectures, sports, etc.



The late Sirdar Sunda Singh
—a Great Christian Leader.

Results, however, cannot be adequately tabulated merely by figures, and it is encouraging to know that there has been formed recently "The Indian Christian Association of Fiji." The President of the newly-formed Association is Mr. Hari

PRAYER.—Please learn the names of the Missionaries in the Western Solomons and something of their great task, and pray earnestly every day for God's blessing upon them.

SACRIFICE.—Please help God to answer your prayers by a worthy offering—an annual contribution that involves real sacrifice.

WOMEN'S PAGES

M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's
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Dear Auxiliary Friends,

Reports and Balance Sheets are much to the fore this month. What has been accomplished, why have we failed in certain quarters, and how can we work more effectively during the coming year? These questions go back and forth through our minds. As we read the account of our Sisters' various activities both in New Zealand and Solomons, and of the results achieved at Kurahuna, we have striking proof that much has been accomplished. Women, we, each one, have had some share in all that has been done—let us give thanks.

There seems to be evidence of a growing interest in the Auxiliary work. Three new groups have joined our Auxiliary fellowship this quarter — Paeroa and Picton and Wanganui evening, and Whangarei and Raetihi have reformed. Also there are new branches at Eltham, Feilding, Hastings and Wellington. Our loving greetings go to all new members. Several more Guilds have notified their willingness to have the Sisters' letters read at their meetings.

Joyous letters have been received from the Solomons telling of the arrival of the Doctor and Nurses. The hospital has been thronged with patients. Doctor writes, "We have been hectically busy." Sister Edna: "Dr. Rutter seems to be carrying on just where Dr. Sayers left off—he reminds us of him in many ways. Marama Rutter, too, seems to 'belong.'" Nurses Merle and Joy have been hard at it—Merle's first patient was Gina—and proud he was of the fact! Nurse Vera, Roviana: "The coming of the Doctor is a wonderful thing to the people here," and Mrs. Leadley says: "No one will appreciate having a Doctor near more than we do."

Sisters Vera and Effie went with Rev. J. F. Goldie to Bilua to share in the cele-

brations on May 24th.

Sister Effie writes: "Gizo is quite a metropolis—has several stores—so Vera and I had a great time shopping."

Sister Ada had helped Sister Lina and Mrs. Leadley during their absence from Roviana.

Sister Ada has now started her new work with Mr. and Mrs. Voyce at Buin. She will be lonely and hard pressed at times.

Sister Effie, Roviana, writes: "What we need is a Sister in charge of the Home. Nineteen girls at their difficult teen ages down to babies in arms—four under two years—need lots of supervision, and with Kindergarten, Day School and Nursing, we three cannot give the time we should like to our charges."

Sister Vera has had a terribly anxious, exhausting time with various sick folk—particularly with two or three long, difficult maternity cases. Mrs. Leadley, too, has had many a heartache over wee Margaret's ill-health. Also she has had the strain of having a native teacher with a very ill babe in her home. Altogether our workers have carried heavy loads at Roviana lately, and they have proved that man's extremity is indeed God's opportunity.

Sister Lina had prepared her school children for the Wesley Celebrations, and later invited them to write an essay on "Wesley." Many did with varying results!

Sister Elizabeth is not having an easy time at present at Buka, being housed with eight girls in the maternity ward and having her meals with Mr. and Mrs. Cropp. One advantage of having fewer girls to care for, is that she can do more village visiting.

Nurse Edna is to return to New Zealand in September. She has given a wonderful service to our Mission at a time of pressing need. Our warmest thanks go to her.

Sister Ethel expects to take up again her loved work at Choiseul in September.

As Mrs. Metcalfe comes on furlough, we would express our appreciation of the wonderful work she has been doing for the people on Choiseul.

A matter for rejoicing is that there is no shortage in the offers of workers for the Field. Three nurses now in training have communicated to the Foreign Mission Board their willingness to give service in the Solomons.

Sister Grace McDonald has passed her final exams and is expected back in New Zealand in November, and will go out to the Solomons at the earliest opportunity.

As the greatness of our missionary task grows, so does the sense of our insufficiency. Let us in this new year pray more earnestly that Christ may flood out our Methodist people with His love, and may we attempt great things for God.

Conference at Feilding from October 11th to 14th. We are looking for a big delegation.

Good wishes from
EMILY M. RISHWORTH.

TARANAKI—WANGANUI.

New Plymouth celebrated its 21st birthday in August and Wanganui Central its 31st birthday in September. Interest in the stamp department is increasing in all places. Kurahuna School and its needs, too, are finding more place in our giving. Much interest is being taken in the forthcoming conference in Feilding. Marton auxiliary has had a busy and happy year and its annual report is most encouraging.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Waitemata—Good response to appeals for Home and Overseas boxes.

Te Aroha—Meetings addressed by Canon and Mrs. Turner (Melanesian Mission workers) on the changed and deeply spiritual lives of the natives.

Te Kuiti—Heartening record of missionary interest and effort.

Te Awamutu—11th birthday celebrations attended by large Auxiliary gatherings.

Hamilton East—Visits from Dr. and Mrs. Rutter, and Miss Rishworth, proved most inspiring.

Thames—United Women's Missionary Meeting, combined with Y.W.B.C.

St. Paul's—Funds helped by Young Worshipers League, Maeroa Guild and B.C. Girls. Mr. Voyce's visit much appreciated.

HAWKE'S BAY—MANAWATU.

All Auxiliaries have been active in forwarding sacks of clothing for Maori work, Napier leading with eight. This Auxiliary has also made contact with three Guilds each of which

has run a Bring-and-Buy Stall for Medicine Fund. Napier and Hastings hope to combine in organising a Convention after Conference.

Thankofferings and special efforts in various places have yielded splendid financial returns.

Pahiatua and Feilding have started Fireside Circles for younger women. Palmerston have collected 90 towels at a special afternoon.

Rev. Bensley has given inspiration and helpful information to several Auxiliaries.

Feilding is busy with Conference preparation.
—Mrs. Taylor.

WELLINGTON

(comprising 11 branches) report £440 raised by members for the year. The sale of used stamps brought in nearly £30. At the Annual Meeting, Mr. Blamires spoke on "God is Love." He emphasised "loving and giving," which was the spirit of missions. He said people must work with God Himself day by day and keep on praying.

Lower Hutt.—Successful Annual Meeting. Increased giving and interest in missions.

AUCKLAND.

Northern Wairoa had a happy function when the children's boxes were opened. At Whangarei the Sunday School scholars contributed as usual. Ruawai and the Branch did their part.

Waiuku enjoyed an address by Rev. A. Mitchell. The Women's Institutes in the District have been keenly interested in Mrs. Binet's talks of her work in the Solomons.

Auckland held a very successful Convention. Rev. E. T. Olds delivered the pre-Communion address. Miss Rishworth gave an arresting comprehensive address on the wonderful work being done by our Sisters in the Western Solomons and in New Zealand. The Benediction was pronounced by our late beloved veteran minister, the Rev. G. T. Marshall.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Ashburton—Annual Silver Tree Effort realised £25, and a Jumble Sale £9/10/-. Sister Ada Lee's visit was much enjoyed. Dr. Rutter's meeting proved a great inspiration to all.

Willowby.—Meetings were well attended and keen interest shown.

Timaru, Banks St.—Good meetings and interesting addresses given.

Timaru, Woodlands St.—Interest growing, with membership of 40. Children's Fancy Dress Party realised £2/16/-.

Waimate.—Easter Thanksgiving Service realised £2/7/6.

Oamaru.—A helpful united prayer meeting was held in connection with the world day of prayer.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Visited the Oxford Auxiliary (40 miles distant) at their Annual Meeting. A valuable North Island map showing the location of the various Sisters working among the Maoris proved interesting. Further visiting is to be carried out shortly. A country guild wrote for missionary literature to make their next meeting a missionary one.

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.

MAINTAIN THE DOCTOR!

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DECEMBER, 1938.



Margaret Too, Bilua, aged 15 months. Adopted, when 5 days' old and motherless, by Sister Edna White. (See page 14).

"A Great Door & Effectual is opened unto us"

ST. PAUL.