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Add "Methodist Mission" to every Address.

Received too late for inclusion in news matter.

Rev. John F. GOLDIE.

Mr. Goldie, the greatly-honoured Chairman of our Solomon Islands District, recently underwent an urgent operation at the Helena Goldie Hospital. Dr. A. G. Rutter, who performed the operation, writes:—"Delighted to be able to report that he is making a splendid convalescence, and in another eight or nine days I hope we shall begin to get him on his feet again.

We thank God that the doctor and hospital were available to this great missionary in his urgent need. Mr. S. Gorman and others who have made it possible to send back and maintain the Doctor will specially rejoice that thus our beloved and veteran Chairman has been spared to the Work to which he has so richly consecrated his life.

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Missionary Retrenchment Must Not Be.

Under the above heading, the President of the British Conference makes an urgent call upon every Methodist. After presiding at the General Missionary Committee, he writes: "I do not think I have been in a Committee where such grave and thrilling issues have been faced. In these days of the world's desperate spiritual need, every Methodist should give, and give yet again, in prayer, in subscription and in labour, that this work shall not fail . . ."

"The retrenchment of missionaries was openly mentioned as an inevitable step if the decline (of income) goes on. Fellow-Methodists, this must not be! The tremendous issues at stake, the deep spiritual values brought into jeopardy, the demonstrated efficiency of Christian effort in lands overseas call to us for support. We must save our missions while saving our home churches. In them God may have His own way of redeeming us also."

In the Solomons our workers carry on bravely and continue to advance the borders of the Kingdom. The Rev. A. H. Joyce writes: "I am just back from a tour of Siwai and Nagavisi. Been to all the mountain stations and found it hard going. Gave nearly 1500 injections of N.A.B., opened new churches, and baptised dozens of people who had been on probation for twelve months. Received several requests for new teachers, but had to compromise in the meantime." Similar inspiring and challenging messages reach us by almost every mail.

The Chairman, however, writes gravely of the financial outlook and has conferred personally with all his colleagues regarding the need for the utmost possible economy. By the sale, early this year, of last years gift copra, we are hopeful that the estimated Islands income for 1940 will be reached. But with the almost total collapse of the copra market, what of the future? Our Lord's injunction "Be not over anxious for the morrow" does not lib-

erate the Mission Board from grave concern regarding the Pre-Allocation on which the Islands Synod must base its Estimates for 1941. That Pre-Allocation has just been fixed at £10,800 which is £1000 less than it should be. This figure covers the Medical work including that among the lepers. The Board recognised that while the Native Church will give gladly to the point of great sacrifice its financial resources have almost entirely disappeared through the collapse of the copra market. The Solomon Islands contribution last year was £2175 and under the present difficult circumstances the estimated income for next year of £1360 is very optimistic.

The Pre-Allocation is also based on the assumption that the Missionary income in New Zealand will be maintained at the present level and here again, in view of the extra taxation and numerous other war demands, the Board has exercised a large faith—faith in God whose work it has been called to do and faith in Methodism whose founder claimed the World as his parish.

There is a way by which the hindrance to the Work in the Solomons, threatened by the reduced allocation, may be removed—a way that will bring joy and satisfaction to all who take it. It is the way of really sacrificial giving and earnest prayer. In spite of extra war costs, many Methodists still spend freely on themselves. By increasing their Foreign Mission contribution and giving a few minutes extra each day in prayer they can make it gloriously possible for the Board and the Missionaries on the Field to more adequately meet the needs of those who cry out so eagerly for the Gospel.

We shall all agree with the President of the British Conference that "Missionary Retrenchment Must Not Be" but let us go further and by our giving and prayer affirm that **We Must Advance** until the Solomons are won for Jesus Christ.

Message from the Vice-President—Mr. D. J. Wesley

Interested observers must be impressed with the wonderful results achieved by the efforts of the Methodist Church in its Foreign Mission field in the Solomon Islands. Year after year reveals steady development and education of that once heathen people. Recent reports show a consolidation and extension almost undreamed of by the pioneers, which, in a large measure, is due to the continued loyal financial support of the undertaking from its inception. The Church has, indeed, been fortunate in the exceptional ability of the missionaries sent to the field. The self-sacrificing work involved in training boys to be Teachers of the Word of God, attending to the needs of the people in outlying villages, development in the skill and handiwork of the girls, the teaching to cook, care for the young, and the other necessary duties which tend to

establish a civilised community, are worthy of our praise and support.

Conditions arising out of the present war have deprived our cause of much of its copra revenue, thus entailing additional sacrifices.

In this great Missionary field there are to-day 249 churches and other preaching places with 5,451 senior and 3,309 junior native members; 23 schools and over 1,000 Sunday school scholars and 224 day schools with 4,400 scholars, and the magnitude of the work and its results should challenge us here in New Zealand to greater sacrifice in order that the Work of God in the Solomons shall not be hindered at a time when He is opening doors of opportunity on every hand.

Apart from annual donations, practically the only organised effort to secure funds and clothing, are those made by the Methodist Women's Missionary Union, who have been liberally supported in their past work; the organisation to-day placing it in a position to continue self-sacrificing efforts for the material and spiritual needs of the natives.

Reports indicate that a Government School Inspector who recently visited the Islands, spoke in the highest praise of the work carried out in the Methodist Missionary Schools. Although the international turmoil demands much sacrifice, there are many reasons why the work should have continued support, and I would urge our members and supporters to make a grand Centennial financial effort to maintain and further develop the work in the Solomons, thereby helping the natives to help themselves, and teaching them the way of righteousness.

EVANGELISE THE SOLOMONS

MAINTAIN THE DOCTOR

EXTEND THE MINISTRY OF
HEALING,

EDUCATE THE RACE AND GIVE
TO THE PEOPLE GOD'S WORD
IN THEIR OWN TONGUE.



Mr. D. J. WESNEY—Vice-President.

WILL — YOU — HELP?

Leper Policy.

BUILDING AND MAINTAINING THE LEPER HOSPITAL.

At last Conference and subsequently deep interest has been shown in the effort to minister to the urgent needs of numerous lepers in our Solomon Islands District. In our March number we briefly stated the position in an article entitled "Cleansing the Lepers." Dr. Rutter's earnest appeal "I do hope and pray that we may be able to make a forward step in this matter" has called forth a generous response from a few whose ears have been open to the cry of the leper. £265 has reached us for the Leprosarium and a further £250 has been ear-marked for this purpose in Centenary Thanksgiving promises.

Dr. Rutter's scheme, outlined in the following extracts from recent letters has the full approval of the Mission Board and will, we are confident, command the whole-hearted support of our people in New Zealand.

"Re leper work:—It is tremendously heartening to feel the interest and support of the New Zealand folk so energetically expressed at Mission Board and Conference. This is of course a very special work, and one which must be a recurring expenditure . . . So far as the bulidings are concerned, I am glad to report that

we have nearly completed two very nice houses which will take four patients each for a start, though I originally designed them for only two. I had forty to sixty boys working for a week on these, and they are finished except for the walls which are not a very big task . . . I am not in favour at present, I think, of putting up European buildings. It is far better that the lepers should live under as "natural" conditions as possible, and come to form a little village run in all ways like a normal village.

Maintenance is another matter of course. At the moment we have six resident lepers, whom we have to provide with all their food—say £6 per head per annum. Other expenses and medicines probably bring the cost of maintenance up to the region of £10 per head per annum. Once established on the new site however, I think they should be able to grow a large proportion of their own food, and I don't think the cost should be much more than £5 per annum. Possibly I am over-optimistic here—I think the Melanesian Mission allow more than that—but I think it could be done. It is unlikely I think that we should have more than fifteen lepers in at any one time. That gives you

an idea of the possible cost. Once properly organised we should be able to care for twice our present number at about the same cost as at present. The first six months or so of a patient's admission would, of course, cost more until he got a garden into bearing. Allowance would have to be made for sick patients unable to work."

It is clear from Dr. Rutter's modest estimates that the maintenance of the
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First Leper Hospital. The new Leprosarium will consist of a number of native buildings with adjacent gardens.

Kokengolo Junior School.

Further extract from a Review of the Educational and Related Activities of the Methodist Mission as observed by Mr. W. C. Groves, B.A., Dip. Ed., Educational Advisor to the Government, British Solomon Islands, 1939.

This department is run on up-to-date lines by the two European teaching sisters of the Mission. It is attended mainly by local village children, its kindergarten classes being used in connection with the teaching practice and training in village school technique of the senior teacher-trainees. In other words, these classes represent a type of practising school for student-trainees, and are run in association with the higher training institution.

This is in line with regular practice in Australian teachers' colleges, where much attention is given to the rural school practice aspect of the training. Kokengolo is the only institution for teacher training in the Protectorate where this important work is carried out, except at the South Sea Evangelical Mission training institution at Onepusu, where a modified form is in existence to meet the special Malaita conditions. In this as in so much else, the Methodist Mission educational system is considerably in advance of the other Missions; and this is due, I am convinced, to the fact that the work is in the hands of European teachers trained on modern lines. The need for such teachers has not been generally recognised by the Missions in the Protectorate, and it is one which should be stressed by the Government.

Naturally, the syllabus, standard of work and methods at this junior school are much in advance of those of village schools in charge of native teachers. The syllabus includes reading and related subjects in Roviana, and in elementary English in the higher grades: number; Kindergarten activities — action singing, play-way handicrafts, stories (local and others); drawing and Bible stories.

The enrolment at this school was 154 (105 boys and 49 girls), but this number included 42 in the overlapping grades, of whom 26 (22 boys and 4 girls) were boarders, the remainder attending from local

villages. Excluding these "middle department" pupils, the enrolment of the junior school was 112. These were managed by one European woman teacher, with the assistance of one or two regular native male teachers and different teaching practice trained groups. (The senior lady teacher was on furlough at the time of my visit.)

The kindergarten section of this junior school represented the best standard of educational work I saw within the Methodist field — and indeed, now that I have seen pretty widely over all phases of the educational work of the various Missions, the best of all the school work I have seen in the Protectorate. My only criticism is that the numbers were too high for the classroom accommodation and for really thorough oversight.

Modern methods of teaching were employed; organisation was sound and procedure definite; there was a wide variety of activities and interests for the pupils; an excellent range of teaching aids and classroom equipment, mostly of the home-made variety prepared by the European teachers and useful as samples for teacher-trainees to copy; there was an air of definiteness and efficiency about the place; the little children obviously enjoyed all aspects of their daily school experience; in every particular, it represented a model junior (village standard) school.

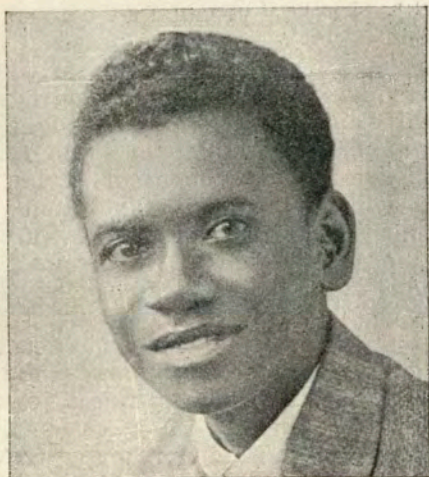
The small low table type of desk in use in the kindergarten grades was very suitable, enabling the children to assume a natural posture in the deskwork. I honestly am unable to suggest any lines for improvement or development of this work — except that one would like to see a more suitable building, apart from the main school buildings, set up as a model village school on the lines of the rural practising schools associated with Australian teachers' colleges.

A New Life in a New Home.

By JOHN WESLEY KERE.

John Wesley Kere is one of three Solomon Islands' students from our Roviana College taking the Native Medical Practitioner course at the Medical School, Suva, Fiji. Our readers will be greatly interested in this account of his experiences.

Many of you readers of the "Open Door" will be interested to know who the person is, where he is, and what he is doing. Now let me tell you, my name will appear at the end of this article. I am now in the Fiji Medical School, studying medicine and surgery for a four-year course to be a Native Medical Practitioner in the future.



John Wesley Kere.

My First Impression.

During my first arrival in Fiji I was received by the chairman of the Methodist Mission and two of my old companions, namely, Hughie Wheatley and his younger brother Kitchener. Hughie Wheatley is well known to the old boys of Paerata Wesley College and to many of our people in New Zealand. Both these lads are now on medical service with the British Government in the Solomon Islands. When I arrived in Suva, the place is entirely different from that of Roviana or Tulagi. There are huge buildings and the people hurry to and fro. Taxis, lorries, bicycles and motor-bikes are numerous. The most amazing thing I've ever seen in my life is the Indian race here in Fiji. When I

arrived here, I saw the Indian women wearing a great big piece of cloth on their heads, anything from four to six feet long. I thought they were Sisters from a hospital nearby. I remember asking Hughie Wheatley why you have so many Sisters as these. He answered and said, "These are not Sisters, they are Indians. This first sight I will never forget as long as I live.

The Methodist Church in Suva can hold a congregation of about 500 people. Everything is conducted in Fijian language, therefore it is difficult for us to understand, but we enjoy singing the hymns because the tunes are familiar.

The Central Medical School.

The founder was the late Dr. G. Corney. During those past years only students from Fiji were trained in this institution. The number did not exceed 19 students.

In the years 1927-1929 the Rockefeller Foundation took interest in this institution, so a representative was sent all around the Pacific Islands to see the health of the people. When he arrived back in Fiji, various islands in the Pacific offered to send a certain number of students to be trained in Fiji, so that when they qualify they will go back to their respective islands to carry out their duty as healers of the body and, as confirmed by the Director of Medical Services, Fiji, recently "Healers of the body as well as the soul."

At present the school is of a four-year course. There are 46 students from different islands in the Pacific, namely, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, etc., etc. The years are divided into three classes: Junior Class, 1st and 2nd years; Intermediate Class, 3rd years, and Senior Class 4th years, in which I am included.

There are ten different languages spoken by the students who are of six different religions, so it is a bit of fun when all

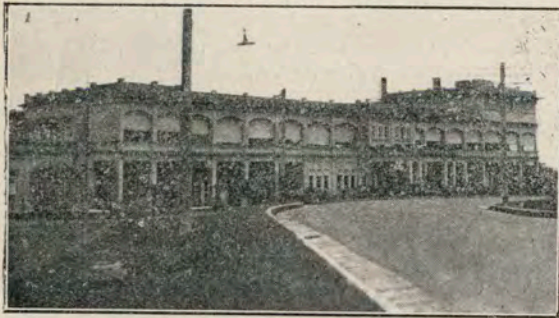
the students gather together during meals and start to speak in their respective languages.

Games and sports are popular, such as Rugby, tennis, table tennis and cricket, and I am very proud to say that during the year 1939-40 the Central Medical School 1st XI. won the Sir Harry Luke Cricket Shield. There were ten teams—Europeans, Natives and Indians. Nine games were played, won 8, lost 1. Ezekiel Kopana and I represent Solomon Islands in the C.M.S. 1st XI. Instrument are very numerous, and on certain nights of the week we are entertained by some fellow students.

Lectures given in the Central Medical School are as follows:—

Juniors: Biology, Chemistry and Physics; Intermediate: Anatomy and Physiology, Anaesthetic, Materia Medica; Seniors: Medicine, Surgery, Midwifery, Public Health, Diseases of the Children, Forensic Medicine, etc.

During the months of June and Decem-



SUVA HOSPITAL.

Where the students receive their clinical training.

ber we have two weeks' holiday. The life here is absolutely new to me and also the place, therefore you will see that it is rather a hard life, but as the Word of God says, "Whom He calls, He qualifies. Those who follow Him, He sustains. Those who obey Him can never fail ultimately."

This is only a brief account of this new life in this new home. We are quite happy here together, but our minds are still in the hearts of our people and our native land.

I must express my particular gratitude to the Rev. A. H. Scrivin, General Secre-

tary of our Mission and the Editor of the "Open Door," who has given to me the privilege of writing this article for our missionary magazine.

Remember us here in Fiji in your daily prayers. Yours sincerely,

JOHN WESLEY KERE.

INCIDENTS IN A MEDICAL PATROL

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just swim fully dressed before going on board—rough on the clothes, of course.

Such an interesting series of events we have known since Saturday. Kaloe was visited on Sunday morning. This village is a heart-break, but the teacher and his wife are making a stout effort. Such dirt and superstition I've not met before.

Besides the usual run of cases I have found what I think to be an early leper and a small girl with a shocking eye infection. One eye is a horrible sight and is most certainly blind, so I am taking her with me in the hopes of saving her other eye. At present I am giving her two-hourly treatments on board. Vuralata was the next village and a big one, too. The local lads had an idea they would all like injections, and without a word lined up with their backs to me and the injection site bared. Needless to say, I did not oblige in every case. This was a remarkably healthy village.

Bilua once more after many travels. Allen went from Duki to Seqa on Tuesday night and Wednesday—an eighteen hour trip. He had several days at Seqa and surrounding villages and left for Ruravai on Sunday. My leper man is a definite case, and the little girl's bad eye infection has cleared up well. We've since discovered that a native cut the blind eye with bamboo to try and reduce the swelling. The hospital orderly's babe was very sick with what appeared to be a cerebral embolism, so we brought it with us to Bilua. Nasal feeds every few hours kept us out of mischief.

The whole trip has been most enjoyable from every aspect. Perfect weather throughout and any amount of interesting work. Several T.B.'s found and six new lepers. But oh! the need of Choiseul! Infant mortality is bad—some villages having very few children.

Stick to it at all Costs.

GOOD WORK AT SENGA—By DR. A. G. RUTTER.

We had an excellent trip round Choiseul. I took Sister Vera round to Seqa and left her there; she seemed tremendously pleased to be back there; and I must confess there is no other place on the field that gives me quite such a thrill, and which I so much enjoy visiting. Climate, beach, view, are all so ideal, and above all the people—so warmhearted, and so sincere in their welcome, and in their appreciation of what one does for them. We had amazingly good weather all the way round,—everyone over here expected us to be drowned, for it was very bad weather when we left. We visited most of the villages, and found things much better than on our first trip round, or even than last Dec. Sister Vera's work has made a tremendous difference, and I feel that this is one of the most important departments of our work. The difficulties are such that it needs very special attention. If retrenchment does come as a result of present hardships, we must stick to this at all costs! I very much hope that Sister Vera herself will come back to carry it on; I booked her passage home last week,—she intends to sail on the September steamer, and she tells me that she has every intention of returning for another term.

At Sasamaqa we opened a new hospital building, outpatients only, concrete floor and iron roof, built and largely paid for by the combined efforts of the natives on this side of the island. We also landed roofing iron and a tank at Polo, our new centre at the northern end of the island, and these, too, are being paid for by the natives of the Varese coast. At Seqa it was a real joy to have the new building both out-patient and wards to work in, and we very soon filled up the little hospital to capacity—seven patients is a maximum. Incidentally, one was a Roman Catholic and one a Seventh Day Adventist. I will refer again to these new buildings in my next quarterly report. I was able to do several minor operations in the new building, and the added opportunities it will give Sister Vera for more efficient and

more convenient working, cannot be appreciated by those who do not know the primitive conditions she had to work under before. They can hardly be called the last word in luxury now, but at least they are an improvement, and she is tremendously heartened by them.

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FAMILY NEWS FROM CHOISEUL.

My family of thirty (twenty girls and ten babies) are all well. Sister sent me a wee babe $3\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. when she was 17 days old. It travelled 110 miles before it arrived here. Her name is Joy, and she has been with us two months and now weighs $6\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. So that is not too bad. Doctor brought the last one. She is five weeks old. Her mother, a Choiseul woman, is a leper at Bilua. The babe was taken from her as soon as she was born and brought to me to rear. Louie, the leper girl, is responding well to treatment, Doctor says. So we are all very thankful for that. Yesterday another poor miserable baby boy of twelve months was brought to me by his father. His mother died a few weeks ago. The dear little chap, whose name is Johnnie, is feeling strange, but will soon get over that amongst my toddlers. This morning I saw them gathered around his little chair. They were clapping their hands and singing:

Happy welcome to you,
Happy welcome to you,
Happy welcome dear Johnnie,
Happy welcome to you.

Now, who could feel strange after that?

Stella Labuqila (whom Dalekale persecuted so) was married to Reuben at Bilua last month. Reuben is the son of a Chief and is needed in his own village, so Doctor has put Stella in charge of the medical work in that village. She should be a great help, with her five years' experience in the Home and three years at Bilua Hospital.

Doctor says Nancy, whom I reared, and Ella, who was in the Home for two years, are both doing well as nurses in the "Helena Goldie" Hospital.

M.W.M.U. Conference.

The Annual Conference of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union will meet from October 15th to 18th. Owing to war conditions, the venue has been changed from Nelson to Wellington. If the President of the Conference, Rev. L. B. Neale, is unable to preside at the opening social on the evening of the 15th, the Rev. Percy Paris Chairman of the Wellington District, will occupy the chair.

Miss E. M. Rishworth, the retiring President of the Union, will preside at the business sessions, and on the final day will induct the new President—Mrs. C. E. Taylor, of Feilding—and her Executive, who will direct the work of the Union for the following three years.

The Overseas Sisters will be represented by Sister Vera Cannon, and Sister Heeni Teira will take the platform on behalf of the Home Deaconesses. Other speakers will be the Revs. G. I. Laurenson and A. H. Scrivin, and the Rev. Walter Parker will deliver the pre-Communion address.

The business sessions will be fully occupied in discussing reports of the Union's activities and the financial statements.

The gratitude and appreciation of the Union—and, in fact, the whole Church—are due to Miss Rishworth and her Execu-



RETIRING DOMINION EXECUTIVE.

Mrs. Lewis, Secretary; Miss E. M. Rishworth, President; Mrs. Heighway, Treasurer—of Auckland.

tive for able and devoted leadership during the past three years. With confidence and the assurance of prayer and loyal support, the reins of office will be placed in the hands of Mrs. Taylor and her Executive.

We confidently bespeak the prayers of New Zealand Methodism that the forthcoming Conference may be guided and blessed by the Holy Spirit.

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leper settlement, including drugs, food, maintenance and replacement of buildings, transport, etc., will involve an additional annual cost of about £150. This represents a capital sum of about £4000 and the hands of the Mission Board would be greatly strengthened and the hearts of Dr. Rutter and Mr. Goldie, the needy lepers and the Great Healer who loved to cleanse them, will be cheered by the receipt of that amount.

We shall follow with eager interest the development of the Leprosarium and share the joy of those who return to their villages cleansed of the dread disease.

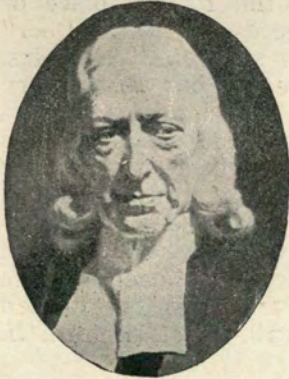
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INCOMING DOMINION EXECUTIVE.

Mrs. Flavall, Secretary; Mrs. C. E. Taylor, President; Mrs. Goldsmith, Treasurer—of Feilding

CENTENARY THANKSGIVING FUND APPEAL.



THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY FUND IS SPECIFIED
BY CONFERENCE TO SHARE IN THE GENERAL
THANKSGIVING FUND IN CONNECTION WITH
THE CENTENARY APPEAL.

Under the altered basis of the APPEAL, donors may now allocate, as they wish, the full amount of their gifts.

Already some generous allocations have been made for the FOREIGN MISSION FUND including the LEPER HOSPITAL.

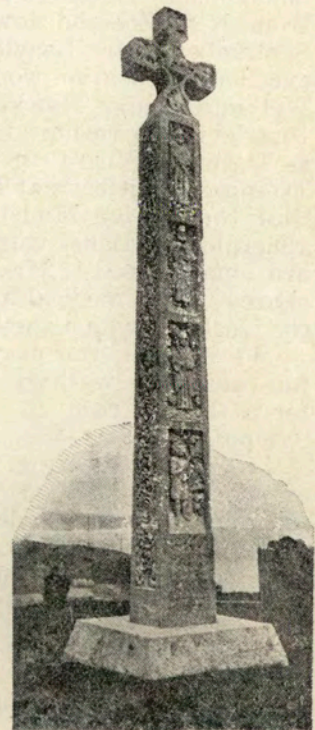
AS YOU THINK WITH GRATITUDE AND
THANKSGIVING OF WHAT THE GOSPEL AND
ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF THE CHRISTIAN
FAITH HAVE MEANT TO YOU AND YOURS
DURING THE PAST CENTURY, REMEMBER ALSO
THOSE IN THE SOLOMONS WHO SIT IN THE
DARKNESS AND SHADOWS AND CRY OUT FOR
THE LIGHT.

Help us to

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Personal and General.

Coming.

Mrs. A. G. Rutter and Sister Vera Cannon are expected to reach New Zealand for furlough in September, and will receive a warm welcome. Mrs. Rutter has accompanied the Doctor on most of his patrols and has rendered valuable service on these journeys and at the base hospital at Bilua. She is preceding the Doctor in order that she, David and the baby may enjoy a longer rest in New Zealand.

Sister Vera Cannon will arrive in time to be one of the speakers at the M.W.M.U. Conference. Something of her outstanding work on the North-East coast of Choiseul has been published in these columns and in the "Methodist Times" and we shall all be eager to hear from her own lips the story of the medical and nursing service being rendered on that needy coast.

Going.

The Rev. E. C. and Mrs. Leadley and their two children are due back in the Solomons in October, and will be sailing from New Zealand towards the end of September. Mr. Leadley, who has done excellent deputation work in the Auckland, Wellington and Hawke's Bay-Manawatu Districts, will resume his important work as Tutor and Vice-Principal of the District Training Institution at Roviana. It is here that the Native Ministry is trained and general educational work of a high standard maintained. Mrs. Leadley gladly shares in the medical and nursing side of the work for which she is highly qualified.

We bespeak the prayers of our people for these fine workers as they sail away for a further term in the Solomons.

Sympathy.

At a recent meeting, the Mission Board extended to Mr. W. S. Mackay its heartfelt sympathy in the death of his beloved wife. Mr. Mackay has served on the Mission Board from its inception and is one of the best-loved laymen of our Church. Mrs. Mackay was an elect lady, the memory of whom will be precious to all who knew her.

Great Work with the "Open Door."

The removal of Mr. and Mrs. Brialey

and family from Napier to Timaru has meant the loss to the former place of one of our most successful "Open Door" agents. During the six years that Mrs. Brialey had charge of our Missionary Magazine in Napier she increased the circulation from 47 to 106, and by this splendid achievement helped substantially to widen missionary interest in the circuit. We extend to Mrs. Brialey and the members of her family, who have shared with her the joy of service, our sincere thanks and congratulation, and trust that a rich avenue of service will open for them in Timaru.

Fellowship on the Air.

The Rev. A. H. Voyce writes from Kihili, South Bougainville: "Did I tell you we got a radio set some 6 months ago? A few Sundays ago we heard Rev. Walter Parker very well from Wellington South and enjoyed him; also Rev. Tom Olds at Pitt Street last Sunday week on John 14:1. Very good! We would like to know when and where Methodist services are pending." A list of prospective Methodist broadcasts in New Zealand for the rest of the year has been forwarded to Mr. Voyce. Those conducting these services may be glad to link up our brethren and sisters in the Solomons in their intercession.

Mission Maps.

We are glad to announce that a new supply of Solomon Islands Mission maps is now available. Every Church should have at least one copy of this map for the use of Auxiliary, Bible Class and Sunday School. A frequent study of the map in conjunction with the "Open Door" and "Lotu" cannot fail to create a deeper and more intelligent interest in our Mission Field. The maps are 6/6 each, plus postage, and may be procured from the Mission Office, Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.I.

"Saga."

After considerable delay the new engine for the auxiliary cutter "Saga" has reached Roviana, where the boat has been thoroughly overhauled and re-conditioned by our native technical staff, who will also install the engine.



Mr. Samuel Gorman.

A Generous Centenary Gift.

The Mission Board acknowledges, with gratitude to the donor and thanksgiving to God, a further generous gift of £1,000 from Mr. S. Gorman, of Nelson, for the Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Medical Bequest, which now totals £12,433. The Board notes that this is a part of Mr. Gorman's contribution to the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund, and rejoices in such generous response to the appeal now being made throughout our Church.

The further strengthening of the Gorman Medical Bequest in these difficult days is a great source of inspiration to the Board and the Missionaries on the Field.

"MAINTAIN THE DOCTOR" FUND.

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous contributions:—

"Kia Ora," Hamilton	2	6
Mrs. Norton, Lyttleton	5	0 0
B. Beever, Glen Massey	8	6
Pitt Street	10	6
Mrs. E. Rogers, Otorohanga	10	0 0
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D. Prime, Paeroa	5	0 0
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Mrs. Langley, per Rev. A. E. Carr	1	0 0
"Anon.," Mt. Eden	21	10 6
Hamilton	5	0 0
"A Lover of Missionary Work"	1	0 0
Rararama Church	1	10 0
"Anon.," Oxford	2	0 0
"Kia Ora," Hamilton	2	6
Mrs. Tolley, Feilding	8	0 0
Mrs. Hopwood, Rakaia	1	0 0
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"Anon.," Carterton	10	0

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Y.P.M.A., Southbrook	4	10	0
"In Memory of Two Loved Ones"	10	0	0
Mrs. Teasey, Tauranga	2	0	0
"Anon"		5	0
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"Anon"	50	0	0
Paeroa Auxiliary Member		5	0
W.E.H., N.E. Valley	5	0	0
M.W.M.U.	25	0	0
N.E. Valley, Ladies' Guild	5	0	0
"Anon"	5	0	0
A.C.R.	3	3	0
"A Lover of Missionary Work"	1	0	0
Rararama Church	1	10	0
"Anon.," Oxford	2	0	0
"Three Sympathisers"	5	0	0
"In Memory," Dominion Rd., Cir.	5	0	0
"Inasmuch"		5	0
"Sympathisers"		1	0
"Anon"		1	0
Mr. S. Gorman	15	0	0
A. W. Martin, Cambridge		10	0
"Adherent"	2	0	0
Mrs. Tolley, Feilding	4	0	0
Mrs. S. Wright, Glen Eden	1	1	0
Mrs. Hopwood, Rakaia	1	0	0
"Junior Prayers," Dunedin	6	5	0
Dundas St. S.S. Class		10	0
"Anon.," Carterton	1	0	0

Time Marches On - - -

Foreign Mission Accounts for 1940 will close on December 15th. For the past six months we have had to pay interest on overdraft averaging about £6,500.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR FOREIGN MISSION CONTRIBUTION GENEROUS AND EARLY.

Incidents in a Medical Patrol.

By MRS. A. G. RUTTER.

All is rush and bustle for we leave before dawn to-morrow for Choiseul. I have been planting seeds and seedlings and erecting shades over the latter, and firing last-minute instructions at our two small houseboys, for they are to mind the garden whilst we are away. Packing food and provisions for three weeks is no little task. Snowy at this minute is trying to discover whether tea-towels and soap and the egg-beater have been packed.



Mrs. Rutter in Canoe.

The trip over was quite good and we arrived here at about 3 p.m. About thirty miles from Choiseul we passed a number of whales—I think it is the only time I've really seen them spouting. Saturday night was very wet, but for all that Sisters Ethel and Vera joined us at Metcalfe's for dinner. Yesterday, Allen preached in Roviana, and in the afternoon both he and Mr. Metcalfe walked to Malanono. To-day has been well occupied at hospital. To-morrow morning Sister Vera joins us as we set off on the big trip round the island.

Poroporo.—Never before have I seen so many crocodiles! All about us they were browsing and quietly splashing. The crew were very excited and hunted them for hours that night. Poroporo village was at least a mile away across the lagoon, and the only way we could go across tonight Lotu was in their very biggest tomoko. We took the big lantern

with us and on the way home frightened a shoal of fish. Fish flew in every direction and several big ones landed wriggling in the tomoko.

We finished Mamarana at an early hour this morning and set sail for Polo, where Sister Vera has a house and spends part of her time. This village has a new church and such a beautiful leaf building it is. Great massive timbers and a very lofty roof. Sister Vera's three months' residence here accounts for a very marked improvement in the health of the people.

Just as we were leaving we saw Mr. Goldie in the distance, so waited for him outside the reef. He was laden with copra and said he was being eaten to death by copra bugs.

The next village, Salamadu, provided us with an experience that we will not forget in a hurry. Allen and I set off as usual and went through the usual routine of examining all children and women and sick men, giving injections and restocking the teacher's medicine chest. We had decided that in view of a stiff off-shore breeze the boat should anchor just round the point. Darkness was gathering as we finished up, so we hastily set out. Imagine our dismay when we found our torch was missing! With a boy as guide we set off at a canter along the beach until the rocks made progress impossible, so we stumbled through the bush for ages. We had no light but fireflies and could not see a track. After falling across logs and tripping over vines we struck the coast once more and hurried on over soft sand and slippery rocks. The boat we discovered was not round the first point, but round the third or fourth. The tide at this time was very high, and in places we were splashing in water up to our waists. When we eventually did reach our destination the crew could not, of course, see us, and only after much shrieking and yelling on our part did they see us and send the dinghy. And here we sleep. I am so used to being soaked and swamped now that I

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District Training College.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1939.

By REV. E. C. LEADLEY.

The following report is presented to the Synod:—

Statistics.—The College opened 226 times during the year with an average attendance of 63.3. The Roll number at the beginning of the year was 64 and later rose to 72, with a present Roll number of 65. The holidays observed were substantially the same as those in the School as mentioned in that Report.

The Term Examination in June has been retained in the College. It has been found necessary to give the students work of the past six months to revise and prepare for examination, as this tends to impress some knowledge of the lectures on their minds. The same remark applies to the December examination.

Appointments.—During the year the following appointments have been made: Aula, Guadalcanal, one; Roviana District, three; Simbo, one; Marovo, one; Bilua, four; Choiseul, two; Bougainville, nineteen.

The Bougainville students should have left in January, but owing to a reported outbreak of measles at Tulagi, they were not allowed on the steamer, and remained for a further 6½ weeks.

In addition to the above, three other students have left the College. One was returned home for insubordination, another

because of acute home sickness, and a third, who was not intended as a teacher, but placed in the College in the hope of general improvement in character, ceased to attend.

Admissions.—The following number of students were admitted to the College:—Bilua, six; Rononga, two; Roviana, one; Choiseul, four; Bougainville and Buka, twenty-one; Guadalcanal, one.

Students due for appointment.—The following have completed their course of training and are ready for appointment by the Synod: E. Vilaka, Titus Sado, Silas Maji, Solomon Alu, N. Gedi, P. Meso, S. Leke, and S. Rama.

Curriculum.—The following subjects are taken:—**Theology:** Simple Systematic, The life and Teaching of Jesus, Old Testament Stories. **History:** Ancient and Modern. **Geography:** Political, Commercial and Physical. **Drawing:** Form 4 have also attempted Pastel Drawing. **Sermon Preparation and Criticism,** the Students preaching in turn. **Semaphore Signalling,** and Drill.

In addition to the above, about fifteen students have had a course of training in the Hospital, eighteen have had a course of Kindergarten teaching, and several have taught throughout the year in the Sunday School.

THE STORY OF AN OLD FIJIAN BIBLE (Continued from Page 15).

teacher's house. He began to tell stories of the old times before the people of that district became Christians.

"Yes," said the old man, "I remember when I was quite a young man, I went with some of my elders. We attacked a village which used to be over there. We burned down all the houses. We killed many of the people, and one of them was the teacher."

"Do you see this book?" said Josaia, holding me up. "Well, this very book belonged to that teacher you killed. And his little daughter, who years after became my wife, saved this book that night. We went to New Britain, and she died there. And now, at last, the old Bible has come

back to the place where it first began its work in Fiji, and to the very people who killed Mere's father."

"I Have Done My Work."

But I am worn out now. My back is broken. My leaves are yellow with age and some of them are missing. I wonder what will become of me. Perhaps I shall be burned or buried. I have heard that they do those things to old Bibles. It does not matter. I have done my work. I only hope that you who read my story will feel as I do when you grow old, that you have not lived in vain.

C. O. LELEAN.

—"The Bible in the World."

The Story of an old Fijian Bible told by Itself.

I am only an old worn-out Fijian Bible, but I should like to tell you about some of the things which have happened in my time.

I wish you could have seen me when I was first printed, over seventy years ago. My earliest recollection is of the headquarters of the British and Foreign Bible Society in London. Some of my brothers had gilt edges and morocco covers, but I was just a plain five-shilling Bible with brown sheep-skin cover.



The Old Bible that tells this Story.

Off on a Voyage.

More than a hundred of my brothers and I were packed into a strong case. Oh! we were packed tightly, but it was a good thing that we were, for we had a long, rough trip, lasting over six months. I must have slept most of the time, for I do not remember anything of that long voyage, until at last our case was bumped down on the Levuka wharf in Fiji. Then, later, I was awakened again by the sound of a hammer and the creak of the lid of our case as it was forced open. I was the first to be taken out of the case. What I saw was a great crowd of bushy-headed Fijians, young and old. They were wildly excited as the missionary held me up for them to see me.

A chorus of voices called out: "Let me have it."

But the missionary said, "No, this one is for the teacher from the hills. He paid for it months ago, and he has walked a long way to get it."

My New Master.

So I was handed over to my new master. He turned over my nice clean pages and

clicked with delight. Then he wrapped me in a large handkerchief, placed me in the centre of a bundle of Fijian mats, tied these with a piece of fibrous bark on to a long white stick, and, putting this across his shoulder, began the long journey to the hills.

It was late at night when we reached his village. The news soon spread that the teacher had returned with the new Bible. The people crowded into the teacher's house and sat cross-legged waiting for the teacher to finish his meal. Then

he washed his hands in the earthenware basin which was brought to him by his little daughter. He then unfastened the bundle of mats and the handkerchief in which I was wrapped. All the people, old and young, crept nearer to look at me, the new Bible which had been brought all

the way from England, the white man's land.

"Now let us have prayers," said the teacher. Then someone commenced to sing the hymn, "Jisu, Ni lomani au," which in English is, "Jesu, Lover of my Soul." Everyone joined in heartily, and when the hymn was finished, my master turned over my leaves until he found the stories of the lost sheep, the lost piece of silver, and the boy who left his father's home and went into a far country. Then the teacher prayed. He thanked God for taking care of them, and prayed that the people in the hills who were still heathen would soon have the light of the gospel. Then all the people repeated together the Lord's prayer.

So soon as the prayer was ended, Mere, the teacher's little girl, aged about seven years, took hold of me and began to spell out some words.

War!

Suddenly there was a scream of terror at the other end of the village. Everyone jumped up and shouted: "It is war! It is

war! The enemy has come."

The people rushed out of the house in terror. They heard the blood-curdling war-cries of their enemies. Some of the houses had been set on fire and were blazing fiercely in the strong evening breeze. The people scattered in all directions. Little Mere, who was still clutching me tightly, was hurried away by her mother, the teacher's wife. Mother and child hid in the long reeds some distance from the village.

Oh, the horror of that awful night! We could hear the wild yells and the shrieks of terror and the dull thuds of the heavy clubs as the fleeing people were struck down. The blaze of the burning houses lit up the whole countryside. We could hear the roar of the fire and the bursting of the bamboo rafters in the fierce heat. They sounded like gun shots. Slowly the noise died down. We heard the chant of the warriors as they dragged their victims away to the cannibal ovens in their own villages. Then there was silence.

It seemed as if that night would never end, but at last the dawn came. Telling Mere to remain where she was, her mother crept out of the hiding place in the reeds. She went towards the smoking remains of the village. After a long time she came back crying bitterly. She had met some other women, who had told her that her husband, the teacher, had been killed and dragged away to the cannibal ovens. The whole village had been burned, and all the mats and baskets and wooden dishes had been burned or taken away.

"Let us have prayers," said Mere's mother. So she turned over my pages and found the fourteenth chapter of St. John's gospel, and read, "Let not your heart be troubled." Then the women who had returned with her, and Mere and her mother all knelt down, and the teacher's widow prayed God to forgive those who had brought such sorrow into their lives, and that they would soon become Christians.

Saved from the Ruins.

Some of the women had baked yams in the smouldering embers of a ruined house. So, after eating these, the whole party set off for a distant village nearer the coast. They reached it about sunset. Mere's mother told the sad story, and said that

the only thing they had saved was the Fijian Bible which Mere had taken with her when she fled from the village. Asking for a pen, Mere's mother wrote on my flyleaf these words:

THIS IS HER BOOK,
MERE NASAU.
IS NOT THIS A BRAND PLUCKED
FROM THE BURNING?

Next day, they journeyed on to the mission station. The missionary had already heard the sad story of the massacre. He did all that he could for Mere and her mother, and made arrangements for them to be taken to a distant island where their own people lived.

Here Mere went to school. She always took me with her, for in those days the Bible was the only reading book used in the village schools. Part of the school work was to learn and repeat long passages from the Bible. When the missionary paid his annual visit to that island all the school children were gathered in one village for the school examination. Mere won a prize for reciting the greatest number of chapters of the Bible.

Another Long Journey.

Years passed on. I cannot tell you all the wonderful things that happened. Mere had now grown up, and she was married to a teacher named Josaia. Soon after this, there came a call for volunteers to take the gospel to New Britain. Josaia and Mere offered to go. And so began another long journey for me, for, of course, they took me with them.

But not long after we reached this new land, Mere became very ill. She knew that she could not recover. So she called her husband.

Josaia, bring me my Bible." He placed it in her hand.

"Josaia, I am going. You are staying. Take my Bible which we have read together every day. It has been a light unto my path. Take it. Read it. Obey it. Good night."

So Mere died, and was buried in New Britain, but Josaia returned to Fiji.

Many a time he took me into the pulpit, and many a sermon he preached from my pages. The last town to which he was appointed was up in the hills. I remember one night an old man coming into the

WOMEN'S PAGES

M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's
Missionary Union of
New Zealand.

Epsom,
August, 1940.

Dear Fellow-workers,—

These are days that call for long views. Let us look beyond the grimness and cruelty of this conflict and see a Church—a Universal Church—steadily struggling up to the Light. China and India show signs of amazing growth in Christianity; so also does God's Kingdom extend in our special Mission Field.

Mr. Goldie, writing of the 38th anniversary of his arrival in the Solomons, states: "Several of the old head-hunters of 1902 were there, rejoicing in the full salvation which Christ brings to them. We are building for eternity and there are thousands to-day in the Solomons who bless God for 1902."

Sister Effie: "At the anniversary service hundreds were unable to pack into the church. Thirty-eight years is not long, yet it is great to see boys from all parts of the Solomons, many once hereditary enemies, now learning together at school. Stella, one of the girls trained in hospital by Sisters Merle and Joy, has married Mr. Silvester's cook-boy. Stella has taken over the care of the medicines in her village. This is a new departure, but her training will stand her in good stead. Recently, she sent in a patient to hospital, with a letter describing the case and telling that she was treating from 8 to 10 people daily for cuts, ulcers, fever, etc. So the training of the girls in hospital is beginning to bear fruit."

Mrs. Silvester and Ngaire are paying a long-promised visit to Mrs. Joyce, who will appreciate her companionship. Buin is a lonely station. But Mrs. Joyce dryly remarks: "Work there is in plenty. Mr. Joyce has just put several bolts of calico on the floor as a gentle hint that he wants them cut and hemmed for loin cloths. Also, a big pile of new seeds has arrived, so I must spend some time in my new "synod" garden. With all the never-ceasing calls on her time, she yet squeezes

in some sewing for the Red Cross. Sister Elizabeth Commons' family seems to increase by leaps and bounds. She has 11 young children (5 under 1 year) as well as 21 older girls. Fortunately she has been able to get a widow—an ex-mission girl—to help in the Home. Sister teaches in the central school every day now, as well as caring for her family. Mrs. Rutter with her lively offspring spent a refreshing fortnight with Rev. and Mrs. Metcalfe at Choiseul, while Doctor was patrolling the villages with Sister Vera. Young David enjoyed himself immensely—a special joy being the drinking of the water in the rain-gauge—thus seriously hampering Mr. Metcalfe's search after scientific knowledge.

The devotion and quiet endurance of all our Mission workers fills us with admiration. In these troubled days they feel keenly the lack of news and a sense of "cut-offness."

Conference.

The location of Conference was to have been Nelson, but owing to the uncertain conditions it has been decided to hold it at Wellington. We regret that we shall not be visiting sunny Nelson this year, but look forward to that pleasure in the future. It will be a limited Conference, but we trust that it will be not less glowing with Christ's spirit. We expect to have Sister Vera with us and hear a stirring account of her adventurous days on Choiseul. Sister Heeni Taylor will tell of work amongst the Maoris. Note the date: October 15-18th inclusive.

Executive.

The Auckland Dominion Executive is nearing the end of its term of office, and we wish to thank all Auxiliary members for their ready co-operation. We have had joy in our work, and we wish for Mrs. Taylor, the incoming President, and the Feilding Executive the same happy comradeship and loyalty as has been given to us. May we go on to fuller service under their leadership. I should like to

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give a word of special greeting to the new Auxiliaries and Branches, particularly the Evening Groups that have linked up during our term of office. We have been so glad to welcome you all into our fellowship of service. May the privilege of having a share in this great work grow unceasingly precious to each of you. God has blessed what the Auxiliary has done in His name. Some of our Maori women and Kurahuna girls have come to know God, and some of our Solomon sisters have found a Redeeming Christ because of the help given by the Auxiliary. Do you not feel a throb of thankfulness that you are an Auxiliary member?

You will stand firm and loyal, I am sure, to all the responsibilities that membership brings, remembering that intercessory prayer is the foremost of these. Our work will need every penny we can give to it, to keep all our workers equipped, so that God's Kingdom shall not be hindered by our slackness in providing finance. In spite of sad days, let us bring to our task a shining courage and an unwavering faith. God is a certainty in this world of doubt, and is still working to over-rule for good men's evil designs. His is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, and we will bless His name for ever and ever.

Best wishes for the new Auxiliary year, and again many thanks,

from

Yours sincerely,
EMILY RISHWORTH.

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FINANCE.

We have much for which to be thankful in the way of financial help. A legacy has been received from Mrs. Todd Smith of £300, being £100 each for Kurahuna, Home Mission and Solomon Islands Capital Funds.

Donations of £50 and £25 have come from Dunedin, £10 from Wanganui, and a few lesser sums, for the Leper Hospital during the last quarter. A donation of £50 was also received for Kurahuna through the Centennial Thanksgiving Fund.

WELLINGTON.

The annual meeting of the Wesley branch of the Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliary was held recently in the Church Parlour. Mrs. E. O. Blamires presided until the election of officers, which was conducted by the Rev. Percy Paris. The annual report was read by the secretary, Mrs. B. O. Stokes, who said that the year's work had been very satisfactory, the sum of over £90 having been raised for mission

work. Mrs. E. O. Blamires was thanked for her able leadership and presented with a sheaf of flowers. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. E. O. Blamires; vice-presidents, Mesdames Maunder, Rowe, Sincock, and Miss Lee Martin; secretary, Mrs. B. O. Stokes; assistant secretary, Miss Sutherland; treasurer, Mrs. T. M. Pacey.

The Wesley branch of the Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliary held its eleventh birthday party recently in the church parlour, which was bright with flowers and a cheery fire. The large gathering of members and friends brought gifts of discarded clothing for the Auckland Maori Mission. Recitations were given by Mrs. Castle, and songs by Mrs. Coventry and Mrs. Irwin, accompanied by Miss Nancy Martin. A letter of appreciation was received from a pupil of Kurahuna Maori Girls' School. The birthday cake, donated by Mrs. Hurst, was cut by Mrs. Hairmand, one of the oldest members. A silver trail collection was taken and afternoon tea was served.

WEST COAST.

Greymouth Auxiliary reports progress in numbers and enthusiasm. Their oldest member, aged 84 years, has never missed a meeting. Mrs. Bensley gave a most interesting talk on her work in the Solomons, and Sister Rita's visit proved a great uplift. Missionary interest is reviving at Runanga, and it is hoped to visit the Auxiliary there soon.

Reefton is going on steadily. Despite heavy demands on the members for war work, they are not letting church activities suffer.

Hokitika have a fine leader in Mrs. Hanna. The President's letters are always a source of inspiration. Meetings have been addressed by Mrs. Rowe (subject, "Sundar Singh"), Mrs. Hanna (subject, "Well-known Hymns"), and Sister Rita, the latter meeting being attended by Anglican, Presbyterians and Church of Christ ladies as well as our own members. They have now started a study of Paul's missionary journeys.

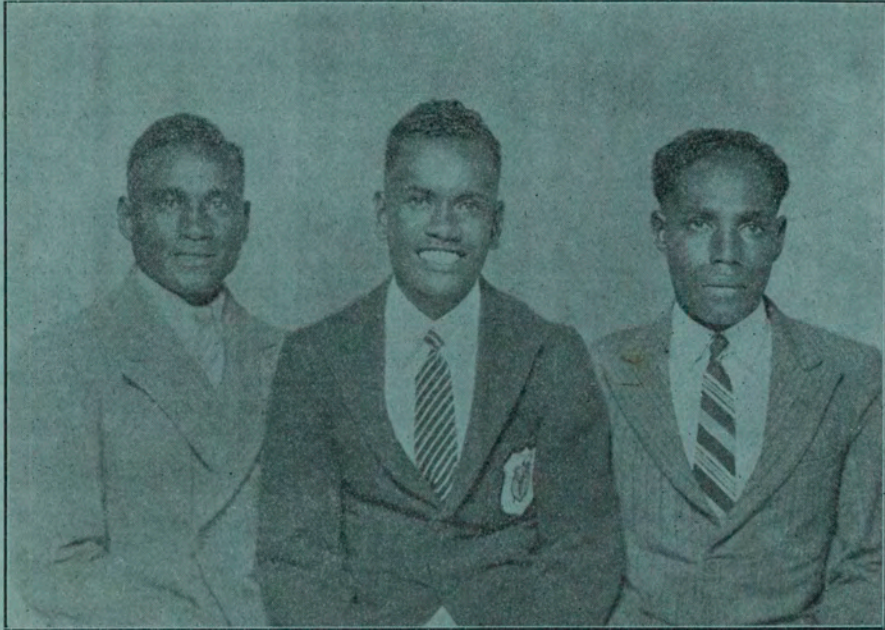
M.W.M.U. STAMP DEPARTMENT.

We are pleased to report that this year the Stamp Fund totals £159/11/1. We sincerely thank all who have contributed stamps, cleaned, sorted or sold them, and also the editors of the "Methodist Times," the "Open Door" and "The Lotu." In this amount is included £11/1/- from the sale of stamps sent in by the "Lotu" Stamp Helpers, and we much appreciate their help.

The M.W.M.U. Conference members will have much pleasure in allocating the stamp money, and all our helpers will feel much joy when they hear how much added comfort and help will be given to various workers in the needs of our Maori and Solomon Island work.

Please continue to send regular supplies of stamps to local agents or to Miss Purdie, 269 Highgate, Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.1. Thank you.

Maintain the Doctor.



John Wesley Kere.
Gordon Rabulu. *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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