

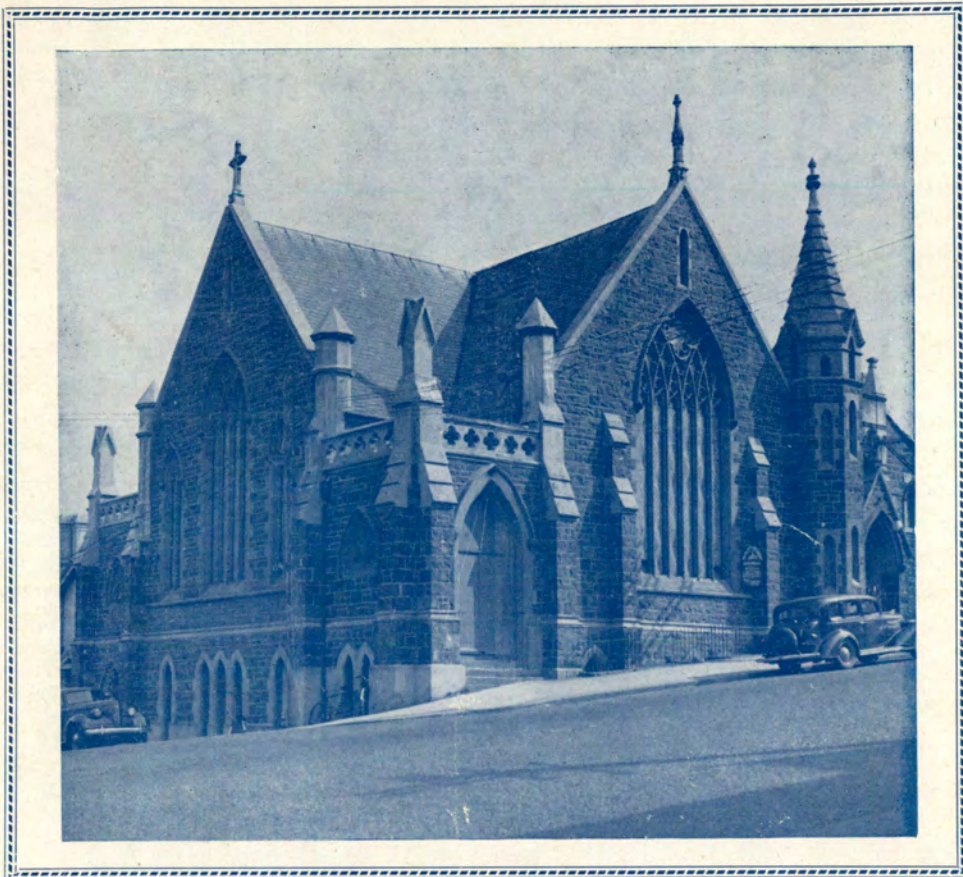
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*"It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us."*

—From the record of the first missionary conference.—Acts 15:28.

# CONFERENCES and MISSIONS

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*In the fifteenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles we have the record of the first conference of Christian workers ever held. It confronted a problem raised by the mission to the Gentiles. On what terms were the new converts to be received into the Church? Let us give thanks for the recognition of the guidance of the Holy Spirit that led the apostles to fasten no great burdens on the new Christians but to send them instead a letter of brotherly encouragement.*

*A distinguishing feature of the later ministry of St. Paul was his desire to build a fellowship between the "younger churches" of Europe, to whom he was the pioneer missionary, and the mother church of Jerusalem. He was not ashamed to ask for a collection for the saints in distress there.*

*Whenever a new missionary outburst of the Christian Church has taken place, there has been manifest also the desire to confer on missionary aims and methods. It is on record that William Carey proposed from India a conference of missionaries to be held at the Cape of Good Hope in 1810. The Cape appealed to him as a central meeting place for missionaries from India and the East with representatives from Europe and America. The Napoleonic Wars helped to prevent his project. A century passed before the Edinburgh Conference of 1910 realised the plan of Carey. Since then we have had Jerusalem 1928, Madras 1938, and enlarged meetings of the International Missionary Council at Whitby, Ontario, 1947, and Willingen, Germany 1952. The World Conference of Christian Youth being held at Travancore, India, this month, takes on a missionary character, since it is held in the land of some of the "younger churches." A young Maori Theological student and a young Fijian layman are among the Methodists who travel to Travancore.*

*Without doubt there are dangers in overdoing conferences. There is a growing impatience with mere talking, an impelling urge to do. But Christian people are rightly and increasingly realising that what we do we must do together. Hence the need to confer.*

With our Methodist Church of New Zealand, we have our annual opportunity to review the mission of the church. This year of Jubilee brought the opportunity for a conference at Kokengolo, Roviana, between members of our Board and missionaries and Island workers on the field. The subsequent Solomon Islands Synod is reported in this issue. Likewise the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. Their findings have since been presented to the annual Conference of our Church, meeting at Nelson. At the annual missionary demonstration there, the heads of our Home and Foreign Missions Departments, the Revs. G. I. Laurenson and S. G. Andrews, were the principal speakers.

The annual Conference of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union, reported in this issue, marked an epoch, for it was held to coincide with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the first auxiliary group within the Methodist Church in this country.

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*"The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."*—Matt. 11:5.

## Christmas at Ozama, Vella Lavella

by SISTER WINIFRED POOLE.

The Christmas season at Ozama begins about the middle of November when the women and children receive material for new frocks. A week or so later practice for the end of the year concert begins and the children become really interested. But what excitement when the 'dress up clothes' appear about a week before Christmas! The feeling of festivity is as marked as a change in climate.

Now let me tell you about last Christmas. On Christmas Eve late afternoon, all the white staff canoed across to the wee island which is only about five minutes from the mainland. The Ozama men had built shaded seats for the visitors and others for the choir. Adult patients and contacts formed the choir to sing carols and hymns in four-part harmony. After Mr. Silvester led in brief prayer in the Bilua language, the following tableaux were presented:

- The Annunciation: Luke 1:26-28.  
Hymns: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" and "O, Come all Ye Faithful."  
Tableau: Mary, Joseph and Babe. Reading: Luke 2:1-7.  
Hymns: "Cradled in a Manger Meanly" and "All my Heart this Night Rejoices."  
Tableau: The Appearance of the Angels. Reading: Luke 2:8-14.  
Hymn: "Angels we have Heard on High."  
Tableau: The Shepherds Worship Jesus. Reading: Luke 2:15-16.  
Hymns: "The First Nowell" and "The Shepherds and the Angels."  
Reading: Matt. 2:1-11.  
Hymn: "From the Eastern Mountains."  
Tableau: The Wise Men bring their Gifts.  
Hymn: "Wise Men seeking Jesus."  
Reading: Matt. 2:12-14.  
Hymn: "As With Gladness Men of Old."  
Benediction.

There were just enough children for the various characters. Somehow or other these dark-skinned youngsters looked utterly right. Even the Babe, a multi-coloured woollen doll, was not incongruous. Mata, Neli, Hezelini, Nancy and Naeri, five little contact girls whose mothers are all patients, were the angels. Mata simply squeaked with delight when she saw her dress—an ankle-length creation made from an old sheet. Golden wings, halos of coloured flowers, bright sashes and shoulder ribbons, made a delightful picture. Moreover, they were so carried away by the splendour

of their raiment, that they quite unintentionally behaved themselves. Neli had halo trouble, but that could have been a tender conscience. For angels they were reasonably good, but lest I should ever require so elevated a standard, they repented before New Year.

Laela and Wili, who are brother and sister, took the parts of Mary and Joseph. They were very good too, especially Joseph who had to stand still for nearly an hour. Alas! the Shepherds looked like pictures of Arab bandits by the time their tableau happened. However, they knelt quite reverently and later sat with heads bowed and cross legged till the end of the performance.

The Three Kings of the Orient wore the most impressive garments that could be found. Timothy Bisu who led the trio, looked really regal in a discarded silk evening gown of Mrs. Silvester's. The hem should have shed at least nine inches, but Bisu would not



Nativity tableau at Ozama.

allow scissors within cooe. The Kings, although from different nations, all wore identical crowns with the Union Jack in the place of honour! They thought it grand. Six months earlier Timothy Bisu was a pitiful sight. Able only to hobble painfully with a stick because of an ulcer involving the entire sole of one foot, he was sick and emaciated and had to be isolated even from the other leprous patients. So it was a joy to see him with beaming face, happy and able to lead the Wise Men to kneel at the feet of the Babe.

The whole scene was colourful and told the Christmas Story in a way which took us all to Bethlehem to worship. To the children it was not mere play acting, for they lived their parts. The distribution of Christmas gifts followed the tableaux. With the help of New Zealand and Australian friends, both adults and children received good gifts.

**A RETROSPECT:**

Christmas for the leper patients was not always the happy time it is now. Before they were transferred to Ozama nearly two years ago, they were an unhappy, discouraged people who were showing very little response to treatment. They felt that no one loved them, they were not wanted anywhere, nor were they allowed to join regularly together for Lotu. My attempts to help them proved futile because of the attitude of the native population. Their last Christmas on Choiseul was most unhappy. I had arranged with them the previous week to bring their families and we would have a little service and party for the children following the injections. As I had not enough Bambatana, nor the patients enough English, it had been arranged that my dresser boy, a local preacher, should give the talk. I chose Christmas hymns and readings, but imagine how I felt when they were given a doleful little homily on the various sicknesses recorded in the Gospels. Before he was half way through most of the women were crying and the service did little but rub salt into their wounds. That same dresser is kind and faithful, but not overburdened with imagination.

But now all is changed. The old, painful treatment with chaulmoogra oil injections, has been replaced by oral tablets to which many of the patients have made a dramatic response. On Ozama the people live as a village, not as hospital. As in other villages they have morning and evening Lotu, regular Class Meetings, choir practice, day school and Sunday School. There are, of course, difficulties that one does not write about, but for the most part the morale of the people is high, their faith and courage a challenge. Moreover, the attitude of the general native population is changing as they see results. Many who suspect they have the disease, are coming to be examined. We have now 36 patients on Ozama and about 30 more probable patients on Choiseul who are awaiting investigation.

So now you know why Christmas means so much to the Ozama people and to me. When given the choice of preparing a special Jubilee concert or repeating the Christmas tableaux, the children chose the latter in the firm belief that everyone should have Christmas at least twice a year.

## Christmas Festivities at Skotolan, Buka

by the REV. G. A. R. CORNWELL.

Christmas and New Year approach, so first its means 'Greetings to you all.'

Christmas festivities at Buka start about four days before Christmas day and last until the New Year. Here we are in the midst of the Christmas and New Year rush. Oh, how glad we are. I well remember my last Friday night in Auckland, but here . . . no trams . . . no shops . . . no buses, people, that's all. We have to start preparing for Christmas from the beginning of the year. Our special food has to be planted four months ahead, our presents have to come from Sydney or New Zealand and be ordered some six months previously. Finally, all the teachers arrive by road and canoe with their people and all their families, in fact as many who can last the distance. Some come from distant villages up to 70 miles away. This year our College Students managed to get home to Skotolan after the "Roviana" dropped them at Teop and they had made their way from there covering 70 miles as best they could. For Christmas dinner every teacher, local preacher, and member must provide food. For example, teachers must give 100 sweet potatoes, 30 fish, opossums, crayfish or crabs or a pig, turtle or eggs. Can you imagine the cooking preparations when it comes to Christmas eve?

So we come to Christmas Day. At Skotolan it starts when the mission girls set out on a round of carol singing at 4 a.m. We have had a very busy day the day before but to be awakened at 4 a.m. seemed to make it really Christmas Day. Of course we had to be up early for the big service at 8 a.m. We looked out from lower hill of Skotolan and there coming from the Islands in the distance were the first canoes. As they drew near the next village up the coast a new fleet joined the regatta. I think that every village had every canoe they possess in the water for the numbers of canoes that crowd the beach at Skotolan is simply astounding. It is fairly high tide and the wharf which is always partly dry at low water makes a great sight with the masts of sailing canoes lining both sides, Mons

anchored in the bay and canoes hauled up high to escape the incoming tide. I would not like to have to count the canoes. Only one thing is missing . . . our own ship the "Malakuna"; however to compensate, the Choiseul Plantations Pinnacle crowns the wharf head.

Service starts promptly at 8 a.m. and lasts for nearly two hours. Some people may say that it is too long. However, here when we consider that only once in a year do the people come in with their choirs and to hear the Christmas messages, even two hours is not long. My first Christmas and Thanksgiving Service at Skotolan lasted four hours. Well, we had short greetings, prayers and a very short address. Into it all we have to fit 15 village and station choirs. This year their numbers are all very well chosen and the whole



The arrival of the Catalina at Skotolan, May, 1952, bringing the New Zealand representatives to the Jubilee.

service has the Christmas air. The congregational hymns "O come all Ye Faithful" and "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night" are magnificently sung. But then, what hymn could be poorly sung with a native choir of up to 2,500 people. The attendance at Lotu is the largest that I have ever seen at any service at Skotolan. Mission boys and girls and the College boys are on the dais behind the pulpit and all sorts of children sit on the floor in the front, native choirs fill the main part of the body of the church and even after people are put to sit in the aisles there is not enough room, so many mothers carrying infants have to stand outside.

After Lotu everything is packed up in the canoes; food for the day, children, prizes for the races and a hundred odds and ends, and so off to the "play" at Petats. Here the children from miles around run and have lolly scrambles. (Some children are about 70-80, but who worries: it's Christmas). The older ones have dances . . . competitive always . . . while the 'Lapuns' (old people) sit and talk.

Then, of course, there is Christmas dinner. We have everything set out on what they call the bed. This is a long table arrangement built about six feet off the ground and on which all the food is brought ready for distribution. One village arrives and brings all its people's food for the feast and puts it at the teachers' disposal. Similarly other villages come. At about three o'clock, distribution is made. The teachers do the distributing of food and the village women come to collect it according to the numbers present. This year I think we have the biggest feast for years. Native potatoes, taro, yam, opossum, crabs, fish, turtles, pigs etc., in fact anything that the native people eat well is there.

However, for the staff and others who go a special feast is provided and while the distribution of food is being made we are all eating our Christmas dinner.

First Course—

Chicken Soup.

Second Course—

Roast fowl with Native potato, green vegetables, Kabul, Jip.

Entree—

(Usually a second course item, but either the cook forgot or it was meant to be that way)  
Curried Crab, Coffee and Sweets or Soda Water.

There are no puddings; that is to come when we arrive at Skotolan.

After the meal, then it is time to finish off the little day with the tug-of-war. This is the big man's event and if they can break that rope it is a point to the people. This year they manage it with about forty of the heftiest on either end. Following the tug-of-war, the Lotu bell sounds and it is time for all to make for the concluding Lotu of the day and for all the people to get away to their villages before darkness settles down for the night.

It has been a beautiful day, sunny and hot and truly with all the joys of Christmas. However, it is hard for every day to finish in the way we all hope. There was a message for Sister at the close of Lotu. "Come back to Skotolan: one of the sick children in the hospital has become unconscious." We all load into the canoe and as soon as we can are back at Skotolan. Sister's long day finishes an all-night watch in hospital. The rest of us tired and worn out go to a small meal and a little of the Christmas Pudding that Sister has made, a cup of tea and now bed.

Boxing Day our Station party is held. Every teacher, wife and child and every mission boy and girl receives a present from the minister or sister. The Church is rigged up with the Christmas tree and the seats pushed aside. We have Father Christmas here too. (Believe it or not boys and girls, but when he got here his face was black and so were his feet. He says the chimneys in New Zealand and Australia are very dirty this year!!). The Christmas tree over and Father Christmas on his way again we have much work to do before the final meeting of our Christmas Season. That is teachers', local preachers' and village headmen's communion, and then, to follow, the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.

#### WHO WANTS TROPICAL BUTTERFLIES OR SHELLS ?

The 1st. Bougainville Company of Boy Scouts is raising money to buy Uniforms and Equipment. Opportunities of raising money are few in this "out of the way" corner of New Guinea.

Parcels of Butterflies or Shells would be sent to any who post a gift to same, to:—

Murray Voyce,

Scoutmaster, 1st Bougainville Troop,  
Kihili, Buin, Bougainville,  
New Guinea.

## New Church, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

By The Rev. A. H. SCRIVIN.

This splendid church would be impressive in our largest city, but placed, where it is, on the small island of Tongatabu, it is truly remarkable. It was planned for 1926 to mark the centennial of Wesleyan Methodism in the Tonga Group. It was actually in 1822 that the Rev. Walter Lawry landed, but he was able to remain only 14 months. He was followed in 1826 by the Rev. John Thomas who, through 25 years of outstanding service, laid the foundations of the Christian Church in Tonga.

The foundation stone bears the following inscription:

The Centenary Church 1826 - 1926.

"This Church was built by the Monarch, the Nobles and the people of Tonga to mark the centenary of the establishment of the Christian Religion in Tonga and also in remembrance of the work of His Majesty, George Tupou I. and of Mr. Thomas.

This stone was laid to the Glory of God by her Majesty Queen Salote Tupou on the 2nd day of July, 1926."



The New Jubilee Church, Nuku'alofa, Tonga, showing the arrival of Her Majesty Queen Salote to open the building.

But for various reasons, including the great depression and the second world-war, building was delayed until 1949. Further delays were caused by shortages of shipping, materials etc., but on Saturday, 27th September, 1952, before a vast congregation of rejoicing people, Her Majesty, Queen Salote declared the Church open. It was a great occasion for the Tongan people, and especially for the Queen who has so ardently sponsored the scheme from its inception. A great occasion too for the Rev. A. E. McKay, B.A., B.D., President of the Tonga Conference, and all his ministerial and lay colleagues, and the officials and members of the Church. The British Government was represented by the Resident Consul; the Australian Church by ex-President-General, Dr. H. G. Secomb, and Mrs. Secomb; and the New Zealand Church by the Rev. A. H. Scrivin. Mata'afa—a high chief—and Princess Sala represented Samoa, and Fiji sent a delegation of six men. Lack of suitable transport prevented a much larger representation from Australia and the Island Districts.

The new building has the spaciousness and dignity of a cathedral. It is 184 feet long; the nave is 70 feet wide and the over-all width is 112 feet. The square tower is 70 feet high and carries a four-faced clock and a bell weighing nearly half a ton. The height of the interior walls is 35 feet. The roof, with an area of 22,000 square feet, is carried by 10 steel trusses each weighing 4 tons and 4 weighing 2 tons each. 75 tons of re-inforcing steel were used in the concrete piers, gallery, etc., and there are 48,000 solid concrete blocks (18" x 8" x 3½") between the piers. The seating capacity (in pews) is 2,000—1,600 in the body of the church and 400 in the gallery. Without pews 3,000 could sit in comfort. Two side colonnades, each 105 feet by 13 feet, and one in front, 70 feet by 13 feet, can accommodate 1,000 more. There are three large vestries.

The architect, Mr. Brown, is a valued member of our Five Dock Church in Sydney, as is also Mr. Pearson who was foreman builder employed by the Contractor, Mr. Whan of Suva. Apart from these 3 Europeans, the whole of the work of erecting this great house of God was carried out by Tongans. With the exception of 16 to 20 craftsmen all the labour was voluntary. Throughout the whole 2½ years of building all the workers were fed by the people of Tongatabu, the various villages taking turn to provide and cook the meals. This represents a great gift and labour of love, in addition to the £46,000 to 48,000 actually expended on the Church, every penny of which has been raised in Tonga.

The opening celebrations extended over nine days and words are inadequate to express the joyous enthusiasm of the people throughout this period. Large contingents had come from the outlying islands of the group, including numerous big choirs. The singing of these choirs, together with those of the main island, was an inspiring feature of all the services in the new church. These choirs had a membership averaging about 90. The items rendered included selections from "The Messiah," Mozart's '12th Mass,' and other great compositions. One weeknight the Vavau choir gave a splendid rendering of 'The Messiah' made more impressive by spoken explanation of the theme of Handel's immortal masterpiece. The female voices are not of the standard found in good choirs in New Zealand, but it is doubtless a credit to the choir of Tonga, particularly in view of a great many of them were rendered, and on the occasion one band selected also eleven songs. Let all who have ever known restlessness in the hour, take heart from the example of the Tongan people.

It had been a long time since the opening of the church. The opening was held at 2½ hours. The service began at 6 a.m. and the church was filled with people of great numbers and power. Although the church seats 2,000 people, it was unable to accommodate all who gathered for the first two Sundays and large numbers worshipped from the side and front colonnades. Norm-

ally the congregation will be from 800 to 1,000, but the extra accommodation will always be taxed at the time of Conference, choir festivals, etc.

Not only on the two Sundays of the celebrations was this wonderful house of God crowded but on the Saturday afternoon of the opening and every evening of the following week great congregations gathered. The Monday night meeting was the opening of Conference at which Her Majesty, Queen Salote, delivered her official speech and the President of the Conference (Rev. A. E. McKay, B.A., B.D.) his inaugural address. The ex-President-General (Dr. H. G. Secomb) conveyed greetings from Australia and the writer from New Zealand. There were also numerous other greetings.

Queen Salote plays an important part in the life of the Church in Tonga. The annual appointment of President of the Conference is subject to her ratification and she and the members of the Royal House take a deep and constant personal interest in the work of the church and are seldom absent from the regular services. Her intimate knowledge of her people, including the most humble, is remarkable, and is indicative of the great bond of affection that binds her to all classes. Her Majesty is also a class leader and meets regularly with her large class of senior women. The Christian Endeavour Movement is well and widely organised in Tonga and here again the Queen's practical interest is very apparent. A regular event in connection with the Annual Conference is a Christian Endeavour Rally, and this year more than 2,000 crowded the great new church. Every Society in the Kingdom was represented and gave a response, and there were 20 anthems from 10 choirs and 2 items from a silver band. The chief speaker on this occasion was Crown Prince Tugi who, in addition to being Prime Minister and Minister of Education, is also a Local Preacher. Prince Tugi also spoke on the Thursday evening and outlined his ideals for the future housing of his people. Fatafehi (better known in New Zealand as Prince John) was the chief speaker at the Overseas Mission Meeting on the Friday night. It is both inspiring and hopeful when the Royal House of a Kingdom thus shows such active and able interest in the spiritual development of its people.

Of special interest was a Sunday School Rally on the Wednesday afternoon when the Church was packed with Sunday School scholars. Choir singing, a very effective tableau and several addresses were included in the programme.

At 1 p.m. every week-day some thousand people sat down to a feast prepared in turn by various groups of villages. Such lavish hospitality needs to be seen to be fully appreciated. Hundreds of pigs, fish, fowls, in addition to huge quantities of yams, taro, tapioca, sweet potatoes, sweet-corn, water-melons, pineapples, bananas, puddings, etc., etc., constituted the menu. Fingers were used instead of knives and forks, and banana leaves were the table or ground covering. This island method at meals avoids all labour of washing-up.

Following the feast each day there was a ceremonial presentation of gifts for the new church building fund. On one of these occasions it took nearly 2 hours for a constant procession carrying big lengths of tapa cloth and woven mats to pass before the Queen. The gifts of this particular day mainly from the outlying groups of Ha'apai and Vavau realised approximately £10,000.

The presentation of gifts was, in turn, followed each day by a remarkable display of native dances. These dances and their accompanying songs were practically all descriptive of the building of the new church and of the arrival and development of Christianity in Tonga.



Ceremonial presentation of tapa cloth.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

On the second Saturday of the special celebrations, Her Majesty, Queen Salote, declared open a handsome two-storey block of eight large classrooms in reinforced concrete. This fine building forms a part of the Queen Salote Girls' College in which Her Majesty and the two princesses, Mata'aho and Melenaita (wives of Tugi and Fatafehi) take a great interest. The College, which has 200 boarders, and 100 day girls, is one of the splendid educational institutions conducted by the Free Wesleyan Church and has played, for many years, an important part in moulding the life and character of the women of Tonga. Throughout the Group there are large numbers of ex-pupils who are members of the Old Girls' Association which takes regular and enthusiastic part in the maintenance of their alma mater.

Pilolevu College with 120 girls at Ha'apai and Siu'ilikutapu College at Vava'u with 118 girls are exercising similar valuable influence in their respective groups and are institutions of which our Tongan Church is justifiably proud.

It was King George Tupou's sermon on Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," and his subsequent appeal for better education that brought the Rev. J. Egan Moulton to Tonga in 1865. Tupou College was founded the following year at Nuku'alofa, but was later moved to Nafualu, 4 miles distant. It was again moved, in 1948, to its present site at Toloa where it occupies 781 acres. It is a boarding school with a roll of 350 boys and a qualified staff of two European and a number of Tongan teachers. The boys grow their own food and Agriculture is an important subject in the college curriculum. Woodwork is also taught and the College has an excellent silver band. Every year Tupou boys do well in Government examinations and many of them become school teachers or clerks in Government offices.

The Free Wesleyan Conference controls 36 Primary Schools scattered throughout the Kingdom which are attended by approximately 3,000 children. Teachers' salaries in these schools total about £3,500, towards which no Government aid is received. Teachers, however, are trained by the Government and the Church has the opportunity of sending students to its Training College.

Another vitally important institution in the educational work of Tongan Methodism is the Sia'atoutai Theological and Teacher Training College. Queen Salote chose this name; sia' means weaving a net and 'toutai' fisherman or fishing, and the obvious significance of

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# Annual Meeting of the Foreign Mission Board

Reported by the REV. W. F. FORD.

The scene is set in the Pitt Street Methodist Church parlour on the 7th and 8th October. Members came from as far south as Picton and as far north as Whangarei to attend. Along with the Conference Missionary Meeting and the M.W.M.U. Conference, this must be one of the three most notable missionary gatherings held in our Church each year. With the President, Rev. G. I. Laurenson, in the chair, the Rev. S. G. Andrews at his right hand guiding the business, and the Rev. Albert Blakemore, Treasurer, also at the table, there was a strong feeling of confidence in the leadership being given by the Board's officers. We missed the Rev. A. H. Scrivin, but were glad to receive and answer his greetings cabled from Tonga. Welcomes were expressed to the Rev. G. A. R. Cornwell, the representative of the Solomon Islands Synod, who was to have further hospital treatment for his injured leg before returning to the field; Dr. Hault, who was congratulated on his completion of the diploma in tropical medicine; and to the Rev. George Carter who has completed his short course at Trinity College. We also expressed our pleasure at having the Vice-President, Mr. J. H. Oldham, present at the meeting. Greetings were sent to the Church in the Solomons, the Missionaries on the field and to Mr. H. L. Nash of Sydney. Mr. Nash is Accountant at the Methodist Mission Offices and kindly steers our travelling missionaries through the intricacies of exchange, customs and shipping. The meeting warmly approved the suggestion that a small presentation should be made to Mr. Nash.

## Obituaries:

Members stood in silence remembering those who had passed on since the last meeting. We are grateful for the missionary service and interest of the late Messrs. W. E. Burley and W. C. Francis and Mesdames J. E. Astley and H. Berry.

## Fiji Hurricane Appeal:

The Board decided to recommend to Conference that the Appeal Fund be used to assist with the rebuilding of the married students' quarters at Davuilevu and the hostel at the Navuso Agricultural College. These are buildings which could be replaced only by the voluntary efforts of the Fijian people. If it were not for this assistance from New Zealand this vital work would be seriously handicapped for years as the first impulse and concern of the people is to restore their village churches.

## General Secretary's Survey:

In moving the adoption of his report for presentation to Conference, Mr. Andrews emphasised that the real unit of missionary activity is the worshipping village community. Our aim as a mission therefore is to build Christianity into the culture of the people so that the Church is not something added to village life but part and parcel—indeed the very centre—of it all. Mr. Andrews reminded us that the faith of the Islanders during the isolation of the war years indicates that our mission has already made great progress towards this ideal. The training of native leadership, the translation of the scriptures and the preaching and pastoral work of the missionaries are top priorities because they serve that same end. The General Secretary pointed out that the missionary service was open, not only to missionaries, but also to Government employees in

administrative and educational posts and to employees of commercial firms trading in the islands. These avenues of service could be of great value in the coming years.

It was good to see the Board taking definite steps for the preparation of a history of the Solomon Islands Mission, a short biography of the Rev. J. F. Goldie and an up-to-date map of the district. We agreed that some "Open Door" articles should be published and distributed as pamphlets.

## Medical:

For many present this meeting provided the first opportunity of a personal acquaintance with Dr. Hault. We were impressed by his quiet confidence in the ministry of healing which is being carried on in the field. The Church is fortunate in having such a well-qualified man to guide this side of the work. The Doctor described a delicate eye operation which he had carried out in a temporary building while a North West gale was blowing pieces of debris around. There was no doubt in the minds of members that the completion of the Helena Goldie hospital is an urgent matter.

## Full Cycle:

The meeting received and approved a recommendation to Conference from the Islands Synod that two catechists should go as missionaries into the new work being opened by the Australian Methodist Church in the New Guinea Highlands. One of these volunteers, John Pirah, was rescued as a baby from a river and cared for by Mrs. Voyce on her arrival in 1926. This new missionary enterprise of the Church in the Solomons is a wonderful demonstration of the progress which the work of God has made there in these 50 years.

## Personalities:

The Rev. B. H. Riseley was frequently to be seen cluttered up with projectors and long reels of film. The Monday night before the meeting was used to give Board members and friends the opportunity of previewing the Jubilee film photographed by Mr. Riseley. The Board was enthusiastic in its decision to accept Mr. Riseley's generous offer and to buy as much film as he could make available.

This Annual Meeting included a number of missionary veterans. The Rev. W. Green, who chaired the sessions on the second day, has had many years of missionary service in Papua and Fiji; nearly forty years ago the Rev. F. Copeland served in Samoa; before her marriage Mrs. Scrivin was a missionary sister in Papua; Sisters Edna White and Lina Jones and the Revs. A. A. Bensley, E. C. Leadley and C. T. J. Luxton are all veterans from the Solomons, and the General Secretary came to us from Fiji. Veterans and novices, old and young, each member of the meeting could pray:

*"Dismiss me not Thy service, Lord,  
But train me for Thy will;  
For even I, in fields so broad,  
Some duties may fulfil;  
And I will ask for no reward,  
Except to serve thee still.*

*How many serve, how many more  
May to Thy service come . . . ."*



# Solomon Islands District Synod, Kihili,

## August, 1952

Reported by SISTER MERLE CARTER.

Synod members gathered in many ways and varied, by Mission vessels 'Roviana' and 'Cicely II', by canoe, whaleboat, plane and by foot. Our hosts were the Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Voyce. No one could have been more generously cared for in every way than were we during our stay. In addition to our European ministers, three sisters, and six native members, we were pleased that Mr. C. V. Woodfield and Sister Ethel McMillan, both of whom are visiting the District, were able to be present with us. Mrs. Metcalfe was also one of our happy family. Mr. and Mrs. Mannall occasionally joined us from Koau.

### INSPIRATION AND FELLOWSHIP:

The Communion Service on Sunday at 7 a.m. was a time of dedication to all who participated. The emblems were distributed to Europeans by two Native Ministers, and to the Native members by two European Ministers. Station boys and girls joined us in this service.

A special European service was another time of inspiration. The Rev. Trevor Shepherd led and gave us an excellent paper on "Methodist Churchmanship in the Solomon Islands." Mr. Shepherd stressed the need for true Evangelism; of a Church founded firmly on the Word; and Catholic in the true sense of oneness with our Lord in preaching and practice. Our aim must be to foster an indigenous Church based on these foundations which were the foundations of the Early Church. Our Solomon Islands Church is a "New Creation." We embark on this second half-century confident that our new Church is developing on sound lines and that she will continue to proclaim the Word and manifest in life the sure purposes of God.

During Synod, Sunday morning and afternoon services were conducted by Revs. Trevor Shepherd, Gordon Cornwell, Allen Hall and Frank Woodfield (Trial Sermon), and by a Native Teacher. Morning devotions were conducted by Mr. Voyce. In the evening Lotu he was often relieved by some member of the Synod party or by his own children. Numbers of our native brethren led us in prayer.

Our final Sunday morning service took the form of a Fellowship of Testimony, Prayer and Dedication. We were led by our Chairman, the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, assisted by the Rev. Paul Havea. Synod members spoke briefly under the following headings:

- (1) As we look back over the past year in our various Circuits, what do we praise God for most?
- (2) What do we feel is the most important thing to do in this coming year?
- (3) What am I prepared to do about it?

These testimonies were interspersed with times of prayer and praise. Sister Ethel and Mr. Woodfield (Senr.) gave their testimonies of what God had done for them and we consecrated ourselves afresh to God for His Service as we sang the Consecration Hymn.

### SOCIAL:

Two members, together with Mr. Woodfield and Sister Ethel, visited Tonu where two of our sisters, Joan Brooking and Pamela Beaumont, are working. Tonu is in the Siwai area, 40 miles from Kihili. The need to ford numerous rivers makes the journey to Tonu an arduous one. At present the Government is working

on the roads. The fact that the Government is commencing a school in the Nagavisi area augurs well for the probability of further improvement to those roads. At present the Sisters are inadequately housed, with ten girls and mission babes, in a rapidly deteriorating house. A new house is under construction. For the Hospital work there is only an earth-floored Out-patients' Department. We enjoyed fellowship with the sisters before we retired for the night.

We were the guests of the Buin Government Educational Centre and the Government people of Kangu, on Saturday, 22nd August, when Kangu boys challenged Kihili boys to a game of soccer. We were spectators for this game and afterwards were entertained to afternoon tea in the Recreational Hall. Afternoon tea on 21st August was memorable because Rev. A. H. Hall had just heard that his wife had been delivered of a daughter, Michal Joy. Mr. Voyce spoke a few words to Mr. Hall on our behalf and a cable was forwarded to Mrs. Hall from the assembled company. At a later meal Mr. Hall was presented with a small article of clothing for his daughter. One evening all Synod people were entertained by Ovini and Loraine and treated to many Fijian dishes. This meal was enjoyed by all—served at a long table covered with Tapa cloth and some of the dishes served in leaves.

### SYNOD SESSIONS:

Much time was spent on financial statements and estimates. These are necessary evils which we would fain eliminate. Ministerial sessions were commenced on August 25th when the following were present: Revs. J. R. Metcalfe (Chairman), A. H. Voyce (Secretary), A. W. E. Silvester, T. Shepherd, G. Cornwell, A. Hall, F. Woodfield, Paul Havea and Timothy Piani. Representative sessions included Sisters Ada Lee, Lucy Money and Merle Carter, Stephen Gadipeta, John Pirah, John Bitibule, Silas Lezatuni. Mr. Woodfield and Sister Ethel McMillan were present by invitation at several



REV. & MRS TREVOR SHEPHERD

who are about to transfer from Kekesu, Bougainville, to Bilua, Vella Lavella.

meetings as was Mr. Mannall at the Sessions which concerned his work. Several natives were also present as observers. All sessions were begun with Devotions led by members.

Synod recommended the appointment of the Rev. Trevor Shepherd to Vella Lavella; Rev. G. G. Carter to Teop and Rev. D.I.A. McDonald to Choiseul. Kemueli Pita to be transferred to the District Training Institute. Sister Fraser to transfer to Vella Lavella; Sister Pamela Beaumont to be on loan to Roviana Circuit. The Rev. G. A. R. Cornwell was appointed to represent the Synod at the ensuing Conference.

#### THE WORK OF GOD:

In opening the Representative Session the Chairman laid stress on the fact that our work was primarily spiritual. Too much time has been taken up in the past with mundane things. We must give more time to training our people to take their place as leaders of their Church. We must seek to bring in the Kingdom of God realising that it is not anything superficial but an inner strength which is the Power which will overcome.

In discussing the work of God in the Circuits, it was noted that there is a strong desire on the part of all workers to stir the people to deeper spiritual experience and to bring our people to an individual relationship with their Saviour. Various factors which have played an important part in the past year and which give promise of awakening life in the present are:

There is a spirit of gratitude to God for His faithful leading over the past 50 years and a spirit of looking forward to advancement in the young Church as it faces the future. Native giving over and above an estimated income has resulted in over £10,000 being available for a Special Jubilee Fund with which the natives desire to build a College, to be known as the John Francis Goldie College, for the District Training Institution. The plans and site for the college are to be prepared by a committee and presented at the next Synod.

Native Representatives of all circuits together with European Ministers met in Conference in May following the Jubilee. Recommendations from this Conference were considered at Synod and resolutions were forwarded to the Board, for further consideration. These show that the leaders of our Native Church are beginning to take their place in the formation of an indigenous Church, and are increasingly alert to the spiritual needs of their people.

The Native Conference was quick to respond to the Call for volunteers for the work of God in Mendi, New Guinea Highlands, such men to be sent and fully supported by our Solomon Islands District. Five teachers offered immediately. Two of these were chosen—Alpheus Alekera and John Pirah. Both of these gave outstanding testimonies and Ministers spoke of their witness among their own people. It was suggested that all Circuits should have a Christmas Offering for their support.

#### ORDER OF ST. STEPHEN:

We wholeheartedly support this Order. A Member was appointed to write an article for our Church papers indicating the needs of our Field and the value such services could have for the extension of the Kingdom of God. It was suggested also that natives might become Units of the Order by giving their services for a stated time.

#### EDUCATION:

Synod was disturbed with the evident acute shortage of teachers in most areas. To alleviate the

shortage enquiries are to be made to see if Local Preachers would be available from our Australian Field of New Britain.

Eight students will complete their training at the District Training Institution, Banga, at the end of this year and will be ready for appointment. A total of 36 students will enter the Institution in the New Year, of which 15 will be from the Bougainville and Buka circuit.

A High School class of young boys who are the top of the senior classes in the Circuit schools of the Bougainville and Buka areas is to be formed at Kekesu under supervision of Sister Thelma Duthie, who will have the guidance of the Rev. G. G. Carter in their training.

#### MEDICAL:

A gratifying work is being carried out for our leper people at Ozama where Sister Winifred Poole is in charge. There has been a large increase in numbers treated this year because natives have seen the marked improvement and excellent response in their relatives and friends. Instead of hiding their lesions or symptoms they are seeking treatment for them. Several villages previously not known to have any cases are now coming into prominence. It is felt that the number of patients to be treated will be considerably increased during the coming year. We are grateful to the Lepers Trust Board for their gifts to enable this work to be carried out so successfully.

Hospital buildings of a permanent nature have either been completed or are well under way in several areas. These include the Helena Goldie Hospital at Roviana and the Alley Memorial Hospital at Kekesu.

#### TRANSLATION AND PRINTING:

There are hymn books and some of the Gospels from most areas either at the printers or ready for publication this year. The Four Gospels and Acts of the Apostles was tabled at Synod in the Petats Language (Buka Circuit) and is to be forwarded to the British and Foreign Bible Society for printing.

#### NEW CHURCH, NUKU'ALOFA, TONGA

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the name is that those trained at the College go out as fishers of men. At present there are 51 students in residence, 42 of whom are married and have their wives and families with them on the beautifully situated station at Nafualu. The students take a three-year course and then graduate as ministers on probation, village stewards, or teachers.

Other Colleges in Tonga are:

- A Government College for boys.
- A Roman Catholic College (mixed).
- A Mormon College (mixed).
- A Seventh Day Adventist College (mixed).

#### METHODIST UNION:

Several times during the great church-opening celebrations the hope was expressed that the day of complete Methodist Union in Tonga is not far distant. At present the Free Wesleyan Church numbers slightly more than 50% of the total population of 48,000. The other two sections of Methodism—'The Free Church' and 'The Church of Tonga'—together number approximately 20%. The hopes and prayers of both Australian and New Zealand Methodism will surely be united with those of many in Tonga that the three sections of the Church in that little Island Kingdom may soon be one.

# METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

38th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Trinity Methodist Church, Dunedin, October 11th-15th, 1952, on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Otago Methodist Women's Auxiliary.

Reported by MRS. C. W. FIRTH.

In 1902, having recently completed fifteen years of service in Fiji, the Rev. W. Slade was on foreign missionary deputation in Dunedin. With the late Rev. W. A. Sinclair, he called a meeting for Methodist women to whom he explained the desirability of sending missionary sisters to teach the Pacific Island women. On September 1st, 1902, at another meeting held for ladies interested in the project, an auxiliary was formed. Of the ladies who were appointed to the first executive Mrs. Liggins now of Auckland, Mrs. Williams of Melbourne and Mrs. Stevens of Nelson are the surviving members. Mrs. Liggins was an honoured guest at the Jubilee celebrations this year. The first sister supported by a New Zealand auxiliary left for Papua in 1905. She was Miss May Jenness of Lower Hutt, now Mrs. Ballantyne, living in retirement at Ravensbourne, Dunedin.

Since these events were the beginnings of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union, it was fitting that the Union Conference should be held this year at Dunedin to coincide with the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Otago Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliary.

## CONVERSAZIONE:

On Saturday afternoon, October 11th, the concert chamber of the Dunedin Town Hall was filled with delegates and friends. A welcome was given to all by Mrs. McIndoe, the Otago District President, and by the Mayor of the city, Mr. L. M. Wright. Special reference was made to the presence of veteran members, Mrs. Liggins and Mrs. Duke. Greetings were

briefly expressed by Mrs. R. N. Watson, representing sister organisations, the Rev. G. I. Laurenson—President of the Conference and General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, the Rev. S. G. Andrews—General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Department, the Rev. R. H. Allen—representing the Youth Department, and Mrs. Liggins—one of the first Vice-Presidents. The Otago District Secretary, Mrs. Gerry, read numerous letters of greeting from absent friends.

A very pleasing ceremony was the presentation to the Dominion President, Secretary and Treasurer, Mesdames Hallam, Featherstone and Cockerell, of copies of the souvenir booklet specially compiled for the occasion by Miss Purdie.

The candles on the Jubilee cake were lit by Mesdames Duke, Isbister, and Hutt, and Misses Rosevear and Sister Ruth Fawcett. The cake was cut by Mrs. Liggins, a foundation member. A pleasing bracket of vocal duets were sung by the Misses Colvin. Mrs. Hallam returned thanks on behalf of the Union and expressed the official greeting to Otago.

## TABLEAU:

Then followed an inspiring tableau written by Miss Heather Smith depicting the Spirit of the Church, with Vision, Faith, Sacrifice and Love, each speaker reinforcing the main theme of the presentation. Age, represented by the oldest member, Mrs. West, passed on the torch of life to youth, represented by Miss Wilkinson, who knelt with it in front of the cross.



Tableau produced by Miss Heather Smith and presented by the Otago Council to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Auxiliary Movement in Otago.

**THANKSGIVING:**

Trinity Church, Dunedin, was packed for the thanksgiving service held on Sunday afternoon, October 12th. Mrs. Duke was selected to open the service with a call to worship and the announcement hymn: "Now thank we all our God." Other members of the Dominion Executive and the Otago District Council participated in the conduct of the service. In a challenging address the President of Conference reminded us that our central task was to awaken the world to the knowledge that God is everywhere, all the time, calling on all men. A vivid picture of God's love needs to be given to all the world. Nothing else will open men's hearts.

**DEVOTIONAL:**

In the course of his address Mr. Laurenson maintained that one source of the strength of our movement has been that it has been bathed in prayer and deep devotion. In the opening devotions of each session of the conference until the climax of the service in induction and dedication on the Wednesday, the devotional spirit pervaded the whole.

Conference officially opened with the service of Holy Communion conducted by the Chairman of the Otago District, the Rev. E. S. Hoddinott, assisted by the Rev. J. K. Watson, minister of Trinity Church. In his pre-Communion address, Mr. Hoddinott compared the background of the last Supper with very similar world and social conditions to-day. Yet, now as then, we were able to draw apart and participate in this act of remembrance and dedication.

Following communion, Mrs. Virtue paid tribute to those, once active in missionary work who had this year "gone home with a Friend." Members stood in silent tribute as the news of the passing of Princess Te Puea was announced, and resolved that a message go from the Conference to the relatives and Maori people of Ngaruawahia.

**CONFERENCE BUSINESS:**

Roll call revealed 94 delegates, 43 of whom were first-timers. After the appointment of conference officers, the location of the Conference for 1953 was debated. While New Plymouth and Hamilton were thanked for their offers, the invitation of the Wairarapa District Council was accepted, so that the Conference will be held at Masterton in October, 1953.

Referring to the annual report booklet, Mrs. Featherstone gave a resume of the year's work. We record an increase of two auxiliaries and nine gleaners' groups. Total membership has increased by 215 to

5628. Gleaners' membership now reaches to 1444. A further increase of £646 brings the total income for the year to £10,988. Sisters' salaries and executive fund amounts this year to £4829, an increase of £222. Gleanings have realised the record amount of £1020, while the Stamp Fund amounts to £587, an increase of £85. Special mention was made of the amazing sum of £64 raised in stamp salvage by Mrs. Gardner of Wellington, an enthusiastic worker, aged 84 years. Kurahuna, Medical and Educational and Solomon Islands Gift Box funds have realised much the same totals as last year. After paying the fares of the representatives to the Solomon Islands Jubilee celebrations and the travelling expenses of the two union officers within New Zealand on deputation, a sum of £48/2/2 remains in the Jubilee Travelling Fund. This sum is to be held over till next year for allocation. District council reports also record extensions and increased returns.

**CONFERENCE DECISIONS:**

Last year the allocations to the Home and Foreign Mission Departments were £2,600 and £2,645 respectively. This year they are to be raised to be £2,800 each. These amounts are applied towards Sisters' salaries. From the Stamp Fund £17 was voted to each home sister and £19 to each overseas' sister. From the medical and educational fund allocations were increased to sisters on the field so that 16 sisters receive £18 each and 8 wives of missionaries £9 each. A balance of £75 is being held for new workers.

Authority was given to the Kurahuna Committee in conjunction with the Dominion Executive to proceed with extensions. A remit from the executive concerning legacy monies was passed, but a further remit affecting the time and place of annual conference was left for investigation by the incoming executive. The special objective for 1953 is to raise funds for girls' dormitories at Choiseul and Kekesu. Small tablets suitably inscribed are to be provided for these and for earlier buildings financed by the Union.

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:**

After a brief resume of her trip to the Solomons, Mrs. Hallam gave us a special message from the women of the Solomon Islands requesting that we pray for them as they do for the M.W.M.U. The themes running through the President's address were Thanksgiving and Service. Women's work is never done. Women's work is never done in vain. Women's work is never done because it belongs to eternity. An inward joy is the result of service as we serve as companions as well as servants of Christ.



The outgoing Dominion officers of the M.W.M.U. (Left to right—Mrs. W. R. Featherstone, Secretary; Mrs. T. Hallam, President; Mrs. D. Cockrell, Treasurer) who completed their term of office at 1952 Conference.

**SISTER GRACE CLEMENT:**

Sister Grace, whose domain is Central and South King Country and Wanganui, gave a stimulating and factual address on her work. Her accounts showed that £172 had been received from sale of clothing provided by auxiliaries. Of this she had spent £132 on transport. She stressed the need to pack clothes in cartons or sacks. Sister's centre at Te Kuiti is proving of great value to the Maori folk who are keenly helping with the equipping of it. The Vice-President of the Te Kuiti Auxiliary is a Maori lady. Sister Grace stressed the need to bring our Maori Christian people into the fellowship of a local church. The Maori mission aims not at a separate church but at integration into the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Progress in the Maori work was also described by Mr. Laursen in his address to the Missionary Rally. Careful attention was given to Mrs. Whitehead's report on Kurahuna and the plans of the committee for the development and extension of the work there.

**SISTER EFFIE HARKNESS:**

Most definitely the highlight of Tuesday afternoon's session was the address by Sister Effie, who told us of changes in the Islands and of difficulties encountered by Solomon Island young people. Any doubt of the power of the Gospel would have been dispelled, however, during the Jubilee celebrations. Sister Effie expressed gratitude for sewing equipment and Christmas gifts sent out. The refrigerators were a real boon. They used six 26 oz. bottles of kerosene a week but saved a great deal of food. Sister Effie made a powerful appeal, reinforced by the General Secretary, for a new teaching sister to accompany her on her return to the Solomons in January.

**DEDICATION AND INDUCTION:**

Wednesday morning's service provided for us just that period of dedication that means so much to auxiliary women. After a time of spontaneous prayer, all members stood to repeat the special prayer of dedication. The new Dominion officers were then introduced to Mrs. Hallam, who gave to each the right hand of fellowship, and to the new President, Miss Purdie, the President's Bible. After Miss Purdie had responded on behalf of the new executive, the outgoing Dominion Secretary, Mrs. Featherstone sang as a solo the Consecration Hymn.

The Conference concluded, many delegates took advantage of a bus trip arranged to visit the Peninsula on Wednesday afternoon. The northern delegates departed by train on Thursday morning, 16th October. Thank you, Dunedin!



Sister  
Effie  
Harkness.

**NEW M.W.M.U. DOMINION OFFICERS.**

- President:—Miss E. C. Purdie, 269 Highgate, Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.1.  
 Secretary:—Mrs. E. W. Ashby, 322 Macandrew Road, Dunedin, S.1.  
 Treasurer:—Mrs. F. Ganderton, 71 Carson Street, Mornington, Dunedin, S.W.1.  
 Literature Sec.:—Mrs. E. D. Smyth, 365 South Road, Dunedin, S.W.1.  
 Gleanings Sec.:—Mrs. E. R. Smith, 37 Laurence Street, Mornington, Dunedin, W.1.  
 Box Organiser:—Sister Edna White, 479 Great South Road, Ellerslie, Auckland, S.E.6.  
 Dominion Stamp Sec.:—Mrs. Bissland, 5 Freyberg Street, St. Kilda, Dunedin.  
 Methodist Times Reporter:—Sister Ruth Fawcett, 10 Littlebourne Road, Dunedin, N.W.1.  
 Open Door Reporter:—Mrs. F. Gerry, 54 Manapouri Street, Dunedin, N.E.2.  
 Home Sisters' Parcels:—Mrs. J. M. Thomas, 51 School Road, Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.2.



The incoming Dominion Officers of the M.W.M.U. (left to right): Mrs. E. W. Ashby, Secretary; Miss E. Purdie, President; Mrs. F. Ganderton, Treasurer. These ladies took office at the conclusion of the recent M.W.M.U. Conference at Dunedin.

# ABOUT PEOPLE

## SISTER JANE BOND:

Our readers will share our concern that Sister Jane has had to return for an early furlough to New Zealand. This step, taken on medical advice, follows an operation for which she had to be flown from Vella Lavella to Honiara, Guadalcanal. Since her arrival home, Sister Jane has made good progress towards complete recovery.



Sister Jane Bond.

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## REV. A. W. E. SILVESTER:

Mr. and Mrs. Silvester complete their term on the field and return to New Zealand this month. Whilst on furlough at Christchurch, Mr. Silvester will be guest speaker at the Methodist Youth Conference to be held at Papanui over New Year. On the field Mr. Silvester has been a representative of the Youth Movement of our Church. For 1953 Mr. and Mrs. Silvester and Ngaire plan to make their home at Takapuna. Mr. Silvester expects to take a circuit appointment at Conference 1953.

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## DR. G. E. HOULT:

Dr. Hout has completed the course and been awarded the Diploma in Tropical Medicine at Sydney University. After a brief private visit to New Zealand, our Medical Superintendent was present by invitation at the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. He returned to his work in the Islands late in October.

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## REV. FRANK and MRS. WOODFIELD:

These workers received many congratulations on the birth of their daughter at Bilua in the month of September.

## REV. DR. Wm. C. POOLE:

Dr. Poole is a distinguished Methodist Minister and speaker, with many years of experience in Britain, South America and the U.S.A. He has recently fulfilled a tour for the Spiritual Advance Committee of our Church, and addressed the annual Church Conference at the Conversation on the Work of God. Our missionary supporters will be interested to know that his niece is Sister Winifred Poole of Bilua, British Solomon Islands.

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## MR. G. S. GAPPER:

The Lay General Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Department returned to New Zealand in October after an extended stay abroad. During his visit to England, Mr. Gapper attended both the Methodist Conference and the annual Laymen's Missionary Conference at Swan-nick.

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## RETIREMENTS:

Following the completion of their term of service in the Solomon Islands, two workers are shortly expected to return to New Zealand. Sister Joyce McDonald has given valued service for three years as teaching sister at Vella Lavella. Mr. G. H. J. Yearbury, who has completed his three year term as missionary builder, has to his credit the construction of the Don Alley Memorial Hospital and the new mission house at Buka. Volunteers are urgently required to fill both these positions.

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## REV. D. I. A. McDONALD:

At the missionary meeting of the recent Conference at Nelson, Mr. McDonald was commissioned publicly by the President of Conference (the Rev. J. H. Allen) as missionary duly appointed to the Choiseul Circuit, which has now been without a resident minister for two years. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald and their two boys leave New Zealand after Christmas.

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## MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES:

Sister Davinia Clark and Joan Brooking expect to arrive on furlough this month. After Christmas, Sister Effie Harkness will return to the field. Rev. G. G. Garter, Mrs. Carter and their family have now taken up their new appointment at Teop. The Rev. Trevor Shepherd has been transferred from Teop to replace the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester at Vella Lavella.

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## THE GENERAL SECRETARY:

After the Church Conference, Mr. Andrews fulfilled a brief itinerary in North Canterbury, thus visiting every Synodal district of our Church, including the Solomon Islands District, in his first year of office. At New Year, Mr. Andrews plans to attend the Youth Conference at Papanui, to which the Youth Department has invited him.

# Our Educational Enterprise

by REV. G. G. CARTER, M.A., Dip.Ed.

To his amazement, a visitor to one of the Pacific Islands, on entering a school, found the children being taught Greek. While we also may be surprised or amused by this, we should remember that this extreme case only serves to underline the fact that much native education, in the Pacific, as elsewhere, has been inconsistent with the needs and interests of the native people. That this has come about, all too frequently, is due in part to lack of a clear aim. If its work is to be of maximum value and lasting significance, any agency engaged in educational work needs to have a clear aim to which its efforts are directed.

## TO WHAT PURPOSE?

What then should be our aim in mission educational work? The primary task of Christian education is to make better Christians. To take the convert and equip him with the skills and knowledge that will enable him to develop and deepen his devotional life and prepare him for a fuller discipleship is in itself a major task. He must be trained to render service to his neighbour and to take an active part in the fellowship of the Church. This task will demand a devoted Christian teacher and the exercise of every atom of training and skill that he possesses. It will call for all the resources of church and schoolroom, playing field and social hall. It will make heavy demands on pupils as well as on teachers, and it will need any help and encouragement that parents, elders and headmen are able to give.

Though such an aim, in fact, comprehends within it the whole of island life, it is well to consider, in addition, certain derived aims. We wish to make good Christian citizens who can take their place as members of a wider community than their own village; individuals sober, upright and responsible who are not only worthy private citizens but also capable governors and administrators. In Melanesia, loyalties are often very limited in range, and the wider tribal and inter-tribal links are virtually unknown. Elementary local government is not achieved without much patient training and careful supervision. We want not only to break down the parochialism that divides village from village but also to inculcate a wider vision that embraces all the peoples of the earth as actual or potential members of one Kingdom, the children of one Heavenly Father.

## TECHNICAL TRAINING:

No education for a primitive agricultural people coming for the first time into contact with Western civilisation would be complete that did not include occupational training. This means, primarily, instruction in improved way of gardening, the introduction of alternative crops to give variety to diet and to guard against the dangers that beset a one-crop economy. Then it means the introduction of cash crops which will allow the native to participate in the purchase of consumer goods, which mean a higher standard of living. In some areas it also means the vocational or prevocational training of those who wish to take up employment as clerks, medical orderlies, nurses, doctors, mechanics, carpenters and storemen. Such advances, from the Christian point of view should provide a more abundant leisured physical life so that the spiritual life too may grow.

## BASIC EDUCATION:

The formal schooling, that so often passes in the popular estimation for 'education,' is in fact but an important part of the whole. Within the class room the 'tools' of learning have to be mastered. No Christian can grow in grace without the study of the written word. For great numbers that means not only learning to read, but also, as a rule, learning English. For in that 'tower of Babel' which is the South-west Pacific, it seems impossible to translate any substantial portion of the Scriptures into the majority of the dialects. If it does not mean learning English it may mean learning another native dialect. The acquisition of this skill may be a long and difficult task.

With reading goes writing; the art of spoken language and the use of numbers; and with each of these skills the guides to the mastery of the world of thought and experience that they open up. Health education begins in the class room and is exemplified in the every day activities of the Mission station and the personal example of the missionaries. It is no use opening up new worlds if the tropical sicknesses that enervate both body and mind are not combatted.

A child begins to learn from the hour of his birth the task of living together with his fellows in the hamlet or village community, but the Mission station has important lessons to teach him in living together in a wider community. It is as if Jews and Samaritans, Arabs and Greeks, were collected into one place. Age old enmities have to be broken down and a spirit of Christian brotherhood built up. The dormitory and the playing field, the Scout troop and the Boys' Brigade, the classroom and the gardening group each has its part to play. Above all, in the house of God, where all are equals, each must learn that Christ died for him.

## ABUNDANT LIVING:

A full and satisfying life needs the arts and crafts wherewith a man can glorify God with the work of his hands. Old skills, linked to a particular need, tend to die when that need passes. Thus the native potter's craft has begun to die for it is becoming cheaper and easier to secure the tin saucepan of the white man. It is not enough to preserve the primitive arts and crafts. It is necessary to find new uses for the skills. For example the people of South Bougainville wove strong food baskets. The same skill with the same materials now produces a variety of basketware that delights the heart of the European housewife. Other crafts, involving new uses for local materials, have been brought by the missionaries from their home lands—from Polynesia and other parts of Melanesia as well as from Europe.

Vocational training demands specialist instructors and in some cases special equipment and as a result this is a field where Government agencies can often do a more effective job than a Mission. Thus in the Territory of Papua-NewGuinea the Government's first advances in education have been in the field of technical trade training and in teacher training. But the Missions still have a part to play particularly in giving the pre-vocational groundwork that will enable a boy or girl to take advantage of a trade training course. Mission students have always been in demand as clerks and storemen, though the Mission may not be speci-

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## TRIBUTES

In requesting me to prepare this appreciation, the Editor writes: "The passing of three former Vice-Presidents, all of them distinguished supporters of our Department, must surely be a unique happening for one year." But for the thought of the yet greater service they now render, we would say this sad happening is tragic as well as unique. Wm. Chas. Francis, W. E. Burley, and James Tyler—to mention them in the order of their passing—were elect men of God. Their bodies are buried; but their name liveth by reason of the great service the Lord has wrought by them. It has been a privilege to be associated with this distinguished trio over many years, and one is tempted to write at length regarding their wide sympathy and outstanding service in many departments of Church and Public life. Tributes, however, have already been paid in the Connexional Paper, the Press, and elsewhere. The present purpose is to refer to their long and close association with the Foreign Mission Board, of which they had all been members for many years.

While the following paragraphs refer to the good men and true whose passing we mourn, we are not unmindful of their wives, without whose constant and devoted help their distinguished service would have been impossible. We thank God for Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Burley, and Mrs. Tyler, and assure them of our warm appreciation. We extend to them also, and to their families, our profound and tender sympathy in their great loss.

### W. E. BURLEY, B.A.:

While a member of the Foreign Mission Board for many years, Mr. Burley's interest in the overseas work of the Church was not confined to Board meetings. As superintendent of the Epsom Sunday School over a



long period, he kept the claims of the Mission Field ever before the scholars, with the result that few schools in New Zealand have contributed more regularly and generously.

For a long time he was minute secretary of the Board, an office involving much detail and time which

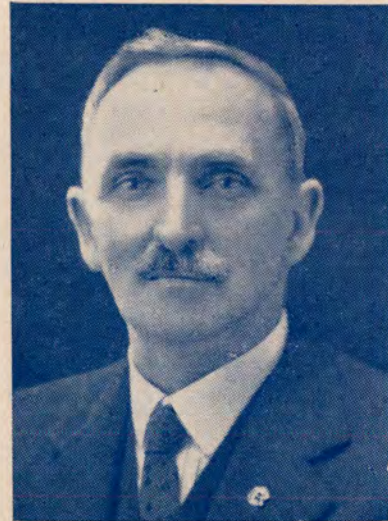
*"They marked the footsteps that He trod,  
His zeal inspired their breast."*

he carried out with meticulous care and devotion. It was this spirit of devotion that was one of Mr. Burley's chief characteristics. He was always eager for service and counted it a joy to be about his Master's business.

More than of most it can be said of W. E. Burley that he was a man in whom there was no guile. His transparent goodness and great devotion will remain an inspiring memory.

### WM. CHAS. FRANCIS:

Almost the first to congratulate me upon my appointment to the Mission Field, 38 years ago, was Wm. Chas. Francis. I was going to the same station in Papua on which he and Mrs. Francis had rendered



signal service and he was able to tell in detail of this work which was so near his own heart. He supplied me with a telescope and two cameras, but of far greater value than any other gift was the friendship of this man of God whose eyes were ever on the frontiers of the Kingdom. As a young man his heart was set on the Mission Field and he was appointed a lay missionary to Papua about 1903—only twelve years after the arrival of the pioneer missionaries in that District. For six years he and Mrs. Francis rendered splendid service at Dobu and Bwaidoga. Ill-health of both Mrs. Francis and himself forced him back to New Zealand, but his 'first love' in Christian service was a continuing passion throughout his long life. During his long association as a distant member of the Foreign Mission Board, his experience on the Field, in addition to his business capacity, made his advice of special value. He frequently did deputation work, for which his natural gift as a preacher and his missionary knowledge eminently fitted him. For many years he was Foreign Mission Secretary in Christchurch East Circuit, and as Sunday School Superintendent for a considerable part of his life he ever sought to make clear to his scholars his own missionary vision.

To-day, Wm. Chas. Francis, in company with the Lord he loved and served so well, walks and works with Dobuans, Bwaidogans and New Zealanders to whom he made so clear the way of salvation. We thank God for every remembrance of him.



**JAMES TYLER:**

Few laymen in New Zealand Methodism have rendered such wide and able service to the Church as James Tyler, and it is almost with a sense of frustration that we confine ourselves, in this brief tribute, to his long and valued association with the Foreign



Mission Board, extending over 20 years. His technical training, his wide knowledge of men and things, his sound judgment and, above all, his utter devotion to God and His Kingdom, singled him out for special work

on many boards and committees. The public press has drawn attention to the very wide range of his service. It was characteristic of the man that such service was always rendered cheerfully and with a sense of privilege—both when as City Engineer he was one of the busiest men in Auckland, and later when failing health would have justified withdrawal from many tasks. Even when confined to bed his help and advice on matters of the Kingdom were constantly sought. In very truth he 'finished the course,' and we have no doubts regarding the crown that now is his.

The overseas work was in the forefront of Mr. Tyler's many Church interests and he served the Board in divers ways. His advice was of special value when the Board was faced with the enormous problem of rehabilitation in the Solomons following the ravages of war, and he was one of a deputation of three chosen to visit the Field and discuss the question with our workers there. Ill-health prevented his making that trip, but both before and after he and the writer were closely associated on numerous occasions in the responsible task of purchasing or building new boats, the acquirement and shipping of building materials, stores, etc., to the value of tens of thousands of pounds, at a time when both stores and shipping were at a premium. In matters of this kind Mr. Tyler's honoured name and high standing, in addition to his wide technical knowledge, meant much. Together we made numerous trips to the waterfront in search of suitable boats when the workers on the Field were desperately short of transport, and for many months we seldom missed a week visiting the shipyard where the "Cicely II" was being built. It was through Mr. Tyler also that the splendid new launch "Vecta" was offered for work in the Solomons.

We thank God for the fellowship of this good man and for his high service that will live on to the inspiration and blessing of many both in New Zealand and the Solomons.

—A.H.S.

**OUR EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISE**

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cally training men for those trades. But the Church has an intense and abiding interest in the training for its own vocations. The primary object of much of Mission education is the training of pastor-teachers and ministers. The propagation of the Gospel and the growth of the indigenous church is very largely in the hands of the native people themselves. For this task they must receive adequate training.

Instruction in Christian values is not confined within the limits of formal lessons. It is true that the Scripture lesson, Bible Class and Sunday School have a very important part to play, but every subject and every activity is viewed through Christian eyes. There is no part of the education given by a Mission that cannot be related to Christian growth. The services of the Church are of considerable importance for in worship the spirit of man is nurtured. It is no accident that most sermons are of a teaching nature. But more vital even than this is the force of Christian example. It is the Christ-likeness of the missionary and his native converts that teaches Christ. If that be absent then all else will avail nothing.

We bring all the forces of education to the making of better Christians, but we must not forget to be like Chaucer's Poor Parson who . . .

"Taught them all Christes lore and His apostles twelve,  
But first he followed Him himselfe."

NEEDED FOR THE  
SOLOMON ISLANDS:

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**ONE NEW TEACHING SISTER**  
**TWO NEW CARPENTERS**  
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Although good progress has been made made with the rebuilding work, final completion is still far away.

To date, four young men have given up to three years of service each. Who follows in their train?

## WOMEN'S PAGE

## M.W.M.U.

Methodist Women's  
Missionary Union of  
New Zealand.

269 Highgate,  
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December, 1952.

Dear Readers,

At the beginning of this letter I would like to say "Thank You," to Mrs. Hallam for the interesting letters that she has written for this page during the past three years and has kept us informed with missionary news. As I take up the pen I hope that I will be able to pass on news that is of interest.

This year our M.W.M.U. Conference was held in conjunction with the Jubilee of Dunedin Auxiliary. The Jubilee Social afternoon at which the delegates were welcomed was a happy function, and the Thanksgiving Service in Trinity Church on Sunday afternoon meant much to the earlier members. Of the original seventeen members we know of only three who are living, Mrs.



**MISS E. PURDIE**—newly appointed President of the  
Methodist Women's Missionary Union.

W. J. Williams, (Sister Olive) Melbourne, Mrs. Liggins, Auckland; Mrs. Stevens, Nelson. We were pleased to have Mrs. Liggins with us to give her own greetings and to receive letters with early recollection and greetings from Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. W. J. Williams.

Mrs. Ballantyne (Miss May Jenness) the first missionary sister sent to Papua by the Dunedin Auxiliary in 1905, has been living in Dunedin and it is a disappointment to us that just before the Jubilee she became ill and was unable to be present.

M.W.M.U. Conference days were happy days and it was good to meet with old friends and make new ones. The President of Conference, Rev. G. I. Laurenson, gave inspiring addresses of the Thanksgiving Service and at the Missionary Rally as well as giving us helpful advice during sessions. We cordially welcomed the Rev. S. G. Andrews, General Secretary of Foreign Missions, present for the first time. He gave us helpful advice as well as taking part in the public services.

We were glad to have Sister Effie Harkness with us and to hear about her work in the Solomon Islands; she will be doing deputation work in some parts of the North Island. Sister Grace Clement, Te Kuiti, gave us an interesting insight into the Maori work.

The Special Objective for Kurahuna Extension brought in £2,278/3/2. and the Committee was given permission to go forward with their plans. This extension will allow for six more girls being taken. The Special Objective for 1953 is for two dormitories for girls in the Solomons, one at Choiseul and one at Kekesu.

Miss J. Barnett of Box 2, Morven, South Canterbury, is again donating some of her choice daffodil bulbs. Anyone sending her a donation of 10/- will receive one dozen named varieties. Miss Barnett would be pleased if orders could be placed before the end of January (if possible) as she will be away on holiday for some time. The money will be used for extras for Kurahuna girls.

Any ladies unable to attend an Auxiliary may become Gleaners and so become members of our M.W.M.U. A box is sent to any one desiring to join and a monthly letter is sent. The membership of this section now stands at 1,444 and £918/18/8 was received. We do thank you all for your support and prayers. Mrs. E. R. Smith, 37 Lawrence St., Dunedin, W.1., will be pleased to give information to any one desirous of becoming a Gleaner.

The Stamp sales showed an increase of £85/3/2, the total being £587. This money is used by the Sisters to buy extras. At one time many "Open Door" readers contributed stamps and those who are not members of an Auxiliary may send them to a District Secretary, or to the Dominion Secretary, Mrs. W. R. Bissland, 5 Freyberg St., St. Kilda, Dunedin, S.2.

By the time this is in print, Sister Davinia Clark will likely be on furlough, part of which she will spend in Dunedin taking her Plunket training.

In 1922 the first number of the "Open Door" was published and space was allowed for two pages for the M.W.M.U. The late Mrs. Bowron, at that time President of the Union was the first to write in these pages. In her letter, after mentioning various ways in which women could help our work, she said "But the most effective way in which you can help is to pray, continually and earnestly, for the work and those who are doing it. This message we give to all Auxiliary members, likewise feeling sure that no success can come to us unless the spirit of prayer accompanies all our efforts."

And so in the same spirit as the pioneers of our work let us commence the second fifty years with prayer, vision, faith, and courage.

With Christmas Greetings and good wishes to all.

Yours sincerely,

ELIZABETH PURDIE.

## DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

### South Auckland District.

The Annual Meeting presided over by Mrs. Maunder, was held on August 8th. 25 delegates from Taupiri, Huntly, Te Kowhai, Hamilton, Hamilton East, Rototuna, Te Awamutu and Cambridge, answered the Roll Call. Proxies were appointed for Taumarunui and Te Kuiti. The Annual Report showed a membership of 299, a decrease of 6. Income for the year was £576, an increase of £60 on last year's total. The Special Objective was £132; Gleaners' Boxes yielded £96/15/-, a phenomenal increase in this Dept.; Used Stamp Sales £35. Allocations were as follows—Sisters' Salaries £209; Medical Fund £20. Cash, linen and goods were also donated to the Solomons Gift Box, also parcels were sent to Te Rahui Maori Girls' Hostel, Hamilton, and the Maori Centre, Te Kuiti. The work operates effectively throughout the District, especially in the small groups whose achievements are of a very high standard. Mrs. Maunder has visited Taumarunui, Taupiri, Te Kuiti, Te Awamutu, Rototuna, Otorohanga and Hamilton East to assist, discuss and stimulate interest. All Auxiliaries present outstanding reports, showing much zeal in efforts to raise funds, but the missionary spirit remains uppermost, supported by prayer and our fellowship bonds. Three delegates have been appointed to attend the Dunedin Conference. All officers were re-elected and special thanks conveyed to Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Fisher for the excellence of their reports. Mrs. Maunder gave some beautiful thoughts on prayer and the Benediction closed the meeting.

### Wairarapa District.

The 8th Annual Meeting was held at Masterton on August 5th with Dr. Slade presiding. Devotions—Paul's exhortation (12th Romans). The speaker urged a constant quiet fidelity in one's everyday life. It behoves us to 'maintain the spiritual glow.' Annual Report and Balance Sheet adopted, showing a successful year with membership increased from 85 to 96. Gleaners increased from 13 to 20 and all funds up. The Gleanings income has more than doubled last year's figure. In occupying the chair after the election of officers, Mrs. Sage, District Council President, said the results were a tribute to the interest and industry of members. In presenting the Gleaner's report, Mrs. Patchett mentioned that some were in this way drawn into active membership who might otherwise show little interest. In her closing remarks the President said "The Kingdom of God calls for sacrifice. We must be prepared to sacrifice and not regret it."

### North Canterbury District.

The North Canterbury District Council met in Durham Street Parlour on Wednesday, August 13th, at 10.30 a.m. The attendance was somewhat smaller than usual owing to bad weather and the prevailing 'flu. Mrs. Kidd occupied the chair and the Devotions were led by Mrs. Gauntlet, who took as her theme, "Let there be Light." Members attending for the first time were welcomed by Mrs. Kidd and the following delegates

to the forthcoming Union Conference were announced: Mrs. Colechin, Mrs. McNeill and Miss Burnet for the Council, with Mrs. Oates as substitute, and Mesdames Megson, Beaumont, Steele, Claridge, Anderson and Miss Mitchell for the Auxiliaries. One country delegate has still to be chosen. Arrangements were made to entertain at a Social Evening on August 28th the Deaconesses of the Church who will then be gathered in Christchurch for their Annual Convocation. The Annual Meeting was held at 2 p.m. in the schoolroom when the election of officers resulted in all the main officers being re-elected. The Annual Report showed that there are now 606 members in the District, including 70 Gleaners and 9 Gleaners' Groups. The Financial Statement showed the total income for the year to be £1094/19/1. The Departmental Reports all showed good progress in the various branches of the work. A most interesting address was given by the Dominion President, Mrs. Hallam, on her recent trip to the Solomon Islands' Jubilee.

### Otago District.

The Annual Meeting of the Otago District Council was held in Trinity Schoolroom on Tuesday, August 12th at 7.30 p.m. Miss Purdie presided, opening the meeting with Hymn 34, followed by the reading of Psalm 100. Prayer followed. Apologies were received from Mesdames Horsburgh, Wilson, King, Peterson, Jolly Brialey, Penman, Thomas, Miss West and Milton Auxiliary. 50 members were present. The smallness of the number was owing to several school concerts and break-ups falling on that night. Minutes of last annual meeting were read and confirmed. Annual report was received and adopted, also Balance Sheet. A vote of thanks was accorded the Secretary and Treasurer for their work. Election of officers was as follows:—President, Mrs. McIndoe; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Hutt, Hoddinott and Hunter; Secretary, Mrs. F. Gerry; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Hewitt; Minute Secretary, Miss E. Nixon; Lit. Secretary, Mrs. Gibson; Gleaners, Miss H. Rosevear; Kurahuna, Miss I. Smith; Stamps, Mrs. Brialey; Box Organiser, Miss Leece; Tea Convener, Mrs. Gibson; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. Eaton; Nat. Council of Women Rep., Mrs. Hutt; Nat. Council of Churches Women's Committee, Miss Rosevear and Miss T. Muir; District Executive and Church Welfare Committees, Mrs. McIndoe; Delegates to Conference, 3 District Officers, Mrs. McIndoe, Mrs. G. Hewitt and Mrs. Gerry, Mrs. Hughes (Mosgiel), Mrs. Hunter (Roslyn), Mrs. W. Sutherland (Balclutha), and Mrs. Bissland (St. Kilda). Miss Purdie thanked all officers, Auxiliary officers and members who had assisted during her term as President. Mrs. Duke on behalf of the Executive made a small presentation to Miss Purdie in appreciation of her leadership and help. Mrs. McIndoe, the new President thanked the members for electing her and asked for their help and co-operation.

The Annual Subscription to National Council of Women—12/6, and £1/10/0 Trinity Trust were passed for payment. It was moved by Mrs. Patton that Mrs. McIndoe, Mrs. G. Hewitt and Mrs. F. Gerry be authorised to operate the Bank Account. The announcement of the visit of Mrs. Hallam to Dunedin was made. Mrs. Smyth reported on the arrangements for the Saturday afternoon function at Conference and Mrs. Hewitt (Homes Convener) reported on homes. An offering was taken for Conference expenses. The next meeting was set down for November 25th, at 7.30 p.m. This concluded the business and the Benediction closed the meeting. A short social hour followed, the programme being arranged by the St. Kilda Auxiliary.

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