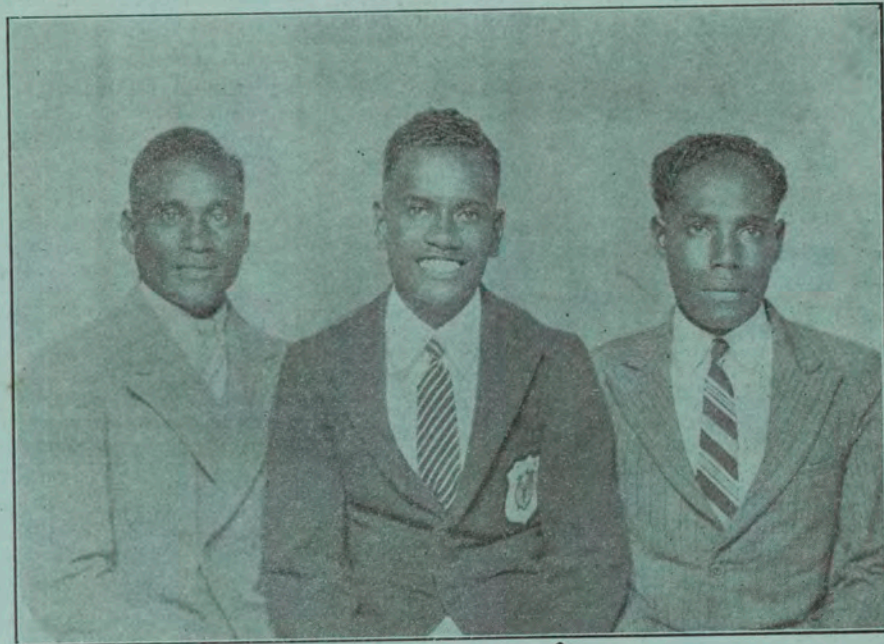


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John Wesley Kere.
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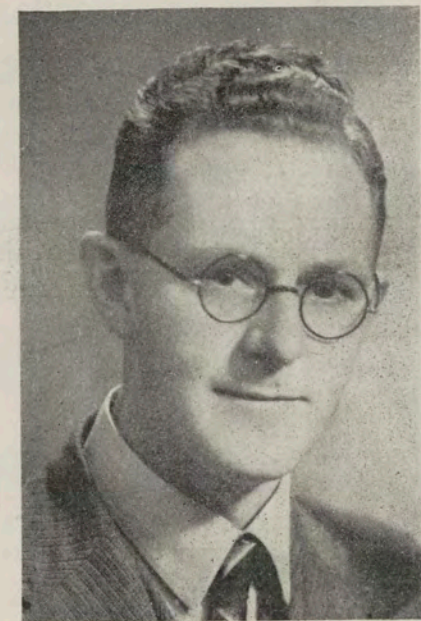
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What God Hath Wrought!

"He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Thus does one of the Islands reports end and thus would be begin. In a wonderful way, during an abnormally difficult year, God has demonstrated His sufficient grace. We render to Him our humble thanks.

The reports from the Solomon Islands District Synod are again eloquent of God's power in the hearts of the people and the steady upbuilding of His Church and are full of hope for the future. The Statistical Returns bring fresh inspiration every year and cause us to rejoice again in the power of the Gospel to redeem and keep. We can do no other than rejoice when we read of an increase in membership of 315, of six more churches and four more preaching places of an additional 14 catechists and teachers bringing the total of the native pastorate to 279; of 17 more local preachers and 20 more class leaders; of an increase of 383 Sunday School scholars and 530 Day School scholars bringing the total of the latter to 4,931 who are being taught simple school subjects and the Word of God in 230 schools by 293 teachers. It is wonderful in our eyes and we glorify Him who called the Church to this high missionary enterprise.

All parts of the District share in this happy growth of the Kingdom, each in its own particular way. In the British Solomons where the work was first pioneered our schools and colleges are being developed as mentioned elsewhere, young men are being prepared for the native ministry and many young men and women for the service of their people in other ways. Many of these young people of the Central Solomons are possessed of vision and ability of no mean order and of outstanding devotion. To afford them reasonable facilities for developing and using their talents is a very definite chal-

lenge to all who have been favoured with greater opportunity.

In Bougainville and Buka a great deal of pioneering work is still being carried out, and our missionaries in each section of this area report an exceptionally good year's work. In the opening up of a number of new stations much courage and enterprise have been shown by the native teachers who are often in lonely and difficult situations. Much more rapid advance could be made if more qualified native teachers were available, and this is really a question of more money, as there are always numbers of suitable men offering for training.

Another striking example of the possibilities of the sons of head-hunters when constrained by the love of Christ and guided and taught by the missionary of the Cross is furnished in the person of John Wesley Kere to whom we refer on page 4 of this issue. To win such distinction at the Medical School of Suva, this son of old Kere the head-hunter had to compete with the ablest students of Tonga, Samoa, Fiji and other Pacific Groups.

For the Church with the missionary spirit and vision of its Lord the crucial year of 1941 holds a great challenge. More than ever the Solomons will count on us for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We must have complete confidence in our God and seek His guidance. In a recent broadcast to the nation, Lord Halifax asked "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."

Medical Unit.

EXTRACTS FROM DR. A. G. RUTTER'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1940.



Sister Merle Farland.

average outpatients' attendance of 120 per day. (This figure represents an average of about 70 to 80 patients per day, as a large number receive treatments night and morning and so are recorded twice). The average number in hospital has been 20, ranging from as few as 11 to as many as 38, and the average length of stay has been 14.2 days per patient. These figures are considerably smaller than last year, as was indeed to be expected, and represent what may, I think, be regarded as a fairly "normal" level in the absence of any epidemic outbreaks and of special movements of the population. There have been no epidemics of any consequence during the year.

A total of 131 operations was performed, of which 40 are to be classified as major, including 10 cataract extractions, and 12 abdominal operations.

Staff.—The white staff has been unchanged throughout the year and has consisted of Sisters Merle and Joy and myself. Several changes have occurred in the personnel of the native staff, but an average of six girls and six boys have been employed for the greater part of the time. The dresser in charge of our out-

Central Hospital, Bilua.

Work at the Headquarters hospital at Bilua has progressed smoothly and without interruption throughout the year. Statistics are appended, and show a total of 248 admissions for the year, and an

station at Patutiva was brought back to hospital for a six months' refresher, and for three months two Government dressers, from Gizo and Simbo respectively, attended hospital for special instruction. Two of our own boys relieved them during this time. Lectures have been given to both girls and boys so far as circumstances permitted.

Leprosy.—It is most pleasing to be able to record, as one of the last acts of the closing year, the opening of the new leper settlement, at a site about a mile along the coast from the hospital. The work at the new site, commenced early in the year, has been difficult to organise and subject to many interruptions. Some sixty boys from Vella and Ranono villages assisted in the erection of the two large houses which form the nucleus of the colony; most of the leaf for these was prepared by the men of one small village, Talito. The walls of the houses and all final clearing, were done by the lepers themselves; and on September 7th the new settlement was officially opened. Four new lepers have been admitted for treatment during the year, and one discharged under "observation;" the settlement therefore opened with nine residents, and this number will be increased to twelve early in the new year.

The new colony is a great advance, and the reaction of the lepers, particularly in their mental outlook, has been immediate. The



Sister Joy Whitehouse.

site is a good one for gardening, and all patients take part in this activity which constitutes indeed the main feature of that "occupational therapy" which is so important a part of the treatment of the disease. Fowls have been established at the new settlement, and a canoe for fishing has been provided by one of the patients.



Sister Grace McDonald.

Kokeqolo Branch Hospital.

— This hospital has been under the care of Sister Grace throughout the year, and has been constantly busy, a large proportion of the patients naturally being drawn from the school and college boys resident on the station. A large amount of maternity work is also

done here, the number of confinements in hospital being actually larger than at the central hospital at Bilua.

All kinds of cases are dealt with here by Sister Grace, who refers patients as necessary to Bilua, and who has twice had to make special trips to bring over sick patients needing urgent attention.

The statistics for the Kokeqolo hospital as furnished by Sister Grace are as follows:—

Admissions to Hospital	310
Out-patients—Daily average ..	97
Injections for Yaws	1606
Maternity Cases	53

Choiseul.—The work on Choiseul is on a somewhat different footing from that at Kokeqolo, in that there is no large

central institution. Transport conditions and other circumstances limit the work which such an institution can effect, and render necessary the maintaining of several small centres, and frequent travelling on the part of the Sister in charge. The work has been under the care of Sister Vera throughout the year, and to her energy and devotion has been due much of the progress that has been achieved.

This progress is considerable, and is indeed one of the highlights of the year's work. It includes the building of three new hospitals, at Sasamaqa, Polo and Seqa respectively. These are small leaf buildings, but partly roofed and floored with European materials, and should last much longer than ordinary native buildings. They have been built entirely by native labour, marshalled and organised by the energetic co-operation of Mr. Metcalfe, and a large proportion of their cost has also been met by the natives themselves.

Travel.—The launch "Cicely" has had a great deal of use throughout the year and has proved ideal for her purpose.

Conclusion.—The year has been a difficult one in many ways, but the difficulties have been for the most part those imposed from the outside—the conflagration of the War, and the associated fall in the price of copra. The results of the work, however, in the increased health & happiness of the native population, are not far to seek; and should provide the stimulus for the exercise of faith and courage in planning for another year of active service throughout the whole medical field.



Sister Vera Cannon.

OUTPATIENTS AT CENTRAL HOSPITAL, BILUA:—

Total attendances	43,440
Daily average	120
New patients	313
Injections for Yaws	2,436
Antenatal clinic	110



EZEKIEL KOPANA,
whose death is announced.

John Wesley Kere, N.M.P.

That the hearty congratulations of the Board be conveyed to John Wesley Kere, N.M.P. upon graduating from the Medical School of Suva with such distinction. In winning three prizes, including the gold medal for surgery presented by the Fiji Branch of the B.M.A., he has brought honour to himself and to Roviana. John Wesley also distinguished himself as an athlete, being in the 1st cricket eleven of the Medical School and captain of the Rugby team which won the Farebrother Trophy.

John Wesley is the son of a head-hunter. We thank God for His miracles of Grace and pray that John Wesley Kere may exercise a rich ministry of healing upon his return to the Solomons.

Imperilled Missions.

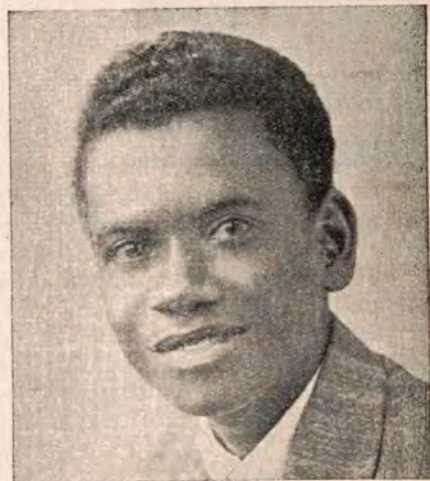
The International Missionary Council has forwarded an appeal, issued in the first instance to the United States of America, for overseas missions deprived of support by the Nazi and Soviet domination of Europe.

Four thousand missionaries have been bereft of support from the churches on the European continent. Their help is essentially important to the younger churches. We must not let these churches become derelicts. To maintain them and strengthen them we plead for sacrificial aid.

The National Missionary Council of

Tragedy and Triumph in Fiji.

With deep sorrow we learned of the death at Suva, Fiji, of Ezekiel Kopana, one of our promising Solomon Islands medical students. The sad news was contained in a letter from John Wesley Kere, who has just completed his medical training at Suva with outstanding success and obtained his diploma of Native Medical Practitioner. After sending a message of deep sympathy to the relatives of Kopana in the Solomons, the Annual Meeting of the Mission Board and the Conference passed the following resolution regarding Kere's successful graduation:—



JOHN WESLEY KERE, N.M.P.

New Zealand at its Annual Meeting unanimously agreed to the following Resolution:—

"That this Council wishes to draw the attention of all Missionary Bodies in New Zealand to the present position and dire need of those missions formerly supported by the now Nazi-dominated countries of Europe, and commends their need to the prayerful consideration of these Bodies with a view to any possible help."

At the Annual Meeting of our Methodist Foreign Mission Board it was unanimously decided that, notwithstanding the pressing need in the Solomons, we must heed this urgent call, and a grant of £100 was gladly made. This sum is to be forwarded to the International Missionary Council for use where it is most needed.

Personal and General.

Rev. J. F. Goldie.

It was with keen disappointment we received a radio from the Rev. J. F. Goldie regretting his inability to reach New Zealand in time for the Annual Meeting of the Mission Board and the Conference. In a following letter he adds: "I feel that in the present condition of things we may have to make quick and vital decisions, and I ought to be on the spot."

In acknowledging the affectionate congratulations of the Mission Board upon his recovery from a serious operation, he writes:—"Will you kindly express my thanks to the Board of Missions for the Resolution re my recovery of health. You brethren are all very generous, and I sometimes feel ashamed that I do not come up to your expectations. God has honoured me greatly in permitting me to engage in this work. A great deal has been done, and many of my inspired visions of years ago have materialised, but as the view opens up there is no end to the work that has yet to be done. The affection and confidence of the Board and the whole Church are an inspiration to me." **Conference Missionary Tea and Demonstration.**

The Auckland Women's Auxiliaries are to be warmly congratulated upon the outstanding success of the Conference Missionary Tea. The 675 who attended were not only served with a sumptuous repast, but also afforded a happy opportunity of social intercourse with the Conference representatives.

Well before the time of starting, Pitt St. Church was packed to the doors for the Missionary Demonstration. The President of the Conference presided in his usual genial and able manner, and in happy vein introduced the strong platform, which included numerous Home and Overseas workers. Sister Rita Snowdon and Dr. A. G. Rutter were the principal speakers, and stirred the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm with splendid addresses that left no shadow of doubt in the mind regarding the worth-while-ness of the Church's missionary enterprise. Mr. S. Gorman's challenging message, that appears on page 8, also deeply

touched the heart of everyone. In every sense it was a great meeting, and we thanked God and took courage.

On Furlough.

Seldom, if ever, have there been so many workers from the Solomons in New Zealand at one time. The arrival of Sisters Elizabeth Common and Merle Farland at the end of February brought the number of Sisters on furlough to four, and with Dr. and Mrs. Rutter the total is six. The number will be reduced when Sister Vera Cannon leaves shortly to resume her great work on Choiseul. She will receive a great welcome back.

The warmest of welcomes is extended to Sisters Elizabeth and Merle and best wishes for a very happy furlough. They have rendered high service on the Field, Sister Elizabeth for 18 years and Sister Merle for 3.

Fiji.

The latest New Zealand recruit for missionary work in Fiji is Miss U. C. Scivini, who has joined the staff of the Teacher Training Institution at Davuilevu. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Birtles, also of New Zealand, who were returning from furlough. Mr. Birtles is the Principal of the Davuilevu Institution where practically all Fijian and Indian teachers are trained for the schools of Fiji.

Other New Zealanders returning recently to our Mission Schools in Fiji, after a brief holiday, are Mr. and Mrs. Andrews and Misses H. White, R. Griffiths and I. Hames.

At the recent Conference the President extended a gracious welcome to Setareki Tuilavoni, a fine Fijian teacher and graduate of Davuilevu, who was passing through Auckland en route to Australia, where he will do Overseas Deputation Work during 1941.

Tonga.

A victim of the dread tuberculosis, Nauna, the young wife of the Rev. John Afu, died recently at Roviana. Our hearts go out in tender sympathy to the bereaved husband and the two tiny children. John Afu is a Tongan probationer and a tutor at our Training Institution, Roviana.

The Passing of the "Tandanya"

By the Rev. A. A. BENSLEY.



The "Tandanya."

"THE "TANDANYA" SANK AT HER MOORINGS." This was the word that came to us recently from the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District.

To those who have known the "Tandanya" and of her part in the evangelisation of the Solomons and of the strengthening and deepening of the faith among the people, she was more than a mere vessel, she was a very important member of the Staff. She seemed to be imbued with the missionary spirit and to enter into all that was required of her, not as an inanimate thing, but as a personality, conscious of her task and having a pride in the importance of her part. All of us who have sailed in her and seen her constantly over a number of years will never forget her. She was a thing of beauty, her fine lines and her smart appearance, were always a pride and a joy to us. To see her with all sails drawing in those blue

seas of the tropics, was sheer beauty and poetry. Of course, she seemed to be truly alive and invested with life because of the personality of her captain. The Chairman of the District knew her, understood and loved her, and there was complete agreement between the two. When he was absent from her she seemed to be different, but not so different when she was under the command of the old native captain, Harry Raino. Harry loved her too, and she was his pride. Always his eye was on her, watching for a frayed rope or any untidiness that would detract from her smart and clean appearance or seaworthiness.

Since 1911 she has been unceasingly busy in the development and work of the Mission. It would be impossible to compute the number of miles she has travelled in that time—from Tulagi to Rabaul, from Lord Howe to Simbo—always it was the same, engaged on a routine task of mission activity, or on a long pastoral patrol with her native crew as a band of encouragers in all the little struggling outstations where the Chairman made his calls. It would be difficult to make anything like a complete record of her various errands. There were white workers to take to their stations and to bring away, all weary and jaded, to catch the steamer for furlough; sick folk, white and native, to carry to hospital, school and medical equipment and supplies to take to all parts; cargoes of native and plantation produce to collect, also the gifts of the native Christians toward the maintenance and extension of God's work in their midst. (She could carry 200 sacks of copra below and above decks.) Then there were the constant calls of the native people—land troubles or some deeper distress. Always, and often at short notice, the Chairman hurried away in the "Tandanya," and when the vessel hove in sight, there was the beginning of comfort and confidence. In all weathers this went on, often in the teeth of the strong south-

erly blow or against the pressure of tide sets and in treacherous reef-sown waters. Sometimes there came sharp and sudden, the onset of the nor'westers and the "Tandanya" has had sails split to ribbons, but never had she suffered a more than minor mishap. Other vessels, numbers of them, have been lost, smashed on reefs or by other misadventure, but no serious harm befell the "Tandanya" all those years. True there have been sleepless nights for the Chairman, when the vessel has been anchored in an unsheltered and dangerous locality, and sometimes it has been a case of getting out in the darkness of a storm, but she came through all these testings.

It was always a joy to join in morning and evening prayer on board, and what splendid singing we have heard as the boys have united in praise. Never will

we forget the first occasion it was our privilege to join them.

And now her labours are ended. She has sunk at her moorings. Not on some destroying reef or in some unfamiliar inlet, but there right where the Chairman had begun his labours in 1902. She had already been superseded and another vessel had taken over her tasks. It was a fitting end, much as we deplore her loss. It would have been an indignity and a declension had she to spend some further years with other masters in mere freighting and trafficking. There while the Chairman was absent, and all unseen, she quietly slipped beneath the waters where she had so often set out about her high tasks. Thirty years of service, and such service. May ours be as full and unceasing and rounded off as peacefully after the storms and buffetings of life.

Papua Jubilee.

June 19th, 1941, will mark the Jubilee of Methodist Missionary enterprise in Papua.

The following resolution was carried very heartily by the Annual Meeting of the Mission Board and the Conference:—

Congratulation and Greeting to Papua District.

The Foreign Mission Board of New Zealand heartily congratulates the Papua District upon the attainment of its Jubilee in June, 1941. With a sense of pride and privilege we remember that New Zealand has been permitted a not unworthy part in the work of the past 50 years. Dr. George Brown and the Rev. S. B. Fellows of the pioneer party were from this Conference, as were also the Rev. M. K. and Mrs. Gilmour, who gave 33 years of distinguished service and leadership to the District. Numerous other missionaries from New Zealand have shared the joy of the Work in Papua.

We thank God that the primitive savagery of Papua has given place to a strong Native Church, served by a devoted native ministry and pastorate, and pray that the Jubilee celebrations will be richly blessed of God in the furtherance of His Kingdom.



Sister Effie Harkness, who has rendered splendid service at Roviana. During her furlough she is doing excellent deputation work. She will return to the Solomons in June.

Mr. S. GORMAN'S MESSAGE to the Conference Missionary Demonstration.



Mr. S. Gorman.

Mr. President and
Dear Friends,—

I have been asked to send a brief message to the Missionary Demonstration, and although somewhat indisposed, I am happy to comply with the request.

First, let me refer to that dark Conference, when through lack of vision and faith, it was decided to withdraw Dr. Sayers from his successful and Christlike ministry. The one ray of hope I saw at the time, was that another might be sent after an interval of three years.

Unfortunately, and to our shame, when confronted with financial difficulty, it is the spiritual which suffers first, and we ask, not how much, but how little we can give. If we are saved by faith and rewarded by works, how speechless we shall be when we are called to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Christ and the disciples were ever stressing the grace and privilege of giving back what rightly belongs to God. I rejoice and am most thankful that you sent Dr. Rutter to the Solomons, and the "Open Door" continues to relate a fraction of his work, but the half is never told. Let us continue to support him and his self-sacrificing staff in their Christlike service. What are we here for, if it is not to supply the ammunition for the great campaign of winning the Solomons for Christ? There should never be any lack, so let us give and give

again what God has given us. Then can we truthfully sing:

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small,
Love so amazing, so Divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Many are giving their lives for this work.

Christ, who was rich, became poor to the uttermost, and died an awful death to save our sinful world and us. Elijahs in the Solomons are being translated. God grant that their mantles may fall upon us, that we may share in the great work of driving darkness, disease, superstition and death from those dark-skinned children of the Father. So will His Kingdom come on earth, and these people be transformed by a Saviour's love.

In closing I beseech you to Listen! Hark! Behold! Can't you see the rising of the tide and hear the swish of the mighty Pacific beating on the rock-bound coast of the Solomons? If we are faithful, the Gospel of redeeming grace, will yet come sweeping up the main until the Islands are covered with the Glory of God as waters cover the sea.

Then at last before a great white throne, amongst the multitudes which no man can number, there will be a great host of erstwhile Solomon Island savages, who have come out of great tribulation, washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Glory to God in the highest. Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Amen.

Farewell,

(Signed) SAMUEL GORMAN.

Inspirational Visitors at Teop.

By Rev. D. C. ALLEY.

Teop is a long way from Bilua, about 300 miles, hence we could not obtain the help of Dr. Rutter and Staff even if we urgently needed it. It was, therefore, very good news when Doctor informed us of his intention to visit us for the two weeks prior to Synod.

The day after he arrived there was a parade of about 200 people for him to inspect, half of whom required injections. That day, too, we held the monthly Class Meeting, and here and on other occasions Doctor ministered to the spiritual needs of these people and showed to all that he was a Missionary as well as a Medical man. One week-end we went on a strenuous patrol into the mountains, Doctor preaching at each village visited.

The most interesting aspect of his visit, of course, was the surgical. The open room by my office made a fair surgery, and here eight major operations were performed. Only three of the many eye cases examined proved to be suitable for operating on. One of these especially produced most gratifying results. What a grand thing it is to be able to save a person from total blindness by a few minutes of skilled attention! Three other cases were for a form of filiarisis or elephantiasis and, besides the relief accorded the sufferers, these operations should save us from much worry and work in the future.

The most dramatic case was that of little Sibe, a lad from away in the mountains of Rotokas, who had what is called here a 'Flying Fox' arm. In other words, his forearm was joined to his upper arm by a thick flap of skin, this being the result of severe burns when an infant. He only had the slightest use of his arm. To remove all this skin, lengthen the tendons and stitch the whole arm up again was a difficult and arduous task. Sibe had to accompany Doctor to Synod for further supervision, and since our return he has to present himself to Marama daily to have his arm stretched, a very unpleasant task, which he gladly shirks if possible.

We are all very delighted with this case and are very amused to see Sibe walking around like any other boy with his hands clasped behind his back. His arm is at least three-parts straight.

Doctor was also the family physician, and one noticed with gladness how trustfully these people, who are not familiar with such proceedings, placed themselves in his hands.

In all these operations and proceedings I, as a layman, realised for the first time the immense amount of preparatory work necessary, and we are very appreciative of the way Doctor shouldered these extra responsibilities in inconvenient surroundings.

Sister Ada Lee's Visit.

After Synod, Sister Ada accompanied us back to Teop, and for two weeks specialised in Teacher Training Classes and the preparation of lesson helps. The need

for this work was very great, and we hope that the visit will result in increased interest and ability on the part of the Teachers. I hope to follow this up with patrols by my most able Teachers, who will see that the weaker ones have really learned to apply the lessons and methods in which they have been instructed.

Infant Welfare Work.

Mrs. Alley has been unusually busy in this work. Several mothers have been unable to feed their babies, another mother died, so there has been a constant stream of bottles going and coming from the house. Many infants succumbed to the various sicknesses and several were brought to Teop, only to find treatment was of no avail. With these and the maternity cases, Marama has been much too busy outside her own home for the good of her health.



Sister Ada Lee.

Annual Meeting of the Mission Board, 1941.

By Rev. V. le C. BINET.

In the unavoidable absence of the President of the Conference, the Chair at the above meeting was taken by the Rev. F. Copeland, Chairman of the Auckland District, who most cordially welcomed the local and distant members of the Board, including the President of the M.W.M.U. (Mrs. C. E. Taylor, of Feilding) and also Dr. Allen Rutter, on furlough from the Islands. The Rev. John F. Goldie (Chairman of the Islands District) was prevented from attending owing to pressure of duties at the Head Mission Station. The Board, realising the tense situation arising from possible developments in the Pacific, appreciated the decision of the Chairman to be near his people at such a time. The affectionate greetings of the Board were conveyed to the Native Church and the Missionaries on the Field.

The report presented by the General Secretary (Rev. A. H. Scrivin) was couched in buoyant and grateful terms, due to the wonderful response of both the Home and Native Churches to the needs of the Mission and the remarkable development of the Work on the Field referred to on other pages of this issue. Grateful reference was made to the additional £1,000 given by Mr. Samuel Gorman during the year, bringing the total of the Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Bequest to £12,433. A message of sympathy was sent to Mr. Gorman, whose health is giving cause for anxiety.

Industrial training is part of the native child's education on the Mission Field, and it was refreshing to hear that the missionaries are giving every help and encouragement to improve and develop the native food supply. Rice culture at Kihili has been begun, with promise of good yields in the future. Technical instruction has been given to young men who have shown wonderful skill in the use of native and European tools, and churches bear evidence of their craftsmanship. A carpentry class has been started by Mr. Luxton on Buka. A number of the boys have been selected, not

only as clerks for Government Offices, and as students for the Medical School in Fiji, but also as radio technicians.

It was quite natural, of course, to give to Dr. Rutter not only a hearty greeting at the meeting, but also a very attentive hearing, and one was impressed with his wide vision, for he took within his purview the spiritual and educational as well as the medical needs of the Field. In the Doctor's opinion it would be a mistake to concentrate too much upon the base hospital; nevertheless there were certain improvements that were desirable. European patients were sometimes treated, and this necessitated their accommodation at the Doctor's residence, which was not ideal—in its present form—for that purpose. The re-roofing of certain buildings with corrugated iron would guarantee an adequate water supply, whilst a new Out-Patients' Department was necessary; a kitchen, where suitable food could be prepared for delicate babies, and other offices, would greatly add to the efficiency of the medical service. But the whole would probably entail an expenditure of some £430. The Doctor also suggested that a nursing sister was urgently needed at Teop.

The work at the newly established leprosarium was touched upon by the Doctor, who mentioned that two houses had been built of native material and accommodated a number of patients who were occupied in gardening, fishing and in other ways which went far towards a self-supporting institution. The response to the treatment had been very gratifying, and it had been a great joy to the Doctor during the past three years to have been associated with the Work.

The Board members congratulated the Doctor upon the work already accomplished, and pledged all possible support to his policy.

Mrs. C. E. Taylor, President of the M.W.M.U., gave a very lucid account of the Union's activities, and reported progress during the past year. In a year

of war, there had been an increase in membership and contributions. Over 4,000 women were members of the Missionary Union which supported Sisters in the Solomons and on the Home Mission Field, and contributed to the Medical Fund. Gift boxes were forwarded during the year of a total value of £271. Great regret was felt at the approaching retirement of Sister Ethel McMillan, who had given 26 years' faithful service to the physical, spiritual and moral welfare of the girls and women of Choiseul. The Board expressed sincere appreciation of the women's splendid work under consecrated leadership.

A sum of £100 was voted by the Board towards the assistance of "Imperilled Missions" whose usual sources of help had been cut off owing to the war.

Mr. Hames, the Lay Treasurer, was complimented upon his clear statement of the Board's policy that had, during the

past eight years brought about a reduction of the debt from £16,750 to £4,270.

A period of Intercession and Thanksgiving brought another very happy and inspirational Annual Meeting to a close.

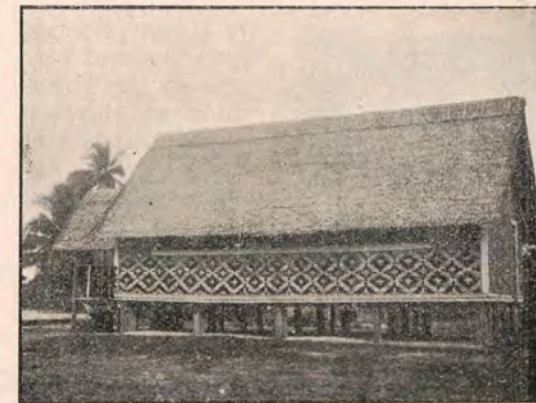


Photo: Rev. A. W. Silvester
Beautiful new church at Sageragi on the island of Gizo in the Vella Lavella Circuit.

The Inexhaustible Munitions of God.

(From the Annual Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society.)

The World Work.

The records of the British and Foreign Bible Society show that on March 31st, 1940, it had published the whole Bible in 155 languages, the full New Testament in 182 more, and at least one book of the Bible, generally a Gospel, in 404 more; thus making 741 languages in all. What this huge number of languages means to the darkened nations of the world it is not possible to compute. Only in the records of the Eternal shall it be declared. The Society first assures itself of the translational purity of each new version, then it publishes it in print and format that will please each people. Finally, it sells to the native peoples at a price the poorer ones can afford to pay. It would give the Book of Books without charge if that were wise; but experience has shown that the dignity and self-conscious manhood of the natives are preserved by having to pay even a little for what they feel they need and ought to have.

The Work in New Zealand.

The many benefits New Zealand enjoys

through the British and Foreign Bible Society within the Dominion, and in the never-failing supply of Scriptures going to our overseas missionaries, have again made their appeal to the New Zealand Christian public. Our people have a rich conception of the inherent power of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment, and are anxious to maintain and increase the supply, and to make it everywhere available. It is, therefore, with much gratitude to God and to the friends of the work, that we report another record year in our contributions. Through the collections made by our Branches, and by the personal gifts sent direct to the Wellington Bible House, we have made an advance of £2,060 on the previous year. The grand total for the Dominion reached the splendid sum of £13,690. For this and all that it means, both at home and overseas, we thank God, and are exceedingly grateful to our workers and to our contributors. It will make possible a very large distribution of the Holy Scriptures, and be of untold advantage to our missions and missionaries.

Work amongst the Buka Women and Girls.

By Sister ELIZABETH COMMON.



Sister Elizabeth Common.

It may interest you to stand with me on the threshold of the last month of this year 1940, and looking back over the way traversed, see how the work has grown.

Last New Year there were 13 Mission girls, 2 of whom were married that day.

Another 2 were married in April, but to-day there are 23 in residence. Two more applicants arrived a fortnight ago, but inasmuch as the "House of Light" will soon be closed for the duration of the Sister's furlough, it was thought inadvisable to admit them.

The number of children has increased during the year from 7 to 11. The latest arrival is a baby boy—probably about 15 months old—whose mother died of T.B. As one child recently returned to his village, this latest arrival has not meant further increase.

The growing number has been at once the Sister's joy and despair. The ever-recurring housing problem! One may house a few babies on a verandah, and distribute them over various rooms, but latterly a nursery became a necessity, and the work suffered from the lack. An addition to the house was out of the question, and there only remained to adapt the present available room space to present needs. So the portion of verandah already being used for some of the children was partitioned off from the rest, and a portion of the verandah wall of the adjoining girls' room run back to give extra width to the new room, and the

nursery was evolved! Already the children are benefiting from their new conditions, and the girls in charge much happier and effective in their work.

There has been a considerable increase in the medical work, and the new building comprising 2 wards for the treatment of sick women and children will be a great boon to the people, allowing us to handle more cases, and handle them more efficiently. Teachers, Mission boys and girls, and village people have all helped in its erection.

In connection with this subject of building, let me mention another piece of work which recently gladdened our hearts—the re-roofing of the Girls' Home. We think the original sak-sak (thatch of sago-palm leaf) did well to weather the blasts of 7 years; and are proud to relate that no sign of white ants has appeared in the building during that period.

Midwifery work caused some concern, as the women who have been managing without trained help for so long, seem careless about availing themselves of it now the Mission is again in a position to offer it. It is encouraging to find that things are changing for the better, and now towards the end of the year, cases are coming in. Unfortunately, as the improvement begins to show, the Sister's furlough becomes due. This branch of work is most important, not only from the standpoint of saving life, but as part of very valuable training for our girls.

Class-meeting membership has also grown, and there is inspiration in numbers here. Not so very long ago, the singing was little more than a duet—now it is a chorus! Will you pray for these women to whom light has come, but to whom much is still obscure and puzzling in the new life, which they have entered.

The Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest.

ANOTHER GREAT GIFT.

All hearts at the Annual Meeting of the Mission Board and at the Conference were deeply stirred by the news that Mr. S. Gorman had notified a further contribution of £1,843. This great gift was announced with much joy by the President of the Conference at the Missionary Demonstration and the packed audience showed its appreciation in no uncertain way. Mr. Gorman's latest gift will bring the total of the Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest to £14,276. This noble bequest forms the greater part of the

Special Fund for Maintaining the Doctor in the Solomons. The interest only is used and it is hoped that the Fund will grow until the future of a strong medical unit in the Solomon Islands is assured, and the Doctor is able to formulate with confidence a long term policy. It is our earnest hope that others who have been blessed of God will Contribute liberally to this Fund and share with Mr. Gorman and our missionaries the joy of a task that is so much in accord with the mind of the Master.

A Critical Layman looks at Christian Missions.

(From an Address given in Melbourne on 19th November by Mr. W. C. Groves.)

Under the above title, Mr. W. C. Groves referred to his fifteen years of experience in anthropological and educational work in the Western Pacific, and to his years of systematic study of native affairs. He had, he believed, had unique opportunities of observing the work of various missions from every possible angle, and particularly from the angle of a critical layman. He felt that he owed it to the missions as a duty to speak of what he had seen and of the conclusions he had drawn from his experience—and he could only speak favourably.

Of course there were weaknesses in the missionary enterprise, but it must be recognised that the missions, from the earliest days of European contact upon the natives of the Pacific, had stood with singleness of purpose as a buffer for the natives against all kinds of influence. One particular line of popular European criticism (credited frequently to the anthropologist, poor chap!) is that missions break down native customs and traditions. Of course they do—just as every other European agency does. Such a situation is inevitable. But the important question to be answered is whether or not the missions are providing satisfactory substitute interests, traditions and beliefs for the people, to replace those lost or displaced. The answer to that question

is that on the whole the missions are doing so. In illustration of this, Mr. Groves recounted a number of humane stories from his own experiences in native villages, where the old practices, which were incompatible with civilised ideas, had been supplanted by equally satisfactory ones which were harmless and compatible with civilised ways of life.

As a result of European contact, represented by Government, Commerce and Missions, the old and the new interests are clashing in native life to-day, and the native needs support and encouragement in breasting the tide of change. And there can be no doubt that the missions are very largely providing this support and encouragement; in this big task of reconciling old culture and new, the initiative necessarily falls upon the Governments, but the ideal is now being followed in British Colonial Administration of a working co-operation of mutual help and understanding between Government and missions in certain branches of native affairs and in the pursuit of a common aim of native social development. This working co-operation and understanding is most easily and effectively secured, and has proved to be most valuable, in the fields of education and health. In both of these fields the missions have done excellent pioneering and self-negating work, and the natives have benefited inestimably thereby.

The Treasurers' Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1940.

The Treasurers have much pleasure in presenting to the Board of Missions the Balance-Sheet and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 1940.

The income from the Home Church amounted to £13,378/6/5, which is an increase of £1,572/19/5 on that of 1939, and £1,878/6/5 more than the estimated income for the year. The increase is general throughout New Zealand, no less than 78 circuits and 19 Home Mission Stations having shared in the increase. The income includes £1,206/3/3 for the Medical Fund, being special contributions from Church Trusts and from sympathisers with the Medical Work. It also includes interest on the Capital of the Medical Fund and £505/1/1 contributed for work among the lepers. The Women's Missionary Union contributed £1,300 and the Young Women's Bible Class Movement £170. The Young Men's Bible Class Movement contributed £49/1/9, and the North Canterbury Young Men's Bible Class Union £30 for support of Rev. N. Kera. The sum of £114/10/0 has been received from the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund.

The income from the Mission District was £1,858/9/1, being £317/0/11 less than that of the previous year, but only £186 10/11 less than the estimate. This is much better than was anticipated, and in view of the exceedingly low price of copra must be regarded as highly satisfactory.

The expenditure on the Mission Field was £11,139/12/10, being £807/0/5 less than in 1939 and only £120/0/10 above the allocation for the District.

The expenditure at the Home Base has been £1,723/3/8, being £62/7/4 less than the estimated expenditure for the year.

Mr. Samuel Gorman has made another fine gift of £1000 to the Medical Fund to be added to the Capital Fund of the "Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest."

The sum of £980/1/11 has been received from legacies. Included in this

is £100 received from the estate of the late G. H. Bennett of Palmerston North, the interest of which has to be credited to the St. Paul's Church, Palmerston North. The sum of £508/6/8 has been transferred to working capital and the remainder of the money from legacies (£471/15/3) has been placed to the credit of the Equipment Fund, together with £13 from the Earthquake Relief Fund.

The Boat Insurance Fund has again been added to by the transfer of £356/5/0 from this year's income and also by interest amounting to £59/14/1, and now stands at £2000.

The year's working shows a reduction of the deficiency by £845/18/9, the remaining deficit being £4272/4/7. This is one of the most gratifying features of the year's financial operations.

A profit of £28/1/8 has been made on the publications. This is an excellent result in view of the greatly increased cost of paper and postage. The circulation of "The Open Door" now amounts to 5,650 copies quarterly, an increase of 149, and of "The Lotu" 7,340 copies, an increase of 229.

This is one of the most encouraging Financial Statements which we have been privileged to present for many years and evidences the growing spirit of missionary interest in the Church. It is full of inspiration for the whole Church.

W. A. Sinclair } General
T. L. Hames } Treasurers.



Photo: Rev. A. H. Voyce.
New Mission House, Kihili, South Bougainville.

Acknowledgments.

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous contributions and earnestly plead for the maintenance of these important funds:—

"MAINTAIN THE DOCTOR" FUND.

Promise	£1	0	0
Kaiapoi	10	0	0
Nights of Magic (per Rev. Allon Carr)	27	8	7
Cambridge (for Sterilizer)	65	0	0
Epsom Men's Fellowship	15	0	0
Wakanui	8	6	7
Pitt Street Trust	75	0	0
Pitt Street Sunday School	8	0	0
Lawrence Ladies' Guild	1	10	0
Mornington Y.W.B.C.	5	0	0
Wesley Church, Taranaki St. Trust	100	0	0
Papanui I.K.R.	1	0	0
" K.D.	1	0	0
" Y.W.B.C.	5	0	0
Timaru South	1	0	0
Mrs. Gardner, Pahiatua	1	0	0
"Just a Helper"	2	0	0
"Anon"	2	0	0
Sale of Newspapers	10	0	0
Newmarket B.C.	7	10	0
Miss Henderson, Maori Hill	5	0	0
"In Sympathy," Pitt Street	1	0	0
Mrs. Collinge, Raetihi	10	0	0
"Kia Ora," Hamilton	5	0	0
Bombay-Tuakau	1	0	0
"A Widow's New Year's Gift"	1	0	0
"We Two," Onehunga	5	0	9
Miss G. Hopkins	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Rowe, Napier (Sale of seeds)	11	10	6
Miss M. Carter, Rotorua	10	0	0
Cardiff Sunday School	1	0	0
"Thank-offering," Durham Street	3	0	0
Miss A. Harper, Palmerston North	2	6	0
"Anon," Trinity, Dunedin	5	0	0

SPECIAL LEPER FUND.

Previously acknowledged	£458	1	1
Dundas Street Junior Girls	10	0	0
"Promise"	1	0	0
Two Methodists	5	0	0

L.L.W.	10	0	0
Mrs. Hetherington, Mt. Eden	5	0	0
Warkworth	1	10	0
Wakanui	1	0	0
Mrs. Hayman, Waimate	2	0	0
G. Hill, Paeroa	1	0	0
N. Davies	1	0	0
H. Wood	1	0	0
Miss C. Cunningham	1	0	0
Mornington	1	0	0
Caversham, Mrs. Bailey	10	0	0
" J. Nixon	10	0	0
Rahotu, E. H. Symons	5	0	0
" T. Hughson (Senr.)	5	0	0
Blenheim Sunday School	1	0	0
Timaru South	1	0	0
Miss G. E. Jones, Addington	1	0	0
"Glimpses of the Master"	10	0	0
"Wandering Jew"	1	0	0
Miss Fleming	1	0	0
Mrs. Hill, Te Kuiti	1	0	0
"A Widow's New Year's Gift"	1	0	0
Whangarei	1	0	0
Wellington South	1	0	0
"We Two," Onehunga	2	0	0
William Astley, Centennial Gift	100	0	0
Miss H. Astley, Centennial Gift	50	0	0
"Anon," Wellington	10	0	0
Miss Miller, Bryndwr	2	6	0
Missionary's Sympathy	1	0	0
Thankoffering, Durham Street	2	0	0
Miss A. Harper, Palmerston North	2	6	0
"Anon," Trinity, Dunedin	5	0	0
"Anon"	10	0	0
Rev. W. W. Avery (sale of bulbs)	21	0	0

Total to date .. £691 6 1

GENERAL FUND.

"Promise"	£1	0	0
"S.E.A."	5	0	0
"An Old Dominie"	1	10	0
"Anon"	2	10	0
"Anon"	3	0	0
"Anon"	10	0	0

DEBT REDUCTION.

Miss M. Rushton	10	0	0
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SPECIAL OFFER.

The Rev. W. W. Avery, whose reputation for good bulbs is equalled by his practical interest in the Medical Work of our Foreign Missions, has offered 1,000 choice bulbs towards establishing the Leprosarium in the Solomon Islands. All bulbs will be named and forwarded to purchasers, and a liberal discount in extra bulbs will be given to all purchasers of £1's worth or more. Orders should be forwarded direct to Rev. W. W. Avery, Willowby R.M.D., ASHBURTON, by Easter. If the supply of daffodil bulbs is exhausted choice gladioli will be substituted.

WOMEN'S PAGES

M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's
Missionary Union of
New Zealand.

9 Ranfurly Avenue,
Feilding,
January, 1941.

Dear Fellow-workers,—

Have you ever stopped to consider how full life is of fresh beginnings — New Years — new months — new days? It is surely part of the goodness of God that these new opportunities are constantly being given us to set ourselves afresh to new endeavours for Him. Here is another New Year, and which of us has not made some "new resolve, some solemn vow" to serve more faithfully and love more truly?

On Holiday.—A recent visit to Auckland was crowded with happy renewing of old friendships and the making of new ones. You will take it for granted that my first contacts were with the good folk of our ex-Executive. It was good to share with them my hopes and fears and to receive encouragement to press forward in this coming year. Accompanied by Miss Rishworth, I ventured into the vast Auckland Hospital, to see Grenville Voyce. You will be very sorry to know that he has had to go back into hospital for further treatment for the very persistent trouble in his arm. He looks well and seems content, but oh, our hearts ache for his parents. How disappointed they would be when they heard he was once more a hospital patient. We are glad that in a few months' time they will be coming home to see their lads. Pray that Grenville may be quite well to greet them.

Two visits were paid to Miss Carr, still in a Convalescent Home after her recent operation. It was a privilege to visit her and to catch some of her courage and patience. Not one word of complaint—only a thankfulness for all that is being done for her and a brave looking forward into future days. Let us remember her in our prayers.

The allotted "few minutes" were all too few for a visit to Sister Ivy Jones in her small — far too small — room where she

does so much of her invaluable work. Ranged round the walls are bridal groups of happy folk — mostly Maori — whom Sister has had the joy of uniting in marriage. After a chat on the work in general, I was taken into the adjoining, still smaller room where old clothes are sorted and stored ready for the constant demands. Baby clothes are the greatest need, and clothing for school children is next in demand, while coats are always acceptable, but not too many hats, please! I came away feeling I had been given just a tiny glimpse into a vast and growing work which only Sister Ivy could accomplish.

Kurahuna. — How strangely quiet was this Home. On my first visit, the cow was the only living creature I saw, but on a second visit, I found Sister Netta busy preserving beans and doing other seasonable jobs which are best done when the usual routine life of the School is at a standstill. Six or seven of last year's girls are expected back and Sister is expecting a full quota by the time School re-opens. Three more Kurahuna girls have started training as nurses, two at Taihape Hospital and one at Coromandel.

On Furlough.—Shall I ever forget the thrill of my first experience of meeting a Sister, home on furlough from the Solomons? Sister Effie arrived on the morning of January 3rd looking so well. One hesitated to intrude on the re-union with her family circle, and I waited only long enough to greet her on behalf of our Executive and of all M.W.M.U. women. We pray for her a restful and refreshing furlough and happy meetings while on deputation work.

About the same time Dr. Rutter arrived in Wellington, and we rejoice in that family re-union also. We wish the Doctor, his wife, and family, a beneficial holiday. Mrs. Rutter has already been generous in the giving of her time and energy to meeting with our women in various places,

and we are grateful to her.

Many are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Rev. Goldie in New Zealand, and it is hoped that he will be here in time to share in both the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Mission Board and the Church Conference.

Special Objective.—We gratefully acknowledge the generous payments which are being made to our Special objective, Waiuku having the honour of forwarding the first donation.

Easter Offering.—As we approach the Lenten Season, may we be prepared to give ourselves with our gifts as we present our Easter offering.

Loving greetings from
Your friend,
ISABEL TAYLOR.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Auxiliary affairs in this district are still going along well. Reports show that much interest is being taken in both Home and Overseas Missions, and Sisters' letters are read and enjoyed. Through these letters the Sisters are felt to be known personally.

NEW PLYMOUTH and ELTHAM Evening branches are doing splendid work, and during the past quarter both have held a social evening to which the afternoon Auxiliary was invited.

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At STRATFORD a keener interest is being taken in the work which has resulted in an increased attendance at the meetings. MARTON and MANAIA, though only small Auxiliaries, are very much alive.

HAWERA holds a Bring and Buy table at each meeting which augments the funds by about £1/5/-.

The three Auxiliaries in WANGANUI are still as keen as ever, and this is shown by the special efforts held. In November, Wanganui Central held a Thanksgiving Service which was well attended and the gifts reaching the splendid sum of £21/17/-.

MANAWATU DISTRICT.

RONGOTEA.—Meetings well attended. An address by Krishnabai Gadre was very much enjoyed by all present.

FEILDING.—Record income for year £97. Vera Cannon's visit much enjoyed, splendid attendance at this meeting, about 70 being present. Five new Gleaners have been enrolled since Conference.

WOODVILLE.—Sister Vera's visit appreciated. Money and parcel forwarded for Solomon Island Xmas boxes. A paper read by the President entitled "Who would be a Colporteur" proved very interesting. Decided to open New Year with Garden Party.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Mrs. Hodder re-elected as President for 33rd year—surely a record. At September meeting members were privileged to hear an address by Miss Jones, Y.W.C.A. secretary on a "Visit to London." Encouraging reports received from Fireside Circles. Sister Vera's visit much enjoyed.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

TE KOPURU.—Owing to petrol restrictions Guild and Auxiliary will probably combine meetings.

KAITAIA.—Entertained the Presbyterian W.M.U. to lunch with an enjoyable meeting following.

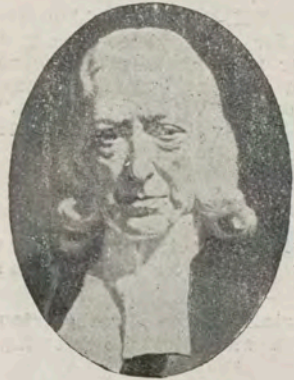
AUCKLAND.—Christmas Meeting. The attendance was larger than at most quarterly meetings. The President, Mrs. Jack, was in the chair and conducted a period of intercession, followed by the National Anthem. Mrs. White dedicated the offering which amounted to £70. Miss Reid, our pianist, was absent (this is only the third time in 25 years) owing to the illness of her sister. Mrs. Beamish was the soloist. Sister Heeni Te Teira spoke in her natural and unassuming way of her work in the Waikato amongst her own people. She stressed the point that it is the young people, the boys and girls, whom she is most anxious to interest and keep interested in a better way of life, and she asked the women for their help and prayers for these young folk. Her address was most informative, and we felt that we knew a great deal more of her work and its difficulties than we had previously done. Meeting closed with the Doxology.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

LOWER HUTT Auxiliary transformed their December meeting into a Christmas festivity. A small choir presented carols, in some of which the audience were invited to join, and visiting artists gave generously of their talents. The beautiful floral decorations were only surpassed by the lovely bouquets presented to the performers and officers of the Auxiliary. A special tea was enjoyed, and at the close of the afternoon Rev. F. J. Parker led our thoughts to dwell on the true meaning and message of Christmas.

"AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, GO YE
INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH
THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE."

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

Evangelise the Solomons

**Maintain the Doctor and
Extend the Ministry of
Healing.**

**Educate the race and give
to the people God's word
in their own tongue.**



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of N.Z.

JUNE, 1941.



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