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An Epoch in our Missionary History.

To build up an indigenous church, self-governing and self-supporting, is the ultimate aim of most missionaries engaged overseas. In the case of primitive stone-age savages, such as our pioneers found in the Solomons, this objective calls for many years of patient and sacrificial service, during which native leaders are selected and trained. That amazing progress has been made in many lands is witnessed by the fact that at the World Missionary Conference held near Madras last December, for the first time in such a gathering, there was a majority of non-whites among the delegates.



Rev. BELSHAZZAR GINA.
First Solomon Islands Ordinand.
Photo: T. H. Ashe, Onehunga.

It is a great day in the history of any Missionary society when its first native minister is ordained. Such a day has come to us. The occasion is the more moving because the ordinand—Rev. Belshazzar Gina—is so well known and has won such

a good degree in New Zealand as well as in the Solomons.

Gina's father was present at the ordination service, also Boaz Veo—high chief and erstwhile leader of head-hunting raids—and others who lived in the dark days before the advent of the Gospel. Strange and deep must have been the emotions of these older men whose hands, 36 years ago, were steeped in the blood of enemies and whose dominant interest in life was treacherous and cruel warfare, as prayer ascended to Almighty God and most merciful Father that He would grant to Gina such grace, that he may evermore be ready to spread abroad the Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with Him; and use the authority given him, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help.

Deep also and challenging must have been the emotions of the young men and maidens—students in our college and schools, and some already exercising definite leadership as Christian teachers and others as chiefs. To them the vision is coming of what God, who has wrought such great things for their people in the past, is able to do in the days to come through consecrated Christian service. "Their eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord," and something of that greater glory when all their people shall have been won into the Kingdom of God. Within two years another young Solomon Islander should be ordained into the full work of the Ministry. Two others are preparing for their candidature. These are the forerunners of a Native Ministry that in years to come will largely control and direct the work in the Solomons.

The most deeply moved of all in the impressive service was the Rev. J. F. Goldie. As, with the Revs. A. H. Voyce and A. H. Cropp, he laid his hand upon Gina, his true son in the Gospel, in the solemn act of ordination, there must have

come flooding into his mind thoughts of his first contact with the untutored savages of this land to which God had called him; of the tremendous difficulties known only to the pioneer among primitive people; of the courage and devotion of his wife and colleagues; of the grave of his only son in that lonely land; of the heart-breaking disappointments and great joys; of journeys oft amid many dangers to preach the Gospel; of the translation of the Scriptures and the beginnings of the educational work; of the growth of the ministry of healing. Is it surprising that at one stage of the service he was overcome with emotion, as he realised that through all these things God had brought him to this hour?

The Gospel at Work in N.E. Bougainville

By Rev. D. C. ALLEY.

The village of **NAMATOA** is only a few miles from the Head Station of Teop, N.E. Bougainville, but to reach there one has



Namatoa Village.
Photo by Rev. D. C. Alley

to climb the coastal range for three or four hours until the sea lies 2,500 feet below. The grand panorama of the coast line to the very top of Buka Island and of a mighty expanse of ocean with the Carteret Islands on the far horizon reward one for the climb. There is also the much cooler mountain air to sample deeply, and spring water refreshingly cool, whilst near at hand the beautiful pungas make one feel very much at "home."

The name Namatoa means "The Pool

of the Fowl" and here is a subject of great interest to the Naturalist. The Pool consists of a large pond nestling beneath the highest peak and several hundred feet above the site of the present village. The pond is the home of a very rare duck. As it is like the N.Z. kiwi in that it has wings but cannot fly, it may not exist elsewhere. The duck is small and dark grey in colour, but our party was not able to approach very closely to note the details. Its great peculiarity, according to the natives, is that it nests in the roots of the rushes and grass below the surface of the water, and that it can live under the water as well as on top. I wish to enquire more into this apparent phenomenon, for the natives have probably been deceived by the diving ability of the ducks.

Nature has much to reveal to us of interest, but the aim of this article is to demonstrate what is being achieved today in a pioneering part of our Mission District. We therefore turn to the history of the natives of these mountains. Today there is a thriving village of 120 people at Namatoa and many smaller places are scattered over the ranges, and all are on the friendliest of terms. But these are the days of Light, and a study of the past throws into striking contrast the terrible years of heathen darkness.

"He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat:
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat:
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on."

Behind the second mountain range lies the Taunita Valley, and here lived the traditional enemies of the people of Namatoa, who then numbered hundreds. The chief pastime of these two peoples was fighting — not big fights, but frequent raids, ambushes, skirmishes and such-like episodes. Their respective accounts were never settled. Always one or the other side would kill more than the number required to even things and then live in dread till the enemy got their revenge. They were cannibals, too, and the old men in a village of Taunita in answer to a question were able to recall from experience the fact that their enemies were not as good as pigs to eat!

Their religion was a "bowing down to wood and stone." Near Namatoa were large stones belonging to the different tribes. These were their gods. Hither the warrior priest came before a fight to obtain the advice and help of the spirit of the stone god. How he got into communication with it I do not know, but he had his report to make, and judging from the amount of fighting done, the god seemed to have a very warlike disposition. They believed also that their spirits returned to the stone god at death.

About 30 or 40 years ago civilisation was making itself felt in the coastal villages and the custom of fighting began to die out. Even these nearer mountain people became less aggressive and began to do a little business together. This led to a most treacherous move on the part

of the Namatoa and neighbouring people. They invited the Taunita natives over to barter for their coconuts. A big party of men, women and children came. To the visitors all seemed to be well, and after the transaction was completed they packed their wares and set off on the upward climb homeward. Meanwhile armed local natives had proceeded with their cruel designs and arranged an ambush for the unsuspecting victims. With spears and axes they set upon them and very few escaped. Near the scene of this event there still remains a monument to remind us of what used to be the code of morality. A very old coconut tree, now past bearing further fruit, stands beside the track. Up its twisted trunk run a long series of notches, 30 to 40 in number, and these make up the tally of the dead.

Then came the reprisals, but this time in a more subtle and terrible form. It would have taken too long to equalise all these deaths by the usual fighting methods and the Taunitas were able to find a safer yet more deadly method. They resorted to poisoning, and in such a way that the method employed could not be detected. Whole families died out and fear and panic seized the inhabitants of the big village which was then situated around the lake or pond. They scattered into hamlets of a few houses each throughout the dense bush, but for years the vendetta continued. Then some more enlightened chiefs managed to arrange a truce. This was after the missions were well under



ARCHERY CONTEST at
NAMATOA, 1938.

Peter Izu is the first man
on the left.

Photo by Rev. D. C. Alley

way on the coast and Government influence was also penetrating inland. This peace was more a matter of expediency than of the heart, however, and no friendship developed between these peoples.

Now we come to the time when "the darkness turns to the dawning." Rev. Mr. Metcalfe was stationed at Teop and his teachers patrolled the Namatoa area. Eventually the highest chief, who had been responsible for making peace, came to Teop to ask for a teacher for his village. His choice fell upon a lad fresh from Roviana College, Peter Izu by name, a Zacchaeus in stature, but steady, reliable and full of enthusiasm, to go forth and preach and live the Gospel. Thus to Peter came the privilege of introducing to these mountain people the transforming power of Him who can "save to the uttermost."

His early experiences were not very enviable. Many thought he was an evil spirit come amongst them, and one elderly man threatened his life and damaged his house. Peter, with Christian forbearance, desired that no action be taken against this opponent. What really did frighten him was a hurricane that threatened to remove him and his house to a lower locality one night! He said he very nearly ran away from the mountains to his beloved sea on that occasion. Instead, he and his Chief decided to shift to a more sheltered site. This was seven years ago, and to-day most of the small hamlets have been abandoned and all have come to this one place. Here it is that Peter has seen his work bear much fruit, until to-day it is a delight to stay at the village and wit-



Rev. D. C. Alley on patrol in the mountains.

ness the many activities of a strongly Lotu-conscious community. Here there is a Day School with a roll of 50 with two senior girls acting as assistant teachers. They were trained in the school. The senior pupils take their turn at reading the daily lesson for evening prayers, three young men have gone out as teachers, and four more are in training at the Head Station. The health of the people is excellent, and seldom have I found bad sores up there unless on children who still live in hamlets and therefore cannot be supervised closely. The Chief to-day is a quiet, unassuming man who looks to our teacher for leadership and guidance.

The greatest change, though, has taken place in the relationship between the Namatoa and Taunita peoples. Several times after he had settled down, Peter asked for a guide to take him to Taunita, and finally one man volunteered. Fear and mistrust, if not actual ill will, kept them apart. The patched-up peace had no secure foundation. Only after repeated visits would the Chiefs of Sibotarei agree to take a teacher. This was three years ago, and to Peter's dismay none was available. There was one alternative, and that was to put his best boy there to hold it until a teacher could be sent. Thus it was that a hereditary enemy crossed the old-time battleground to take the Gospel of Peace to his former foes. Later on a teacher was sent, and since then this village has made splendid headway. To-day, Kori-ravi of Namatoa is again stationed there as their permanent teacher and his brother is at a village further on. Another boy from a village that took part in the ambush also occupies a small place. Thus the Lotu has broken every barrier down and established the happiest of relations between these peoples.

This is the kind of work that can be done when the mission has the men and the money to devote to it. Still in Bougainville are many thousands of natives to whom we have not gone, and cannot go, until our resources are more adequate.

Won't you give your labours and your treasures bright?

Won't you share your good things, Children of the Light.

For the sake of others plunged in pagan night, And the peerless Jesus of grim Calv'ry's Height?

Rev. J. F. Goldie's Annual Report.

Once more we review the year with a feeling of thankfulness to God for all the way He has led us. In some respects, 1938 has been one of the most depressing years in our history as a Mission. Commercially the position seemed hopeless, and our native people have been called upon to face difficulties never before experienced. The feeling of insecurity engendered by the disturbed state of things throughout the civilised world, has penetrated even to these remote islands, and questions suggest themselves to the more intelligent natives which are very difficult to answer. Then the general unrest — the hatreds, jealousies and fears of nations — close markets which are necessary to the natives, if their commercial products are to be worth producing, and in this respect it has been a black year indeed. Copra, which is their chief stand-by, has been at such a price level that it did not pay to

etc., have shown compensating rises, but this time the bottom seems to have fallen out of everything. Government taxes, however, have not been reduced, and must be found or prison is before them, and prices of all commodities which they now find necessary remain very high. Yet in spite of all these difficulties — in some cases probably because of them — the review of our work during the year affords good reason for thankfulness to God. It would be foolish, of course, to claim that as we look back we have not had cause for sorrow. But the joy is greater than the sorrow, and real progress has been made.

Spiritual Life. It is difficult to assess Spiritual values. There is so much that is unseen and cannot be accurately estimated. One notes the failures, but only God and the individual concerned know of the bitter inward struggles, and the many victories which take place in a man's life before temporary defeat overtakes him. Our native people have many and difficult problems to face in this transition stage of their experience — problems which tax all their resources of faith, courage, patience, as well as all their material resources of time and wealth. But they are meeting these conditions without disaster. Public worship and fellowship meetings have claimed a large share of their life, and they have testified frequently to the value of such gatherings for the strengthening of their spiritual life. Attendances have been as great as ever, and at times great liberty has been experienced in the various meetings. In the Island Church as elsewhere, individual evangelism counts for a great deal. Many have come to me in the quiet evening hour on the Head Station, or in the villages I have visited, to confess sins, to seek assistance or advice, or to acknowledge special blessings which they have experienced. It is a refreshing experience to hear such matters spoken of as freely as the familiar things of everyday life. To know their names, to enter into their troubles, to share their joys, mourn with them in their sorrows and failures, and rejoice in their victories,



A Roviana Boy—the material from which our Students and Teachers are made.

Photo by Rev. E. C. Leadley

make. In all the previous slumps of this kind, other products such as shell, ivory,

is a great privilege indeed. Our people are growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Bi-Centenary of Methodism co-incided with the anniversary of the establishment of our Mission in the Solomons, and also with the arrival of the Doctor and party, and throughout all the celebrations there was a deep spiritual note, and many of our people entered into a deeper and fuller spiritual experience as we all rededicated our lives to God for service in the Solomons.

As I have said before, we cannot apply the money standard to spiritual things, but a man's estimate of his religion is frequently indicated by what it costs him. This year has been a severe test to most of our native people. In their poverty they have given liberally, and it was heart-breaking to see their sacrificial efforts to keep up their contributions to the work of God nullified by the steady decline of prices for island products. In some villages, they decided to double their gifts in order that the work of God should not suffer, but values slumped still lower, and their heroic efforts were apparently in vain. I say **apparently**, in vain, but nothing done or attempted in such a spirit for God is ever in vain. "Good but wished with God is done."

Medical. The great event of the year was the coming of Dr. Allen Rutter and nurses, and the building and opening of the new hospital wards and Nurses Home.



Mothers and Babies—all 6 babies were born in one week in Sister Vera's Maternity Ward at Roviana.
Photo by Sister Effie Harkness

It was a great thing to thus honour our pledges to the native church. The erection of the buildings themselves was an object lesson — a great justification of our faith. Of course we had to employ several skilled native carpenters to assist our old friend Mr. Oldridge, who came up to supervise, but one of the most remarkable things was the coming of scores of able-bodied volunteers from all parts of the district to labour without payment of any kind in erecting these buildings. I took over from Roviana alone about one hundred of these men eager to help — clearing, carrying timber, painting and carpentering — a truly wonderful tribute, to the influence of our Mission, and to the value of our many-sided work. The Doctor's report of his work for the few months he has been in the District is most interesting, and reveals how vital to the work generally the medical work is, and how it is appreciated by the natives. Nurse Vera Cannon has done splendidly at Roviana, and with the valuable assistance of Mrs. Leadley, and occasional visits from the doctor, has rendered great service to the sick and suffering. A word of commendation is also due to our native medical boys and nurses for the fine work they have done — both in the hospital and in the villages.

Educational. The Reports of the District Training College and Kokeqolo Day School are presented by the Vice Principal and Head Master, and show that this work has been well maintained, and is of increasing value. We are not here chiefly as Educationalists, but we have always realised that a Christian Church cannot be built and flourish on uninstructed savagery. The Gospel of Christ is essentially a **teaching** ministry — the gradual widening of their mental horizon must accompany the spiritual progress of heathen people if the Gospel is to mean anything to them. We are here to save **men**. The College Report shows that there have been 66 Theological Students in residence during the year, and most of these have done well in their studies. Their attention to work, eagerness to learn, their conduct and general deportment have been excellent. The students from Bougainville have made great progress in their studies,

and some of them will be returning to take up work in the Mandated Territory in the coming year. Others, we hope, will take their places. Six of the other students will also be available to enter the College from various circuits. The Kindergarten and Head Master's Reports show progress in both the senior and junior schools. It is satisfactory to know that right through the Solomons every position in the Government Service open to Native Clerks, is filled by graduates from the Kokeqolo School, while no less than five of our lads have successfully passed the entrance exam. for the Central Medical School in Fiji. During the year we have had a visit from Judge Hynes, who came to inspect and examine the school as deputy for the Resident Commissioner. We have not yet received his report, but he was apparently pleased with the result of his visit. The village schools are our weakest spot. While some teachers do really well, others need constant supervision, which it is quite impossible to give them. Still on the whole, very good work is being done, and although the standard in these schools is not high, every boy and girl learns to read and write, and the ordered village school life is of great advantage to the young people.

Women's Work. We were delighted to welcome Sister Ethel back after a long furlough, to take up her work amongst her beloved women and girls on Choiseul. Sister Elizabeth's work in Buka has been hampered by difficulties of housing which must shortly be overcome. But even this difficulty has given her greater freedom for much needed village work. At Roviana, Mrs. Leadley and the Sisters have done a good deal of village work, and have large classes of women and girls on the Head Station. Sister Lina also is doing a fine work amongst the younger girls. We all look forward however, to the time when our girl's school will be an established fact, and more complete and solid work for the girls made possible. The future of the Native Race lies in the hands of the future wives and mothers, and the training they at present receive — excellent though it is in some respects — cannot be considered by far-seeing people at all adequate to the needs of our work.

Industrial. Although our Saw Mill is closed for the time being, we are doing a certain amount of work in the way of boat-repairs, etc., and our lads have successfully installed several engines for outside people during the year. We would like to extend this work, but until things lift commercially we must carry on quietly doing just such work as is necessary.

General. Again I must say that we owe a great debt of gratitude to our staff—both European and Native. Mr. Leadley carries the burden of the educational work on the Head Station, the Sisters render devoted service in their own departments, and our Native Ministers and Teachers in their districts and villages, are faithful and loyal to Christ and the Church, and without the labours of these servants of Christ the work of a successful year would have been impossible. We will go forward into a new year with confidence that

He Who hath given us grace,

Yet more and more will send,

He Who hath sped us in the race,

Will speed us to the end.

JOHN F. GOLDIE,
Chairman and Supt.

THE BOOK OF ETERNAL YOUTH.

This is the apt title of the 1938 Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It tells of a successful year's work and gives a brief, but interesting survey of the work of the Society in the World with a special chapter relating to New Zealand. "For the year ended March 31st, 1938, the general statistics of the Society show:

Volumes of Scriptures issued:—	
Bibles	1,151,099
Testaments	1,379,509
Portions	8,787,967
Total.	11,318,575

New Versions Printed	12
Number of Colporteurs employed	940
Scriptures sold by Colporteurs in year	6,504,822
Income	£378,092
Expenditure	£385,348

Our grand total circulation for the lifetime of the Society numbered nearly 500,000,000 on March 31st, 1938, and since that date the total of five hundred millions has actually been passed. The total number of languages on our list is 723."

For the Feild.

The Rev. C. T. J. Luxton was appointed by the recent Conference to the Solomon



Rev. and Mrs. C. T. J. Luxton.

Islands, and with Mrs. Luxton will sail for the Field in May. They have heard, for years past, the clear call of God to missionary service, and go forth gladly to the great work.

Sister Grace McDonald, who was re-appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Board, sailed for the Solomons on February 14th, and has received an abundant welcome back to the Task she has already served for seven years.

The Rev. J. R. Metcalfe sailed from Sydney on February 18th on his return to Choiseul after furlough, and has been warmly welcomed by his people. Mrs. Metcalfe is remaining a little longer with their only child Elizabeth, who is at school in Melbourne.

Personal and General.

Congratulations.

All our readers will join us in hearty congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Rutter upon the birth of their son David on January 4th.

Deputations.

In addition to the deputation work of the Revs. A. W. Silvester and D. C. Alley, Sister Lina Jones, who is also on furlough, will visit several parts of the country to address Missionary Auxiliaries. Please give the Deputation a warm welcome and hearty support.

"The Lotu."

The February number of "The Lotu," our children's missionary paper, is an excellent issue and will make a strong appeal to all boys and girls. It should be in every home and Sunday School. If you are not a subscriber, or the paper does not circulate in your school, write for a free sample copy to the Business Manager—Rev. W. A. Sinclair, Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.I. It only costs 1 - per annum, much less to schools, and will be of rich service and interest to your children.

Sisters' Home at Roviana Enlarged.

By the generous help of an anonymous friend, it has been possible to add a room to the Sisters' Home at Roviana for the

better care and comfort of the native babies and small children under the charge of the Sisters. We extend our thanks to the generous friend and commend to others the opportunity of sharing in a practical way such Christ-like work.

Translation Work.

We heartily congratulate the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe upon the publication of a revised hymn and service book with selected passages of Scripture in the Bambatana dialect. The book was translated by the Rev. S. R. Rooney in 1915; revised and enlarged by the Rev. V. le C. Binet in 1922; and now revised again by Mr. Metcalfe with the aid of some of his native teachers. The Scriptures and Hymns are a great heritage that we seek to hand on to the Native Church. As everywhere else in the world, they are a source of light and life to the people.

National Missionary Council of N.Z.

We congratulate the Rev. J. L. McKenzie, of Wellington, upon his election as President of the National Missionary Council of N.Z., and wish for him a very happy and successful term of office.

In the event of a National Church Council being formed, the interesting question will arise of its relationship to the National Missionary Council.

The Solomon Islands Synod, 1938.

The 37th Annual Synod of the Solomon Islands District opened at Roviana on November 20th, under the Chairmanship of the Rev. J. F. Goldie.

Inspirational services marked the opening day and set a high standard for all the sessions. Our hearts were thrilled with reports of definite progress; difficulties and problems were faced, and much was done to consolidate the work of the Kingdom. A dispensation was granted to the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe who was on furlough. Sister Lina Jones represented the Sisterhood.

A motion of sympathy with the relatives of the late Rev. G. T. Marshall was carried.

Nathan Kera, Aaron Kotosoma, Uzziiah Sotutu and John Afu were advanced in their years and excellent reports were furnished concerning their efficient and faithful work. Timothy Piani and Frank Wickham were advanced in status in view of their desire to be candidates for the ministry in 1940, and to assist them and others who are likely to offer, a special course of studies is being prepared. Belshazzar Gina and Paul Havea were ordained during Synod and a separate report of the service is furnished.

Gratifying statistical returns were given, the highlight being an increase of

795 members. It was unanimously decided to open the new station of Aola on Guadalcanar in December. The appointment of a Sister to Teop was recommended.

The income for the year from the Field was £1623—a splendid total in view of abnormally low copra prices. The expenditure on the Field was £11,390.

Synod gave a hearty welcome to Dr. and Mrs. Rutter and the Nurses and placed on record its special appreciation of the wonderful and efficient services of Sister Edna White who had returned to New Zealand. The hopes and desires of years have been realised in the re-establishment of our medical work. Excellent reports of the work were received, and all hearts were filled with gratitude to God. Special reference was made to the splendid gifts of Mr. Gorman which have made this work possible. Dr. A. G. Rutter replied and assured Synod of his heart's desire to further stabilise and extend this great branch of the work of the Kingdom.

During Synod, a special native entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It reflected great credit on the initiative and leadership of all concerned.

The Rev. J. F. Goldie and his colleagues excelled themselves in their hospitality and all hold many happy memories of the Synod of 1938.

—Rev. A. W. E. SILVESTER.

New Sisters Home, Bilua.



Back View: The native school building on the right has been removed.



Front View.
Photos by Sister Edna White

Encouraging Results at Roviana.

Only those with experience can fully understand the tremendous difficulties of educational work among primitive savages who possess no written language of any kind. The Rev. J. F. Goldie formulated a policy for our head station at Roviana in his pioneering days, and has pursued it with rare courage and vision through the years. The result has been, under God's grace, the finest christian and educational institution in the Solomons. The following extracts from a letter just to hand from Mr. Goldie indicate something of the standard reached, and we heartily congratulate the Revs. J. F. Goldie and E. C. Leadley, Sisters Lina Jones and Effie Harkness, and their native staff:—

"I think that I mentioned in my last letter that in addition to the visit and inspection of Judge Hyne to Kokeqolo Schools some couple of months ago, we had to sustain the shock of yet another examination on our breaking-up day. An official arrived with a sheaf of examination papers for all students over 16 years of age—an examination which he had to supervise personally, and immediately seal the papers up, and send them to Tulagi for assessment. We have 115 male scholars of 16 and over, but 19 of our local boys had already gone to their homes, and of course the 30 Bougainville boys could not sit, as they were from the Mandated Territory. However, 66 of our lads sat for a strenuous examination which lasted all day. I have just received from the Commissioner the results of the examination, which I think are very satisfactory. Mr. Ashley says:

"An analysis of the marks shows that of the 66 candidates
34 obtained over 50% in Arithmetic
37 " " " in Gen. Knowledge
57 " " " in English
55 " " " in Dictation
45 Candidates obtained over 50% of the total marks allotted. He adds: "In all the circumstances this is a very creditable performance and speaks well for the quality of the teaching in the school."

"The answers were well and neatly set out." Of course the examination marks do not reveal everything; some got 100%

for Dictation. Eleven boys got between 75% and 85% of marks. Poor Esau, although he **did** make the mistake of giving the credit of winning the Battle of Waterloo to Dick Whittington, must have done pretty well, as he gained 339 marks out of a possible 400. In a personal letter, Mr. Ashley says that he is delighted with the results of the examination.

In a later letter the Commissioner writes: "In my Address to the Advisory Council last Nov., I stated that I considered that the standard in the top form in **one** of the schools in the Protectorate might prove that the school was worthy of Government financial assistance. The marks obtained in the recent examinations by your pupils have more than justified my expectations, and as a result I am prepared to recommend to His Excellency the High Commissioner a small grant-in-aid to your school at Kokeqolo. You will understand that this is only a tentative suggestion, and before making any representations I should be glad to know whether your Mission would accept financial assistance if approved, and whether you have comments or suggestions to offer. The grant-in-aid I suggest would be a sum of £150 annually for the School together with a payment each year of a further £100 in respect of every qualified teacher who is in continuous residence for eight months in the year commencing 1st April to 31st March following."

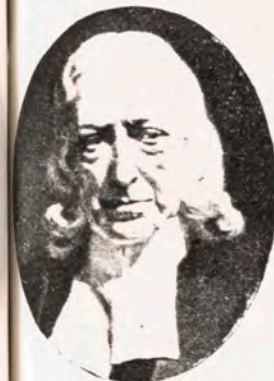
The correspondence over this matter has extended over several years, and many details had to be threshed out, such as control of schools etc., which we could not let go out of our hands. Also to obtain a very clear definition of terms used such as "qualified teacher" etc. The term "qualified" as now understood includes all certificated teachers and all fully ordained Ministers of Religion. So that under Mr. Ashley's scheme we would receive the £150, and £100 each in respect of Sister Lina, Sister Effie and the Rev. Clarence Leadley. With the refund of students taxes it would mean about £500 a year to us.

We will not get it this year, of course, but in 1940 if approved.

I have always made it perfectly clear to the Government that we were not here primarily as educationalists, but as Evangelists, but at the same time we have always recognised the fact that we could not build a Christian Church on uneducated savagery. That the salvation of the native meant the widening of his mental horizon, and the development of Christian character, if the salvation of his soul was to be accomplished. In support of this I have pointed out that every Native

Clerk in the Govt. Service throughout the Protectorate, and almost every Native Medical Practitioner had graduated at our schools. The sons of filthy naked head-hunters sitting in Government Offices handling Government money, and valuable records, etc., and here is the point,—**throughout the years of service with the Government, not one of our lads has had any complaint made against him for misconduct or neglect of duty.** A wonderful tribute to the power of Christ's Gospel.

WESLEY'S WORLD PARISH TO-DAY.



When Wesley died on March 2, 1791, there were in the British Isles 71,000 of his followers. To-day there are in the world more than 11 millions of Methodist members, and it is estimated that there are at least 40 millions of adherents.

In the United States of America, in Canada, in South Africa, and in Australasia, there are great Methodist Churches organised under their own separate Conferences. They are all "Children of Wesley" and off-shoots of the British Conference, but have reached the status of self-support and independence. Each of them carries on very extensive missionary work overseas. The Methodist Episcopal Churches of the U.S.A., for example, with their 10,000,000 members, have vastly outgrown the Mother Methodist Church in the British Isles. Their missions in China, Japan, India, Africa, and other lands are very extensive.

In 1786 the British Conference sent out its first missionary to work among heathen people. This was William Warrener, who was appointed to Antigua, West Indies. Since that time, only two years (1792 and 1801) have passed with-

out the Conference sending missionaries overseas.

To-day the Methodist Missionary Society has over 724 missionaries on its roll (398 ministers, 74 laymen, and 252 women). There are, in addition, some 330 wives.

In addition to its missionaries, the M.M.S. has on its Mission field a devoted body of about 430 ordained native ministers, over 2,800 lay evangelists, 900 Bible-women, some 9,500 local preachers.

The full membership of our overseas churches is about 215,000, and there are another 170,000 "on trial for membership." In addition, there are some 78,000 of catechumens under instruction for baptism. The total Christian community under our care on the Mission fields is about 700,000.

Last year our ministers overseas baptised nearly 14,000 adult converts.

We have 2,700 elementary day schools, with 175,000 scholars and 13,000 teachers. There are also a number of boarding schools, high schools, colleges, and training institutions, with some 18,000 students.

Our medical work is also extensive. Our hospitals have 2,100 beds, receiving about 27,000 in-patients a year, and giving about 560,000 out-patient treatments.

For some years past our greatest embarrassment has been our success. We cannot keep pace with it.

—"Kingdom Overseas."

Severe Earthquake in the Solomons.

Radio messages from the Revs. J. F. Goldie and A. H. Voyce conveyed the first news of a severe earthquake on January 30th in the British Solomons and Bougainville. None of our workers was injured but considerable damage was done. Mr. Goldie, in his radio, estimates the damage on the Head Station, Roviana, at £500. An air-mail letter followed Mr. Voyce's radio and contains the following news.

"On Monday, January 30th, 1939, at about 12.30 p.m., we had a very severe earthquake. At the time I was on my way in to Kieta to meet the return of the Malaita from Rabaul. I had journeyed in Mr. Joyces' motor lorry and we had just alighted at Toboroi Plantation (where you and I had a cup of tea when you were here), when we heard a heavy 'quake approaching from what seemed a North Westerly direction. This caused the motor lorry to run back and forth, and we watched the house being shaken, and the trees bending back and forth. We could scarcely stand. From then on for an hour there were 'quakes every few minutes, and at longer intervals through the day. I thought at the time that the 'quake was probably heavier on the Buin-Siwai side of the Island, for they always get them more severely there.

Returning as soon as possible to Buin I found everyone well and safe. First visible results of the 'quake were the damage to the bridge and the house on the bridge. In parts the bridge has sunk about three feet. Mr. Bilston, the Patrol Officer, informs me that most of the coast on Buin Bay has sunk a foot, and somewhat more in places. The house on the second bridge had gone all together. Mr. Bilston, who was in behind Kihili supervising the construction of a new large suspension bridge, was thrown off the bridge, and the whole was destroyed just when nearing completion. The old bridge over that river just above it was broken altogether. As Mr. Bilston raced home to see how his family were, travelling through our property, after rushing up breathless and wet through to see how Miss Lee and Mrs. Voyce were, he had to climb over the broken roof of our bridge. Of course when



Photo by Rev. A. H. Voyce

Entrance to Long Bridge, Kihili.

I arrived, the debris had been cleared away but the cracks in the roadway and the bridge approach still remained.

All our buildings are out of plumb considerably, and will require much careful handling to straighten them up. Our home being the largest building, suffered the worst and is uninhabitable. The family had moved with everything into the Kindergarten building, which has no flooring. Our personal furniture suffered badly, all mirrors in wardrobes etc., being smashed to atoms when the furniture toppled over. Just as well the 'quake occurred in the day time and not at night else there might have been casualties. Everyone says it was impossible to stand up. Poor Jean was terrified and kept asking her mother to take her to Grenville and Murray quickly. The kitchen walls of fibrous cement were smashed to atoms. Bottled goods in the store suffered badly. Fortunately the ice chest was only slightly damaged. Considerable work and expense will be involved in strengthening up the house. Everything, including all the store goods were stored on the verandah of the Girl's house all in open boxes when I got

here. So I got all hands, and we pulled down one big section of the house where the girls used to sleep, and which contained the store, bulk store and bathroom, and rapidly constructed our old wash-house into a store, and the yam shed into a bathroom. They are some distance from where we are living, but will have to serve for a time. We are all living and sleeping in the kindergarten school which is divided off into sections with sails, bags and blankets. Sister is in one corner, we in another, and the other part is the dining and living room!

Some teachers were down from Siwai to-day, and report that the 'quake was bad there, but no lives were lost. But the bridges are all in much worse condition than the Buin bridges. The Tonu Mission house did not suffer at all, so the report says, which is a wonder for the building is ten years old.

I certainly think that the new house for Kihili, should have some extra bracings in it for earthquake resistance. There were some European Houses on Catholic Mission Stations in Buin that have been destroyed altogether. Certainly they were old buildings and on high piles, but it would be wise to take precautions.

Sunday. It is a week since the big 'quake, but fairly severe ones are frequent every day yet, some 12 to 20 during each day and night. They can all be heard approaching from the North West. I went for a stroll along the beach road yesterday, and it is certainly badly damaged and cracked,

and in some places the waterfront and road have sunk two feet."

Our first reaction to this serious news is gratitude to God for preserving our workers and people from harm. Our next is to consider ways and means of repairing the damage that the progress of the



Long Bridge across Swamp at Kihili; badly damaged by the Earthquake.

Photo: Rev. A. H. Voyce.

Work be not hindered. A start has already been made with a special contribution of £10 for **THE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND**. We are confident that many others, remembering their comrades in the Solomons cheerfully facing the dangers and disabilities, will be eager to help with a special contribution over and above their ordinary Missionary Giving. Please communicate at once with the General Secretary, Rev. A. H. Scrivin, Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.1.

The 1939 Foreign Mission Deputation.

The following Deputation Plan was adopted by the Conference Foreign Mission Committee:—

Auckland.	
Rev. A. W. Silvester.	May 7-26.
Rev. A. H. Scrivin.	May 7-June 4.
South Auckland.	
Rev. A. W. Silvester.	April 16-May 4.
Rev. A. N. Scotter.	May 7-18.
Rev. V. le C. Binet.	May 7-12.
Taranaki-Wanganui.	
Rev. A. W. Silvester.	March 19-April 6.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.	
Rev. A. H. Scrivin.	June 11-July 16.
Wellington.	
Rev. V. le C. Binet.	May 21-June 1.
Rev. A. H. Scrivin.	April 16-May 3.
North Auckland.	
Rev. A. H. Scrivin.	August 6-25.

Nelson.	
Rev. A. A. Bensley.	West Coast. Dates to be arranged.
Rev. A. H. Scrivin.	Sept. 10-21.
North Canterbury.	
Rev. D. C. Alley.	Sept. 3-Oct. 12.
Rev. A. H. Scrivin.	Sept. 24-27.
South Canterbury.	
Rev. W. W. Avery.	August. Dates to be arranged.
Otago-Southland.	
Rev. D. C. Alley.	Oct. 15-Nov. 2.
Rev. A. H. Scrivin.	Oct. 1-Nov. 1.

The District Committees will arrange details of the itineraries within their own District, and for Foreign Mission meetings at places not reached by the special deputation.

Conference Missionary Demonstration.

Durham Street Church was crowded for the Conference Missionary Demonstration. In his own happy and able manner the President chaired the meeting and, after the Rev. F. Copeland had led in prayer, introduced the platform to the audience. Of special mention were the Rev. H. J. Odell, newly-elected Assistant Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions, and the Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Silvester and Sister Lina Jones on furlough from the Solomons, and the Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Luxton newly appointed to the Field.

At the suggestion of the President, that great lover and benefactor of Missions, Mr. S. Gorman, of Nelson, sent an inspiring and challenging message that stirred all hearts. The special speakers were the Revs. A. W. Silvester and E. T. Olds. Mr. Silvester, after paying a warm tribute to

the Rev. J. F. Goldie, spoke of the joy and gratitude in the Solomons at the re-establishment of the Medical Unit, and of the growth of the Native Church. Mr. Olds also captured his audience with an appeal for co-ordination of the work at home and overseas, recognising them as one enterprise. Earnestly and eloquently he stressed the need for sustained and generous support of the Missionary Enterprise of the Church.

The meeting was preceded by a Monster Missionary Tea that not only reflected great credit on the North Canterbury Auxiliary Ladies who provided it, but also gave a splendid opportunity for Conference representatives and friends to foregather. The Missionary Tea and the Garden Party are the great social functions of the Conference.



One of the two New Hospital Wards, Bilua, which will be known as the Samuel Gorman and Clara Matilda Gorman Wards.
Photo by Sister Edna White.

Maintain the Doctor.

Owing to the difficult financial position of the Board of Missions, created by the deceased value of the gifts of the Native Church, Mr. S. Gorman generously donated a further £500 to the special fund to Maintain the Doctor, thus bringing the Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest to £8,500. It was with gratitude we reported

this, and both in Board and Conference the following resolution was carried with hearty unanimity:—

The Conference expresses its gratitude to Mr. S. Gorman for augmenting the Gorman Bequest by further generous gifts amounting to £1,500. This noble Bequest now stands at £8,500, and will play a notable part in Maintaining the Doctor in the Solomons.

MEDICAL REPORT

Dr. Allen Rutter's encouraging report for the quarter ended December 31st, 1938, has been published in the "Methodist Times." It contains some striking figures. There were 128 inpatients from a very wide area reaching from the Shortland Islands to the Marovo Lagoon: 32 operations were performed; and the total attendances of out-patients reached the remarkable total for the quarter of 14,686—a daily average of 150.4. For several days after Christmas and into the New Year, owing to the influx of large crowds for the festivities, there were well over 300 out-patients per day.

We also acknowledge the following generous contributions:

	£	s.	d.
Hamilton Trust	25	0	6
"Anonymous," per A.H.S.	5	0	0
P. Rushton—Tatanui	2	0	0
"An Old Methodist"	1	0	0
A. H. Voyce—Sale of Envelopes	15	18	9
"Anonymous"—Avondale	10	0	0
Epsom Men's Fellowship	45	0	0
Paraparaumu	1	10	0
Durham Street	6	8	0
"Count your blessings"—Oxford	2	0	0
E. H. Logan—Geraldine	2	0	0
Edendale Circuit	5	0	0
Rev. S. Gianville—China	1	0	0

Northcote Senior B.C.	10	0	0
S.C.	3	0	0
Papakura Ladies' Guild	1	0	0
Wellington Central	100	0	0
Maori Hill	5	0	0
Christmas Gift—Kaponga	10	0	0
Wakefield Circuit	1	0	0
Tuakau	5	0	0
Per "Lotu"	5	0	0
"Lotu," per Rev. V. le C. Binet	10	0	0
Kohukohu Junior B.C.	1	0	0
M.H.—Papanui	10	0	0
G.S.S.	5	0	0
"Sympathy"	40	0	0
"In Loving Memory"—Chech.	3	0	0
A. H. Voyce—Sale of Envelopes	3	9	7
"Kia Ora"—Hamilton	2	6	0

The Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of N.Z.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING.

The President of the Conference (the Rev. Percy R. Paris) presided at the Annual Board Meeting, held on January 25th and 26th.

After the devotional exercises, the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester and Sister Edna White were cordially welcomed, and also the distant members of the Board. A message of greeting was also sent to Sister Lina Jones, who is on furlough in the South Island. Greetings were sent to the Native Church, the Missionaries on the Field, and to the Australasian Board of Missions.

The Annual Report, which was presented by the General Secretary, was one to evoke gratitude for the past, thanksgiving for the present, and hope for the future. It was full of interest, information, and inspiration. For instance, the Native Church showed an increased membership of 795, whilst new schools had been opened to cope with the additional scholars full of eagerness to learn. The past year had also marked the ordination of the first native minister in the Western Solomons, in the person of the Rev. Belshazzar Gina. And still another gratifying event had been the re-establishment of the medical unit, with Dr. A. Rutter in charge, ably assisted by Mrs. Rutter, and Nurses Farland and Whitehouse.

The Lay Treasurer (Mr. T. L. Hames) presented the Income and Expenditure Account, which showed a credit balance on the year's working of £388/12/4, which sum had been placed towards the reduction of the debt, which now stands at £5,123 2/8. Thanks to the generosity of the

"Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest," amounting to £8,500, and also to other special contributions, the total for the Medical Fund has now reached £12'881/13/8. It is the policy of the Treasurers to put the Fund on a sound financial basis, and the sum aimed at—£20,000—still leaves room for generous giving.

The ordinary expenditure for 1939 was estimated at £13,910, including the sum of £116 in connection with the Centennial Exhibition. Special expenditure from the Equipment Fund would be in the neighbourhood of £1,750, which would be spread over several urgent needs, such as a Mission House at Kihili, an accommodation house at Gizo, a new engine for the "Saga," a rice-hulling plant, and a projector with films.

The President of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union (Miss E. Rishworth) presented the report of the Women's work and interest in connection with Home and Foreign Missions, and showed that—with 3370 members, — the income had been £3370. But in addition to this, £462 was sent to the Sisters and Missionaries' wives in value of goods and cash grants for medical supplies. The stamp Fund had realised £111. "The Methodist Missionary Auxiliary," said Miss Rishworth, "makes fellowship a vital part of its life."

We were a fellowship of kindred souls, with the same hopes and the same difficulties, and with the same Divine Resort. This was especially sensed during a period of intercession and thanksgiving.

—V. Le C. BINET.

WOMEN'S PAGES

M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's
Missionary Union of
New Zealand.

February, 1939.

Dear Fellow Members,—

We are treading a new highway. R. L. Stevenson tells us "To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive and the true success to labour." As Christians we must travel hopefully, for God still says, "I am He that overcometh" and someone has written "Christian service is not a daring, desperate venture—it is a sure alliance."

There have been great meetings of the clan amongst our Mission workers lately. After Synod, the Executive entertained a distinguished group. Mr. and Mrs. Binet, Mr. and Mrs. Scrivin, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Metcalfe, Mesdames Sayers, Silvester and Leek (nee Coralie Murray), Sisters Muriel Stewart, Edna White and Grace McDonald. Nine Solomon workers, two Papuan and one Samoan. How these Islanders hob-nobbed! Then the F. M. Annual Board meeting brought another happy re-union. Mr. and Mrs. Bensley and Mr. Silvester added to the number. Mr. Silvester and Sister Edna received a warm welcome and brought interesting first-hand information.

There were thankful hearts when it was decided that it was possible to re-appoint Sister Grace McDonald to the work. Sister sailed on February 14th, carrying with her the love and gratitude of all Auxiliary women. There has been much prayer that a nurse should be restored to Choiseul to help Mrs. Metcalfe and Sister Ethel. An outline of M.W.M.U. work was given and appreciation of the women's efforts was voiced by several. The President, Rev. P. R. Paris, with his eyes twinkling stated "The women are the best men in the church." I wish you could have heard the encouraging reports from the Solomons—it would quicken all to still greater effort. Mr. Goldie writes, "There is certainly a greater interest in spiritual things on the part of our people. Many native leaders are coming to me quietly for guid-

ance and help." Loving messages of greeting were sent to Mrs. Pacey and Mrs. Bowron—both have been honoured members of the Board for many years.

Mr. Goldie tells of the examination of the senior classes in College. The Govt. Official arrived unexpectedly just as College was finishing a week of examinations. The papers were in English, 5 subjects, which took the whole day, the 80 boys already weary after a week of special concentration, the temperature exceptionally high. Mr. Goldie feared for the results. Reading through an exam. paper at the end of the day, Mr. Goldie asked a boy how he had answered the question "Who won the battle of Waterloo?" The youth brightly replied, "Dick Wittington." "Ah, my lad that was quite another Waterloo" laughed Mr. Goldie.

Island Synod was held at Roviana which became the scene of unusual activity. Mrs. Leadley writes, "The Synod dinner was given by the Sisters and a real banquet it was. Little Frank was invited and most important he felt. On the first Sunday, Mr. Joyce preached. It was a great treat to hear a sermon in English again. On Monday at 7 p.m., we had our Communion Service, several native teachers joining us. It was a time of real consecration for us all."

Sister Lina has returned on furlough. Mr. Goldie tells us to give her a right royal welcome. We surely will! Sister Lina has given a unique service to the Island people through her keen educational ability. In addition to Kindergarten and upper school work on her own station at Roviana she has organised kindergarten work at Choiseul and Bilua. Her special gift has been to prepare for the use of native teachers (in the Roviana language) school literature. These leaflets have been duplicated on the machine purchased from the Auxiliary Stamp Fund (Reminder—do not slack on stamp collecting, get as many of the higher values as possible).

Sister Lina will be doing deputation

work on the West Coast, Taranaki and Thames districts. Will Auxiliary Officers pray, plan and prepare for her.

Word has come of Xmas Gift Boxes arriving—"What useful things are in the boxes this year." "We are so grateful—how good the Auxiliary women are to us." "A huge mail—no shortage of reading matter for awhile."

Members—this proves the worth of any money and time expended on the box department, and I should like to say "thank you" to our packers.

As we approach the season of Lent, let us quietly consider "How great things the Lord has done for us." One of these great things is the share He has offered us in bringing the knowledge of His Redeeming Love to the Solomons and to the Maori people. Much has been done, but, "There remaineth yet much land to be possessed."

Loving greetings from,

EMILY RISHWORTH.

NOTES.

Lower Hutt.

In place of the usual Street Stall, the members of the Lower Hutt Auxiliary are planning a Garden Party at the home of their Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Russell. Various stall-holders have been appointed and everyone is working busily to make the effort a success and augment the Auxiliary funds. Several sacks of used clothing have been sent to the Maoris, and members are keenly interested in the Stamp Collecting Scheme. Much inspiration was gained from the recent Conference, also from the fine address on Maori Mission work given by Rev. G. I. Laurenson, during his visit to the Hutt.

Wellington.

A very interesting rally of the Wellington Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliary was held in the Wesley Church parlour, Taranaki Street, recently. It was arranged in order to hear the reports of the annual conference held in Feilding during the past month, and was largely attended. Mrs. Nicholson presided, and reports were given by the delegates, Mesdames Ingram, Masters, and Ramsden.

Afternoon tea was served, and afterwards the Rev. G. Laurenson spoke on the Maori missions of New Zealand, of which he is the superintendent. He said the Maori race was increasing three to one on the Europeans, and more than half these 90,000 Maoris were under thirty. The old folks still held grudges against the *nakeha*, and talked to the young ones of what happened years ago.

Richmond.

Women missionary enthusiasts from Nelson, Motueka, Brightwater, Hone, Stoke, and Richmond gathered for a district rally at the last-

named place on Tuesday, October 18th, under the auspices of the Richmond Circuit Auxiliary. There was a good attendance of delegates, who spent an inspiring and memorable afternoon in conference and fellowship, under the presidency of Mrs. Brock. The president extended a cordial welcome to the visitors, as well as to a number of our district ministers who were guests of the occasion.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the hymn, "Jesus shall reign," after which the president read the scripture portion. The Rev. H. V. Utting then led the conference in prayer. There followed an interesting and richly stimulating survey of our Solomon Islands work by our esteemed New Zealand Missionary Secretary the Rev. A. H. Scrivin, whose vivid descriptions of the wonderful accomplishments of our nurses, sisters, and missionaries' wives among the women and children on the Field were followed with close and sympathetic attention by all his hearers.

After the benediction had been pronounced by the Rev. M. Ayrton (resident minister), afternoon tea was served by the local ladies—an enjoyable finish to a happy occasion.

It was generally felt that the rally must prove fruitful in a greatly quickened interest in our church's missionary activities; and the same should be true of the lantern lecture given in the schoolroom the same evening by Mr. Scrivin, who incidentally paid a warm tribute to the splendid achievement of Mrs. G. Kidd, Richmond, in securing 60 subscribers in the circuit to the "Open Door." As the effort of one person this would be hard to beat, he said, in the Dominion.

Miss Nelson has been appointed circuit reporter of Women's Missionary interests at Richmond.

More Workers Wanted for Fiji.

In recent years New Zealand has made a wonderful contribution of able workers to Fiji. Mr. W. E. Donnelly asks for more. He writes: "I shall have to make another raid on N.Z. We want a man to run the Technical School, a malé teacher for the Toorak School; 3 lady teachers for Board appointments, and 1 nurse. Will those feeling the urge to this high service please communicate direct to Mr. W. E. Donnelly, Methodist Mission, Suva."

DEATH OF REV. NAPHTALI FOTU.

We regret to report the death of one of our veteran native workers, the Rev. Naphthali Fotu, a Tongan Minister who for many years has rendered devoted service in the Solomons. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mary the widow.

THE OPEN DOOR.

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

SOLOMON ISLANDS MISSION DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

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

MEDICAL MISSIONARY.

Dr. A. G. RUTTER, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., Edin., D.T.M.&H., Lon.	Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
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MISSIONARY SISTERS.

Sister ETHEL McMILLAN	Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
Sister ELIZABETH COMMON	Buka Passage, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
Sister LINA Jones	Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
Sister GRACE McDONALD	Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
Sister ADA LEE	Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
Sister VERA CANNON	Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
Sister EFFIE HARKNESS	Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
Sister MERLE FARLAND	Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
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Rev. USAIA SOTUTU	Buka Passage, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
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