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The major need is for carpenters' and joiners' tools in good condition, but tools for electrical and engineering work are also required. Mr. Lindsay S. Ayers, of 464 Manchester Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, who is a qualified tradesman and a member of our Edgeware Rd. Church, has generously offered to receive, pack and despatch tools forwarded to him in response to this appeal.



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MESSAGE from OXFORD

Ecumenical Conference Speaks to World Methodism

The Message.

The Eighth Ecumenical Methodist Conference, assembled at Oxford, England, sends cordial greetings to all Methodists throughout the world. Our meeting at Oxford recalls the close association of John and Charles Wesley with its University and the Holy Club, and the debt which they owed to its academic life and its place in Christian history.

We met together to look with clear eyes and critical appraisal at the Methodism which we have inherited from our fathers, and its development through the years. We have considered the life of our Church in all its parts, as it exists to-day. We have sought to make plans for the Church that is to be, so that, under God's guidance, it may fulfil His purposes for it. We have therefore reminded ourselves in addresses and in discussion, of those teachings which were committed to us from the beginning—the sin of man and his need for salvation which he cannot of himself secure, the invitation to all, of every race and colour, to receive the free grace of God, and find salvation and peace in Christ; the assurance of this salvation given by the Holy Spirit; the following of the way through fellowship and prayer and worship to perfect love of God and man; and the necessity for proclaiming to all men the truth which is in Christ.

Meeting as we have done, in days so tragic and critical, we have been moved by the Gospel in which we believe to relate it to the present condition of man. At the root of all the world's disorders is sin, and apart from the salvation which is in Christ, there is no hope that these disorders will be cured. We have therefore sought to know God's will for man in all his relationships—in home, school, industry, society, national and international life. In particular, since in Christ all barriers of race and colour are broken down, we declare that race discrimination of every kind must be resisted by the Church, because it is contrary to the mind of Christ.

In all our thought and discussion on these matters, we have rejoiced to recognise the fundamental unity of World Methodism in ministry, membership and life. We are convinced that the more this unity and understanding are acknowledged and developed, the more effective will be the contribution of our Church both to the universal Church and to the life of the world.

To this end certain practical decisions have been taken:—

- A Constitution has been set up which provides for the representation on the Ecumenical Council of every branch of Methodism in the world.
- To maintain the activities of the Council and to facilitate communications between its sections, a permanent Secretariat has been set up, to have offices in the United States and Great Britain.

- The Conference or the Council will meet at intervals of five years, the next meeting to be in 1956.
- Permanent committees, in addition to the Executive Committee, have been set up to deal with such questions as evangelism, faith and order, women's work, education, the exchange of preachers, youth, and finance.
- A special committee has been appointed to further the project, accepted by the Council, of a memorial in Oxford to the Wesleys in the form of an Ecumenical Methodist House.
- The name will henceforth be the World Methodist Conference, and similarly, the World Methodist Council.
- It has been decided to hold an evangelistic mission simultaneously throughout the world in 1953, the year 1952 to be used as a year of intense spiritual preparation.

We wish to affirm explicitly that, so far from being in rivalry with the World Council of Churches, or wishing to isolate ourselves from the movement toward the reunion of the Churches, our purpose in promoting the closer unity of Methodism is that this may make a stronger contribution to the larger unity of Christ's Church throughout the world.

The Conference most heartily commends to the Methodist people everywhere the observance of Aldersgate Sunday—the Sunday falling upon or immediately preceding May 24—as an occasion for remembering the faith of our founders and for rededicating ourselves in universal fellowship to the spreading of scriptural holiness in all the world.

In full consciousness of the need of man, and the imperfection of our service, we feel urgently moved to recall all the members of our world family to our first works of scriptural holiness, fellowship and evangelism, and to remind them of the insistent duty of applying the Gospel to all the conditions of human life. We say to every Methodist: "Let your walk and conversation be such as adorn the Gospel of Christ."

This is a matter which concerns every minister and member. We hope that it will be given prayerful consideration in every church.

We are, on behalf of the Conference:—

IVAN LEE HOLT,
WILBERT F. HOWARD,
Joint Presidents.

OSCAR T. OLSON,
HAROLD ROBERTS,
Joint Secretaries.

The New General Secretary



Rev. S. G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed.

Conference Luncheon

One of the happiest functions of the Conference was a complimentary luncheon tendered to the Revs. J. F. Goldie and A. H. Scrivin to mark their retirement from 49 and 37 years respectively of missionary service and 54 and 40 years in the active ministry. The President of Conference presided over more than 200 guests who were liberally catered for by the Auckland Ladies' Guild Fellowship.

The Vice-President (Mr. J. H. Oldham), in eloquent and felicitous terms, reminded the gathering of the devoted and remarkable service rendered to the Solomons by Mr. and the late Mrs. Goldie and affirmed that, when the true perspective of Mr. Goldie's work is obtained, he will rank amongst the great missionaries of the world. On behalf of the Foreign Mission Board, the General Secretary told Mr. Goldie of their love and appreciation and presented him with an illuminated album containing the signatures of the members of both the Board and the Conference, and also two beautiful specimens of Maori carving and inlaid New Zealand timbers.

The President, Rev. G. I. Laurenson, and the Rev. A. A. Bensley, spoke in generous terms of Mr. Scrivins 19 years service as General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Dept., and 18 years as a missionary in Papua, and the former presented him with a substantial cheque. Mrs. William Green (wife of the Chairman of the F.M. Board), presented Mrs. Scrivin with a very beautiful bouquet after she and the President had referred to her loving and loyal service both at home and overseas.

By a hearty and unanimous vote the Conference appointed the Rev. S. G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed., as the new General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Department in succession to the Rev. A. H. Scrivin who retires after nineteen years occupancy of that office. Mr. Andrews, who will assume office as from March 1, 1952, will bring fine gifts and valuable experience to his responsible task. As a trained teacher he volunteered for service in Fiji fourteen years ago and ranks high today in that country as a Christian educationist. After some years under Mr. W. E. Donnelley, at our large Methodist school at Toorak, Suva, he was appointed Principal of Davuilevu College in which important post he has served with marked success until this present time. For some years he has been our Secretary for Education in Fiji and Liaison between the Methodist Mission and the Government.

In 1943 Mr. Andrews was received as a Probationer by the New South Wales Conference and, by special arrangement, was subsequently ordained at the New Zealand Conference. During the past year, in addition to his other responsible duties, he has been Acting Chairman of the Fiji District, and for two years has been engaged on a new "Life of Christ" in Fijian to replace that written nearly 70 years ago by Dr. Lorimer Fison.

Mrs. Andrews is also a New Zealander—daughter of the late Rev. Hedley and Mrs. White—and has entered fully into her husband's missionary activities.

Shortly after assuming office, Mr. Andrews will leave for the Solomons to attend the Golden Jubilee celebrations and is assured of as warm and whole-hearted a welcome there as he will receive in New Zealand. We confidently commend him to the prayers of the whole Church as he takes up his big and responsible task.

Conference Missionary Demonstration

Pitt St. Church was full for the Missionary Demonstration which was one of the most inspirational functions of the Conference. The President, Rev. G. I. Laurenson was in the Chair and with him on the platform were the Vice-President and Secretary of Conference and representatives of the Home and Maori, and Foreign Mission Departments. The speakers were the Revs. John F. Goldie and B. M. Chrystall and they stirred the audience with inspirational and challenging addresses. Mr. Goldie, who had travelled from Australia to attend Conference, received a great ovation.

An interlude that also aroused enthusiasm was the presentation by the Rev. A. A. Bensley of a cheque for the balance of £1,057 raised by the "Lotu" readers for rebuilding the District Church in the Solomons. This fine effort had been organised by Mr. Bensley, as Editor of the "Lotu," and reflected great credit on him and the readers of our children's missionary magazine. In receiving the cheque, the General Secretary remarked that the significance of the gift far exceeded a mere sum of money: it represented the loving interest of a multitude of children that God would delight to honour.

The choir was comprised of twenty Fijians, mostly Service-men, who delighted the gathering with their fine unaccompanied singing.

Solomon Island District Synod, 1951

BY THE REV. F. H. WOODFIELD.

The 46th Synod of the Solomon Island District opened at Bilua, on September 12th. Rev. A. H. Voyce welcomed to the chair our new Chairman, the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe. He reminded us of the long and effective service of the Rev. J. F. Goldie and that the mantle of Mr. Goldie had now fallen on Mr. Metcalfe. Mr. Metcalfe appropriately replied, speaking briefly on the present position in the district.

We were sorry that the polio quarantine restrictions had prevented the Revs. Shepherd, Cornwell and Carter from being present with us. The Synod was also sorry to learn of the accident sustained by Mr. Cornwell, and arrangements were made for the Bougainville and Buka Probationers to take their examinations as soon as the restrictions were lifted. The urgent need for a minister to fill the vacancy on Choiseul, as shown on the stationing sheet was brought before us and we hope that the call of the Mission Field has not been lost by our young ministers.

On the afternoon of the 13th the Representative session was opened under the chairmanship of our new Chairman, who reminded us that we are in a new era with many forces about us seeking to hamper and disrupt our work. He called us to greater consecration in putting God first in all things and co-operating to keep out disrupting influences.

A recommendation was received making arrangements for the division of the Bougainville-Buka circuit into three separate Circuits, to take effect after the Conference, 1952. Native representatives made further strong pleas for a minister for Choiseul.

The statistics reveal fluctuations, with decreases in some places caused by the increased commercialism which has unbalanced the native mind in some places, drawing them away in the age old rush for money. Nevertheless we have 209 churches with 263 teachers and 182 local preachers. Our members and adherents total 17,651 and we have 6112 scholars taught by 316 teachers in 205 schools. The peculiar conditions caused by the long distance to travel have made it difficult for young people to get married when they want to. We therefore recommend to Conference, the creation of an order of deacons who would be senior teachers capable of performing the marriage ceremony and baptising infants. It could eventually be a further step on the ladder to the Native Ministry.

The financial position was put before us showing a good rise in general giving with additions to the general fund and a further £5000 to the Jubilee Fund, giving over £8000 to that fund to date. The excellent assistance of the Government in the Territory of New Guinea has made available £4160 (£1000 late payment 1950), as grants-in-aid for medical and educational work. £660 for medical and Child Welfare work was made available by the Government for the British Solomon Islands.

The second session opened with a full discussion on the forthcoming jubilee celebrations. A list of the special visitors to be invited to the Jubilee was made out which includes such as the representatives of all Missions operating in the Solomon Is., the Resident Commissioner and the District Commissioner, the Chairman of the New Guinea District, and the Maori Superintendent. Additional buildings at Roviana to house the expected influx are already planned and the Church commenced. Discussions ranged over such subjects as the Services, a Show of Native Craft, Dances and native bands, a showing of interesting and allied films. Several Committees to finalise events were set up.

The resolution on Village Schools, Circuit Schools and the District Training Institute were received showing increases in many places but decreases in some particularly in the Bougainville and Buka area where again increased commercialism is allowing unscrupulous native traders and employers to draw young people away from their schools sometimes at an early age. The Superintendent of the Bougainville and Buka circuit outlined extensive plans to cope with the peculiar situation that has arisen in the Koau Kihili Siwai section through Polio and other circumstances entirely beyond our control. This is going to require much work, much thought, much grace, and much prayer over several years before we find ultimately the best answer.

The Doctor spoke at length on the Medical Work telling of 159,950 outpatient treatments and 600 in-patients, 41,000 ulcer treatments and 50,000 anti-malarial treatments. Considerable discussion took place about the Leprosarium where the Doctor reports 10,000 treatments. The continued generosity of the Leper Trust Board was noted with great appreciation.

In further sessions the question of furlough was discussed and 3 Ministers, 3 Sisters, the Doctor, and a Lay worker were granted furlough at various times during the year. It was decided to send a strong letter to the Conference setting forth the staff needs of the Mission where, owing to the coming retirement of some of our senior men, who have worked long and hard through a very difficult period, we will need three ministers in the next three years. One minister is urgently required now to fill the vacancy on Choiseul.



The new Chairman, Rev. J. R. Metcalfe with his wife and daughter. The latter is to be married shortly at Choiseul.

Theology, Christ, and the Missionary Obligation

Continued from September issue. By John A. Mackay, Chairman, International Missionary Council.

The proclamation that Jesus Christ is Lord, when it is made with insight and passion, and is backed up by Christ-like devotion in every sphere of life and on every frontier of the world, presents the only adequate answer to Christianity's three great rivals in our time: religious syncretism, Marxist Communism, and political Catholicism.



One World.

There exists to-day in both the Orient and the Occident a subtle and pervasive trend to make Jesus Christ and all which he represents but a single contribution to ultimate religious truth. This trend, which goes by the name of religious syncretism, is an attempt to strip Christ of his claim to be the Truth and to fit him into a very dignified place in a larger religious construction. Christ would thereby make a great contribution, perhaps the supreme contribution, to an emergent religion for mankind, which would be, as was once suggested, "the New Testament of every existing faith." But the Christian Church, were it to admit syncretism as a religious ideal, would lose any compelling sense of missionary obligation. It would become the purveyor of an important truth, but not what it was intended to be, the proclaimer of the absolute Truth. It is not, however, the function of Christianity to help other religions find their place in a future universal faith.

Jesus Christ is predestined in the purpose of God to be the Lord of every human mind and heart. Every glimmer of truth which each ethnic religion contains is perfected in Jesus Christ the Truth, and every human longing is met and satisfied by him. To rediscover in our time in both religious living and theological statement that Jesus Christ is the Truth would make

Christians vitally and more intelligently Christian; it would reveal the great weaknesses in our institutional Christianity as it is to-day; it would open up new vistas of missionary possibility and achievement.

Marxist Communism is a missionary faith to which a Christocentric theology provides the only adequate answer. For the Marxist Communist, a Man-god, the Messianic Proletariat, is the fulfillment in our time of an impersonal dialectical process by which history is controlled. The Proletariat is the revolutionary saviour of mankind and the harbinger of a true, classless world community. No rebuttal of Marxism which is confined to a repudiation of its central dialectical position is of any avail. Nor yet will a serious challenge be offered to the crusading missionary zeal of Communism—which teaches those whom it liberates to sing and dance and to feel that they are members of a conquering revolutionary movement—by an attempt, however successful, to provide the oppressed classes of the world with better social and economic conditions. Better living conditions for the world's masses must, of course, be a concern of the non-Communist world, if millions in the Orient and the Occident are not going to be predisposed in favour of Communism and succumb to its allurements. The Communist with his crusading passion and his philosophical categories cannot be met when his protagonists merely argue with him, or when they try to provide better social conditions than he offers. They must speak to him out of another source of Truth and introduce him to another dimension of being. They must confront the Man-god with the God-man in whom not an impersonal dialectic, but a personal, divine purpose becomes manifest.

Word reaches us from Communist-dominated lands that the one thing which impresses the Communist is to talk to him out of the Bible and to open up for him the significance of the Biblical revelation in Jesus Christ. That creates in his mind a certain awe. The ordinary categories and processes of his thinking cannot rebut the proclamation of the God-man who came to liberate humanity and to create a world community which would cross every frontier and barrier between peoples and classes and in which love would be the regnant principle of life. Only a high Christology, with its implication of Christ's lordship over life in its totality, is capable of making an impression upon the crusading devotees of Karl Marx. Such an approach has this additional advantage. It makes provision for that human longing to be related to a person who is felt to be more than mere man, which, according to recent evidence, is being felt to-day by the Russian masses and is being capitalised by their rulers. The person of Stalin becomes increasingly an object of religious devotion and of unflinching succour.

The third challenge to a high Christology is political Catholicism. A Christ-centred theology which transforms the creedal statement, "Jesus Christ is Lord," into a fighting missionary faith is the only thing with which to meet the sinister secular-religious phenomenon of political Catholicism. Political Catholicism is history's greatest aberration from the Christian religion. Regarding the Roman Church as the institution authorised by Jesus Christ to function in his name and make the secular order subservient to its sway, it uses every method and device, both religious and secular, to achieve lordship over society and the institutions of

society. In this system the Risen Christ is literally the Prisoner of ecclesiastical hierarchs, of one in particular, the Pope, who is the supreme mediator of the grace of Christ and the sovereign and infallible interpreter of the will of Christ. Misinterpreting Jesus' words to Peter, the Roman Catholic hierarchy apply inexorable logic to their misinterpretation. They then maintain that Jesus Christ the Risen One has ceased to have a direct relationship to human affairs, whether in the Church or in society. He makes his presence and influence felt only in the Mass where his vicarious sacrifice is repeated and through which the benefits of his death and continuing life are communicated to the faithful. Jesus Christ can by no sovereign exercise of power either challenge the ecclesiastical system or relate himself to souls on earth who stand outside that system. Between him and ordinary men and women are the Virgin and the saints whose religious reality is a creation of the Church and who are themselves, therefore, amenable to the control of the Church as official agents of the Church's policy. They are the beings with whom ordinary folk hold religious intercourse and whom they approach for the satisfaction of their needs.

Spanish Catholicism, which won the day at the Council of Trent, is the most politically-minded of all the expressions of the Roman system. It has held the risen Christ in dread. It has not given birth to a single great canvas in which is depicted His resurrection. Jesus Christ, the Risen One, is a virtual Prisoner of the hierarchy, as in "The Grand Inquisitor" legend of Dostoevski in *The Brothers Karamazov*. This type of Catholicism which is the logical form which Romanism takes, when it is free and untrammelled, represents the most potent trend, and to all appearances, the official trend in the Roman Church to-day. Clericalism, which began to appear in the United States only in the early 'thirties of this present century, is on a new rampage in the West. Liberals have become vocally concerned, but the real antidote must come from the

proclamation of the absolute lordship of Jesus Christ and its implementation in thought and life.

Political Catholicism challenges the right of the risen Christ to intervene directly in the affairs of men. Such an intrusion on Christ's part would be a breach of the "pact" with Peter and his successors. Only the ringing challenge of the ancient creed, "Jesus Christ is Lord," presented in a luminous theology, implemented by a buoyant faith and translated into appropriate action, can meet this most sinister threat to human freedom.

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The faith enkindled by the affirmation "Jesus Christ is Lord" and the quality of life which the Lord Christ can create when He is taken seriously, are also the answer to a disconcerting trend in contemporary Protestantism. Neo-orthodoxy represents a general religious position to which many Christians in our time, and the writer of these lines among them, have owed a very great deal. But there is one weakness, and it is a serious weakness, in the viewpoint and attitude of many devotees of this theological approach, especially in the United States. They feel that man has been so thoroughly unmasked and that human nature is so utterly evil that even God Himself can do little about it, so far as human life in history is concerned. Absolutes become, therefore, impossible in the realm of behaviour and only compromise, with a prayer for forgiveness, can determine action.

Over against the profound pessimism which has gripped many thinkers who know that man is a sinner must be set the theological insight and implications for life of the "new man in Christ," the man for whom, in the most luminous and vital sense, Jesus Christ is Lord. Moreover, while Christians may accept as completely as do Marxists that there are in history inexorable forces of a dialectical character, they proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord over human nature in the depths of its depravity and the range of its influence. They affirm also that all human logic and dialectic, together with every force, historical or cosmic, which controls human existence, have been transcended and can be overcome by the "Living One who was dead and is alive forever more."



One Lord.

Greetings . . .

We extend to all our readers
Best Wishes for a Happy
Christmas and a New Year
rich with God's blessing.

PERSONAL and GENERAL

REV. JOHN F. GOLDIE.

This distinguished veteran reached Auckland on the opening day of Conference from Melbourne and reference is made elsewhere to his inspiring address at the Missionary Demonstration and the presentation made to him at the Complimentary Luncheon. To enable the Church in other centres to meet and honour this great missionary on his farewell visit to New Zealand a brief itinerary was arranged including Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch, Timaru, Dunedin and Napier. Mr. Goldie returns to Australia on December 13th and will carry with him the affectionate regards of New Zealand Methodism. He expects to return to the Solomons for the Golden Jubilee in May, 1952. The Jubilee celebrations would not be complete without him.

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REV. A. A. BRASH, B.A., B.D.

We share the wide-spread regret at the forthcoming retirement of the Rev. Alan A. Brash from the Secretaryship of the National Missionary Council and National Council of Churches, which he has occupied with distinction for six years, and fully subscribe to the following resolution of appreciation unanimously adopted at the recent annual meeting of the National Missionary Council of N.Z.

"It is with sincere regret that the National Missionary Council of New Zealand receives the resignation of the Rev. Alan A. Brash, its secretary since February, 1947. The work of the Council has been greatly facilitated by Mr. Brash's wide yet detailed knowledge of the matters brought before the members, and his ability to pick out the salient points in the many reports received by the Council. The Council expresses its gratitude to Mr. Brash for his able administration and wise leadership, and extends to him its sincere good wishes for the future."

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VISIT OF THE REV. D. T. NILES.

New Zealand will await with considerable interest and anticipation the visit of the Rev. D. T. Niles who is a leader of Methodism in Ceylon and an outstanding figure in the World Council of Churches. Mr. Niles was chosen as one of the two opening speakers at the great Amsterdam gathering where the World Council was officially inaugurated. He will be visiting this country from 25th February to 16th March, 1952, in his capacity as Chairman of the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches, and has expressed the desire to talk particularly on the subject of the Missionary Obligation of the Church, with special reference to the opportunities for Christian service by young people of New Zealand in Asia. It is hoped that in at least one centre Mr. Niles will be able to have a two-day Conference with leading missionary personnel to discuss matters of general kind.



Delegates at Amsterdam—Dr. Niles is third from left.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. TREVOR and MRS. SHEPHERD.

Many will join us in congratulations to the Rev. Trevor and Mrs. Shepherd upon the birth of their son (Graham Trevor) at Teop on 2nd November, 1951.

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M.W.M.U. REPRESENTATIVES to SOLOMONS JUBILEE.

The Dominion President (Mrs. T. Hallam) and Box Organiser (Sister Edna White) were appointed at the Christchurch Conference to represent the M.W.M.U.



at the Golden Jubilee celebrations in the Solomons. To help meet their travelling expenses Miss J. Barnett of Morven has generously offered to sell some of her prize daffodil bulbs. For the past two years Miss Barnett has won the South Island Amateur Championship Cup at the National Daffodil Show, in addition to many cups and trophies in recent years. For the sum of 10/- she will post one dozen good daffodil bulbs (named) and the whole of this amount, less postage,

will be credited to the travelling fund.

Post all applications for bulbs, with remittance, direct to Miss Joyce Barnett, Box 2, Morven, South Canterbury.

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TOOLS FOR THE SOLOMONS.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Lindsay S. Ayers for his valuable help in connection with the appeal for Tools for the Solomons. Some £90 worth of tools have been received and packed by Mr. Ayers and now await shipment in Auckland.

We warmly thank also those who have contributed tools and money and draw the attention of others to the appeal on the inside front cover of this issue.

Annual Meeting of the Foreign Mission Board

This important meeting is normally attended by some or all of the eleven distant members in addition to the 30 members resident in Auckland. This year, however, the former did not make the journey owing to the late arrival of the Island Synod's reports, accounts, estimates, etc.

The meeting opened on October 2 and the whole of that day was occupied with business largely affecting the home base. Greetings were conveyed to the Native Church, Missionaries on the Field, Revs. J. F. Goldie and S. G. Andrews and the Australian Board, and messages of sympathy to Mr. Chris. Palmer, who has been invalided home with "polio," and others who are sick.

The Annual report, covering another year rich with God's blessing, was discussed and adopted with the proviso that additional paragraphs be added after the arrival of the various reports from the Field.

The earlier nomination of the Rev. S. G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed., as the new General Secretary, was unanimously endorsed and the necessary recommendation forwarded for the Conference Agenda. The Board counts itself both happy and fortunate in being able to nominate such an able and suitable man as Mr. Andrews who, for the past fourteen years, has rendered outstanding service in Fiji.

Another teaching Sister, in the person of Miss Helen Whitlow, was accepted for service in the Solomons and

she will leave for the Field with Miss Thelma Duthie early in 1952.

Arrangements are in hand for the printing, by the British and Foreign Bible Society, of the New Testament in the Roviana language. A new Bougainville-Buka hymn book will soon be in the Press. Other translation work in several languages is also in hand.

The "Open Door" with a circulation of 7,000 and the "Lotu" with 9,000 continue their wide and valuable ministry. The Rev. S. G. Andrews was appointed editor of the "Open Door," in succession to the Rev. A. H. Scrivins who lays down the editorial pen after 19 years, and the Rev. A. A. Bensley was reappointed editor of the "Lotu" and warmly thanked for his excellent service. Special reference was made to the wonderful effort of the "Lotu" readers in raising £1,000 towards the rebuilding of the Church at the District Training Institution, Roviana.

The meeting having adjourned on the 2nd, was resumed on the 16th, following a meeting of the Finance Committee the previous evening.

The treasurers presented the Income and Expenditure Account, for the year ending August 31, totalling £47,767, of which sum £15,477 was from the Mission District (£10,657 from the Native Church, and £4,820 in the form of Government grants). Of the splendid contribution from the Native Church £5,000 was credited to the General Fund and the balance to a special Jubilee Fund. This Jubilee Fund now totals £8,072

and is to be used for a special purpose nominated by the people—probably the building of the John F. Goldie District Training Institution.

The balance sheet, totalling £196,535 was also adopted. It and the income and expenditure account give some idea of the heavy financial responsibility carried by the Board.

Estimates for the ensuing year totalling £60,365 were under consideration. There is a lot of loose talk in some quarters regarding "faith missions" and a very narrow interpretation given to the term. All missionary enterprise in these difficult days demands great faith in Him who bids us proclaim His gospel to all the world.



Pre-war District Training Institution which the Native Church hopes to replace with its Jubilee Fund.

We Need Your Help to Build Again the Waste Places

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Solomon Islands District . . . 1902-1952



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The Pioneers, 1902

From left: — Rev. J. F. Goldie (Chairman);
Rev. Dr. George Brown
(General Secretary);
Rev. Ray Rooney;
Mr. Martin (Carpenter).

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Work and Pray for Jubilee Year!

To mark the Golden Jubilee Year, 1952, the Solomon Islands District has organised:—
An Evangelistic Campaign to increase membership of the Church.
A special Thanksgiving Fund, already totalling £8,000, for the new District College.
A great welcome for the President of the Conference and those who will accompany him to represent the New Zealand Church.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

To enable the Foreign Mission Board to meet the challenge of Golden Jubilee Year, we are appealing for an increase in contributions from all circuits of not less than 20% on last year's figures. Some circuits have already responded generously and we are confident this will be general. It will be a source of great encouragement and inspiration to the Native Church to know that the New Zealand Church is eager to launch the second half-century in the Solomons on a favourable tide.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove we now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal. 3:10.

FIFTY YEARS *Methodist Missions and the Jubilee*

The nineteenth century is acclaimed by Church historians as the greatest missionary century of history. Most of the modern missionary movements received their spiritual impetus from the evangelical energies released within the Church in the eighteenth century. One of the strong emphases of the Methodist movement was upon the universal need of man for God and His saving love. The vocabulary of the Methodist preacher always held such phrases as "general grace," "undistinguishing regard," "universal redemption." The hymns and theology of Methodism have as the central theme the free and undeserved love of God that came to all men in Christ.

Throughout the world its breadth is known
Wide as infinity,
So wide it never passed by one
Or it had passed by me.

The world mission of Methodism was implicit in its teachings from the beginning, and Wesley's parish soon found that it was without boundaries. In the nineteenth century its witness reached to Asia, Africa, the West Indies and the Pacific. By 1855 the church in Australia was ready to accept direct responsibility for the Pacific area, and the British Conference passed to the Australian Conference the missionary oversight of Tonga and Fiji, while continuing to give financial grants to the work. By the end of the century the Australian Church carried on its missionary work in Tonga, Fiji, Somoa, New Guinea and Papua.

Expansion.

But the turn of the century drew our thoughts to other areas. In 1902 the Mission to the Solomon Islands was pioneered, and later in 1922 this field was passed over to the care of the New Zealand Methodists . . .

Changing Pattern.

The fifty years since the beginning of the century have seen many changes, both in missionary method and approach and in the development of the Christian experience of the people. Two world wars thrust the younger Churches in the mission areas, if not into the full stream of modern life and thought, sufficiently in contact to challenge many cherished convictions. But they have proved equal to the new day. In the wars they gave their best in life, and service and although new and alluring evils stimulate and attract, they have kept the faith and find in their Church an integrating fellowship through which they adjust themselves in many ways to what must be a strangely new order.



Early converts seated in front of a heathen idol.
The man on the left is Gina's father.

To-day the leaders of the Pacific are men and women with a strong background of Christian training, who are not slow to acknowledge their debt to the missionary endeavour of the Church in the last century. The fruits of this endeavour are to be found in the common people of countries immensely happier and healthier, to whom life has come with new and fuller meaning and promise.

Behind all figures is the record of statesman-like expansion of the work with great cost of men and money from the home church, but, we believe, under the leadership of God.

—"Missionary Review."

Report of General Secretary on his recent visit to the Solomons

Leaving Auckland on 16th August and travelling by air via Sydney and Lae I reached Vella Lavella on the 20th. Returning by the same route I left Vella Lavella on 5th September and reached Auckland on the 8th. During my 16 days in the Mission District I visited the head stations of every circuit and also Gizo, Hunda, Laumono and Mono. For the warm welcome and gracious hospitality extended to me everywhere by the staff and people I am profoundly grateful. My itinerary had been carefully planned by the Chairman (Rev. J. R. Metcalfe) and was carried through without a hitch and in comfort aboard the "Cicely II" and "Roviana." Some 450 miles were covered at sea and 8,000 miles in the air.



"Roviana."

Three days were spent in Sydney during which I was able to discuss matters of common interest to the two Boards with the General Secretary of our Australian Overseas Missions (Rev. C. F. Gribble, M.A.). I am indebted to Mr. Gribble for so kindly arranging my accommodation in Sydney.

WAR DAMAGE:

The major purpose of my visit to the Solomons was to confer with the Right Honourable Mr. John Dugdale, P.C., M.P., Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, regarding the possibility of our war-damage claims being re-considered. Mr. Dugdale had consented to an interview at the time of his visit to Roviana and we were able to show him how utterly our District Institution and other stations had been destroyed. We had previously provided him with an album containing photographs of the buildings destroyed and a copy of all the correspondence with the Western Pacific High Commission relative to our claim. He gave us an attentive hearing and complimented us on having presented a strong and clear case. He considered our claim just and expressed personal sympathy with it but doubted whether anything could be done in the matter by the British Government for the following reasons:—

- (1) His Majesty's Government had agreed in 1949 that there should be no war damage compensation scheme in respect of the Solomons.

- (2) The implication of other claims if ours were granted.
- (3) The inability of the Protectorate to find the necessary funds.

He thought there was a bare possibility of a small grant to cover the personal losses of our Staff but urged us not to count on it.

There is a measure of satisfaction, however, in the fact that the justice of our claim has been recognised and that we have left no stone unturned in our effort to obtain compensation.

GENERAL:

Apart from the presentation of our war damage claims to Mr. Dugdale, the visit to the Field proved very opportune as there were a number of important matters the Chairman and other members of the staff wished to discuss.

Staffing:

When in 1946 the Islands Synod requested the re-appointment of a third man in the Roviana Circuit our impression was that this was a special case on account of Mr. Goldie's advancing age. With the transfer of the theological college to Banga, however, circuit administration has become more difficult and Mr. Metcalfe considers three men necessary as a permanent staff. I advised him to discuss the matter at Synod and forward a recommendation to the Board and Conference.

The Rev. A. H. Voyce has notified the Chairman that he will be retiring from the District at the end of his present term—a little more than two years hence. With the above mentioned appointment and the Rev. A. W. Silvester's return to the home work towards the end of next year, this will involve three new appointments within the next two years.

Dr. Hoult has offered to continue in the District as our Medical Superintendent. By its agreement the Board is thus committed to provide facilities for the Doctor to take the Tropical Medicine and Hygiene course in Australia during his next furlough. Such a course will enable him to render still more effective service.

Mr. C. R. Palmer's serious illness with poliomyelitis has been a source of deep sympathy and concern.

Rebuilding:

It was my privilege to declare open for occupation the Mission House, Sisters' Home and Girls' Hostel at Bilua. Several weeks of work remain before they are completed but the Sisters and Girls had already moved in and members of Synod were camping in the Mission House. These buildings are large and convenient and reflect credit upon Messrs Brian Sides, Philip Taylor and Herbert Newton who have, with their native helpers, constructed them.

The M.W.M.U. will be gratified that one of the two girls' hostels, which constituted their 1951 Special Objective, is such a suitable building and already in occupation.

Mr. H. Newton is to be congratulated upon the roomy convenient dispensary built by him on Ozama—our island leprosarium—and now in use. In addition to native houses for the lepers, a church has also been built in which I had the privilege of speaking at a service conducted by Dr. Hoult and attended also by Sister Winifred. During my last visit to the District I

expressed the opinion that Ozama is too small for a permanent leprosarium. That opinion has been strengthened by the present visit, although excellent work is being done in the meantime.

Another station where some permanent rebuilding has been effected but which gives me some concern is Koau in South Bougainville. It was planned on the assumption that additional adjacent land would be available but such is apparently not now the case. This, together with the fact that nearly all our people are inland, has raised again the question of the permanent site of our head station for South Bougainville. In the event of an inland site being selected a coastal base will still be needed but further expenditure at Koau should not be incurred pending a final decision. In my judgement, the suitability of Koau as our boat-repairing centre is doubtful. Neither a slip nor a wharf is practicable and the anchorage, while good at certain seasons, is unprotected from the south and south-west.



Bilua—showing temporary hospital buildings.

The houses, schools, hospitals and stores built on several stations with the sheet metal and angle iron of the U.S. Naval Hospital from the Russell Group are likely to give good service for years to come and are justifying the purchase and heavy freight-charges involved. They are generally referred to as "Meccano" buildings and include the Doctor's house and administrative medical block and two schools at Roviana; students' houses at Banga; hospital and store at Bilua; and school, students' houses and store at Choiseul.

Before passing from the question of Re-building I desire to emphasise the great importance of budgeting the Rehabilitation Fund to ensure each station securing its fair quota. There is a grave temptation in these days of soaring costs to exceed the approved estimates. The Fund, however, is strictly limited and, if disappointment and heart-burning are to be avoided later on, the plans may need to be modified in order to keep each building within its quota.

Limited supplies of materials and inadequate transport are still a serious 'bottle-neck' to our rebuilding programme, while temporary buildings needed in the meantime are a considerable drain on the Fund.

Theological College:

My very brief visit to Banga did not permit of any personal judgment on the suitability of this island as the permanent site of our Theological College but the Staff appear to be quite satisfied. It is claimed there is ample gardening land of good quality for all the college

needs and it is anticipated that the students will help to restore the plantation there to good order.

At present the Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Hall are comfortably housed in a large, airy native building while the students live in the "Meccano" buildings referred to above. Present conditions are definitely rough for college work but Mr. Hall and his students are in good heart and very optimistic regarding the future.

Medical:

The transfer of the Helena Goldie Hospital to Roviana is proceeding. The doctor and two nurses are in residence in comfortable temporary homes but present hospital facilities are very inadequate. A suitable site has been selected for the permanent hospital and quite a good administrative block completed of "Meccano" material on a concrete base. Wards of permanent material are the next priority job for our carpenters and when completed we shall have a very effective medical unit.

Reference has been made under "Re-building" to the excellent dispensary at Ozama. Like those at Senga and Paramata this building bears a brass plaque witnessing to the fact that it is a gift to the Solomons from the New Zealand Lepers' Trust Board. As already stated, the main drawback to Ozama is its very limited area. It is also all coral. From the point of view of situation it is excellent.

The finishing touches were being put to the new hospital at Koau during our visit. It is fortunate the Board decided to limit the expenditure on this building in view of the big decrease in personnel and the present suggestion of moving the station. Under present circumstances there appears to be hardly sufficient work for a full-time nurse.

Agricultural:

I was greatly interested in my visit to Toburuai, South Bougainville, where Ovini, our Fijian agricultural instructor, is doing effective work. When this lease was acquired and an instructor appointed it was anticipated that, in addition to valuable agricultural instruction being given, the food problem in the District would be largely solved. A rice huller has been installed and is operating successfully on the limited quantities yet to hand. Toburuai is an ideal site for agriculture and should prove of great value to the work as it is fully developed.

Boats:

The "ROVIANA," "MANDALAY," "CICELY II," "MALAKUNA" and "VECTA" were rendering excellent service at the time of my visit. The "MUNDA" was housed on the beach awaiting the installation of the new engine ordered some time ago. The general opinion in the District is that the "ROVIANA" is due for extensive overhaul, and it is unfortunate that the urgently needed boat slip has been, so far, crowded out of the re-building programme. In a District such as ours, where so many boats must be maintained, a slip is an absolute necessity. An alternative suggestion by some members of the staff is a dry dock, and the practicability of such a scheme is being investigated.

Closer Relations:

In Sydney the Rev. C. F. Gribble and I discussed the question of closer relationship between the two Boards, giving particular attention to the direction in which the work of our New Zealand Society could be extended, such as—taking over from Australia an additional district; sharing in the new field in the highlands of New Guinea, etc. Mr. Gribble will submit to his Board the substance of our conversation and report back any proposals they may wish us to discuss.

24/9/51.

A. H. SCRIVIN,
General Secretary.

M.W.M.U. CONFERENCE

BY MISS JOYCE BARNETT.

Christchurch in spring time, with its magnificent trees, beautiful river banks, and placid stream, was the chosen place for the 1951 M.W.M.U. Conference, held in Durham St. Church, 9th-12th October.

The welcome social took place Tuesday evening, when the S.S. Hall was packed to capacity with delegates and their hostesses. Rev. Odell, Chairman of the District, presided, and associated with him on the platform were the officers of the Dominion Executive, Mrs. Hallam (President), Mrs. Featherston (Secretary), Mrs. Cockerell (Treasurer), and Mrs. Dudley, Acting President of the North Canterbury District Council. Brief speeches of welcome were given by Rev. Odell on behalf of the Methodist Church, Dr. Dudley, for the Durham St. congregation, and Mrs. Dudley for the North Canterbury District. Beautiful sprays were presented to the three Dominion officers, and to Mrs. Dudley by Mrs. McNeill, North Canterbury District Secretary.

Greetings and appropriate messages were given by representatives of Sister Societies, to which Mrs. Hallam briefly responded, and songs and elocutionary items concluded the programme. During supper, delegates from Kaitia in the far north, to Invercargill in the south, renewed acquaintance and made fresh contacts.

Conference officially opened Wednesday morning, 9 a.m., with a Communion Service, conducted by the Rev. Odell, assisted by Rev. Dr. Dudley. The atmosphere of worship, which is so much a part of Durham St., was very real to us all, as we sang the hymns, and knelt to partake of the bread and wine in the Act of Remembrance and Dedication.

Rev. Dudley, in his Pre-Communion address on "Remembered Love," led our thoughts from the last supper to the foot of the Cross, and showed us Love in Action. "Do this in Remembrance of Me," was not merely an act, but symbolism of action to be translated into love in action. A challenge to all of us to service for Him whose love was so great. As we filed out of the church we felt that the inspiration of that beautiful service would remain with us throughout the Conference.

The business session of Conference was opened with the singing of hymn 588. 120 delegates answered the roll-call, 47 of them being first-timers. A pleasing feature was the number of visitors attending.

Mrs. Hallam, Dominion President, welcomed the delegates, and gave a brief resume of the past year. It had been a successful year, helped considerably by the deputation work of Sisters Winifred, Lina, and Dorothy Pointon. Speaking of the Maori work, our President said, "Can we as Christian women help the Maori woman to take her place in the community." The Maori Community Centre in Hawera is already filling a great need. More girls are wanted for Maori work, also for City Mission work. The increase in Evening Auxiliaries is heartening evidence of the interest younger women are taking in Mission work. Unfortunately, leadership is still a difficulty in many



Dominion Executive Officers of the M.W.M.U.

places. There were three important coming events:—

- (1) Kurahuna comes of age next January.
- (2) Golden Jubilee of Mission work in the Solomon Is. next May.
- (3) First Auxiliary, a small group formed six months later, September, 1902, in Dunedin.

Greetings from the Solomons were read by the Secretary, Mrs. Featherstone. A message from the Conference was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Chris, Palmer, and also to Mrs. Hodder, one of our Life members, the other two, Mrs. Duke and Sister Mabel Morley, being present as delegates.

1952 Conference to be held in Dunedin, where special celebrations will mark the Golden Jubilee of the 1st Missionary Auxiliary.

Membership totals 5,413, an increase of 222. Gleanings membership is 1338, with a large increase in contributions. Number of Auxiliaries 205.

Practically all our funds are up, the total income amounting to £10,342/6/2, showing an increase of £837/0/8. There has been a good response to the President's appeal to maintain and strengthen Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund. Stamps realised £501/16/10.

The Finance and Policy Committee recommended an increase of £200 to the Home and Overseas allocation; £2600 to Home Missions, and £2645 to Overseas. Stamp Fund and Medical & Educational Fund were allocated similarly to last year.

Prayer Cycle, recommended at last Conference, has been printed and is meeting with general approval. Mrs. Hallam stated that in preparing it, she had merely brought up to date one prepared several years ago by Mrs. Hodder and Miss Lorna Hodder.

Mrs. Hallam opened Wednesday afternoon session, with the singing of Hymn 675, followed by the reading of Ps. 84; an appropriate introduction to her Presidential address, based on the words, "O worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness."

"Love and worship go hand in hand. The sincerity of our worship is measured by the depth of our love. Is worship a worth-while engagement? To those who have experienced it, it is one of life's crowning engagements, yet hosts do not even see the need of it; they are not aware of the sublimities of life. Some are patrons only; true worship is more than mere attendance, it is

giving and receiving. Worship makes it clear we are God's offspring. When we worship we walk with God, talk with God, listen to God, and catch a vision of His Beauty. Through worship we find in God our Saviour, Shepherd, Friend, Guide and Counsellor. Worship challenges and corrects the evil in our lives. Worship calls to consecrated service, and gives impulse and power. If we love we worship, if we worship, we serve."

District Council reports briefly given by the Dominion Secretary showed steady progress.

The fate of the M.W.M.U. Library for which there has been little demand, was left to the Dominion Ex. to decide.

Thursday morning opened with devotions taken by Mrs. Scrivin. After the singing of Hymn 804, Romans ch. 10 was read, followed by prayer, with special emphasis on our Home and Overseas work.

In his Youth Dept. report, Rev. J. K. Watson said the Dept. aimed at raising £2000 annually for Missions, and supports five missionaries, two Overseas, and three among the Maoris. Next year they hope to produce a missionary pageant of the Solomon Is. which should stimulate interest.

Home Sisters reports adopted, after which Sister Jean Miller, of the outer Auckland area, her address, invited us to come with her to visit some of her Maori friends, and see for ourselves their problems, their difference in outlook, temperament, and upbringing. The right approach to Maori folk should be love and understanding. Her graphic picture showed how city life brings so many difficulties, particularly in regard to board and lodgings. We urgently need a Maori Girls' Hostel in Auckland. Girls who come from Hostels like Kurahuna, make the grade so much easier. Only by treading in His steps, the all-compelling ways of love, can our work among the Maoris be effective.

Kurahuna report was presented by Mrs. Hemmings in the absence of Mrs. Dellow through ill health, to whom a message of sympathy was sent. Mrs. Hemmings brought greetings from Sister Madeline, and paid tribute to the work being done at Kurahuna. She gave a humorous instance of the way the girls discipline themselves, and spoke of the extensions the committee hope to make to celebrate their coming-of-age. Auxiliary members are urged to remember the 1d per week, as this is the fund that pays for depreciation and maintenance.

Special Objective:

Conference decided that the Special Objective for this year be Extensions to Kurahuna, the nature of such extensions to be decided later.

Before Rev. G. I. Laurenson spoke, Mrs. Hallam asked all past and present Sisters to come forward and make themselves known to Conference. Applause greeted them as Sisters May Barnett, Edna White, Ada Lee, Eva Saunders, Jean Dalziell (Mrs. Butler), Ruth Grant (Mrs. F. Hayman), Mrs. Alley (Mrs. Dickens) all Solomon Is. Workers, and Sisters Eleanor Dobby, and Jean Miller (Maori stood and told us their names).

Rev. Laurenson in his address expressed gratitude for additional grant. Speaking of the Maori Community Centres, he thanked the M.W.M.U. on behalf of the Maori people for the centre finished and in use at Hawera; the foundations were laid at Dargaville; further delays and frustrations had occurred at Kawakawa; and the H.M. Dept. had been able to purchase the unused Salvation Army Hall at Te Kuiti which, when remodelled,

would give them a suitable building. He also gave details of the difficulties encountered with regard to Rangiatea Maori Girls' School, New Plymouth, due to the enormous increase in the cost of building. At present the position has clarified, somewhat, with the Government's promise of a £1 for £1 subsidy, for a hostel for school girls, provided provision is made for a certain proportion of the girls to stay on after leaving school, to tide them over the difficult adjustment period from school to work. Finally Rev. Laurenson appealed for patience for both Maori workers and church workers, confident that the Home Mission Dept. was doing the best in the circumstances with the limitations of workers and finance.

Thursday Afternoon Devotions led by Mrs. Cody. Hymn 803, reading Ps. 67, followed by prayer for the enlargement of God's Kingdom, and all workers in the Solomon Islands.

Overseas Sisters Reports adopted.

Conference unanimously and enthusiastically reaffirmed last year's decision that the M.W.M.U. President represent the Union at the Solomon Islands' Golden Jubilee, May 1952, although circumstances have altered, and the only means of transport is flying. One delegate with a mathematical mind quickly stated that 1/- per member would more than meet the cost. Later it was decided to send Sister Edna also, confident that the money would be forthcoming.

The Box Report was given by Sister Edna in her usual humorous way. She emphatically asked that Auxiliaries label their parcels USED Linen, not Old Linen, as she did not wish to be thought a rag dealer, also it was more convenient if parcels for overseas were sent to the depot at Pitt Street Methodist Church. Used tennis balls, calendars, and sewing pieces are always needed. Eight cases of linen and box goods had been sent with Sister Lucy's goods.



Sister Jessie Grant and helpers.

Rev. A. H. Scrivin, whom we farewell last Conference, was back with us again. This year he is definitely retiring after 19 years in the Mission Office, and 18 years on the Mission Field. He thanked the M.W.M.U. for the splendid response of £2381/10/4, to the Special Objective for two Hostels, one at Bilua, the other at Roviana. Having just returned from the Solomons he was able to report that the Bilua hostel is already in use, and the money raised will furnish as well as build both hostels. The Native girls, who have been trained in our hostels, exert a wonderful influence in their villages. To-day, in the Pacific, the natives are becoming more education-minded.

Sister Eva Saunders, home for her first furlough, said how amused her people would be to learn that she had sat native-fashion on the floor at the Social Evening owing to the crowd. A friend said to her: "How do you run a hospital, take care of babies, and train girls." So she sketched for us a typical working day, commencing at 4.30 a.m. by the babies waking up for their early feed, after which she prepared the older children's breakfast, ready to leave house for hospital at 6 a.m.; out-patients 6.15 a.m. She was fortunate in having a very good doctor boy. The maternal and infant mortality in the villages is high; minor illnesses will vanish as general hygiene improves. Back at the house at 7.45 a.m. to let the girls away to school. They are very keen to learn, but they love tests as much as N.Z. children do! When asked, 'who is the Governor-General of N.Z.?' the answer was—Rev. Scrivin! School ends at 11 a.m. At 12 noon all the boys and girls go to the gardens, 2 miles from the station, where the minister supervises the work, for it is a big task to supply food for 70-80 people. As Sister gave us the details of her daily routine, we were left wondering if it were possible to crowd anything more into a day.

Open forum followed, one item being of particular interest to next year's North Island delegates. In reply to a question, Wellington stated that for delegates who had to spend the day in Wellington, a room would be available at Taranaki St. with all necessary facilities for rest and comfort.

Thursday evening, Durham St. church was full for the Missionary Rally. Three enjoyable items were given by Durham St. choirs, and talks on Home Mission work, by Sister Jean Miller, and Rev. Laurenson (chairman).

Rev. Scrivin spoke of the plans and preparation of the Native Church for their Golden Jubilee in May, and how they had raised an extra £200 to pay Rev. E. Te Tui's fare, so that the Maoris would be repre-

sented. To mark the Jubilee, they hoped to rebuild the Native Training Institute, as a memorial to the work of the Rev. Goldie. Rev. Scrivin also described the touching scenes, when the Solomon Island Christians farewelled Rev. Goldie, their father in God.

Friday morning session opened with the singing of Hymn 731. Devotions were led by Mrs. C. E. Taylor with a call to prayer. "It is a test of friendship when we can pray together." Prayers of thanksgiving and penitence were followed by intercession for others and for the world.

In this atmosphere of prayer we remembered those who during the year had passed on to Higher Service.

Appointments were made to Boards and Committees.

Miss Purdie (Dunedin) was nominated as the Dominion President, for 1952, with Mrs. Ashby, Secretary, and Mrs. Ganderton, Treasurer.

It was announced that a bus trip had been arranged for the afternoon to see the beauty spots of Christchurch.

Mrs. Bruce, Wellington, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks. With the singing of the hymn, "This, this is the God we adore," and the Benediction, our 37th Annual Conference ended.

As we think of all the work and preparation for months beforehand, to enable the Conference to work so smoothly; our gracious President who so capably steered us through our big programme; the soloists with their delightful songs; the welcome cups of tea, morning and afternoon; the beautiful flowers in church and Sunday School; the kindness of our hostesses, and the happy fellowship as we worshipped and talked together, our hearts go out in gratitude and thanksgiving in the words of the hymn:

"We'll praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that's to come."

CHRISTCHURCH'S FIRST UNITED MISSIONARY EXHIBITION

By REV. ALAN F. COLLINS.

Missionary history was made in Christchurch during the week of September 24-29, when in the Old Art Gallery thirty-three missionary societies united in a highly successful Exhibition. Twelve months' preparation was consummated in an exceptionally well-organised programme, the Secretary-Organiser of which was one of Methodism's sons—Mr. R. Sandford. The programme included a packed Official Opening on Monday evening, when Archbishop West-Watson gave a splendid lead in his address, and the command "Go ye into all the world" was sounded most effectively in song by a quartet from our Durham Street Choir. On Saturday, a good attendance of children gathered at the Civic Theatre for a screening of missionary films; in the afternoon all our doubts were silenced as to the wisdom of holding an Old Folks' Rally when another packed audience greeted us. The Youth Rally at Durham St. Church in the evening was a worthy finale to a memorable week, Rev. J. S. Murray, of the Presbyterian Board of Missions presenting the challenge of Missions to every young man and woman present. An estimated total of 10,000 viewed the Exhibition, including 3,000 school-children, who came in organised groups each day.

Our Methodist Court was simply arranged, with Overseas and Home Mission panels as a background which told their own eloquent story; a number of Maori curios from the Canterbury Museum created further interest, and Miss Joy Rangiwahia, one of our Training College

Methodist girls at Deaconess House, was a most attractive assistant in her native dress. Sister Ada Lee was our only "live" missionary, and we were very fortunate in having her to demonstrate and describe the big display of Solomon Islands curios. Francis Talasasa (one of our Solomon Islands Methodist boys at school in Christchurch) was in his element on Friday evening among these curios, and was a living witness to the work of Christian missions. Standing space was taxed to capacity around our Court until the hour of closing. Grateful mention must be made of the willing help given by ladies of the M.W.M.U. who helped to staff the court each day. An interesting point noted was the number of ex-servicemen who visited the Exhibition, whose interest in Missions had been stimulated by their experiences in the Solomons. We shall never be able to assess the impetus given to our missions by the impressions made in the war years by our native people on men of the Forces. A revolving giant globe stood inside the main door with the slogan which was above every court—"Sharing in the Task of World Evangelisation." One small boy of about nine years was taking an unusually great interest in our curios, and, when asked if he was going to be a missionary, replied "Oh, I dunno—s'pose I'll get killed in a war before then!" He seemed to speak for the millions of children who live under such a cloud—a cloud which can be dispelled only as the words of our Lord are heeded: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel,—and lo, I am with you alway."

Roviana Circuit Report, 1951

By REV. J. R. METCALFE.

Much work has been done and a fair amount can now be seen for the labours of reconstruction since the war, but sometimes we wonder can the desert, created by the war, ever blossom again.

STAFF.

Several staff changes have taken place within the year. Mr. Hall left on furlough in October, leaving Mr. Woodfield with the responsibility of the Station with the Superintendent resident on Kilivirai. Around the Christmas period we lost Sister Grace McDonald to Choiseul Circuit, but in her place we welcomed Sister Jessie Grant from Choiseul and Sister Davinia Clark from Buka. Then in March our beloved Superintendent, Mr. Goldie, left us to commence his well-earned retirement. Mr. Metcalfe, the new Chairman and Superintendent, with the District worries and the supervision of the Choiseul Circuit on his shoulders, has not been in constant residence, but has spent considerable time with us. Five new teachers from the District Training Institution have taken their appointments within the circuit and proved valuable additions to the teaching staff. With the older teachers we have had our ups and downs, but most of them have stood firmly by us.

MEMBERSHIP.

Difficulty is still being experienced in getting adequate returns of membership from the villages, and special efforts will have to be made in the forthcoming year to remedy this lack. From the returns obtained, the membership of the circuit is placed at 2149 senior, 1227 junior and 998 infant members. There were 33 baptisms during the year.

SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School at Kokeqolo continues to grow and take a large place in the lives of the young folk. A large number of village Sunday Schools are also doing well. The day schools continue to improve. The conditions caused by the war are gradually being overcome and the average age in the circuit school is coming down, however, it will be a few years before this properly rights itself. The Sisters are doing an excellent work in the Kokeqolo school and have now begun visiting the outlying village schools, for the encouragement and instruction of the teachers. We have many teachers who have stood faithfully by us for many years who want to be relieved, so our cry, as with all others, is for more young teachers. There are 65 boys in residence in the Circuit Training Institution, and 35 in the District Training Institution. The standard is definitely rising despite our difficulties. The first difficulty is the lack of adequate text books in the village schools, but every effort is being made to alleviate this. The second is the problem of food for the Station. The gardens are doing their best, but it is a poor best and does not seem to allow us to make appreciable headway with a £600 to £800 rice bill. A new garden is being commenced, but this is three or four miles from the Station, and transport and time taken by the boys to walk to this garden will be considerable problems. The soil in this vicinity, though the best available, is not very good, and a thorough investigation of gardening methods and future policy will have to be made before we will be able to adequately feed the Station and reduce the rice bill.

During this year Sister Effie has had the additional responsibility of the District Training Institution. The premises in use for the school are totally inadequate but with the transfer of the D.T.I. to Banga this matter will to a large extent right itself.

Medical Work.

The Doctor took up his residence at Kokeqolo early in the year and, with Sisters Jessie and Davinia, has adequately coped with the medical work on the station. The Doctor and the Sisters together and separately have visited many villages throughout the circuit. The Polio epidemic had its course at Kokeqolo causing the death of one Dresser Boy and varying degrees of paralysis to three station boys. The general health on the station has been good.

BUILDINGS.

Very little building has been done on the station this year owing to the necessity to put all available labour on to the building of the D.T.I. buildings on Banga. Here two Meccano Iron buildings have been erected for Dormitory and School and another for the Vice Principal's cookhouse. Mr. Hall's house, of native construction, is also well on its way. Apart from this, further extensions have been made to the Wharf, a temporary power house has been erected for the temporary electric plant and the station fully wired. Several more tanks have been erected and two bridges rebuilt. Three new Churches have been built in the villages of the circuit during the year and several others re-leafed.

CONCLUSION.

In spite of many interruptions and difficulties the work of the circuit has certainly progressed. Many problems still lie before us and more village visitation is still an urgent necessity. The return of Mr. Hall and the transfer of the College to Banga will ease the strain on the Ministers at Kokeqolo as also will the appointment of a man to Choiseul so that the superintendent can take up full residence at Kokeqolo. Further attention will need to be given to the catechists and their duties and to the question of membership and the preparation of the young people for membership. Nevertheless we can see the hand of the Lord leading and guiding in all things.



Early stage of re-establishment at Roviana.

WOMEN'S PAGES.

M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's
Missionary Union of
New Zealand.

Christchurch,
November, 1951.

Dear "Open Door" Friends,

Since my last letter through this fine little magazine there have been the usual run of Annual Meetings and Conferences in connection with our work; times in which we review the past and plan for the future, time of wonderful Christian fellowship and inspiration. The M.W.M.U. Conference held in Christchurch early in October was no exception, the spirit of thankfulness to God for a year of steady progress pervaded the whole gathering and although the weatherman gave us some very changeable atmospheres there was no lack of determination or enthusiasm to remain firm and true to the work of the Missions, both Home and Overseas.

One very thrilling moment was when past and present workers were asked to stand together before the Conference, I am sure our hearts were stirred with pride as they each said their name thus: Mrs. Scrivin, Mrs. Green, Miss Graham, Sister May Barnett, Sister Eleanor Dobby, Sister Edna White, Mrs. Butler (Sister Jean), Mrs. Hayman (Sister Ruth), Mrs. Dickens, Sister Ada Lee, Sister Jean Miller and Sister Eva Saunders. At one session we were happy to meet Miss Henderson who hopes in the near future to go to the Solomons. Looking along this line it flashed through ones mind how wonderfully the Creator works, as some of us grow old in the work He is constantly calling fresh young workers to take up the task of spreading His kingdom on earth, and we are deeply thankful they are responding, may we in our prayers ever hold them up; their work is ours, and together we serve in a great cause.

Now for a word about our Church Conference held in Auckland early in November. It is a great privilege indeed to join in this the most important meeting of our Methodist Church. The election of Rev. G. I. Laursen to the high office of President was of particular interest to the members of the M.W.M.U. As Superintendent of Maori Mission our relationship and interests have been very cordial and we pray for him a year of happy and fruitful service.

One of the highlights of Conference was a complimentary luncheon to Rev. J. F. Goldie, and how appropriate to have it in our own Methodist Property at Pitt St. Mr. Goldie was in fine form, beneath his insatiable sense of humour there lies a deep and since love for the people of the Western Solomons, and gratitude and thankfulness to God for health and opportunities to serve over the long number of years. Rev. A. H. Scrivin presented Mr. Goldie with an illuminated address signed by all members of the Conference, The President, Rev. G. I. Laursen presented gifts on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Opportunity was taken to honour Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Scrivin on their retirement, Mrs. Green presented Mrs. Scrivin with a lovely bouquet and the President of Conference presented Mr. Scrivin with a cheque expressing the wish that they buy something for their new home.

Several speeches were made and a very happy gathering closed.

Among the many friends present were Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Palmer.

Wednesday evening Pitt Street Church was well filled for the Missionary Demonstration. The Revs. J. F. Goldie and B. Chystal were the speakers; Rev. A. Bensley presented to the Foreign Mission Board—through Mr. Scrivin a substantial cheque bringing the total up to £1000 raised by the Sunday School Scholars for the rebuilding of the Central Church in the Solomons. A choir of Fijian students sang during the evening.

Just a few notes in brief:—Sisters Joan and Pamela have gone for a time to Tonu in the Siwai District, Bougainville; Sister Winifred has been at Honiara for a month studying methods of Leper treatments at the Leper Hospital there; Sister Nancy Ball has spent a few days at Bilua. The Solomon Synod was held at Bilua when Sisters Effie and Winifred represented the Sisters.

During Rev. A. H. Scrivin's visit the Sisters new home and girls' hostel at Bilua were opened.

Every day brings the Christmas Season nearer; may it be to each one a time of peace and joy.

Greetings and good wishes to all at home and overseas.
In the service of Missions,
LILIAN HALLAM.

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Otago District Council.

The Annual Meeting was held in Trinity Schoolroom on Tuesday, 14th August, at 7.30 p.m. Miss Purdie presided over an attendance of 60 and led the Devotions. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were presented and adopted. Comparisons with last year showed a marked increase in giving, all Auxiliaries having increased their finance. The election of officers was as follows: President—Miss Purdie; Secretary—Mrs. F. Gerry; Treasurer—Mrs. Ganderton. Delegates to Conference were appointed and a collection taken for Conference Expenses. The meeting closed with the Benediction. A short social gathering followed and supper brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

North Canterbury District Council.

The Quarterly meeting was held in Durham St. Parlour on Wednesday, 8th August, at 10.30 a.m. In the absence through illness of Mrs. Colechin, the Dominion President, Mrs. Hallam, presided over an attendance of 53 members. The chief business of the session was preparation for the coming Union Conference and for the Annual Meeting. Great regret was expressed at the resignation of Mrs. Colechin from the office of President and the consent of Mrs. Raymond Dudley to act as District President for three months was warmly appreciated. The Annual meeting was held at 2 p.m. in the Sunday School. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were presented. Members in the district numbered 600 belonging to 24 Auxiliaries and there were 66 Gleaners. Income for the year—£1128/5/1. Election of officers followed and the Benediction brought the meeting to a close.

Wellington District Council.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Lounge of Wesley Church, on Monday, 13th August. The Annual Report revealed an excellent year's work and the income for the year amounted to £801. The election of officers was as follows: President—Mrs. Field, Secretary—Mrs. McAlister; Treasurer—Mrs. Bruce.

Franklin District Council.

The Annual meeting was held at Papakura, on August 8th, Mrs. G. Fitchett presiding over a good attendance of members. Excellent reports were received from all Officers. Membership—199. Income for the year £366/7/11. A total of 48 parcels have been sent to Sister Heeni Wharemaru, the Solomon Islands and Kurahuna. Two new Gleanings Groups have been formed in the Bombay circuit. A solo by Mrs. Deed was much appreciated.

Auckland District Council.

At the Annual Meeting the election of officers was as follows: President—Mrs. A. H. Scrivin; Secretary—Mrs. A. Firth; Treasurer—Mrs. Lee. The Devotions were led by Mrs. Harkness. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were presented. Income for the year—£1439/14/0. Reports from 20 Auxiliaries were read, and there are 551 members and 116 Gleaners, an increase of 8 on last year's numbers. The average attendance at District Council is 44. It was interesting to note that Kurahuna Maori Girls' School has been fully occupied for many years; and that now we have two girls from the school teaching in the Primary Department.

Wairarapa District Council.

The 7th Annual meeting was held in Masterton, on August 7th, Dr. Slade presiding. Annual Report and Balance Sheet showed an increase of £52/2/3 over year's working. Membership—85 (increase of 2). Gleaners—13 (increase of 3). Gleaners increasing gradually, gleanings up by £4/6/4. Kurahuna showed slight increase, and in spite of low prices stamp sales were up by £4/13/5. Special Objective well supported, being £13/11/3 in advance of last year's effort. 19 sacks and packages forwarded for Maori work, old linen, calendars and sewing requisites dispatched to Solomons. Greytown also sent parcels to Kurahuna Girls' School. Greytown's Auxiliary now a separate body and meets bi-monthly with 5 new members. A group interested in Missions formed at Featherston. Carterton has formed a Girls' Group. Delegates to Conference at Whangarei gave reports in all 4 centres. Speakers, Garden Parties and special evenings high-lights of year's work. President's monthly letters greatly appreciated. Prayer Cycles were distributed. A report of the Council's workings to be presented at Synod in Masterton in August. The Quarterly Meeting was held at Masterton, on Wednesday, October 24th. Mrs. Sage presided and led the Devotions. The Remit regarding refrigerators for sisters in Solomons read. (This arrived too late for Annual meeting). The treasurer explained what had been done at Conference regarding this remit. A letter of congratulation to Council on their encouraging Annual Report was read from Mrs. Robinson (Dominion Executive). Mrs. Sage mentioned used linen and explained best and quickest method of dispatch of same. Members were advised to forward calendars to Sister Jessie Grant, Gizo. Reports were read from the following Auxiliaries: Eketahuna, Greytown, Masterton, Carterton. Dates were fixed for delegates to report to the various Auxiliaries on the recent Union Conference held in Christchurch. Mrs. Archer reported on financial side of Conference explaining Special Objective for 1952. Mrs. Sage mentioned Jubilee Tour and Conference's decision to send Mrs. Hallam and Sister Edna White. Each Auxiliary is to find ways and means of raising fund for same. Collection for travelling expenses was taken and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

Waitemata District Council.

The 3rd Annual Meeting was held with a good at-

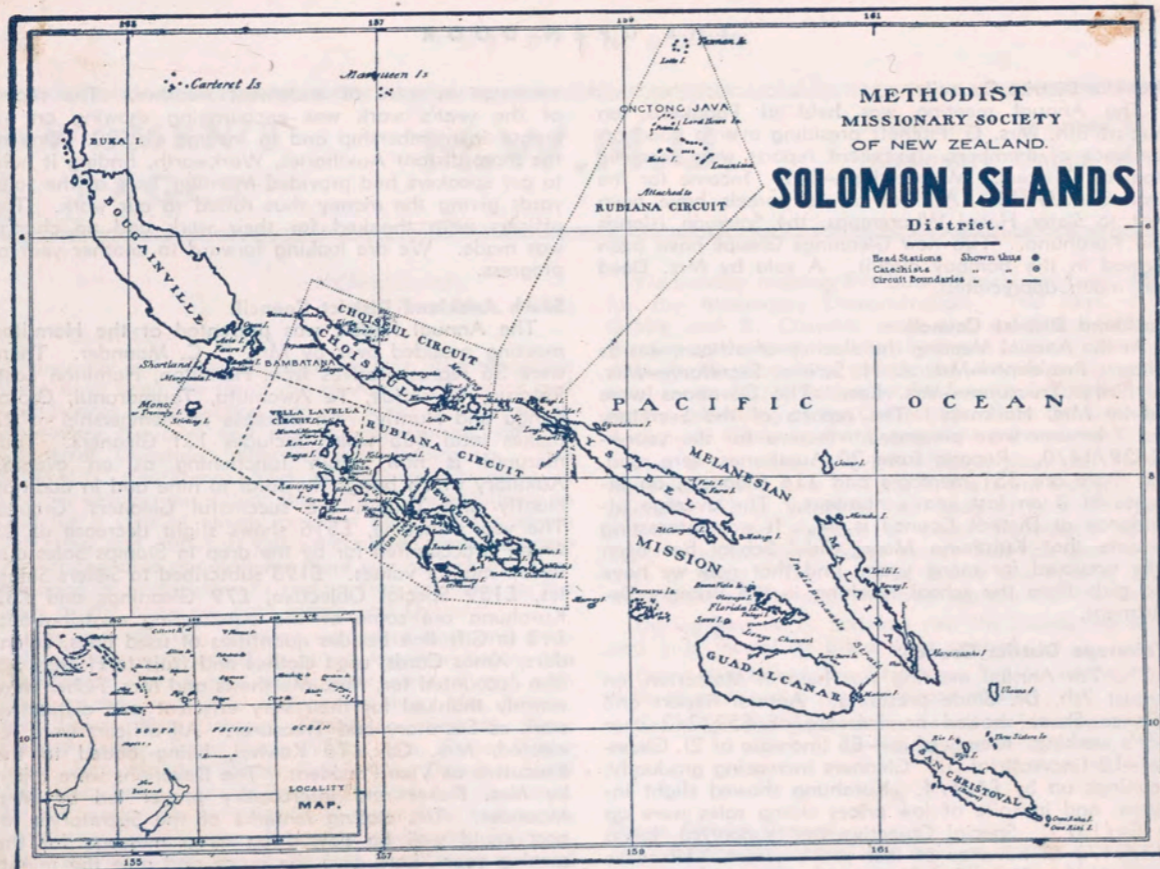
tendance in spite of inclement weather. The report of the year's work was encouraging showing an increase in membership and in income of £20. One of the more distant Auxiliaries, Warkworth, finding it hard to get speakers had provided Morning Teas at the sale-yards giving the money thus raised to our work. The officers were thanked for their work and no change was made. We are looking forward to another year of progress.

South Auckland District Council.

The Annual Report was presented at the Hamilton meeting presided over by Mrs. E. C. Maunder. There were 26 representatives from Hamilton, Hamilton East, Rotorua, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Taumarunui, Otorohanga and Huntly. An increase in membership of 27 makes total 305 which includes 131 Gleaners. Taumarunui is now again functioning as an evening Auxiliary which brings the total to nine and in addition Huntly and Taupiri are successful Gleaners' Groups. The year's income, £516 shows slight decrease of £3 which is accounted for by the drop in Stamps Sales due to low market values. £193 subscribed to Sisters Salaries, £139 Special Objective, £79 Gleanings and £32 Kurahuna are some of the outstanding contributions. £13 to Gift Box besides quantities of used lines, calendars, Xmas Cards, used clothes and fruit to Hostels are also accounted for, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Fisher were warmly thanked for their very efficient and distinctive work as Secretary and Treasurer. All officers were re-elected, Mrs. Cox, Te Kowhai, being added to the Executive as Vice President. The Devotions were taken by Mrs. Fisher and intercessory prayer led by Mrs. Maunder. The closing remarks of the Secretary's report could well be passed on as a message for the coming year "Lord give the grace and give the might, for Thee to toil, for Thee to fight

Southland District Council.

The Council meeting was held on August 15th, commencing at 10.45 a.m. Mrs. Stead presided over a good attendance of members and led the Devotions. Roll call:—Riverton 3, Bluff 2, Mataura 1, Edendale 2, Gore 1, St. Peters 6, Evening 4, Central 6. Letters of sympathy to be sent to those who had lost loved ones. Prayer Cycles received and decision made as to the payment of same. Letter read from Mrs. Chris. Palmer. Presidents of Auxiliaries were reminded to keep up the interest of members in the several sisters on Mission Stations by use of maps, letters etc. Lunch was served and a vote of thanks tendered to Mrs. McMillan for the very nice lunch provided. After the adjournment the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confined and the Annual Reports and Balance Sheets of each Auxiliary were taken. All showed an improvement in numbers and interest. Tautapere—6 members, £19. Bluff—very few members, £26/14/8. Riverton—13 members, £57/3/11. Evening—£34/13/3. St. Peters—£118/19/10. Central—£114/8/10. No Easter Offering this year as the Garden Party was such a success. Mataura—£13/16/5, an increase of £5. Edendale-Wyndham, a new Auxiliary—£16/14/11. Gore—£15/2/8. Balance Sheet total—£416/11/10, an increase of £49/13/1. Total membership—247 including 103 Gleaners. The election of officers was as follows: President—Mrs. R. M. Stead; Secretary—Mrs. Hefford; Treasurer—Mrs. Clearwater. Conference delegates were decided by ballot and delegates were requested to give their reports direct to the different Auxiliaries they represent. It was decided that 1/- per member be raised in each Auxiliary in future towards delegates expenses to Conference. A very interesting meeting closed with the Benediction.



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