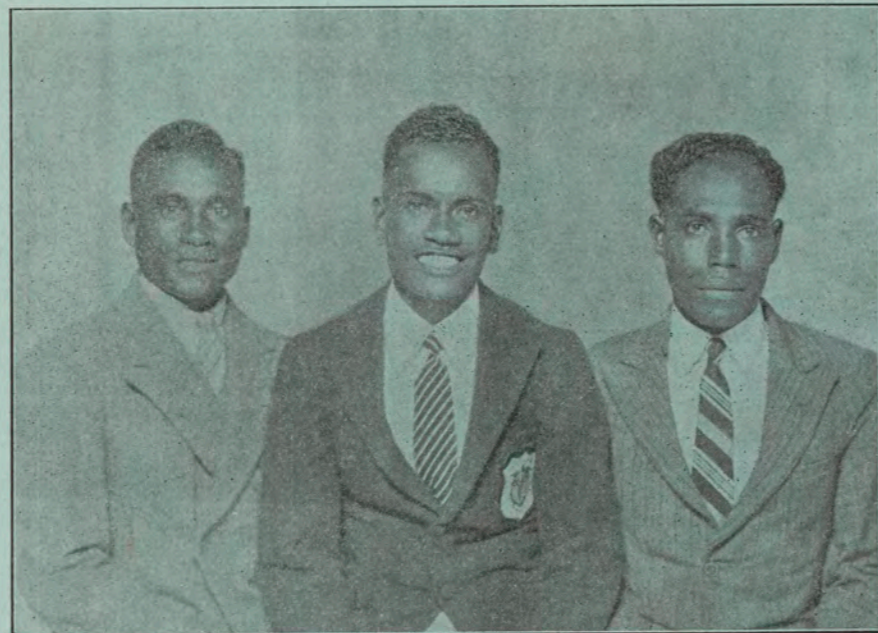


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### An Interim Statement.

When the New Zealand Synods met no word had reached us of reports, statistics, financial statements, etc., that were presented at the Solomon Islands Synod, due to be held at Kihili the first week in November. It was possible, however, to present an Interim Statement that was enheartening as to work achieved and challenging as to problems that confront us and great opportunities that await us.

No other Department of the Church will have to face such serious problems as a result of the war, but these gravely critical days emphasise more than ever the urgency of Christian Missions with their message of peace and goodwill to all men, and the missionary enterprise must, at all costs, be maintained and extended.

Regular letters from the Chairman of the District and the other Mission workers indicate that the work in the Solomons is being well maintained in spite of increasing difficulties, and it is confidently anticipated that the reports and statistics submitted to the Islands Synod and the Mission Board will give yet further evidence that the Gospel we proclaim ever meets the deepest needs of the human heart and that the Native Church continues to grow.

In order that the Bougainville-Buka students may be able to take the fullest possible advantage of their three years at the District Training Institution at Roviana, an intermediate course of training has been established at Kihili in South Bougainville, and under the able leadership of the Rev. A. H. Voyce and Sister Ada Lee, is proving very successful. These students are sons of primitive savages who had no written language eighteen years ago, and yet, when they enter the College at Roviana they have not only been taught to read and write and preach

in their own dialect, but also in the Roviana dialect, which is the literary language of our District and the tongue in which, apart from the English classes, all their further education will be conducted.

The Missionary meetings and the income to date indicate that the Home Church has not lost its vision, and we are hopeful that the Foreign Mission income will be well maintained in New Zealand. In the Solomons, however, we face the most serious financial crisis in the history of the Mission. The generosity of the Native Church has ever been an inspiration to us. Her annual contribution since 1922 — the year New Zealand assumed responsibility for the Solomons, and only 20 years after the landing of the pioneer missionaries — has averaged £3,350 per annum. This wonderful effort for the extension of the Kingdom among their own people has been made almost entirely by means of copra, which is practically the only commercial asset in the Group. Owing to lack of shipping and closure of European ports, there is at present no sale at all for this product, and the future of the industry is very uncertain.

This serious position constitutes a real challenge to the Home Church. Whatever else we let go this Missionary enterprise must go on. It is the main concern of the Church of God to heed the great commission of its Lord.

#### GREETINGS.

Amid these dark days of war we extend to all our readers sincere Christmas and New Year Greetings, confident that He who came to bring peace and goodwill to men must ultimately prevail.



## How Much Owest Thou? ✓

THE CROSS AND THE CROWN—By REV. J. F. GOLDIE.

I have been kept busy since leaving the hospital holding the Annual Thanksgiving Services. First at Roviana, then at Marovo, then at Bilua, and on Thursday next at Simbo. We have had fine services all through—in fact never finer—but as most of the gifts were in kind, and there is literally no market for copra, I really don't know where or how we stand. I have accepted the gifts of the people, and will try and find some way of making a deal, but whether I will succeed or not I cannot say. Our actual cash collections are always small, and this year they are smaller because the people really have no money.

The Thanksgiving in the Marovo was, as usual, a very happy and blessed time. They took me quite by surprise at the end of the service, when they always make a special collection in memory of their first teacher. This year the Chief Natu read out a long list of dates and happenings years ago—murders, headings, raids and

punitive expeditions illustrating the lives of hunted animals they lived in the dark days before the Gospel reached them. The efforts and methods of the civil authorities to tame them, and the failure of such methods. Then he looked round, and in through the door slowly and reverently came an old woman carrying in her hands a beautiful black ebony cross about two feet high. On the top of the cross was a beautifully carved crown. The cross was then fixed to a black ebony receptacle beautifully inlaid with pearl work. Then the old lady reverently placed a broken spear, a shield, and an axe at the foot of the Cross. Natu asked the great congregation "How much owest thou?" and invited the people to make their gifts in memory of the first Tongan Missionary. Then the large choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus." There was absolutely no attempt at making a show. The whole thing was a reverent and sincere expression of what the Cross of Christ meant to them.



The Church at Patutiva, Marovo Lagoon, where the above-mentioned incident of "The Cross and the Crown" took place.

## The "Sixth Column."

A NEW CALL TO PRAYER.

"Where will God lead us? Not, we may be sure, through easy or pleasant paths. That is not His way. He will not help us to avoid our difficulties. What He will do is to give to those who humbly ask the spirit that no danger can disturb . . . Prayer is not only asking God for what we want, but rather the way to learn to trust Him, to ask that we may know His Will and do it with all our strength."

—Lord Halifax's Broadcast to the Nation.

These noble words, recently broadcast by the Foreign Secretary to the British Empire, find a response in all our hearts. Lord Halifax was asking for special daily prayer for the Nation in the present crisis; and in this manifest duty not one of us will be found lacking. Without hesitation, every reader of this magazine will instantly enlist in what he called the "Sixth Column" of men and women

pledged to try to give a few minutes each day in God's House to prayer. How better can we help to bring the nation to its knees than by setting the example?

And let us, as missionary workers, carry Lord Halifax's appeal for prayer a stage further and daily pray for Overseas Missions at this time of strain and difficulty. How better can we help the Church—aye and the Empire and the whole world too—than by united daily intercession for the missionary work of our own and all other Churches? This is a time to "pray as though everything depended upon our prayers, and to work as though everything depended upon our work." By prayer and work—and the two inseparably interwoven—we can hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God. Then LET US PRAY. LET US ALL PRAY. LET US PRAY DAILY. —"The Kingdom Overseas."



## Missions are Hard Hit.

REDUCED REVENUES CRIPPLE THEIR ACTIVITIES.

One of the minor tragedies of the present war has been its effect upon missionary activities in the Pacific.

The Melanesian Mission, which has operated so long and successfully in the Solomon Islands, New Hebrides and New Britain (New Guinea), is faced with a serious curtailment of financial support from Great Britain. As a result, it has had to effect much retrenchment; a number of mission stations have been closed, and others are about to be closed.

In the New Hebrides, medical work is being maintained on a reduced scale, as is mission work at Kumbun, New Britain; and all hospitals are being controlled by New Zealand members of the mission's staff. The present strength of the leper station at Fuaubo, B.S.I., is being maintained, but any extensions are out of the question.

Although English subscriptions have fallen off, both the New Zealand and Aus-

tralian churches met their full quota in the financial year recently closed. It is obvious that native support in the Islands must necessarily suffer a reduction owing to the state of the copra market.

The numerous mission stations throughout the Pacific Groups, which are wholly or partly self-supporting through copra production, are facing their blackest year. This especially has affected some Roman Catholic Missions and many of the Methodist Missionary Society stations.

Wherever possible, a hurried reorganization is being made, so that mission stations may grow their own foodstuffs and become as far as practicable self-supporting.

These conditions, if they continue for long, will have a serious reaction, insofar that most of the missions, apart from moral teachings, carry out important educational and medical work.

—"Pacific Islands Monthly."



## Opening the Leprosarium.

I am so glad to be able to report that we have at last been able to move our lepers over to the new site. The little community began its existence on Saturday week last, comprising five women, three men and a young boy. One of the women is now on leave, but will be back before I leave. There is another man on leave who should be back now. I expect to bring two boys back from the Marovo next month, and there is another woman to come from Choiseul. The two roomy houses we have at present will be adequate for this number, but will have to be added to later. There are two other Bilua lepers who should be in, but I doubt if we shall be able to persuade them to come, though I have not given up trying yet. We have provided the inmates with some hens, a rooster and some chickens, which are so far thriving. They have a small canoe in which the men will be able to go fishing, and unlimited good garden ground lies right at their back door. I have high hopes that activities like this will both serve to keep them happy, and to make them, in time, a pretty well self-contained community. I am most thankful that we have been able to finish this project in time to be included in the record of this year's work.—A. G. Rutter.



Dr. A. G. RUTTER, due for furlough in Dec. He will be one of the speakers at the Conference Missionary Demonstration.

## Building for the Future.

In the Dundas Street Methodist Sunday School is a class of Junior Girls who are taking a very real interest in our Overseas Mission. Desiring to make their interest more personal, and also that they might become more familiar with our Missionaries and their work, their teacher adopted a different line of approach from that previously used. She decided that each girl have her own missionary, and, to this end, provided a separate book for each girl. These were plain black covered exercise books, neatly labelled with the name of the district where the missionary works, and, inside the cover, the name of the missionary—and photograph. As the class is of girls, the teacher has chosen Dr. Rutter and the missionary Sisters for their special interest. On certain Sundays, a missionary hour is spent, instead of hav-

ing the usual lesson — our Missionary Magazines are gone through for pictures for the individual books, and any items of news referring to their own missionary are read aloud or cut out for their book.

In addition to the books, a wall sheet has on it the photographs of Dr. and Mrs. Rutter and the missionary Sisters, and also of other missionaries. There is also a large wall map of the Solomon Islands which is studied frequently to discover the whereabouts of our missionaries. In this way, the children become quite familiar with the names and work of our missionaries.

Their memory work is St. Matthew, chapter 25—verses 34 to 40, and that this "INASMUCH" scripture passage might mean more to them than just words, the girls bring their pennies so that they

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## Roviana Missionary Meeting.

IMPRESSIONS OF A VISITOR, by Rev. A. H. VOYCE.

Yesterday was the Annual Missionary Meeting Sunday, the first I have had the privilege of attending in the British Solomon Islands. Owing to the unsaleability of copra, it was to be expected that there would be a great slump in the giving at the Thanksgiving Service. It is, of course, impossible to give any figures as yet, but as a visitor I want to say that the spirit of the meeting was very fine. The day was beautiful, and long before the service, crowds gathered from all quarters, many having come by canoe the day before from Kusagi, Kolombagara, Wanawana Lagoon and Rendova. On the ringing of the first bell the church rapidly filled to capacity, and most fortunate in some ways were those who came late, and who gathered in crowds in the cool shade of the Mango trees, for the service was long and the atmosphere intensely hot. Well known and appropriate hymns were sung with much enthusiasm. The Choir rendered an anthem, the lesson was read by a native teacher. I preached in English and understood very little of the service, but I could appreciate the fine spirit of co-operative giving on the part of the Native Church. Several of the senior church leaders of the District were seated in front of the pulpit, and there were baskets for each separate District or Section, and as the names were called, the representatives of the District led by teachers and chiefs, came forward and placed their gifts in the baskets, and filed out through the church door, the congregation joining in quiet singing the while. This actual depositing of the gifts took fully half an hour, so you will have some

idea of the number of people who individually, or as representatives of others unable to come, placed their gifts in the basket. It was of note the number who came forward and made their own gift, after which they opened various envelopes or packages and put in gifts given to them by others.

In the afternoon the services continued, John Afu preaching to a crowded church in the Roviana language, and the Chairman baptising numerous infants. In the evening a fitting day of Thanksgiving was brought to a close when the usual texts were recited by those who so desired. There were so many desiring to take part, that the Chairman had to call a halt, and have the Choir render an anthem.

Mr. Goldie, just up from a sick bed and carried to the services in a chair, stood the day's strain very well, and was, I am sure, much cheered by the fine response, and the great welcome back that his beloved people gave him.

## THE UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER.

The annual Universal Week of Prayer for 1941 will be observed from January 5th to 12th. An endeavour of this kind to bring together, in one corporate act of worship and intercession, the Christian fellowship all over the world has, in a time of war, greater significance and value than ever. Many means of communication are closed or at least restricted. Actual meetings between Christians from different parts of the world are hard to contrive. But here is a way of coming together that no political situation can prevent or touch.

*Building for the Future* (Cont. from page 4.) might be co-workers with our missionaries. Every Sunday, the amount brought is recorded, and interest grows until a certain sum of money is reached. The girls were much impressed by Dr. Rutter's letters about his work among the lepers, and their first 10/- has been sent as their share in this work, and they are going to send a further 10/- very soon.

And—they always remember that to

pray for our missionaries is a very vital way of helping. In words which have no meaning beyond their understanding, they pray this simple little missionary prayer—

"We pray Thee, Lord, to help and guide all those who are taking Thy word to those who do not know Thee. Give them courage and patience; comfort them in loneliness or illness—and let them feel Thy ever present love." For Jesus' sake. Amen.

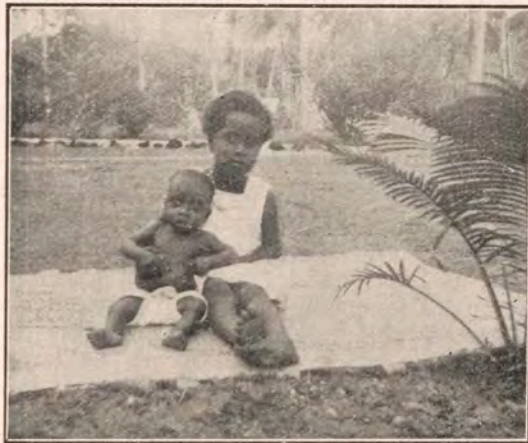
THUS WE BUILD FOR THE FUTURE!



## Romance and Tragedy.

SERVING UNTO DEATH—By SISTER ETHEL McMILLAN.

Lydia and Simeon were brought to me from Kihili last Christmas by Mr. Goldie. They are the orphan children of a young Choiseul couple who heard God's call to leave their own people and their own Island to win the people of Bougainville for Christ. Both were happy in their work and wrote just before their death that they were hoping to return to Choiseul for a rest, but wanted to return to Bougainville to the work God had called them to. Simeon Malavolomo came from Varese on the other side of the Island. Later he went to College and, when he had finished his training, went to Siwai to work under Mr. Voyce. Salome Qolelalu entered the Home when she was 16, and



Lydia and Simeone—the orphans mentioned in this article.

was with me nine years. In 1930 Mr. Voyce called here on his way to Synod. He told me Simeon Malavolomo wanted a wife from amongst my girls and would be quite satisfied with the girl of my choice. That evening I spoke to Salome Qolelalu. Told her about Simeon's request and asked her if she knew him. "No, I do not know him, but I have heard a lot about him. I will think over what you have said and let you know." The following day, one of the younger girls brought me a letter from Salome. She was too shy to come and talk to me her-

self, so wrote the letter. She told me she had thought about Simeon's request and had prayed for guidance, and she felt it was God's will for her to write to him and later on, if the way opened, to become his wife. I gave her a photo of herself to send with her first letter. They corresponded for close on a year, then Simeon wrote and asked if she would be his wife and come to him with the Synod party. She was quite willing and made her preparations. New mats, patch-work blankets, pillow-slips and frocks, and her wedding frock.

"Flu" broke out here in October, just before the "Tandanya" called for Mr. and Mrs. Binet and Salome. Dr. Sayers was on board, and when he heard we had "Flu" here, came ashore, examined a number with it, and told Mr. and Mrs. Binet they would not be able to go to Bougainville. So Salome had to stay too. She was disappointed, but settled down to work again. She wrote as often as she could to Simeon, and he to her. In 1933, one and a-half years later, Dr. Sayers called here on his way to Mono, so I asked him if he would take Salome. He gladly consented, and at last Salome's way was opened for her to go to Simeon, whom she had never seen. She arrived in Siwai, spent a week with Mrs. Voyce, then she was married. Simeon Malavolomo wrote me a very nice letter, thanking me for choosing him such a capable young woman. Mrs. Voyce also wrote, telling me Salome was a great help to Simeon and herself. Later on, when Mr. and Mrs. Voyce left for furlough, Simeon and Salome were left in charge of the work. Three children were born—Lydia, Rahab and Simeone. Rahab was burnt to death in 1938. In the middle of 1939 Simeon was called home. Salome died on August 22nd when her little son Simeone was born. On January 26th, Mr. Goldie brought me Lydia, aged six, and Simeone, aged 4 months. They are both doing well here as you will see by their photo. May many hearts be touched to send the Gospel to the needy souls here in the Solomon Islands.

## Report of 26th Annual Conference of M.W.M.U.

Beautiful old Wesley Church was the scene of much activity when the women of the M.W.M.U. met at the 26th Annual Conference from Oct. 15th-18th inclusive.

On Tuesday evening a very large gathering attended the reception to delegates. The platform in the Sunday School was a veritable bower of flowers, and the official party consisted of Miss E. M. Rishworth, Dominion President; Mrs. W. Walker, Vice-President; Mrs. E. Lewis, Dominion Secretary; Mrs. H. Nicholson, Wellington President, while the Rev. P. R. Paris occupied the chair. In his usual happy vein, Mr. Paris extended a welcome on behalf of the District and Circuit.

Mrs. Nicholson welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Wellington Auxiliary, and in closing, asked Miss Rishworth to accept for herself and her Executive a very beautiful bowl of flowers, to be placed on the President's table, expressing the wish that the fragrance and sweetness of the flowers might permeate all sessions of Conference.

Miss Rishworth, in replying, expressed great appreciation to the Wellington Aux-

iliary for arranging the Conference at such short notice.

The President urged us to share with each other and the outside world the things that mean so much in our Christian experience.

Delightful musical items were given by Lilla McKenzie, Vivienne Blamires and Lalla Keys. Members of the Wellington B.C. Union were the hostesses for the evening and served a dainty supper, after which time was spent in renewing old acquaintances and making new.

Wednesday morning we settled down to business as Auxiliary women do. Conference days—and nights—are busy ones.

Mrs. Lewis presented a very fine Annual Report and was warmly thanked, not only for her report, but for her work and courteous interest during her term of office.

The membership of 4045 showed an increase of 216—no excuse though for those of us whose membership is down, but rather a challenge to go forward.

The income, £4,911/6/11, was most gratifying, being £683 above last year.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Heighway, Miss Pearce presented the Balance Sheet and Financial Statement.

Before adjourning for lunch, a period of National Intercession was conducted by Mrs. Frank Thompson.

On Wednesday afternoon, in her presidential address, Miss Rishworth spoke on "Women's Witness," pleading that we should be sure witnesses in

A living Christ, A redeeming Christ,  
A conquering Christ.

Let us be willing to open our hearts to receive God's gift of power, and then go out and share it with others.

Very often the Communion Service is held the first morning of Conference, and always sets a high tone for the days that follow, and yet one wonders whether the coming apart in the midst of all our busyness, isn't something that gives fresh vision and strength.

On Thursday morning we met literally in the beauty of the lilies. Wesley Church, with all its memories of the past, was beautifully decorated with arum lilies, and



MRS. C. E. TAYLOR, of Feilding,  
Dominion President M.W.M.U.



## Usaia Sotutu, Native Minister.

By REV. C. T. J. LUXTON.

Usaia was born in the village of Tavea, Vanualevu, Fiji, the only son of Inea the village chief.

Coming early under the influence of the mission, he attended the mission school and became house-boy and boat-boy for the missionary. At the age of thirteen he left his home and went to the Methodist College to further his education and to train as engineer.



The Rev. USAIA SOTUTU and his wife Margaret.

When volunteers were called for, to go to the Mission Field of New Britain, Usaia promptly volunteered. Before any appointment was made there came another appeal, this time from Rev. J. F. Goldie, who visited the college and asked for three boys to go to the Solomon Islands. Twelve boys volunteered, among them Usaia, who was the first selected, to go as boat-boy. Characteristic of him is this incident—when the twelve volunteers were given an opportunity to ask any question regarding the work, Usaia promptly asked whether they would be allowed to teach, in addition to their work as boat-boys.

On making a brief visit to his village to say farewell, he found great opposition to his going away, but eventually he won

his way, and at the age of sixteen the young chief sailed for the Solomon Islands.

He arrived at Roviana in October, 1921, and was appointed engineer on the mission cutter "Saga," and early the following year, with Rev. A. H. Cropp, came to Buka. The "Saga" was the mission headquarters for the time being, but very soon the first mission building was erected, Usaia's unpretentious dwelling, six feet square.

The Mission work grew, and expanded rapidly. Many varied and adventurous activities fell to Usaia's lot, and he played a prominent part in the pioneering work.

At Petats Island he was largely instrumental in the reconstruction of the village, transforming it, so that to-day it is proud of its reputation—"The finest and cleanest village in the Territory," this statement having been made by Sir Walter McNicol, Administrator of the Territory.

After several years' service, Usaia returned to Fiji on furlough. His father, now over 90 years of age, desired him to remain and assume his rightful role as chief, but neither the pleas of his relatives nor the people could prevail upon him, and the chieftainship passed to his only sister.

He returned to Buka, bringing with him his bride, Margaret, a gifted young school teacher who entered whole-heartedly into the mission work.

Usaia's work still gave him occasional opportunity of pioneering new areas, but he was doing more teaching work on the central station.

The first book to appear in the Petats language, "100 Short Stories of the Life of Christ, translated from the Fijian, was largely the work of Usaia, and was published in 1931.

Usaia became a candidate for the native ministry and, having fulfilled all requirements, was ordained at the recent Synod.

After nineteen years of service in the Buka area he holds an honoured place in the hearts of a large number of people. He has seen the mission grow from the beginning of its activities in this circuit, and many of its 1750 adherents owe their faith directly to his teaching and influence.

## Personal and General.

### Rev. J. F. Goldie.

With profound gratitude to God we report that the Rev. John F. Goldie, the veteran Chairman of the Solomon Islands District, made a wonderful recovery after the critical operation carried out by Dr. A. G. Rutter and reported in our last issue. When the last mail left the Solomons, Mr. Goldie was again busy with his great work and journeyings oft in our far-flung Mission District.

Mr. Goldie is long overdue for furlough and expects to reach New Zealand in time for the Annual Meeting of the Mission Board and the Conference, where he will receive a great welcome. He will also carry out a brief itinerary in the main centres of the North Island.

### Dr. A. G. Rutter.

Dr. Allen G. Rutter is expected to reach New Zealand for furlough about the end of December, and it is expected that he will be present at the Annual Board Meeting and Conference. He and the Rev. J. F. Goldie will be the Foreign Mission speakers at the Conference Missionary Demonstration. Dr. Rutter will do deputation work before returning to the Solomons. He has done outstanding work on the Field and will have a very inspiring story. Those who were privileged to hear him before he sailed will know something of his real ability as a speaker. We thank God for our Doctor and will accord to him a wonderful welcome.

### Sister Effie Harkness.

After three years of very successful service at the head station, Roviana, Sister Effie is expected on furlough in December. She shares with Sister Lina and the Rev. E. C. Leadley and a large native staff the onerous but very important and successful work of conducting the schools at Kokengolo, where the Native Ministry is trained. Those who knew Sister Effie prior to her departure for the Solomons predicted that she would do great work, and their confidence has been fully justified. We extend to her a very warm welcome and pray that her well-earned furlough may be happy and restful.

### Just Splendid!

"Sister Vera," writes the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, "is quite looking forward to her furlough. She has been just splendid, and we sincerely hope she will return as everything is ready for a further advance. The three sub-hospitals are erected and the people have confidence in her. She knows her way about and co-operates with the local leaders most successfully. She gets what she wants in a very happy way and has the complete confidence of the teachers and chiefs. There is a splendid foundation laid for a more intensive women's work on Choiseul, and Mrs. Metcalfe and I hope Sister Vera will be able to carry on. She has any amount of information to give, and I trust she can give it as effectively as she handles the folk on Choiseul."

### Annual Meeting of Mission Board.

The Annual Meeting of the Foreign Mission Board is usually held in January, but when the Conference is held in Auckland the Meeting is so fixed that distant members have to make only the one journey to both Board and Conference. The dates of the 1941 Annual Meeting of the Board have been fixed for February 12th and 13th.

At a recent meeting of the Board, remits from the National Missionary Council on "Intercommunion" and "Imperilled Missions" were remitted to the Annual Meeting.

At the same meeting sympathy was expressed to the Rev. J. John in his illness. Mr. John is the Auckland District Foreign Mission Secretary.

### 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.1.



## Our Resources.

These war days are throwing us back upon God in a way we have never known before. Each month increases the difficulty of carrying on our missionary work. . . . In Him, and in Him alone, is our sufficiency. As day by day we face the grim realities of the world situation, we need more of God in our hearts and lives. Day by day we need to renew our strength, our courage, our faith, from the never-failing fountain of His fullness. Let us grasp the fact that our spiritual resources in Christ are equal to this emergency.

However great the difficulties, we simply cannot fail our missionaries and overseas churches at this time. They are our "front line," the expeditionary force of God's Kingdom. The strain is great; we must face it with courage and confidence.

This strain has come upon us at a time when our work in most mission fields is prospering beyond all our hopes and prayers. Multitudes are stretching out their hands to God. We must accept the task as a mighty challenge from God Himself.

—"The Kingdom Overseas."

## Encouragement from Buka.

By REV. C. T. J. LUXTON.

A couple of lads were sent off with a message three days ago. With only 12 miles to go, they made a good trip down during a lull in the storm. When they set out to return they found the seas impossible and had to shelter. Eventually they left their canoe and walked back through the bush, arriving this morning. They brought word that they met on their travels a messenger from the other coast who was coming here to ask for a teacher, if possible two. That is very pleasing news, and I will send one of the teachers off to get confirmation of it. The request comes from people who recently visited Skotolan to see the Mission at work.

I hope to go on patrol again this month, round the five islands on which we have seven teachers stationed, and also to a couple or three villages on Buka on the return trip. Usaia went up to the north coast last month and reports that all is well. He also visited the new place on the east coast and spoke very highly of the Teacher's work there. He made the return trip across the centre of the island, visiting another village on the way. Of course, we have our disappointments and reverses, but we are very pleased and encouraged with the work that is being done in most of our villages.



The above photo, taken by Mr. Luxton on a recent patrol, illustrates how arduous is much of the travelling undertaken by our missionaries. Here the "track" is a rough ladder which enables the traveller to negotiate a sheer cliff face. A native is seen mounting this precarious path.

## Impressions of Kokengolo.

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.

One would like to see a more suitable set of school buildings in a less crowded setting for the senior school as a whole, with an entirely separate building, well removed from the senior school, for the junior school, to be used as a village practising school.

Better blackboard accommodation is desirable in one or two of the class-rooms; and a wider range of teaching aids, including illustrated teaching sheets for Social Studies.

The arrangement of classes in separate buildings makes effective supervision of the native teachers by the headmaster difficult.

I understand that the provision of new buildings is at present beyond the resources of the Mission; but it is possible that the Mission would be able to undertake the job if it could be assured of a substantial grant-in-aid for teacher-training development, spread over a number of years—such as was recently proposed by Mr. Ashley.

The appointment of an additional European male teacher trained on modern educational lines, to combine class work at Kokengolo with general supervision of the Mission's educational activities, is also desirable; but this would necessitate

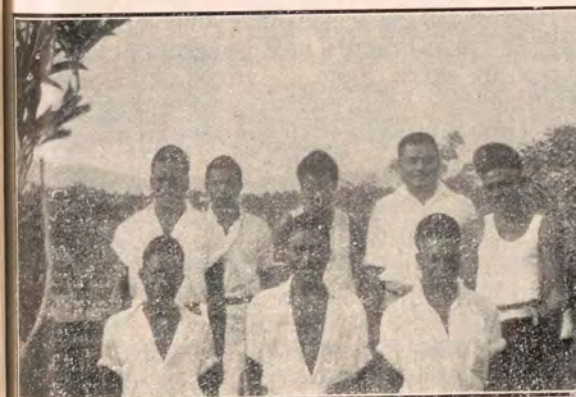
the extension of residential accommodation, involving further expense.

Except in the matters referred to in different parts of this review, and in particular the lack of handicraft and village agriculture training, the organisation and work of Kokengolo are commendably sound. The students live a disciplined corporate life under conditions which are not too artificial; the European staff work very hard; the courses generally are well-organised and suitable in content; the native teaching assistants appear reliable and capable in routine work; and the school succeeds, I believe, in providing the right impulse, religious and educational, to the students in connection with their future work.

The tone of Kokengolo is pleasing. The students' lives are filled with purposeful activities. The underlying principle of school government is to put as few prohibitions and restrictions on the students as possible; to give them help and advice as necessary; and through the combined influence of the school's teaching and its corporate life, to imbue the students with a desire to live good and full lives in the villages to which they go as teachers, and to inspire them towards leading the native communities they serve in the same direction.

The real measure of the success of Kokengolo which is the key institution in the Mission's educational plan, is in the extent to which native standards of life, especially in the villages, including moral life, personal and community hygiene, harmony of social relationships, provision of food and maintenance of native-life activities, are influenced through the school and community activities and by the example and leadership of its village teacher graduates.

And in this connection, I saw evidence, in the Methodist villages I visited, of a good deal of present success and a promising foundation for the future.



Kindergarten Teachers, Kokengolo.



## Medical Service at Roviana.

EXTRACTS FROM SISTER GRACE MacDONALD'S ANNUAL REPORT.

It has been a full and busy year on the whole. These are the figures for the Hospital:—

Patients admitted, 335; Daily average of out-patients, 101; Injections given for yaws, 1,318; Maternity cases, 49.

Malaria continues to account for the majority of cases admitted. In addition, there have been 9 cases of enteric, also epidemics of measles, chickenpox and influenza. A number of cases of T.B. have been treated. Accidents have included minor wounds with knives, axes, poisonous fish, etc. Also numerous cases of centipede bite. There has been a fractured arm, a fractured collar-bone, and a fractured leg, all, fortunately, in young people. The fractured leg was the only one of the three which had to be admitted, however, as it was of course the most serious. The patient was a boy of about 12 years, who had been brought quite a long distance by canoe with his injured leg in a very neat, temporary splint which had been put on by the teacher in his village.

Three patients during the year were transferred to Bilua hospital for further treatment. There were four deaths—a boy, two married women and one newborn baby. One of the women who died left a tiny baby, a month premature, whom we took into the Sisters' home and who, I am glad to say, has done very well and has been adopted by the Mt. Eden Sunday School.

Two other babies have had to be weaned on account of T.B. in the mother. One was taken by relatives who, though living several miles away, came regularly each morning and evening for humanised milk for the baby, and she is now almost a year old. The other is the child of one of our Tongan teachers. She is a month old, and mother and child are both still in hospital.

The maternity cases include one case of twins.

We have had five visits from Dr. Ruffer during the year. His visits usually last about three days, but on one occasion, in January, we had so many really ill cases, that he stayed nearly a week. He could

not have come at a better time for us. One of his visits was made specially to perform a minor operation—the collapsing of a lung, the patient being the Tongan woman mentioned above.

There have been a number of changes of native staff in hospital during the year. Several college boys who were also hospital boys, finished their college course and went out as teachers. Amongst others who went out was the young married couple from Teop. They had been resident at the women's hospital, and it was a great convenience having someone on the spot. Since their return home to Teop, Varosi has had a number of maternity cases, the first being a Japanese woman, who was very grateful for her assistance. One boy has gone to Bilua for further experience. In his place Doctor has sent Abel Viuru, who has had years of experience in medical work and he is a great asset, specially as the other two boys I have at present are still fairly new. They are both from Teop.

I have four girls at present. Two are only temporary, however. Nola left hospital work to take up teaching, so Evie is now senior girl. Salome, a new girl who came into the home last September, started soon after in hospital. The other two have come for some months only for experience. One is a married woman, the wife of one of the candidates for the native ministry. All are keen conscientious girls.

During the year we have had a verandah of the women's hospital leafed in to make an extra room. Also a small leaf building has been put up as an isolation ward in connection with the men's department. The idea originally was to have somewhere to nurse cases of T.B., but it has been most useful for other infectious diseases. I do not know what I should have done without it when we had a number of cases of enteric in at once. Another similar building is now in course of construction near the women's hospital.

We appreciate more than it is possible to say the interest and the prayers of the Methodist women of New Zealand.

## Acknowledgments.

The Kingdom of God is definitely advanced by amounts that reach us regularly from donors who give anonymously or through a nom-de-plume.

The following note is typical:—

"To maintain the Doctor in the Solomons.—'Kia Ora,' Hamilton.

I shall not be sending any more this year as this will complete my contribution, 30/- for the year or 2/6 a month. Cheerio."

We are indeed cheered and sincerely thank 'Kia Ora' and all others who show such practical sympathy in the Overseas Work of our Church.

### "MAINTAIN THE DOCTOR" FUND.

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous contributions:—

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Mrs. Boyce, Cambridge	1	0	0
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Stanley Rd. Ladies' Guild	1	0	0
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"Sympathiser"	5	0	0
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"Rapaki"	10	0	
A. W. Yuill, Moutere	1	0	0
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"Maintain"	7	10	0
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"Tom Bracken"	5	0	0
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## M.W.M.U. Stamp Department.



The Stamp Fund, £159 11/1, has been allocated as follows:—Leper Hospital, £25; Taranaki Girls' School, £25; Deaconess Retiring Fund, £25; Solomon Islands Girls' School, £25; Home Sisters for Christmas Cheer for Maori Children, £15; Sister Ethel McMillan, £20; Sister Lina Jones, £9/11/1; Sister Elizabeth Common, £7/10/-; Sister Ada Lee, £7/10/-.

The 6d. stamp of the Solomon Islands pictures a coconut plantation. The coco-

nut tree grows in all tropical countries and its uses are legion. Copra, the dried, broken kernel of the nut, is the form in which the coconut is exported for commercial purposes. It is dried in the sun or kilns to prevent putrefaction before it reaches its destination, where the oil is extracted from it. This oil is used in the manufacture of soap, candles, margarine, etc. It takes about 1000 nuts to yield 450 to 500lbs of copra.

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



## WOMEN'S PAGES

## M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's  
Missionary Union of  
New Zealand.

9 Ranfurly Avenue,  
FEILDING,  
October, 1940.

Dear Fellow-workers,—

Do you wonder that as I set out to write my first letter to this paper, its name has special significance for me? "The Open Door." Surely to the members of the newly-appointed Executive, another door of service has been flung open wide and we enter it in the sure confidence that the God who called, will also equip. May I ask for your continued loyalty in every department of our Auxiliary work? What a privilege it is, to be allowed to be a co-worker with God.

### Conference.

The Conference which has just closed, was rich in fellowship. I asked several first-time delegates if they had enjoyed it and their eyes fairly shone as they replied "Oh yes!" The Communion Service was a quiet time of in-taking and enrichment. Reverently conducted by Rev. Percy Paris and addressed in a very helpful way by Rev. F. J. Parker, the service was both a rest by the way and a challenge to further devotion and service. We did indeed consecrate ourselves anew to God.

The address of the President, Miss Rishworth was a call to personal witness in our daily lives but before we can witness effectively we must be sure of God ourselves. Then, having taken the gift—God's Gift—of power, we must pass on the good we have received to others. A review of past M.W.M.U. achievements led the issuing of a challenging Commission for all Auxiliary members—"Go tell."

### Sharing.

The period allotted to sharing and witnessing was an experiment, but I am sure it will stand out as one of the highlights of this Conference. "Methodist women still have something of spiritual value to share with others."

### Kurahuna.

The story of Kurahuna doings continues

to hold our rapt attention. More and more we laud the faith and foresight of those women who so persistently pleaded the cause of the Maori girl and made possible the opening of this School. Mrs. Walker very ably presented this year's report. Will every Auxiliary seek to extend their penny—per—week scheme for Kurahuna maintenance?"

### Solomon Islands.

Very warmly was Sister Vera Cannon welcomed to the Conference, and we felt that "the half has never been told" as she outlined her patrol visits up and down Choiseul. The erection of small hospital buildings in several places, has greatly facilitated the treatment of sick folk.

Sister Lina concludes her report of steady progress thus:—"And so the work is going steadily on,—work, the immediate results of which are not necessarily seen though I, for one, can see now a big improvement in the behaviour and work of the scholars. And so we take heart and go on, sowing even amid difficulties, trusting the years to come will bring in good fruit for Christ's Kingdom."

### Home Field.

In North Auckland the good work is being continued by Sister Olive and Sister Atawhai in their respective districts. The most pleasing development of their work is the gathering of the Maori women into little fellowship groups under the name "Methodist Women's Fellowship." Some of these groups have a badge with the initials M.W.F. and a Maori motto which being interpreted means "Together, for Christ and His Church." At one such group, visited by Rev. Laurenson, a Maori President took charge of proceedings assisted by her Maori Secretary and in a little prayer period, every member took part. Auxiliary women, have we not something to learn from our Maori friends? Of how many Auxiliaries could this be said?

I am sure we all rejoice to know that

at last, after many months in Hospital, Grenville Voyce is well enough to be back at the Orphanage where he is being "Mothered." Very warmly, too, do we welcome home Mrs. Rutter and her two small boys.

With the approach of the Christmas season, let us more and more give thanks to God for the peace in which we live, and pray with all earnestness for those who are harassed by the turmoil and suffering of war conditions. Let us be peace-makers in our own little world and so help bring in the day when the Prince of Peace shall reign in every heart.

My love and greetings to you all,  
Sincerely yours,  
ISABEL TAYLOR.

### WELLINGTON.

The Thanksgiving Service of the Wellington District Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliary was held in Wesley Church recently. Mrs. H. Nicholson presided, Rev. P. R. Paris was the speaker, and the soloist, Mr. Roy Hill, sang the Christmas Message given by His Majesty King George VI. in his 1939 broadcast to the British peoples.

Each branch offering was brought forward by its treasurer, who knelt at the Communion Rail, and when all was received, the congregation sang a hymn of dedication.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at the conclusion of the Service, and Mr. Paris spoke on Thanksgiving and Sacrifice, tracing the relationship between thanksgiving, which was the keynote of the service, and sacrifice as symbolised in the Sacrament. It was a fitting conclusion to a service of inspiration and devotion.

At the Annual Meeting devotions were led by Rev. F. J. Parker. The secretary read the 32nd Annual Report which showed that the work had been well maintained throughout the year. The financial statement also showed an increase in income. Thanks were extended to the officers for their loyal services.

### OTAGO.

M.W.M.U. affairs move quietly but steadily forward.

Roxburgh Auxiliary and Mosgiel Branch both continue to do excellent work.

Milton and Balclutha Auxiliaries each asked for assistance from Dunedin at one meeting, and in each case the member who went reported a happy and profitable time.

Some months ago Dunedin Auxiliary appointed a small committee to arrange visits to Ladies' Guild meetings in suburban churches. These visits proved acceptable, and resulted in increased membership. One result is a new branch at Abbotsford in active work.

Roslyn Branch also goes steadfastly on.

Dunedin meetings are increasingly interesting. It was a much-appreciated privilege to have Mr. Scrivin speaking at the October meetings. Recently a birthday league was formed here, with a very enthusiastic secretary. This should make a welcome addition to the income for the current year.

### WANGANUI.

Methodist women in Wanganui are intensely interested in both Home and Overseas missionary enterprise. The Central Auxiliary continues to maintain the interest of its members. At the end of November a Social Afternoon is being held, when members are to bring in bags, distributed several months ago. Much private trading to help in filling these bags has been going on, and the result is awaited with eager hope.

Wanganui North Auxiliary is carrying on with enthusiasm. Several new members have been received, and there is evidence that the interest is spreading. The devotional exercises are frequently taken by members.

Gonville Auxiliary is steadily working away. Attendance at meetings is well maintained. In this auxiliary, too, members help with the devotional part of the meetings.

The Evening Circle has been unfortunate in that several officers have moved to other parts. This has been a great loss. Members are at present making active efforts to increase their membership.

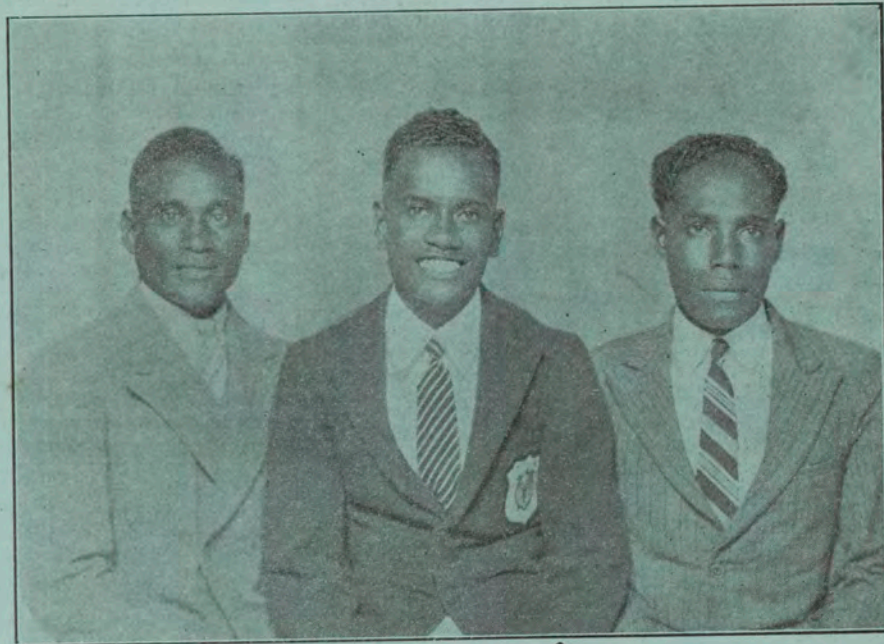
All auxiliaries help Sister Hobbs with clothing, etc., and all contribute to the penny—per—week scheme for Kurahuna and also collect stamps.



LOUIE—the leper girl lovingly supported by "We Two," Onehunga.



# 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.

Support for the Leper Hospital is urgently needed.

## Form of Bequest.

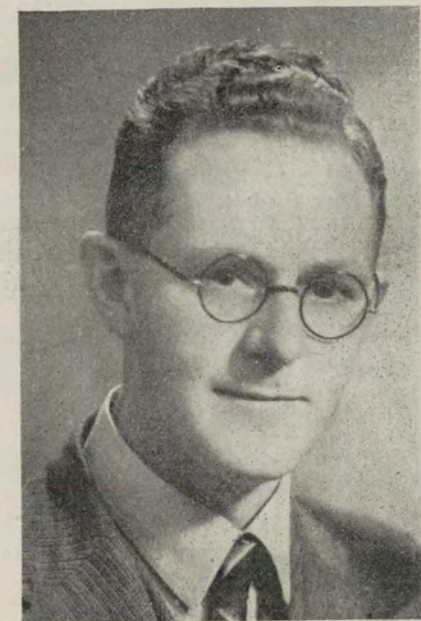
The following FORM OF BEQUEST may be used by persons who wish to bequeath a sum of money to the Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand:—

I give to the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand, the sum of .....pounds 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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"A Great Door & Effectual is opened unto us"

ST. PAUL.