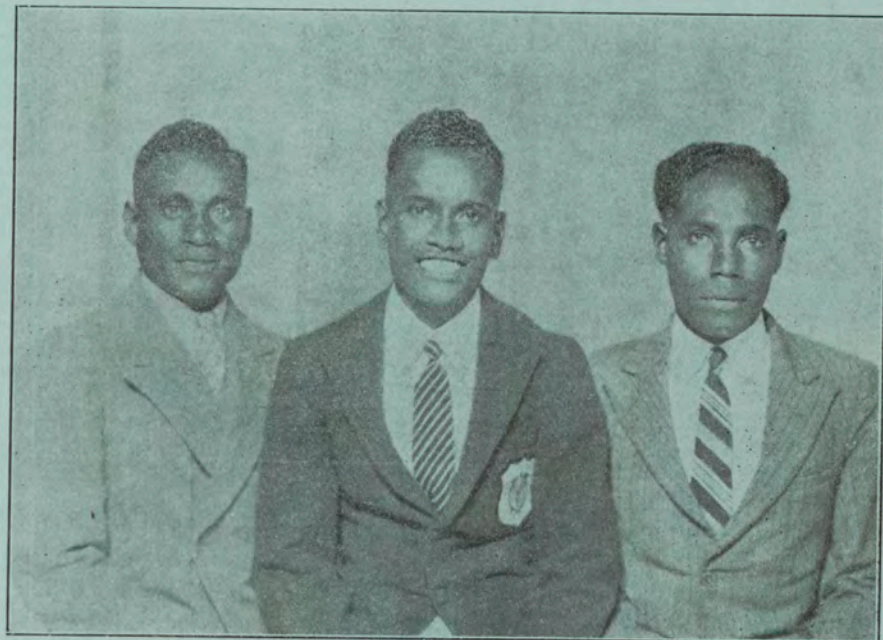


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Cleansing the Lepers.

In a special way the pathos and tragedy of the lepers called forth the sympathy of Jesus. As these outcasts suffering with their loathsome disease cried out to our Lord "If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean," so do the lepers of the Solomons challenge us to carry on the work of Him who replied, "I will, be thou clean." The urgency of the situation may be judged by the following extracts from Dr. A. G. Rutter's recent letters and reports.

"Leprosy. This problem is causing me a great deal of thought at present. As you know, our present accommodation is entirely unsatisfactory. It consists merely of a very old leaf house situated in the main hospital compound. I have four lepers resident, three more are out-patients at present. I know of at least three on Choiseul who should be under treatment, and found four more on our trip round the Marovo. Something will have to be done urgently about it, and I hope to discuss the erection of some temporary buildings with the natives at Thanksgiving time. I do hope and pray that we may be able to make a forward step in this matter."

"Lepers. One more leper has been admitted as an inpatient, a young girl from Choiseul. She has extensive lesions, but is at a stage of the disease when she should respond well to treatment. My circuit of New Georgia revealed four further lepers who should be under treatment, but their admission is dependent on the acquiring of a site and buildings, as our present accommodation is inadequate even for those we have already.

"The leprosy problem is exercising me more than ever. I think there was a reference to it in the Synod minute regarding medical work, but my plans were so indefinite that I did not feel able to make any cut and dried recommenda-

tion. However, our Choiseul trip has brought out the urgency of it more than ever, for we discovered six lepers scattered round the island, all of them in the fairly early stages, and definitely to be regarded as curable cases. Some initial capital expenditure will be inevitable if we are to get them under treatment; but if once we can get a colony working, with its own gardens, it should be more or less self contained. To get suitable gardening ground within reasonable reach of hospital is of course the major difficulty. I had a walk about on Saturday, and found one quite good site, but whether we shall be able to negotiate it is another matter. Land tenure is such a complicated business out here, and such a lot of people are usually involved. However, I hope we may be able to do something. I have not yet heard from the Leprosy Relief Association, and I suppose that with the War in progress, help from that direction is rather unlikely."

In his annual report to the recent Synod and the Annual Board Meeting, Dr. Rutter refers to the Leper Work as "hope deferred rather than achievement" and concludes—"At present we have been compelled to answer people (lepers) who themselves are anxious to come for treatment, "Sorry, but you will have to wait a while."

The Solomon Islands Synod endorsed the need and the following resolution was carried unanimously by the Mission Board and endorsed by Conference.

LEPROSARIUM.—The Board notes with sympathy the Solomon Island Synod's agreement "that the provision of a Leprosarium would be a highly desirable development when finances make this possible," and trusts that the urgent need of better facilities for treating the numerous

lepers in the Solomons may challenge our people to make possible this Christ-like work.

A peculiar challenge in connection with this urgent need is Dr. Rutter's assurance that so many of the lepers known to him are in the fairly early stages, and definitely to be regarded as curable cases. How will

you answer the challenge, Oh Reader? As in the days of our Lord, the lepers' anguished cry rings out to-day: "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Will you, by an increased Foreign Mission Contribution, help the Doctor to reply in the name of the Great Healer, "I will, be thou clean."

A Message from the President-General.

New Zealand has counted it a great privilege to meet and hear Prof. A. E. Albiston, President-General of the Methodist Church of Australasia and our distinguished Centennial visitor. Chairman of the Australasian Board of Missions and of wide missionary interest, it was peculiarly fitting that he should be the

Foreign Mission speaker at the great Conference Missionary Demonstration. We were all thrilled with his message, and our readers will be equally stirred by his clarion call as published in the recent Overseas Missions Number of the "Spectator."

A CALL FOR LOYALTY.

Once again we have an opportunity of demonstrating loyalty to the best traditions of our Church by liberal contributions to the work overseas. The Methodist societies were from the beginning missionary institutions. Dr. Bready has reminded us, in his "England Before and After Wesley," that it was the spirit of the Methodist revival that became the "pulsing passion for world missionary endeavour," resulting in the pioneer Protestant missionary societies at the close of the eighteenth century.

But our loyalty reaches an even higher level. In this enterprise we are expressing the Spirit of Christ Himself who, though He was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we, through His poverty, might be rich. The love of Christ, not our love for Him, constrains us, love which knows no limitations of time or space, which responds without reservation to the appeal of human need. The highest service we can render is surely that of sharing, directly or indirectly our most valuable treasure, namely, our knowledge and experience of Christ, the reality of Whose presence is so evident in the character and work of the missionary.

While during these anxious days the State may make unusually heavy demands upon our financial resources, we cannot allow the support of missions to suffer. In this case we have an occasion when the saying of Jesus is very pertinent, "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

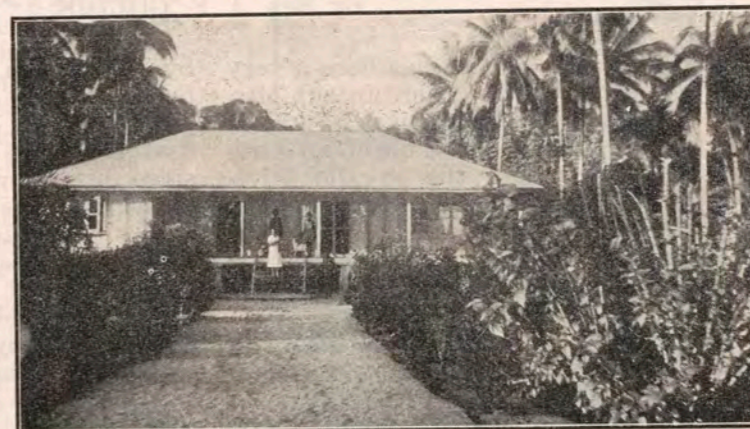
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Prof. A. E. Albiston, M.A., B.D.

Sister Ethel McMillan's Semi-Jubilee Celebrations.

In our last issue we congratulated Sister Ethel McMillan upon reaching the 25th Anniversary of her arrival in the Solomons. Letters are now to hand telling of the joyous celebrations at Bambatana that marked the happy occasion. At high tea, Sister Ethel was the guest of honour seated in a chair so beautifully decorated that she felt like a queen. Then a torch-light procession of 200 people bringing their love gifts to the one who had served them with such utter devotion for 25 years; after which the people lined the path and under an archway of flaming torches, Sister Ethel was led to the Church which was packed for a thanksgiving service. The Revs. J. R. Metcalfe, Nathan



Sister Ethel McMillan on the steps of her home at Bambatana, Choiseul.

Kera and others voiced the gratitude and love of Choiseul. Sister Ethel sought to reply, but her heart was too full as she thought of God's guidance and goodness and the growth of His Kingdom during the quarter of a century.

For Wayfaring Men.

The new Popular Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society is issued under the title of "For Wayfaring Men." Once again the Rev. John A. Patten, M.C., M.A., Literary Superintendent, is responsible for the Report, and every page throbs with life. It is no dry record of facts, but a living story that preachers and teachers will read with rare pleasure. The general reader also will find it a rich inspiration: he will get from it a fresh and happy assurance that the Gospel is still the mighty power of God. To-day, the Bible is the only Book giving hope of permanent peace for a war-torn world, and Mr. Patten has the supreme-gift of telling the story of its impact upon men in a most arresting way. We were thrilled with its stories of what had been achieved.

Every one of our readers should secure "For Wayfaring Men," and on reading it

he will want to have a part in the glorious enterprise of the Bible Society. Our copy came from the New Zealand Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the address is P.O. Box 930, Wellington, C.I. The price is 8d. post paid. This is but a fraction of its value, but as is usual with the Society, the price is set merely as a guarantee that the prospective reader is really anxious to secure a copy.

"Instinct with Life" is the appropriate title of the New Zealand Report prepared by the Rev. David Calder, B.A., which tells of a record year's income totalling £11,629/10/0, and an average output from the Wellington Bible House of 30,000 Scriptures per annum.

We rejoice with Mr. Calder and his colleagues in their success, and commend the great work of the British and Foreign Bible Society to all our readers.

Roviana Report 1939.

By Rev. J. F. GOLDIE.

The year under review has been a very busy one for all the workers in our Mission District. Difficulties—like the poor—are always with us, but the unsettled state of things throughout the so-called civilized world has meant an increase of anxiety for most of us who have the welfare of the native race at heart. As one Christian Statesman said years ago concerning our work in Fiji, "The dangerous period is over, and the difficult period is here." This is true to-day of our Mission in the Solomons if we are thinking of physical danger only. The danger which comes to our people by contact with a non-Christian civilisation is greater than any danger ever known to our native folk in the islands of the sea. Still we must repeat that our people are meeting this danger without any great spiritual disaster. They see many of the Europeans living in the Solomons attending the Church, and joining reverently in the services. In their business relationships they generally receive kindly consideration and just dealing from the white people with whom they trade, and are intelligent enough to note the significance of these things. During the year we have experienced both losses and gains. But the gains have been greater than the losses, and we thank God for all the blessings we have received from Him this year.

Death has been busy amongst our stalwarts during the year, and we mourn the loss of some of our finest workers.

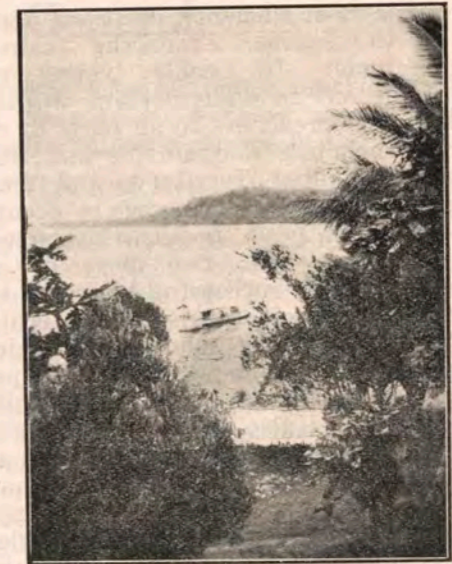
Napitalai Fotu, one of our Tongan Ministers, was taken from us shortly after last Synod. Napitalai had served Christ and the Church long and faithfully in the Solomons, and had won the affection and esteem of the people amongst whom he laboured. When his case was pronounced hopeless by the doctor, his native people insisted on taking him back to his station, so that in his last hours they could minister lovingly to his needs. He passed away surrounded by those who loved him, and who had been led to Christ

by him. Then about the same time, Joni Sasabeti, one of our Roviana Chiefs, passed away. Joni was one of the very first converts of our Mission, and ever since his conversion, one of our most valued workers and advisors in all native affairs. He had been a long time ill, and I think he was glad to go. In March, death claimed another of our native leaders. Lemeki Siqala had been one of Mr. Dent's boys, and turned out a fine Christian character. He was one of our most advanced scholars, and was of great assistance on the head station, and was often called upon to assist the Chairman in Office work. In April we experienced another great loss in the passing of our leading Chief, Boaz Suna. Boaz, although a high chief, was a clerk in the office of the Chairman, and served our Church for many years. His father, old Chief Gumi, was a notorious head-hunter when we arrived in the Solomons in 1902, but was one of the first to welcome the pioneer Mission Party at Roviana. Suna was then a lad of about 9 or 10 years of age. He attached himself to the Chairman, and all through his school and college days, and in the mature life of manhood, remained the Chairman's friend and colleague. He was a natural leader of men, and his influence extended all through the Western Solomons. We shall continue to feel this great loss for years to come.

Spiritual Life.—In the spiritual life of our Solomon Islands Church we welcome signs of growth. To say that we are satisfied with the progress made would not be true. We have much to mourn over, and many disappointments. We are apt to get impatient at the failure of many to respond to our leadership. But here again the gain is far greater than the loss, and during the year there have not been wanting signs of vigorous spiritual life. Attendances at public services and at class and fellowship meetings have been as great as ever. At the watch-night service held in the Roviana Church on New Year's eve at midnight, the building was

packed by a reverent congregation, and many at that service were eager to re-consecrate themselves to God's service for the coming year. Commercially the position is not much better than last year, but our people in the Roviana Circuit have generously given about £150 more than they gave in 1938. Men don't part with their money easily, whether white or black, and I am convinced that the increased desire to give has its source in an expanding Christian experience. Many have come to us of their own accord seeking advice and help in spiritual things, and have responded readily to such guidance as we could give. As an evidence of the people's desire for spiritual things, three Sunday night services and several week-night services have been organised and maintained by the young men themselves in villages near by. On the Head Station our principal services are in the day time, and Sunday evening's service is mainly for the residents at Kokeqolo, so many of our village people take advantage of this to organise evangelistic services themselves in the villages. These services are largely attended and many have been greatly blessed. For these evidences of spiritual life we thank God and take courage.

Medical.—The Doctor's Report cannot half reveal the good accomplished by our Medical Department. This great work is not merely the healing of ills by experts in the use of drugs, and skill with the surgeon's knife. It means much more than that. The psychological value of the work done is immense. It serves to illustrate what we have always stressed in our Solomon Islands Mission, viz., that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not merely a way of escape from some future hell for some mysterious entity called the soul, but is God's message declaring salvation embracing the whole man—body, mind, and spirit—here and now. The new launch so generously given by Mr. John Astley and family has already been of great service, and for the first time it has been possible for the Doctor to make a fairly complete survey of health conditions in all the villages of New Georgia. This contact with people in their home villages is of value to the Doctor, as well as to the



Medical launch "Cicely" at anchor while Dr. Rutter visits a village.

people in the villages visited, as when patients come for treatment to the central hospital it is helpful for our Medical Man to know something of the conditions under which they live. During the year Sister Vera Cannon left Roviana to take up new medical work in the Choiseul Circuit, for which she seems very well fitted, and we welcomed the return of Sister Grace McDonald to the district to take Sister Vera's place. We are greatly indebted also to Mrs. Leadley for her self-sacrificing work in the Roviana Hospital and amongst our people generally—assisting the women and girls, not only in cases of sickness, but in the more vital things of the spirit. Our medical boys have also given us splendid service.

Educational.—The statistics and Report of Training College and Roviana Day School presented by the Vice-Principal and Headmaster reveal the fact that this work is of increasing importance to our Mission people, and to the Solomon Islands generally. There is no compulsory education in the Protectorate, and so the attendance of many at Day School is irregular, but the numbers on the roll have increased. Sisters Lina Jones and Effie Harkness have made the junior school and kindergarten not only popular, but

one of the most efficient educational agencies in the Pacific. From the Training College under Mr. Leadley young men have gone out to do important work as teachers and preachers to all parts of our district, including Bougainville and Buka in the Mandated Territory, and many have gone to serve their people by occupying important posts in the Government Service. This year two more of our students—after successfully passing the Government examinations—are proceeding to Fiji to enter the school for wireless operators there, while two others are proceeding to Tulagi to serve in a similar capacity. It is also a very encouraging fact that, although some of these lads are in positions of trust in which they have to handle Government money, not a single complaint of any irregularity or neglect of duty has ever reached us concerning them. This is said in no boasting spirit, but as an illustration of the power of the Gospel to change the hearts and transform the lives of these sons of head-hunters who to-day, but for the saving power of Christ, would have been naked savages themselves. These things show how worth while the work is. During the year two visits from Government Officials were made, and examinations set by the Government taken by the students. Great praise was given after each inspection for the excellent standard reached by the scholars, and the school did very well in the examinations.

Women's Work.—We offer to Sister Ethel McMillan our congratulations for the wonderful record of twenty-five years' service in the Solomons. This heroic woman has given most of her life in loving, self-sacrificing service for the women of these islands, and has been greatly blessed in her efforts to win her dark-skinned sisters for Christ. At Roviana, Mrs. Leadley and the Sisters are visiting the villages, and have special classes at the Head Station, and many of the teachers' wives are doing what they can on the outstations. To do such work effectively, however, our young girls who are likely to offer for our work, and who may become teachers' wives, need more intensive training—training such as can only be acquired in a girls' Training College.

It seems a lame policy to devote so much time and money to the training of the young men, and not do as much for the girls. The whole future of our native people lies in the hands of the future wives and mothers of the Solomons, and such training as they now receive—excellent though it is—is not at all adequate to meet their needs. In all parts of our district some of our very best young men have been compelled to give up their work because of the lack of co-operation and assistance from the girls they have married. Again I stress the need for such an institution.



SYNOD GROUP, 1939.

Left to right (front row): Revs. A. W. Silvester, J. R. Metcalfe, J. F. Goldie, Sister Vera Cannon. Back row: Revs. E. C. Leadley, A. H. Voyce, Dr. A. G. Rutter.

General.—What has been accomplished during the year has been made possible—humanly speaking—by the devotion, loyalty, and ability of our staff. Mr. Leadley has carried the burden of the work on the head station many times during the year, and to him and his dear wife, as well as to Sisters Lina, Effie, and Grace I tender my sincere thanks for their loyal and faithful service. Also to the large native staff who have served the Church well in college, school, hospital, and in the villages during the year. We are entering another year full of confidence in Him who has never failed us yet. JOHN F. GOLDIE, Supt. and Chairman.

Personal and General.

Coming on Furlough.

The Rev. E. C. and Mrs. Leadley are expected in New Zealand about mid-April after a further term of excellent service at Roviana. Mr. Leadley is the Tutor of our District Training Institution and exercises a profound influence upon the many students who pass through his hands. Mr. Goldie writes in the highest terms of Mr. Leadley's work, and also of the splendid medical service rendered by Mrs. Leadley, who is a trained nurse and qualified chemist.

Mr. Leadley will do deputation work in the Auckland, Wellington and Hawke's Bay-Manawatu Districts and will have a great story to tell.

These devoted workers and their two children are assured of a hearty and affectionate welcome and best wishes for a happy furlough.

Students for Fiji.

Within the past ten years seven of our Roviana students have proceeded to Suva, Fiji, for specialised training. Five entered the Medical School, and the last two, Simeon Makini and Jacob Lete, have gone to the newly-established Technical School to be trained as wireless operators. We

have high hopes that, upon the completion of their training, these young men will render valuable service in the Solomons.

"Nights of Magic" was the alluring title of a first-class entertainment comprising mysteries, illusions, baffling experiments and bewildering mysteries presented in four Christchurch circuits by "Cigma" and his assistants. "Cigma" is none other than the Rev. W. E. Allon Carr, of New Brighton, and his high purpose in presenting this excellent entertainment was to help Maintain the Doctor in the Solomons. Mr. Frank Thompson (District Foreign Mission Secretary) and his committee organised the meetings in collaboration with Mr. Carr, and the result was the excellent contribution of £29/12/9 to the Medical Fund.

We are very grateful to Mr. Carr and all associated with him in this excellent effort, and rejoice to know that it is to be repeated on a wider scale during 1940. It is our earnest hope that others with special gifts and attainments will thus consecrate them to the extension of the Kingdom of God in the Solomons.



Simeon Makini and Jacob Lete.



"Cigma"—Rev. W. E. Allon Carr.

Christmas at Buka

By the Rev. C. T. J. LUXTON.

It is now an established practice for the people of the whole of this district to gather at Petats on Christmas Day, and after the Christmas Service, the annual Thanks-giving Service is held, when the people bring their annual gift for the Mission. Sometimes as many as eight hundred people are present; and of course there are for many days previous to Christmas, great activity and preparation. The great pile of foodstuffs, to which every village makes its contribution, speaks of the many hours that have been spent hunting, fishing, preparing and cooking. Not only is there preparation for the feast, but also there is work to be done in order to earn something to give at the Thanksgiving Service.



Sister Elizabeth Common and her babies picnicing at Petats, Xmas 1939.

For more than a week before Christmas there was an almost continual gale. The sea was very rough, and except in the early morning or during an infrequent calm the people were unable to venture out in their canoes. This considerably hampered preparations. Those who had prepared copra to sell were unable to get it to the nearby trading station to sell it; some ventured out but were capsized out of their canoes and lost their copra; some who managed to get through were unfortunate enough to capsize on their return trip, and lost the proceeds of their sale.

Others who had been sent to fish (each man being requested to provide twenty fish for the feast) found that it was no easy matter to get their required number. There was considerable excitement one night when one of the village head men failed to return from the fishing grounds; it was feared that he may have been capsized, or driven on to the reef, and perhaps lost, but later he returned safely, having had to shelter at a small uninhabited island.

On December 23rd the wind dropped, and from then on there seemed to be a constant coming of canoes of all sorts and sizes. Some teachers arrived in a mon. and a fine set of young men they looked as they sent their picturesque craft along at a steady speed; most of the canoes were outriggers, and they, too, made a pretty picture as they drifted in with sails fully spread to the light breeze.

The 24th was Sunday and we had crowded services, here in the morning, and over at Petats in the afternoon. During the afternoon service I had the privilege of baptising eight adults and one infant. The eight adults were from several villages; they had been on the roll as "members on trial" for some time, and among them were the father and the mother of the infant whom I also baptised.

Very early on Christmas Day we had a surprise visit from Sister and some of the girls, who sang us a Christmas greeting and a Christmas hymn; we wondered how many times and in how many tongues that Christmas message would be sung throughout the world that day. At Petats we found a large crowd assembled, and as far as we could see down the coast were scattered sails of canoes still coming. There was some delay in waiting for the late comers, which time we spent in mingling with the crowd, watching the sorting and stacking of the baskets of food, and listening to half-hidden choirs having a last rehearsal before the service at which they would sing the anthem they had probably been rehearsing for many weeks past.

When at last all were assembled, only a section of the crowd could get into the church, and the teachers marshalled in the choirs which were representative of districts rather than villages; children crowded the floor space, and the shade of nearby trees and houses was sought by those who could not gain entry.

The Thanksgiving Service was conducted by our very able Fijian minister, and we were able to sit back and watch, and marvel at the wonders that have been wrought by the Gospel in the lives of these people. No wonder Usaia's face was



Rev. C. T. J. Luxton, Sister Elizabeth Common and Teachers of Buka Section. Rev. Usaia Sotutu on extreme right, back row.

glowing, and his voice ringing with enthusiasm; he had helped pioneer the work here, and truly he was seeing something of the reward of the years of service. He reminded them of the past; of the coming of the missionary; the change that came in their life; he reminded them of the love that the people in N.Z. bore them, of the debt of gratitude they owed to the N.Z. Church, and called upon them to take an increasingly large share in the maintenance of the Mission, finally asking them to bring their gifts. As the people from one

district were presenting their gifts a choir from another district sang an anthem. Most of the anthems were sung in English, and some of them were very well rendered indeed. With the exception of a few native-made articles from the most distant part of our district all the gifts were of cash; and when totalled up amounted to £75, the exact amount estimated by Synod as being our probable contribution this year.

The afternoon was given over to singing, dancing, and play-acting. The plays were symbolical, depicting customs and deeds of the "old time" before the coming of the missionary; many a time the crowd was swept with laughter, for the native is a humourist and is ready to appreciate a joke, even at his own expense.

As the day drew to a close food was distributed, many canoes departing with their share to the nearer villages, and as the sun was setting we came back to Skotolan escorted by a number of canoes. In the evening we assembled for the Christmas Tree which Sister had prepared at the hospital. In one room we were shown examples of sewing and handwork, a credit to the members of the sewing class, and a still greater credit to Sister who conducts that class for mission girls and the women of nearby villages. In the other room was a bedecked Christmas Tree, the sight of which sent our thoughts flying back to N.Z. where we had so often seen a similar sight. Then came the distribution of the gifts, something for each of the mission girls, toys for each of the children in Sister's care, something for each teacher, a frock, towel and soap, for each teacher's wife, a toy for each teacher's child; members of the sewing class, widows, orphans, and all the mission boys shared in the Christmas gifts. A gramophone concert and the distribution of sweets brought the day to a close.

"THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST."

—Matt. 9:37-38.

Mr. S. Gorman's Message to Conference.

Mr. President,—

In response to your gracious request I send this message of greeting to the Conference Missionary Demonstration.

Another year has flown and you are gathered to give thanks to our Heavenly Father, and in the furtherance of Home and Overseas' Missions, to inspire and sustain, by increased effort, such wonderful work. How you must all rejoice to learn of the God-crowned success of the Doctor and all the other workers in saving both soul and body of the once degraded, unhappy, head-hunting Solomon Islanders.

You all know that for 38 years the glad word has rung out over those benighted, sin-cursed Islands—"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." You also know what wonders, under God's blessing, have been wrought. But because much has been achieved we may not rest, thinking there is nothing further to do. No! No! for the trumpet still sounds its clarion call—Advance! Advance! Let us then march on to further victories, for there is still very, very much to be done.

Listen! Can't you hear the Macedonian cry "Come over and help us!"? Shall we turn a deaf ear to those who plead so earnestly? God forbid. Rather—a thousand times rather—let us with all our might hasten the further transformation of those islands of the seas.

Our noble women are challenging us by their ever-increasing efforts. Others are giving, in large or small amounts, to the point of sacrifice. There is great joy in this giving for God never remains in our debt. We are the debtors whatever we do. Our missionaries are giving their very life—and some fall by the way—while we have but to find the ammunition, and by our prayers sustain those who are so constrained by the love of Christ.

So let us catch afresh the vision glorious that came to the divinely inspired composer of the Hallelujah Chorus—Christ shall reign, King of kings, Lord of lords for ever and ever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! By our Missionary Enterprise we shall hasten the glad day when from

every kindred and tribe and tongue men will be brought to God, and among that host that no man can number will be multitudes of Maoris and Solomon Islanders who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. And we also shall be there in our Father's Home, having trusted in Jesus and been washed snow white in the crimson blood of the Lamb—all unmerited and free. Hallelujah! What a Saviour! Amen.

M.W.M.U. STAMP DEPARTMENT.

In all ages in all countries the dread disease of leprosy involves seclusion, isolation, excommunication. In Leviticus, we read about the rules and sacrifices in the cleansing of the leper. The only Old Testament cure by miracle was that of Naaman, the Syrian (2 Kings 5). In the New Testament we read in Luke 5:12-14 of the leper pleading to be made clean. Jesus, the Pure One did not hesitate to break the law by touching the leper and instantly the wonderful miracle was accomplished but He commanded him to go to the priest and offer for cleansing those things which Moses commanded for a testimony unto them.

The stamp pictured was issued by Egypt on the occasion of the Leprosy Congress held at Cairo early in 1938. It shows a flowering branch of a shrub from which is obtained an oil which is proving of value in the treatment of this horrible disease.



The British Empire Leprosy Relief Association distributes large quantities of the drug and supplies seeds for cultivation so that in time British possessions affected will have their own supplies.

Will all our readers save their used postage stamps and send them to local auxiliary agents or to Miss Purdie, 269 Highgate, Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.1.

Thy Kingdom Come.

INSPIRATION FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT, 1939.

By some, in these days, it is counted good to hold our own in affairs of the Kingdom. But year by year we, as a Foreign Mission Department, are privileged to think and plan in terms of Advance. This does not mean there are no disappointments, set-backs or failures. Such are frequent and at times almost heartbreaking, but in spite of them and sometimes because of them, the Kingdom of God continues to grow in the Solomons. It is with full hearts that we humbly thank Almighty God and heartily congratulate Mr. Goldie and his colleagues on the Field for the rich harvest of 1939.

With joy we report the following increases on last year's returns:—4 Churches; 6 other Preaching Places; 10 Local Preachers; 7 Class Leaders; 30 Senior Members; 124 Junior Members; 6 Sunday Schools and 187 Scholars; 6 Day Schools, 8 Teachers, and 356 Scholars; and 480 Adherents. After 38 years' work in the Solomons, we record 5,451 senior members; 3,309 junior members; and 16,831 adherents; while 4,401 scholars are being taught by 280 teachers in 224 Schools. What great things God hath wrought!

The most vital and important question asked in the Synod is "What is the Spiritual State of our Circuits, and can any measures be adopted to promote the Work of God therein?" This question was answered by encouraging and optimistic reports which have been forwarded to the Board, and an outline of work for 1940 that challenges the faith and generosity of the whole Church.

It is particularly encouraging to note that results have amply justified the extension work undertaken in recent years. At Kihili, for instance, we are already seeing a gratifying development of the work made possible by the appointment of a Teaching Sister. In spite of the upset caused by some severe earthquakes, the Rev. A. H. Voyce is able to report 120 students at the station where there were only 54 last year; 57 on the Kindergarten

roll that began the year with 23; and an increase on the Sunday School roll from 30 to 60. Sister Ada Lee has also 42 girls in the Home, including 7 small orphans.

Another pleasing evidence of the spiritual vitality of the Native Church is its generous contribution of service and money. In spite of the fact that copra has continued at an abnormally low price throughout the year, the contributions amount to £1,705, Government grants amount to £281, and sales of produce to £189, making the total income from the Field £2,175.

Medical.

The year has been outstanding from the point of view of medical work. Dr. Rutter's quarterly reports which have been published in the "Open Door" and "Methodist Times" indicate something of the great service being rendered. The new Clara Matilda Gorman and Samuel Gorman Wards have greatly facilitated the work at the Helena Goldie Hospital. Each ward has accommodation for 25 patients, and there have been times when one or the other of the wards has been overcrowded.

There has been an average attendance at the out-patients' department of 5,626 per month . . . 157.5 per day. In addition to these remarkable figures many thousand treatments have been given by the Doctor on patrol and by European and Native workers in other parts of the District.

During the year Dr. Rutter has carried out some important medical patrols of various parts of the District, including Choiseul and the Marovo Lagoon.

A number of native medical assistants who have been in charge of out-stations for a number of years are being transferred to the base hospital for a refresher course, while other medical trainees take their place.

The appointment of Sister Grace McDonald to the Roviana Hospital enabled Sister Vera Cannon to take up special

Medical Patrol work on Choiseul that was long overdue. Sister Vera Cannon has proved herself specially adapted for this difficult task, and Dr. Rutter and Rev. J. R. Metcalfe report very appreciatively of her work.

The Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest.

The above brief statement of the Medical work and its possibilities helps to a clearer understanding of the vital importance of the Special Medical Fund which was established to maintain the continuity of the work. This fund now stands at £15,233, and of this total the Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest has contributed £11,433. A year ago this noble bequest stood at £8,500, and it has been augmented during 1939 by £2,933.

Once again we express our deep gratitude to Mr. Gorman and pray that his beautiful gifts may challenge others to help build up the Special Medical Fund, and thus ensure the continuity of the Ministry of Healing.

Educational.

It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of the far-reaching work of our schools and colleges. Synod recorded its gratification at the favourable reports of Village Schools. There has been an increase in schools, scholars and teachers. Although the equipment is still meagre, the teachers are receiving more assistance every year, and a gradual improvement in the quality of the teachers and teaching is evident. Good use has been made of the text books specially prepared for village schools, and a request has come to Synod for more. In some parts of our district the village schools are not very effective, and better leaders are required. On the whole, however, we have very much to be thankful for, and praise God for the extension of the work in this department.

Excellent work is also being done at the various Circuit Training Institutions, but more care is to be exercised in the selection of trainees. Synod expressed gratitude for another splendid year of achievement at the District Training Institution, Roviana. The training of Native Teachers is one of the most important and exacting departments of our work, and the Church is fortunate in having able and devoted

leaders to guide the native youth into avenues of Christian service. It is gratifying to have the assurance of a constant band of trained workers proceeding to all corners of our District from the Training Institution, and that there is no dearth of candidates.

Sister Ethel McMillan . . . Semi-Jubilee.

October, 1939, marked the 25th anniversary of Sister Ethel McMillan's arrival in the Solomons. We thank God for the high service and loving devotion of Sister Ethel, and affectionately congratulate her upon the attainment of her semi-jubilee in the Solomons. It is fitting that the following resolution of the Solomon Islands Synod should be embodied in this Report, and it will express the mind of the Board:



Native Maternity Nurses trained by Sister Ethel McMillan and reared from infancy in the Home. The three babies they hold were born in the Home within two days, and their mothers are all old girls of the Home.

"This Synod places on its record its sincerest appreciation of the twenty-five years of splendid service rendered by Sister Ethel McMillan in the Solomon Islands Mission District. The value of the work done by sister Ethel cannot be fully assessed by any but the Master Himself,

but the whole of the Methodist Church in New Zealand and the Solomon Islands joins in expressing its gratitude to Almighty God for her twenty-five years of self-sacrificing labour, so gladly given to the women and children of the Solomons, and so richly owned and blessed by Him. Sister Ethel's devotion to her work, her loyalty to Christ and His teaching, and her loving unselfish care for her dark-skinned people have borne throughout the years a rich harvest of souls won for God, and she will ever live in the hearts of the many she has been the means of saving. We pray that Sister Ethel may be enabled to continue her great work for yet many years."

Rice Hulling Plant.

After considerable delay, the rice hulling plant ordered for Kihili reached Kieta just prior to Synod, and Mr. Voyce hopes to have it working early in 1940. We are hopeful that this plant will help to solve the food problem associated with many of our stations.

Conclusion.

While in a number of circuits, particularly in Otago, there has been increased giving, there has been a serious decline in numerous places, and in two Districts almost every circuit has returned less than last year. The total income from circuits is actually £162 less than last year, which is serious in view of the continual expansion of the Work in the Solomons. The war, higher taxation, and trade restriction have doubtless diminished the effective income of some people, but the majority still spend freely and the Board earnestly urges upon the whole of New Zealand Methodism our sacred duty to the Solomons, where the people depend on us for all that is highest and best in life. In these days of national and international crisis we must be more loyal than ever to our Work and Workers in the Solomons, and heed as never before the call of the Master, to preach His gospel to every creature.

Inspiration from North Canterbury Y.M.B.C. Union.

The North Canterbury Young Men's Bible Class Union has ever maintained a deep missionary interest. That this interest is not abated in these days of many distractions is evidenced by the following extract from a letter of Mr. Dennis Lane—the Union Secretary:—

"I have much pleasure in advising you that our Union has undertaken the support of Rev. Nathan Kera in the Solomon Islands provided the financial responsibility does not exceed £30 per annum." . . . "We are undertaking this in addition to our responsibility to our Movement, so that some special effort will be involved."

The Mission Board has been greatly encouraged by this fine gesture and is deeply grateful. We are confident that the North Canterbury Union will experience much joy and spiritual impetus from its close association with Nathan Kera who is doing splendid work at Bambatana, the head station of the Choiseul Circuit, and will be due for ordination next year.



Rev. Nathan Kera with wife and child.

A Cry that Was Answered.

SOLOMON ISLANDS WANTING A MISSIONARY.

FROM THE AUSTRALASIAN METHODIST MISSIONARY REVIEW, Dec. 6, 1898.

For some time past the missionaries in Fiji and the Board of Missions have received most earnest appeals from a number of Solomon Islanders residing in Fiji for the appointment of a white missionary or Fijian native minister to accompany them back to their own homes. These men are many of them members of our Church in Fiji, some are local preachers, and several have been educated at our training institutions. They are anxious to return to their own land, but refuse to go unless they can have a minister and teachers to take charge of them. They have been urged to place themselves under the charge of the Melanesian Mission, and it is to this that they refer in their remarks "concerning the church which is at Ngela and Bukotu." The case was brought under the notice of the Bishop of Melanesia about two years ago, but nothing has been done as yet. The General Secretary was waited upon by a large deputation of about fifty of these people during his recent visit to Fiji, the most pathetic appeals were made to him that a native minister and teachers might be appointed to go with them to their own island homes. "When we came to Fiji," they said, "New Guinea was a heathen land, and now we hear how the work of God has prospered there, whilst our land is still full of darkness. Why have you no love for us?" The Board has now received a letter, dated Suva, September 28th, of which the following is the translation made in Fiji by one of the European residents there. To Dr. Brown, the Great Elder, Sydney: Sir,

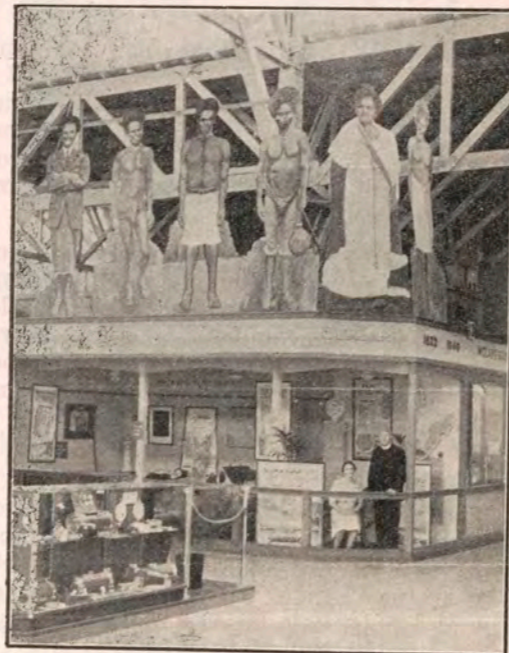
We write again to you concerning our request made in the Jubilee Church in the past year. We made our request to the Elder in Fiji (Rev. H. Worrall), and he approved and submitted it to you.

Once again this is our prayer to you, the Great Elder: Pity us, that our desire may be brought to pass, and the Gospel may be brought to our land.

Another thing. Concerning the Church which is at Ngela and Bukotu, we do not disrespect that Church, but we know that it has been a long time there; it has been 30 years, but does not grow up and spread rapidly to Christianise all the people, that they may know the true light, as we know the truth of the Gospel. Therefore, we beg of you that they may be enlightened as we are. It is our true desire that our land may be enlightened.

Remember, sir, the word which the Lord spoke to His followers: "The harvest is ripe, but there are no reapers." Therefore, we beseech you, the Elder, to send some men and go and save the people who are in spiritual darkness.

It is the desire of us, fifty persons, that a white missionary and also a native minister be sent to reside on Guadalcanar, that they may go and shepherd the flock



Centennial Exhibition—Methodist section of Church Court during Foreign Mission period.

of sheep who are wandering in the wilderness of sin, etc.

This Sir, is our prayer to you, the Great Elder.

We close with love to you.

(Sg.) "William Lu."

"And all my young men residing in Suva, Fiji."

Resolution of Mission Board, Annual Meeting.

THE CLARA MATILDA AND SAMUEL GORMAN BEQUEST.

This Annual Meeting of the Mission Board sends its affectionate greeting to Mr. S. Gorman of Nelson, and thanks God for the vision and continued benefactions of this wonderful friend of Missions. During the past year Mr. Gorman, in addition to his many other gifts, has contributed a further £2,933 to the noble bequest that bears his name and that of his late dear wife, and which now totals £11,433.

This rapidly-growing bequest is playing a very important part in the maintenance

and extension of the Ministry of Healing in the Solomons and encourages the Board to face the future with confidence. An adequate Medical Fund will enable the Doctor and the Synod to plan a long distance policy in the alleviation of suffering, prevention of disease and the training of a native medical ministry. We are profoundly grateful that Mr. Gorman has set his hand and his heart to this great task with such noble generosity and extend to him our heartfelt thanks.

MAINTAIN THE DOCTOR FUND.

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous contributions:—

Sefton B.C.	12	6
Mrs. H. Blackwell, Kaiapoi	50	0 0
"Friend"—Morton Mains	10	0
Miss G. Burs, Te Awamutu	10	0
Wharehine Ladies' Guild	1	10 0
Pakiri Camp	1	5 9
Mr. and Mrs. Nuttall, Wakefield	1	0 0
Durham St.	2	18 6
"Well-wisher"—Dundas St.	1	0 0
"Cashmere"	5	0 0
"In loving memory," Miss E. Tregurtha, Wakanui	5	0 0
Mrs. J. E. Moore	2	0 0
H. L. Frampton	10	0 0
Miss G. J. Greaves	5	0 0
Mrs. H. D. Butterick	5	0 0
A. Frampton	5	0 0
Mrs. E. M. McKenzie, Mt. Eden	1	0 0
Raetihi	10	6 0
"Anon"	25	0 0
Wesley Trust, Taranaki St.	100	0 0
Maori Hill	5	0 0
Pitt St. Trust	50	0 0
Miss Grogan	1	1 0
"Anon," Dunedin Central	10	0 0
Newmarket Goodwill Club	15	0 0
"Three Pals," Masterton	10	0 0
John Saunders, Carterton	1	0 0
"Anon," Hutt	1	0 0
'Nights of Magic' per Rev. A. E. Carr	28	12 9
Cashmere Junior B.C., per Miss I. K. Croasdale	5	5 0
"Kia Ora," Hamilton	2	6 0
"Anon," "In Memory of a loved one"	5	0 0

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND.

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous contributions:—

Rotorua Circuit	2	0 0
Mrs. E. White, Mt. Eden	2	0 0
F. M. Stone	1	0 0
Mrs. Collis, Stratford	10	0 0

A FINE EFFORT.

The "Maintain the Doctor Fund" has been further helped by a fine effort on the part of Miss Ivy K. Croasdale and her Junior Bible Class at Cashmere. There are only six young girls in this class, but by eager co-operation with their devoted leader and by the work of their own hands they raised the splendid sum of £5/5/-. This is a striking instance of what can be done for the needy Solomons by consecrated love and organisation.

A Good Collector.

David Parker is one of a devoted band of collectors who year by year assist Mr. C. L. S. Green in the Foreign Mission work of Trinity, Wellington South. During the past four years David has collected a total of £16/13/5 and we congratulate him very heartily upon a really fine achievement. Thank you, David, may your bow long abide in strength!

WOMEN'S PAGES

M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's
Missionary Union of
New Zealand.

Epsom, S.E.3.,
February, 1940.

Dear Fellow-members,—

This year seems to have taken a flying start, there having been little time to "stand and stare." Yet, as we have at times, "been still" with God under the star-lit skies, we have realised the wastage of worry and hurry. We have heard His message:

Fret not. In haste are no high prizes won,

Creation is by patient, singing toil.

F. M. Board.

The Annual Meeting brought Island Synod reports of continued progress on all stations, but great difficulties are being faced by our workers. Dr. Rutter stresses the need of a leprosarium. On each patrol trip that he takes he finds cases of leprosy, but he has no accommodation for them at hospital. Good headway had been made with school work at Kihili since Ada Lee started work there. Mrs. Voyce has done wonders, but has had such varied claims upon her time. Sister has 57 on the kindergarten roll and has had as many as 45 girls in her home, including several orphan babes. Teop still has no Sister. The people are begging for one, and what a relief it would be to Mr. and Mrs. Alley! There are many open doors for us to enter. The native people have striven hard to make their thank-offering a worthy one. In spite of the low price of copra they have raised £115/10/- more than the estimate set down for them.

Auxiliary Items.

You will be planning your work for the year. May I remind you to give praise and prayer a very definite place. Perhaps at your next meeting you would use the new Prayer List for your devotional session. Please note the Sunday, 2 p.m. fellowship, when we are linked with one another as we pray. Our thanks are extended to Mrs. Hodder, who drew up this prayer list, for the lead that she has given.

We are glad to welcome Balclutha Auxiliary as our newest group.

Solomon Notes.

Reports have come of the safe arrival of gift boxes. Sisters are grateful that they have been able to provide gifts for 'Xmas trees, frocks, etc., for the girls, and replenish towels, soap, and school requisites. The old linen and bottles were appreciated by the hospital folk.

Dr. and Mrs. Rutter and Sister Vera have had an adventurous three weeks' patrol of Choiseul Island. At least Doctor started with them, but after a few days was called off in the middle of the night by S.D.A. pastor, who requested his immediate aid for their nurse at Duki. All was bustle on the launch getting Doctor, plus bed and equipment, bundled on board the S.D.A. boat. Then started a series of happenings that would have daunted most men, let alone two women, knowing nothing of navigation and not much of the district nor language. Sister Vera and Mrs. Rutter faced wild seas, night trips through dangerous reefs—on account of anchorages proving unsafe—crocodiles disporting round their canoe, long bush walks through teeming rain, etc. But the medical survey was carried through! Already the fact of having Sister Vera moving from village to village is resulting in the improved health of the people. Tribute was paid to the neat villages and well cared-for homes and children in several places where there is a good teacher and his wife.

Sister Ethel was given a surprise ceremony on the 25th anniversary of her arrival in the Solomons. Mr. Metcalfe, with the help of Sister Vera and the native leaders, had arranged a gala dinner and then staged a torch-light procession. Gifts varying from pumpkins to live opossums, armlets to baskets, were laid at the feet of an astonished but deeply touched Sister. The climax of the celebration was a service in the church and lantern pictures. Sister at last found her

voice, "My heart is full to overflowing to God for all His goodness to us."

Mrs. Metcalfe is back again at Choiseul. Sisters Merle and Joy have added to their work in hospital, home, choir and gardens by commencing a Sunday School at Bilua. Already about 50 children are on the roll.

All have big tasks, much too big for them in their own strength. Let us not fail our workers, but pray more earnestly and more consistently—then we shall prove that God will make it possible for us to give more also.

During these Lenten days we are constrained, by our love to a Christ who gave all, to a fuller giving of ourselves.

Greetings from

Yours sincerely,
EMILY M. RISHWORTH.

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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES.

LOWER HUTT.

The membership of the Hutt Auxiliary now stands at 34 and good work has been done by the members during the last 12 months. Successful functions include a Garden Party, a concert and a jumble sale. Since August, we have been working under a temporary President. This lady, though suffering greatly through ill health, is doing much to uphold missionary ideals and foster the spiritual life of the auxiliary.

A birthday league has also been formed and although it has only been in existence a short time it has increased our funds considerably. The Easter offering has been re-instated after a lapse of several years, and we hope to make our gifts in this direction larger as time goes on. Gift afternoons were held for both Home

and Overseas Sisters and resulted in a good collection of parcels for both these fields of service.

MANAWATU DISTRICT.

The good work goes steadily on. Sister Rita Snowden's visit was warmly appreciated wherever she went. Evening meetings, to which the men of the church were invited, have been held in several places, with varying degrees of success.

Rongotea, for some years fostered by Palmerston North as a Branch—have launched out as a separate Auxiliary, while Feilding now has three Branches, two in outlying places as well as the Evening Branch.

Interest in collecting of Stamps: forwarding of clothes to Maori Deaconess and in Kurahuna, Penny-per-week-per-member scheme, is steadily growing.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

On the whole Missionary Activities in the South Auckland district continue to make progress.

We have 12 Auxiliaries. Ten hold meetings proper and two combine their missionary interests with their Ladies' Guild. During recent months two new branches have been formed and we believe interest is keen. It is pleasing to know that at Te Kuiti, several of our Maori sisters have become members of that Auxiliary.

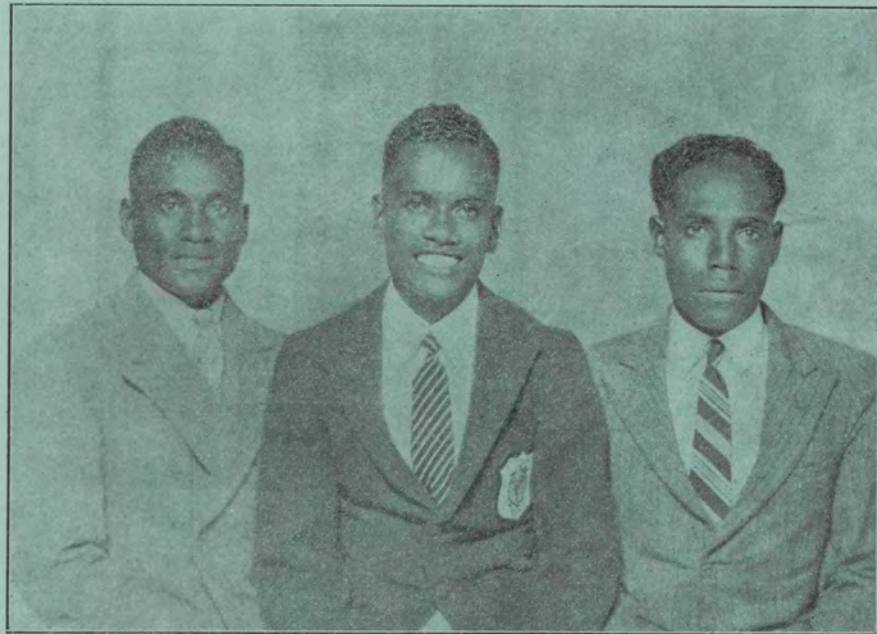
WELLINGTON.

A Centennial Tea-party was held recently by the Wellington Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Mrs. Nicholson, who presided, extended a warm welcome to all present and particularly to Sister Edna White (Solomon Islands). Shoulder sprays were presented to Mesdames Kellow, Stokes, Lynneberg and Moxham, each of these ladies having been members of the Wellington Auxiliary for 30 years or more. Competitions, solos, duets and elocutionary items comprised a most enjoyable programme. Afternoon tea was also served and an opportunity for friendly chat concluded a very happy function.

FOREIGN MISSION DEPUTATION PLAN, 1940.

DISTRICT	TIME	DEPUTATION.
Auckland	May 5-24	REVS. E. C. LEADLEY and A. H. SCRIVIN
North Auckland	To be Arranged	
South Auckland	June 2-21	REVS. A. H. SCRIVIN, V. Le C. BINET and F. H. HAYMAN
Taranaki-Wanganui	March 24-April 18	REV. A. H. SCRIVIN
Hawkes-Bay Manawatu	June 16th-July 12	REVS. E. C. LEADLEY and A. H. SCRIVIN
Wellington	April 21-May 1 May 26-June 13	REVS. A. H. SCRIVIN and E. C. LEADLEY
Nelson	September 15-October 3	REV. A. H. SCRIVIN
North Canterbury	August 25-September 12	REVS. A. H. SCRIVIN A. A. BENSLEY and A. N. SCOTTER
South Canterbury	August 4-22	REV. A. H. SCRIVIN
Otago-Southland	October 20-November 14	REVS. A. H. SCRIVIN and A. N. SCOTTER

Maintain the Doctor.



John Wesley Kere.
Gordon Pabulu. *Ezekiel Kopana.*

THREE OF OUR ROVIANA STUDENTS AT PRESENT BEING TRAINED AT THE MEDICAL SCHOOL, SUVA, FIJI.

A Leper Hospital is urgently needed.

Form of Bequest.

The following FORM OF BEQUEST may be used by persons who wish to bequeath a sum of money to the Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand:—

I give to the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand, the sum ofpounds sterling to be paid out of my personal estate in aid of the said Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be a sufficient discharge.

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