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# Let Us Pray . .

## **"IN EVERYTHING, GIVE THANKS":**

For the faithful witness of our missionaries in the Solomon Islands and the Highlands of New Guinea, and for the measure of response gained among the people.

For the opportunities opening before us at this time.

For the response of Methodist young people to the recent urgent call for workers.

For the missionary devotion of our Solomon Islands Church. (Five teachers and their wives have gone to the Highlands field).

For the response of our people to the financial appeals of last year.

## **"MAKING INTERCESSION":**

For our workers on the fields, and in training, especially for those newly appointed: The Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Watson and Sister Audrey Grice, undertaking this quarter the Summer Linguistics Course at Melbourne; Sister Mary Addison (nurse) and Messrs. Clarence Wills and David Peterson (carpenters) proceeding direct to the Solomons; for Mr. Niven Ball (carpenter) proceeding direct to the Solomons; for Mr. Niven Ball (carpenter) soon to go.

For the filling of the remaining vacancies:

- a male teacher for the Highlands.
- an experienced woman teacher for the Bougainville District Girls' School.
- two nurses for the Solomons.

For the Christian people of the Solomon Islands, and the office bearers in their Church.

For the people of the New Guinea Highlands, that their hearts may be prepared for the Gospel.

For the deputations to the North Island Circuits, especially for the Rev. Gordon Young of South Australia, Superintendent of the Highlands Missions in New Guinea, our special deputation this year.

For the young people enrolled in our missionary volunteers' fellowship as potential future workers overseas.



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## A Message from the President



REV. M. A. McDOWELL  
President of Conference

According to Mark's Gospel, among the last words of Jesus were, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Someone has described these words as the "marching orders of Christianity," for in obedience to them Christianity spread throughout the world. They were certainly the marching orders of Methodism.

The story of Methodism is the story of one of the mightiest missionary movements since the days of the apostles—some say **the mightiest**. Beginning in England just over two hundred years ago Methodism claims within her fellowship today 40,000,000 souls of whom 14,000,000 are adult members of the church; 10,000,000, Sunday School scholars; 50,000, ministers and 100,000, local preachers. One out of every eighteen Christians in the world is a Methodist and one out of every five Protestants is a Methodist. When I read the story of the spread of Methodism throughout the world I had the sensation of watching a great fire that had got out of control and was leaping forth in all directions.

The beloved founder of our church, John Wesley, was imbued with a tremendous sense of missionary responsibility. From the moment that he entered into his life changing experience in Aldersgate Street, London, on May 24th, 1738, he could not rest content until he had shared his experience with others. The very first thing that he did on that memorable night was to seek out his brother Charles so that he could tell him the glad news, only to find that Charles had

entered into a similar experience but a day or so before. And then, as Dr. Sangster puts it, "He flung his leg across the back of a horse and rode out to save England." "The World is my Parish" he said, and how clearly did he demonstrate his claim. He rode up and down England in season and out of season. He never did less than 4,500 miles a year on horseback. Why, if we do that in our cars we think we have clocked up a good mileage. All told during the fifty year between his conversion and his death he travelled 250,000 miles—more than ten times the distance round the world. He crossed into Wales over fifty times, into Ireland twenty times and also into Scotland.

It wasn't a pleasure cruise either. There were scarcely any roads worthy of the name in England at that time. Many were tracks with signposts here and there to indicate where the tracks were. There was opposition to meet. On more than one occasion Wesley almost lost his life at the hands of the mob. And what Wesley was called upon to endure his fellow preachers also suffered. When they assembled at their Conference they came together, as one has put it, "as so many scarred veterans of the cross." John Nelson, who had been all but murdered at Acomb; Peter Jaco, who rode through many a riot and not seldom lacked the bare necessities of life; Alexander Mather, whose first appointment was to Epworth and who went the only way he could—walked 171 miles; John Furz, who was fired on while preaching on Salisbury plain, the shot actually singeing his hair; Christopher Hopper, who was stoned at Newcastle and William Darney, who was dragged from a house in Guiseley and jumped upon."

So mighty was the spread of Methodism that when Wesley died in 1791 there were 71,668 Methodist members in Great Britain. Well can Methodist sing,

"See how great a flame aspires,  
Kindled by a spark of grace."

But Methodism did not rest in Britain. At a word from Wesley, Francis Asbury crossed the Atlantic and lit the flame in the new world where it spread like a prairie fire and was characterised by the same spirit of devotion and sacrifice. Do you know this—that of the first 700 Methodist preachers in America nearly half died before they were thirty years of age—burnt out for God? In very truth we Methodists may also sing,

"Brothers we are treading  
Where the saints have trod."

In 1791 the name "France" appeared as a circuit in the Conference Minutes and with the spread of colonial expansion, Methodism literally encircled the world. The church was established in many instances,



too, not by the regular ordained minister but by some lay Methodist who, as soon as he arrived in a place, would gather his fellows together for worship and fellowship.

The first Methodist missionary to these shores was the Rev. Samuel Leigh who began his work in the Bay of Islands on June 5th, 1823. He was one of a company of valiant spirits — mostly young ministers, some probationers (a fact we have not always appreciated) who, under the banner of Methodism, proclaimed the Gospel in the young colony. Today we have a church with a membership of 27,685 and with Sunday School scholars and Bible Class members totalling approximately 33,000.

This then is the missionary tradition in which we find ourselves—a tradition of missionary zeal and sacrifice. As a New Zealand church we have sought to uphold that tradition by accepting responsibility for the evangelisation of the Western Solomons and more recently have joined hands with our Australian brethren in establishing a mission in the New Guinea Highlands. My recent reading of Colin Simpson's book "Adam with Arrows" has made me realise something of the adventurous character of the work that our missionaries are undertaking in that sphere. The Rev. George Carter's story of the changes through which our mission in the Solomons is passing and my glance over the devotional booklets which have been prepared for the Islanders in their own tongue made it quite clear that new trails are still being blazed on the mission field.

May I commend this work to you for your prayerful and practical support. Last year our church in New Zealand gave £21,000 including contributions from the M.W.M.U. After making drastic cuts in the Islands estimates, the Board is still faced this year with raising a minimum requirement of £22,000. We can raise this and more if we approach our responsibility in the spirit of stewardship and if every circuit goes about its job of raising the money in a business-like fashion.

I should like to remind you also that workers are still needed in both fields. For some time the Church has been sounding an S.O.S. for a male teacher for the Highlands. Is there no young man in New Zealand Methodism who is ready to answer this call? A woman teacher of some years experience is wanted to assist Sister Ada Lee with the Bougainville Girls' School. Three nurses are also needed for appointment this year in readiness for service in 1957. Will you not search your heart as to whether God may not be calling you to one of these avenues of service? Dr. Albert Schweitzer heard the voice of God calling him to equatorial Africa when he picked up casually a magazine and read an article setting forth the needs of the people there. Maybe God is speaking to you who read this written word. One thing you may be assured of, your prayers are needed above all else for our Overseas Missions. Do you pray for the work? Are you using the Prayer Calendar whereby you can bear before the throne of grace from time to time all the workers on the field, the peoples to whom they minister, the administrative staff at home as well as the needs of the field?

Let me remind you again that, as Methodists, we have sprung from one of the greatest missionary movements of all time. By the grace Divine let us strive to be loyal to our fathers and to their God in the spread of the Gospel today.

#### TO OUR READERS:

This annual report number completes Volume 35 of "The Open Door". Subscriptions for the year 1956-57 are now due. If you receive your copy through a local agent please pay your subscription to the agent; if your copy is posted direct, please pay direct to The Manager of Publications, Methodist Foreign Mission Department, Box 5023, AUCKLAND, C.1.

For some time, the amount received in subscriptions has not been meeting the cost of producing the magazine. With rises in printing costs, the gap has been growing. This matter was reviewed at the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, which made the only possible decision, namely to raise the subscription rate to a level that would lift the cost of the paper completely from the General Funds of the Department.

The new rates are 2/6 per annum for four copies, if you receive your subscription through a local agent; 3/- if posted direct. No change is being made in the subscription rate for readers on the mission fields.

This step marks the second price increase in thirty-five years of publication.

L. M. JONES,  
Manager of Publications.

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### LATE NEWS BUT GOOD

After starting to print this number, we received three items of news that we think our readers will rejoice to hear.

#### DR. E. G. SAYERS:

Missionary supporters and Bible Class folk of thirty years ago will be very familiar with the name of Dr. Ted Sayers, the first Methodist medical missionary to the Solomon Islands. Dr. Sayers has now achieved distinction as the first New Zealander to be elected President of the Australasian College of Physicians. Acknowledging a letter of congratulations from the General Secretary, Dr. Sayers writes: "Although I was very glad to serve in the Solomons and indeed look upon my time there as one of the most satisfying periods of my life, I rather thought that professionally I was committing suicide. However it has not turned out that way which only goes to show that if one tries to do the right, the future takes care of itself."

#### BOUGAINVILLE TO INDIA:

Hearing of an appeal for Indian flood relief opened by the Australian Methodist Mission Board, our Tongan minister at Kieta, Bougainville, the Rev. John Taufa, sent to the General Secretary at Sydney the amount of £11/2/7, given by his people for the needy in India.

#### MISSION TO LEPERS:

In a later issue we shall say more about this matter. The Mission to Lepers has been celebrating its eightieth anniversary. Anniversary Thanksgiving grants have been offered to various churches for use in pioneer leprosy work. Our Mission Board is accepting £2,000 to help with leper work in the Highlands of New Guinea, where the incidence of the disease is high.



"Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon."—I. Cor. 3: 10.

## Building on the Foundation

A shortened copy of the report submitted to the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board by the General Secretary (the Rev. S. G. Andrews, M.A.) following his visit last year to the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission and to the Solomon Islands.

Since a full article was given in the September "Open Door" to the visit to the Highlands, the following article deals mainly with the Solomon Islands.



REV. S. G. ANDREWS, M.A.  
General Secretary

One is not long in the Solomon Islands before realising that our Mission there was established on true Christian principles. Only the love of Christ could win the men about them, announced Dr. George Brown to the first missionary party, in their first Sunday sermon at Roviana, 1902. "Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Like expert master builders, the pioneers laid that Foundation. We who come afterwards have to build the superstructure. How we build is still important. "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon."

These words apply more particularly to the Solomon Islands. At first sight they seem inapplicable to the Highlands field, with its new conditions, methods and opportunities. But the same Gospel is taken to them as was taken fifty years ago to the Solomon Islands. In very truth this work also becomes part of our heritage, because the fruits of earlier missionary labour in the Solomon Islands are themselves bearing fruit in the Highlands today. Expressed another way, the overseas missionary service of the Solomon Islanders there is yet another storey in the building reared on the Original Foundation.

### CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORSHIP:

Synod recorded that the highlights of the year have been the circuit jubilees at Choiseul and Vella Lavella (for which a new church was opened at Bilua, and the Rev. A. A. and Mrs. Bensley were invited back to visit their old circuit). These jubilees have proved rallying points for young and old. Special occasions like these have a definite place in our approach to those who have lapsed or become engrossed in worldly activities. Our missionaries are finding that the increase in money interests and trading by the people is seldom accompanied by a deepening of the spiritual life. Yet all realise that economic progress is essential for the people and the church. Often the people who wish to secure boats or otherwise advance their economic status seek from the missionary advice and help which is always forthcoming.

Successive groups of trained workers from the District Training Institution at Banga, and examination tests for local preachers—all these are helping to maintain and lift the tone of church life among the people.

Most encouraging of all has been the marked progress, since my last visit, in the translation of the scriptures. Efforts in this direction are not slackening. There is much left to be done.

There is word of likely further candidates for the native ministry. Synod approved a course for their training, tabled by Mr. Hall.

The visit to Honiara, capital of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, particularly impressed me. The Rev. Aisake Vula is one of my former students at Davuilevu, Fiji. He and his wife seem to have taken hold of the difficult work among the Fijian and Western Solomon Islands Methodists living at Honiara. A very full Sunday was spent with them. Three new church members were publicly received.

As well as their new interest in mission work beyond their own borders, our Solomon Islands Methodists are being encouraged to be home missionaries. By arrangement with the New Guinea Lutheran Mission, Mr. Carter and his people are taking an interest in the "redskin" indentured labourers at Teopasina, near Kekesu. Mr. Hall's students preach to Malaita men, some of them heathen, on plantations near Banga.

### BUILDING PROGRAMME:

On arriving at the District Head Station at Kokegolo, Roviana, I was reminded of the usual impression of a relative who visits a family after a lapse of years—"How the children have grown!!" In 1952, a minister's house had been erected at Kokegolo and the foundations of the Helena Goldie Hospital were in. The hospital was completed two years ago. Since then, the Doctor's house, the Chairman's house on Kokegolo Hill, the Sisters' house (with M.W.M.U. provision for girls' home) at the foot of the hill, have all been built. The Jubilee Hall has been floored and subdivided. A slipway has been constructed and there are numerous sheds. It was unfortunate that the site was so battered by the usages of war, that it does not now provide an attractive setting for all these buildings.

Even with all this building work, the programme at Kokegolo has not been completed. The engineer's house,





**HELENA GOLDIE HOSPITAL, ROVIANA**

approved by the Board as a "special", must go up soon. Five miles away at Bango, the college, residence, chapel and dormitories have all to be erected, on an attractive site selected and arranged by Mr. Hall.

At Bilua, Vella Lavella, the outstanding addition to the station has been the Jubilee Church. On this a small debt is to be extinguished during the coming year. Besides the hospital requirements, a soldiers' memorial hall and the Boys' Hostel (given by our Methodist young people) have yet to be constructed. Mr. Shepherd hopes to proceed with these as soon as carpenters are available.

Only Choiseul Circuit has virtually completed its building programme, minor alterations to the school being outstanding. Mr. W. Sharples has almost finished the sisters' house and girls' home. One advantage of fulfilling the programme here will be the diversion of a carpenter and of timber from this more isolated station.

Progress has also been made in Buka and Teo Circuits. In the absence of European carpenters, the respective superintendents, Messrs. Cornwell and Carter, are to be commended, with their helpers, for erecting during the year the Elizabeth Common Hospital and the maternity annexe at Kekesu.

#### **REHABILITATION FUND:**

During 1954, the Board reviewed the Rehabilitation Fund and forwarded its findings to the District. Consultation between Synod members and the General Secretary



**ELIZABETH COMMON HOSPITAL, SKOTOLAN, BUKA**

leads to the recommendation that the list of remaining buildings be revised, and a definite sum set aside, from which Buin Circuit (where least rebuilding progress has been made to date) will be provided for when the time arrives. The Synod has forwarded a list of buildings with estimated costs, and it is recommended that the Board adopt this, giving the District permission to fulfil the programme as may be possible. This course would obviate the need for an annual application by the Synod for the various rehabilitation projects it proposes to undertake during the current financial year, but will not preclude such review of the situation as may later appear necessary to either the District Synod or the Board.

The only major change from the Board's suggested list is the decrease in the provision suggested for Roviana Church, to a grant of £1000 only. This decrease is recommended because it is felt that more and more churches should be recognised as the responsibility of the people themselves. On the other hand, it is remembered that Roviana is the District headquarters, that a church existed there before the war, and that the people have already built the Jubilee Hall from their own resources.

The Synod further recommends that the Board convert to New Zealand currency future expenditure on account of the Rehabilitation Fund, thus retaining in the fund any future gains on exchange. This practice would be in line with our present policy in respect of the other special funds, e.g. M.W.M.U. funds for girls' hostels. In the interests of consistency, I recommend this course. The result may go far towards eliminating the Exchange account altogether.

(The Board subsequently agreed to the foregoing proposals).

#### **HONIARA:**

Honiara is the capital of the British Solomon Islands, located on the north coast of the Island of Guadalcanal. Since the war numerous Methodist Solomon Islanders have gone to live and work there, and Fijian workmen (most of them Methodist) have been brought by the Government from Fiji.

In 1952, it seemed that there would be close co-operation between our work at Honiara and that of the South Seas Evangelical Mission. Therefore Mr. Metcalfe and I accepted the Government proposal that our section be located next to the S.S.E.M. section. Since then we have received much help at the hands of Pastor Wilbur Clark and his people, but it is clear that the degree of co-operation possible between the adherents of the two churches will be strictly limited. The S.S.E.M. have erected a church facing the road at the front of their section. We have preserved our beach area as a convenient landing place opposite the anchorage for our vessels. Further up our section, the minister's leaf house stands behind our Honiara Club (used also for worship) erected across the section. There is still room for a Church in front of the club.

As tropical Churches are open to the breeze, the sound of singing can be heard for some distance. Therefore, already hours of service have to be "staggered" as between the two neighbouring Churches. As each has four services a Sunday, it is not easy to avoid a clash of times. Later in the year, our people are holding a bazaar to raise funds, partly for a new Church. They desire to find a new site for the Church. The S.S.E.M. also plead that our building be erected at a greater distance from theirs.

The present site is a most convenient one for our people. It may be very difficult to secure another unallocated site close at hand. I think however that enquiries



should be made, and the Chairman has agreed to undertake them on his next visit to the capital.

(Subsequently Mr. Metcalfe learned of a likely suitable site).

#### AGRICULTURE:

Dairy stock have now been successfully established at Bilua, Banga, Sasamuqa, Kekesu and Skolotan. At Banga Mr. Hall is specialising in pigs. The new Bilua water supply, partly financed by a private donation, should improve the station's dairying prospects where the largest herd is established.

Mr. Hall and friends have privately secured a Howard Rotary Hoe, which is in use at Banga. For this, satisfactory results in tillage are already claimed. Mr. Carter is repeating to the Board his plea for a Rotary Hoe for Kekesu, where our agricultural prospects are brightest and need to be conserved.

The tractor voted three years ago for Kihili is in regular use for transport, and its power "take-off" for rice hulling. As no implements are available, the agricultural use of the tractor appears to have been slight.

#### STAFF:

We have seven European ministers (one post being vacant), one doctor, one mechanic, one secretary, eight teaching sisters, eight nursing sisters. One nursing position is vacant, and two more will be vacant in the immediate future. There will also be one teaching sister's post to fill. Synod recommendations, if accepted, will require one further teaching sister (for the District Girls' School) and two nurses (for the Buka tuberculosis work). In addition, we have one short-term mechanic, one carpenter and one joiner. Further carpenters are required and will apparently be forthcoming.

Three Tongan ministers, two Fijian ministers, two Fijian catechists and one New Britain teacher (recommended to be a catechist), are also serving with our District.

The truly indigenous staff of our Solomon Islands District consists of one native minister in full status, one native probationer, 28 catechists, 263 pastor teachers. Though not of uniform quality, the work of these men is invaluable. The greatest weakness is the virtual absence of an ordained "native ministry". It appears as though the claims of the ministry must be more clearly set before the promising younger men from whom recruits should be drawn.

Our Australian Board has been using the centenary year of Australasian responsibility for Methodist Missions in the Pacific to raise a fund of £50,000 for the training of indigenous leadership in our younger Methodist Churches in the Pacific.

The replacement of our European staff by indigenous Church leaders should not be thought of as a matter for the remote future. We should be definitely planning and training now to that end. Our work has gained by the increase in the number of European workers since the war. Today we have more than ever before. At the moment their presence is a sign of strength. As we pursue specialist service (e.g. tuberculosis treatment) we may well require more yet. But I am convinced that it will be to the lasting benefit of the work for us to plan for the earliest possible training of Solomon Islanders for the leadership of their own Church and community. In this respect the most significant aspects of our work and policy are the District Training Institution and the District Girls' School.



MATERNITY ANNEXE, DON ALLEY HOSPITAL  
KEKESU, TEOP CIRCUIT

#### SELF SUPPORT PROPOSALS:

I do not consider that the sharp decline in Islands giving should deter us from pursuing the conversations with the District, re the prospects of self-support. The Board's invitation to the Synod to consider this was duly conveyed by the General Secretary to a full session, followed by a discussion in committee with available missionaries and the native representatives, to whom the idea was a new one. I suggested that at least a year be taken in preliminary discussions in Quarterly Meetings; that no scheme be propounded to the people, until its general outline has been approved both by the Synod and the Board. Thereafter the District might accept for several years a fixed annual target for its thanksgiving, any surplus to be credited to a District Reserve Fund. When the equivalent of a year's income was in hand in that fund, self support might commence. By that time the constitutional changes necessary should also be prepared.

#### CONCLUSION:

At each public meeting and service I conveyed the greetings of the President of the Conference (the Rev. C. O. Hailwood) and the President of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union (Miss E. C. Purdie). Greetings of various individual former missionaries and friends have been mentioned where locally applicable. I met numerous illustrations of the love and esteem in which our New Zealand Church is held by the Islands Methodists. On each station I was invited to lead the weekly fellowship meeting of the European workers, and formed the impression that their own devotional life is closely linked with the work they have been commissioned to do for Christ and His Church. Both workers and people have asked me to thank the Methodist people of New Zealand for their support and prayers and to assure them that the prayers of the people are offered continually for the Methodists of New Zealand. I had many opportunities of learning that this statement is indeed the truth.

On all my journeys I have been conscious of the guidance of God and of the prayerful support of my colleagues and friends in New Zealand. To them I render thanks, and particularly to the Rev. A. Blakemore, Mr. G. S. Gapper, Sister Lina Jones, and the Office Secretary, Miss M. Hookings, who carried the brunt of the extra work that arose during my long absence from the Head Office.

S. G. ANDREWS.



# From the Highlands

*"There's a light upon the mountains,  
And the day is at the spring."*

For truly we feel ourselves to be at the beginning of big things in the new field, into which our Church entered, the Highlands of Papua-New Guinea. His visit to that field has enabled the General Secretary to understand better the prospects and problems confronting the missionaries there. Our workers, the Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Keightley are at Tari with Sister Edith James. Mr. Gordon Dey is engaged in building work at Mendi. **To complete our team we need a male teacher, but so far no suitable applicant has come forward.** Until our workers themselves can come on furlough, the General Secretary's own deputation is being greatly helped by Mr. Deutscher's film "Men of the Mountains", belonging to Methodist Overseas Missions. Those circuits, due for a visit from the Rev. G. H. Young, superintendent of the Highlands Mission, should have their understanding of the field greatly enriched.

So far the Highlands Appeal Fund of £10,000 has not been greatly called on. The claims on that will come thick and fast, when the next new station is opened, for that is to be New Zealand's financial responsibility.

## LAND:

Obviously the work of the two stations is still in its early stages. Mendi has been opened nearly six years and Tari three. Some advance has been made in regard to the purchase of the land at Tari. Many factors make for slow action on the part of the Government, which is rightly concerned for the future welfare of the indigenous inhabitants. For example, full scale work for the lepers in the Tari area cannot really commence until the desired land for the purpose has been bought by the government from the people and made available on lease to the Mission. But so far at Tari, 48 acres have been secured. At both stations, our workers recognise the need to farm the stations. Air freight is so costly that every item of food produced locally is a distinct economy. Then, we feel that it is part of the work of the Mission to teach the



**BUILDING THE MISSION BRIDGE AT MENDI**

people the best possible way of using their land. The prospect of revenue producing crops has not been overlooked, and coffee growing is being experimented with at Mendi by Mr. D. A. Johnston, the Mission's own agriculturalist.

At Tari, Mr. Barnes has bananas and papaws flourishing, and has even temperate stone fruits growing, though it is too early to say whether these efforts will be successful.

## MEDICAL:

Three nurses will temporarily be together at Tari, Sisters Joyce Walker, Elizabeth Kessler and Edith James. Sister Elizabeth is specialising in leper treatment; all three give some help to the neighbouring Government medical assistant. Fourteen women came for confinement during the year. Sister Joyce writes "I believe that, when the necessary buildings are erected to ensure the strict isolation during confinement which their culture demands, there will be a great development in this branch of the work. Attempts to train the local girls and women in hospital work have not met with much success so far. The men strongly object, often with violence, to their women folk being trained in any way or attending school. The women's sphere, they say, is working in the garden or caring for the pigs."

At Mendi, Sister Beth Priest reports a monthly average of 251 outpatients, 434 treatments and 18 in-patients, with no deaths for the period under review. "There have been at least fifteen remarkable recoveries among these patients," she writes, "and we rejoice to see evidence that as a result of such providential incidents many more relatives and acquaintances of the restored ones have sought our aid in their own troubles. This represents definite advance in the realising of our aim, which is to make the Mendi people aware of our eagerness—and our power, by God's enabling—to help them."

## EDUCATION:

Though Sister Edith James is now to take an interest in the girls' side of the work at Tari, to date, the entire educational programme there has been in the hands of the two Solomon Islanders, Alpheus Alikera and John Pirah. Miss Elsie Wilson however has paid visits to Tari, though her main sphere of service is at Mendi. Not only the teaching on the staff but all the workers are alert to the need for language study. Four of the staff have taken the Linguistics Course; great help has been afforded both at Mendi and Tari by Mr. W. M. Rule, the Linguistics expert of the Unevangelized Fields Mission. A staff language group at Mendi studies the grammatical statement and also work on catechism and the translation of New Testament stories. A few hymn verses have been translated, and a Mendi primer, illustrated by Mr. Dey, has been prepared.

## WITNESS:

"Our Christian witness," writes the Rev. R. L. Barnes, "is being continued in all the ways we can and underlies all we do. Day by day in all, including casual, contacts, we seek to be true witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ. In church services, the congregation at Hoyebia has been well maintained, and at times reaches four hundred persons." It was so the day the General Secretary worshipped at Tari. Congregations at Mendi are also worthy ones. In addition, as movement of missionaries is there unrestricted, the Gospel is taken fortnightly into thirty-eight hamlets, and presented simply and with appreciation to the primitive people who live there.



# And the Solomons

Incidents, aspects of the work, as revealed in the annual reports of our workers.

## LEADERS AND PASTORAL WORK:

More responsibility is now being placed on our native ministers and catechists. They are largely freed from ordinary school work, and are expected to do more supervisory work. Sets of questions have been prepared, and the catechists are expected to pay monthly visits to the villages in their care and return with full information. The future of the Solomon Islands Church very largely depends on the spiritual quality of their services.

Our staff of village teachers is of a very mixed quality. Some of them have been tried and tested through the years and have proved their mettle. Others, better equipped educationally, are very far behind in balance and capacity for service. We regret the loss of three of our younger teachers to the Government. But in spite of these and other losses we consider that our standard of ability and character is steadily rising. One of the bright spots this year is the number of older men who have tired of Government service or commerce, and who have offered to go forth as pastor teachers.

All circuits report progress in the devotional life of the people. Class meetings, prayer meetings, monthly fellowship meetings, and quarterly leaders' meetings seem to be on the way in. Ministers and catechists are now giving much more attention to the preparation of mem-

bers for the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, for the preparation of young folk for full membership, and the training of students and local preachers. A beginning has been made which we feel sure will bear rich fruit for the Kingdom. This year we believe that for the first time in the history of the District, members' tickets will be delivered in every circuit.

Vital statistics are very satisfactory. Church statistics, while not quite reliable, definitely point to an increase in members and adherents of about 750.

—Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, Chairman.

## CHOISEUL JUBILEE:

The highlight of our year has been the Circuit Jubilee celebrations. A happy and inspiring time was shared and all the gatherings maintained a high spiritual tone. Altogether it was considered that the time and effort had been well spent. The Sunday services filled the Church to overflowing, while the special commemoration service held under the Buni was a time of heart searching to all. Special services were held for baptisms, reception of new members, receiving back into the fellowship those who had fallen into sin. Those who were received made their confession, and pledged their faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

—Rev. D. I. A. McDonald.

## RACHEL:

Many years ago, Rachel had suffered severely from yaws. Waiting the healing of the ulcers she had lain on her little bed with her knees drawn up. It was more comfortable that way. As her ulcers were long in healing, sad to say, when that day came, it was found that she had not recovered the ability to straighten her legs. Bitter experience now informed her that she was the prisoner of her own folly. One day, Rachel came to the notice of one of our medical workers, who was cycling past to another village. A native council member explained that the girl had been unable to walk for eleven years. Neither the dresser nor the people had troubled to report her presence and secure medical attention. The native council had once discussed her case, but nothing had been done. Here was a first class opportunity for a sermon on the text "Do unto others as you would that they should do to you." Their discussions had risen above the level of darkness, but their actions had not yet risen above that level. This attitude of indifference was typical of the earlier days, but is not generally true these days, and therefore the more surprising. Treatment has so far resulted in some improvement in Rachel's condition, but many months will pass before she is able to walk properly. One leg is nearly straightened and it may be that she can use crutches whilst the other is being treated.

—Dr. G. E. Hoult.



RACHEL AND HER HELPERS—(Rachel has now been allowed to go home free of plaster)

## BILUA, VELLA LAVELLA:

During the year, a plastic pipeline has been installed, and water laid on to the cowshed and some of the village houses. Its full effect has not yet been felt as far as the dairy herd is concerned, but the native brethren certainly rejoice that adequate water is available on the station.





#### TRAVELLING TO SIWAI FROM BUIN

The copra plantation has produced only fairly. Many of the trees are becoming aged and worn out. The cattle have done reasonably well, but all except two of the eight calves born have been bulls. Station gardens have produced reasonably well also and have supplied all but one meal per day. For that we are dependent on rice.

At Ozama, roads have been made through the island, and the native leaf houses of the leper patients have been lined along these roads. The results are pleasing to the patients who have sore feet. The roads also help to make more of the limited space available for building sites. In July a start was made with the foundations of a new Church for the patients.

—Rev. T. Shepherd.

#### BUIN CIRCUIT:

The teaching position has been relieved by the arrival of the first five Bougainville trainees from Banga, and a fine teacher, Paul To Batatop, from New Britain, whom I consider should be a catechist. He was in Kietz for years before the war, remained through the war, and has now returned after serving as a teacher in his native New Britain, highly commended by his missionary there.

The reopening of the Siwai station by the sisters is proceeding satisfactorily as their reports will show. The work is being hindered however for lack of transport. In three months the following mileages have been recorded by cycle, native porters and hired trucks:

34 cycle trips	-----	3,720 miles
48 porters' trips	-----	3,840 miles
2 truck trips	-----	160 miles
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		6,720 miles

The General Secretary was able to spend three nights in the Siwai area, travelling there and back by cycle.

—Rev. A. H. Voyce.

#### MEDICAL WORK IN SIWAI:

Two in-patients' wards (dirt floor) had been built by some of the teachers and village people prior to our arrival. What a pretty setting for a hospital — a point of land bounded on either side by a river and with luxuriant bush all round.

There was no Out-Patients' building or Medical store so that out-patients were treated for the first 4 months on our front door steps and porch! In January the Out-Patients' Dept. and Store were opened. From January to April the native teachers built a semi-permanent ward (with floor), of native materials. This was opened at the end of April.

I commenced the hospital work with the help of two native boys. Neither of these proved satisfactory. Two Mission boys (ex Kihili) from different areas of the Buin Circuit, commenced duties at the end of January and are working satisfactorily. Lectures are given bi-weekly to the doctor boy.

The week following our arrival in Siwai a small Maternity ward was erected by the Mission boys but very soon proved inadequate for our needs. It is now the delivery ward and Infant Welfare clinic. A further building was added and has been well utilised each month, 60 babies having been delivered from September to May. 4 Mission girls have been helping in rotation with the Maternity work (one of these is only in Primer 1!) and can carry out routine after-care under supervision.

Regular Infant Welfare clinics and Ante-natal clinics are held and mothers on the whole are reasonably good at bringing their babies. There are 150 babies enrolled. A clinic is also held monthly at Musiraka Aid post where approximately 30 babies are seen each month from several near-by villages. This means travelling by cycle 8 miles each way.

—Sister Merle Carter.

#### MORAL DIFFICULTIES:

Although our people at Honiara are coming up slowly, yet they are still having difficulties and temptations on their sides to be overcome. Some, they have already overcome theirs, and now they are commencing on their way back to the Lotu. Some started to get the realisation of the Spirit's awakening in their hearts. Three boys came to me one by one and on different nights and told me the restlessness of their hearts about what they had done before, and it was impossible for them to forget, like a stumbling block on their way to find the rest and joy of their hearts. All of them fell by adultery and all about three years before. They came to me asking Prayer and the way of comfort. So I told them that I cannot forgive their sins, but I can pray for them.



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and show them the way to the Cross. And from the Cross, I said to them you can find your rest, your joy and life, from Jesus Christ the Lamb of God who died for the ransom of your sin. These boys at present are happy and not ashamed to come to Lotu, and their way of life seems to be coming up to a better level than before.

—Rev. Aisake Vula.

#### O BUKA LOTU PAPAHIANA:

This is the new daily devotional manual for the Methodists of Teop Circuit, arranged somewhat after the fashion of our New Zealand prayer calendar. Among the devotional material in it, these are prayers of the some of the Teop leaders themselves.



REV. G. G. CARTER AND HIS CATECHISTS

"It is experimental," we read, "and will have to be revised from time to time. We propose in certain selected places, the central schools and some of the villages—to omit Lotu on one night of the week, but ring a bell and the appointed time when householders will be expected to have lotu within their own house, for their family.

"Careful pastoral work will be needed to help all grasp the significance and solemnity of what they are doing, make it real and effective.

"At Kekesu, as a second stage we are thinking of a quiet time on one evening of the week, when silence must be kept for half an hour, and everyone is expected to engage in some form of private worship."

—Rev. G. G. Carter, Kekesu.

#### ELIZABETH COMMON HOSPITAL:

Without the services of a carpenter, the erection of this memorial to our pioneer sister at Buka, has fallen heavily upon my time. Much pastoral and other work has been neglected. There have been only two paid labourers on the construction, and all other work has been done voluntarily. Hence the building has cost much less than the original estimate, allowing for a further building to be put up as an out-patients' and store block.

The General Secretary dedicated the building, still incomplete. When the building is finished, an official opening will be held. Arrangements are being made to hang a portrait of Sister Elizabeth Common in the maternity section. This section will be called after the first Skotolan maternity hospital which was under the care of Sister Elizabeth, namely "Luma ni toai", which means the "room of life."

The hospital has been built to take 22 general patients in two wards; it has a bathroom, office and labour ward.

—Rev. G. A. R. Cornwell, Skotolan.

#### TRANSLATIONS:

A number of the reports speak of translation work in progress. Mr. Voyce is planning a special distribution of St. Mark's Gospel in the Siwai tongue, the actual translation having been made some years ago. After the Vella Lavella Jubilee, Mr. Bensley prepared certain scripture portions in the Bilua tongue, which will be useful for the older Vella Lavella people who do not know sufficient Roviana to use the New Testament in that language. Sister Lucy Money is having the Gospels and Acts in Bambatana put through the press. At Teop, the hymn book has been completely revised, and re-printed, sacramental and other services being added. The Gospel of Mark is proceeding and a number of short passages have been attempted. New Testament and Old Testament stories have been prepared by Mrs. Cornwell in the Petats' tongue. The final proof readings have also been made for the Gospels and Acts in Petats, being published for our mission work by the British and Foreign Bible Society.



SISTER LUCY MONEY, TRANSLATOR ON CHOISEUL

#### LEPER WORK:

This is giving much cause for rejoicing. Many of our cases have shown much improvement. Some have even gone back to their homes on Choiseul. True, we have had to send one old man back to his village to die, largely due to old age. Timothy Hari was a lovable character, and we were sad to have to acknowledge that there was nothing more that we could do for him. His people made a house for him and he was well cared for to the end.



Eroni has been discharged. Since then Ula and Cornelius have followed. After careful examination we are permitting a whole family to go, Silione and four of his children.



LEPERS AT OZAMA

Here are some figures about our leprosy work:

Discharges .....	2	free from the disease
No. patients under treatment	43	
Further discharges expected ..	5	

—Dr. G. E. Hault.

#### MARRIAGES:

Two marriages of young couples from Roviana Circuit are especially noteworthy. Often, too often, we are called on to officiate at marriages of a doubtful nature. But these were two of our very best. We did not

like losing Burley, one of our most reliable pastor-teachers, nor did we like losing Muriel, who helped in her father's school, but they were determined to go to the New Guinea Highlands, where they are a blessing and a great help to the minister in charge. We were also able to help along the marriage of Stephen and Muriel, who had lived some years on the Mission station. They are now the leading couple at Simbo.

—Rev. J. R. Metcalfe.

#### BUILDINGS:

Several new village churches are being built. The one at Simbo Island has been repaired and efforts are being made to prepare for the building of a church at Gizo, which will be commenced as soon as the Government gives its decision about the land. The people of Mono are determined to repair the soldiers' memorial church at Falamai. They already have a considerable sum on hand, but they will need outside help if this work is to be accomplished.

—Rev. J. R. Metcalfe.

(Two New Zealand ex-servicemen have sent donations to the Treasurers to help win the repair of this Church at Treasury Island).

#### LOCAL PREACHERS' RALLY:

We had an inspirational rally at Bilua from January 8th to 13th, 1956. 80 preachers attended. Morning, afternoon and evening services on 8th were taken by local preachers, whilst the rest sat in judgment—criticism services. On the following day we had a crit. class after Trinity College style, and it went very well. From Monday to Thursday we had a short sermon from myself at each morning "lotu". Then followed a lecture in Theology. My subjects were God, Christ, Man and the Church. Then after a mid-morning break, we had a pastoral lecture, worship, the art of sermonising, prayer, and the conduct of a service. Each evening there was a Bible Knowledge lecture. The subjects were Gospels, Acts, Romans and I. Corinthians. A film strip on the life of Jesus would be followed by choir practice each night. "Revive Thy work O, Lord," became our rally hymn.

—Rev. T. Shepherd.

#### GOVERNMENT:

(In the Solomon Islands District, our workers have to deal with two administrations, the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, under the British Colonial Office, which includes Roviana, Vella Lavella and Choiseul Circuits, and the Territory of New Guinea, which controls the Bougainville area.)

Our relations with both Governments have been most cordial. Both are tightening their grip on grants in aid, both for medical and educational services. We are now dragged into the paper business, reams of forms must be filled in, and grants have been cut.

When attending the Port Moresby Missions and Government Conferences in November, 1954, representatives of the native services and of the Customs Depart-

ments met representatives of the Missions serving both sides of the border between Bougainville and the Shortland Islands. The discussion was most helpful and resulted in a perfectly satisfactory arrangement for all concerned. The Border line is no longer a serious impediment in our work.

Government regulations re the export of timber from Bougainville held up our timber supplies at a critical time, and we were unable to complete the Sisters' House at Choiseul in time for Synod. That also has been adjusted, though not very favourably.

We are at issue with both governments re the drink evil. Both desire to issue permits to selected natives, which we consider the thin end of the wedge which will prise open the door of degradation to many of our people.

—Rev. J. R. Metcalfe.



# ABOUT PEOPLE

## REV. AND MRS. J. R. METCALFE:

The annual Synod of the Solomon Islands District took note of the completion at the Conference just concluded of forty years of ministerial service by the Chairman of their District. Four of these were given in Victoria then, following ordination, Mr. Metcalfe commenced in 1920 an association with the Solomon Islands District that has endured through 36 years of sterling work, much of it as a pioneer missionary, both in Choiseul and Bougainville. Mrs. Metcalfe, who served as Sister Ivy Stanford before her marriage, commenced her missionary service in 1916, having thus forty years of missionary service to her credit.

## REV. G. H. YOUNG:

Our special deputation for this year is the Rev. Gordon Young of South Australia, who will arrive, with Mrs. Young, on a visit to New Zealand during the current month. Following a private holiday, Mr. Young will enter Amberley Camp. During the six weeks following Easter, he will tour widely in our North Island Circuits.

Mr. Young followed up war service by an offer of missionary service in New Ireland (part of our Australian Church's mission in the New Guinea District). In 1950, he accompanied the Rev. E. A. Clarke on the pioneer Methodist patrol in to the Highlands of New Guinea, remaining with some of his New Ireland teachers to pioneer the work at Mendi, of which he remains in charge. So far two stations have been opened in the Highlands, the other being at Tari. Mr. Young leads the whole enterprise, as Superintendent of the Highlands Mission. Our people, in the circuits he visits, will be glad to have this first hand contact with a worker in the new field.

## ARRIVAL:

Congratulations go to the Rev. Trevor and Mrs. Shepherd on the safe arrival on December 26th at Bilua, Vella Lavella, of an infant son, Dennis John.

## FURLOUGHS:

We have had almost an unprecedented number of male missionaries on furlough. The Rev. George and Mrs. Carter returned last month with their children to the Teop Circuit. Mr. Carter's furlough had included the annual meeting of the Board, Conference, with his own ordination, and an appearance at the Youth Conference at Dunedin. He served on deputation in Otago-Southland. In December, the Revs. D. I. A. McDonald and G. A. R. Cornwell arrived, followed in January by Dr. G. E. Hout.

Sisters Effie Harkness and June Hilder returned to the field in January, and Sister Ada Lee will go this month. The next sister due for furlough is Sister Rewa Williamson in August.

## NEW WORKERS:

The Rev. A. C. and Mrs. Watson, together with Sister Audrey Grice will complete the Summer Linguistics Course at Melbourne later this month. They are due at Roviana shortly after Easter. Sister Mary Addison, delayed slightly by illness, left by plane from Christchurch on February 24th. Messrs. Clarence Wills and David Peterson left from Wellington by "Wanganella" on January 12th.

Mr. Niven Ball will leave somewhat later for the field.

## MORE TEACHERS FOR THE HIGHLANDS:

Late in the year, two further Solomon Islands workers proceeded to the Highlands as representatives of the Solomon Islands Methodists. They were Daniel Keskes and his wife Tehoi of Buka, and Simeon Tavaeke of Roviana.

Each Christmas, the Solomon Islands Methodists take up an offering to support their workers in the Highlands. This year the people of Vella Lavella have given £80 for this purpose.

## MR. G. S. GAPPER:

The Lay Treasurer of the Department, with Mrs. Gapper, will be travelling this month to England, on a private trip. Following this visit, Mr. and Mrs. Gapper will visit America and attend the World Methodist Conference at Lake Junaluska in North Carolina. Mr. Gapper hopes to be back in time for Conference.

## DEPUTATION:

North Island deputation starts after Easter. Apart from the circuits visited by the Rev. G. H. Young, the deputationists will be Revs. D. I. A. McDonald (Auckland District), G. A. R. Cornwell (South Auckland) and the General Secretary (mainly Wellington District).

## MR. W. R. SHARPLES:

We regret that Mr. Sharples, who has given valued service as builder at both Vella Lavella and Choiseul, has an injured arm. For a time, it was thought that Mr. Sharples might have to travel home for an operation. Latest advice fortunately indicates that the need for this will not arise, and that Mr. Sharples will be able to proceed with his building work at Roviana and Banga.



**WOMEN'S  
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**M.W.M.U.**
**Methodist Women's  
Missionary Union of  
New Zealand.**

44 Buller Street,  
New Plymouth.

Dear Readers,

"Let our hearts be filled to the over-flow,  
And burn with a joyous Easter glow,  
Whilst our faces catch the Easter rays  
And the Beauty of God hold our raptured  
gaze."

May this be the experience of all those who are privileged to attend the Easter Camps which will be held throughout the Dominion at the end of this month.

Sister Mary Addison was dedicated at Motueka, Nelson, on 15th December. Mrs. White, President of the Nelson District Council, represented the M.W.M.U. at her Dedication.

Sister Audrey Grice was dedicated at Ngaio, Wellington, on 20th December. On that occasion Mrs. Duncan, Vice-President of the Wellington District Council, represented our Movement.

The Rev. A. C. and Mrs. Watson and Sister Audrey Grice are due to arrive in the Solomons on Easter Monday. Sister Mary Addison will most likely leave New Zealand on or about 24th February, and would accompany the Rev. G. G. and Mrs. Carter from Sydney to Buka. Sister Mary spent a weekend in Christchurch. Her hostess, Mrs. Alan Russell, made it possible for her to meet members of the Christchurch Executive. Mrs. Fiebig welcomed Sister Mary and made a small presentation on behalf of the District Council.

Congratulations to Rev. Trevor and Mrs. Shepherd on the birth of another son, on the 26th December.

A 7 cubic ft. "Frig" has been purchased for the Auckland Maori Centre and two Duplicators for the Solomons. The latter arrived at Gizo early January. One goes to Choiseul, but we have not been advised as to the ultimate destination of the other.

Sister Rewa Williamson writes:

"The Choir Competitions on Christmas Eve were something that the people have been looking forward to. I can't say I was, particularly, as Thelma and I had to judge. There were 10 choirs—4 of which are counted as Senior, and are not eligible for the 2nd Shield. The choir with the most marks wins the 1st Shield, and the 2nd one goes to the next highest Junior choir. The Senior choirs had "And can it be that I should gain" in English as a set piece, and the others, who are from smaller villages, had "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" in Teop. They were given marks for appearance, attack, tone, enunciation, parts etc. But even with our papers carefully ruled into columns for the various marks, we had to remember that some villages had very few to choose their choir from, and then, too, some villages had been in close contact with the Mission for longer than others, so all circumstances had to be taken into account. We gave the first prize to the choir from the Taunita, one of

the consolidated schools away back in the hills. By the time the results and remarks were given out, it was late, but it was even later still before Thelma and I went to bed.

"We had hardly closed our eyes when the first carols began, but fortunately that was only some boys on their way to bed. Carols in earnest began at 3.30 a.m., and as we had to get up to say "Happy Christmas" and thank the carollers with a few lollies, our Christmas Day began then. After our breakfast came the first service of the day at 7 a.m. A very sick little girl was brought into me soon after, and there were plenty of people wanting medicine, so both the boys and I were kept busy. The big service of the day began at 10 a.m. The Church was packed, and there were many outside too.

"The Church had been decorated the day before with streamers of coconut leaves and crepe paper and there was a Christmas tree in the corner. The service was worked out on a flannelgraph, the hymns and readings being used to tell the Christmas story. A short sermon followed, then came the part of the service that gave the people an opportunity to give to the work of God. This collection is for the work in the New Guinea Highlands, and we felt thrilled at the way the people came with their offerings. As our people brought their gifts, we pray that they may have brought their hearts and lives as a living present to Jesus.

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**South Auckland** District Council meeting was held in St. Paul's, Hamilton. Mrs. Hutt, the new President, conducted devotions, and gave extracts from Miss Purdie's opening address at Conference. Impressions of Conference were given by Mrs. Knauf of Te Kowhai.

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**Waitemata.** The District Council Christmas meeting, presided over by Mrs. Carter, was held in the Takapuna Church, devotions were conducted by Mrs. Brant, and the speaker was Sister June Hilder. Canon Green, late of Pakistan gave an interesting address at the afternoon session, at which there was a record attendance. Christmas offering amounting to £32/1/-, was received and dedicated.

**Thames Valley** District Council met at Paeroa. Roll call revealed representatives from every Auxiliary, and one visitor, Sister June Hilder, who spoke briefly. The President's message emphasised our part in working out God's purposes, for we are His workmen. Comprehensive Conference reports were given and arrangements made for Convention in April.

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**Bay of Plenty.** Rev. A. Bensley conducted Communion Service at District Council which met at Tauranga Church, representatives being present from Tauranga, Te Puke, Whakatane and Matamata day and evening Auxiliaries. Mrs. Reeve, President, addressed members on the "Wearing of the Armour of the Lord and going forth in faith with high courage." An interesting letter was read from Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Keightley, giving news of the Highlands. The financial statement for the quarter showed £33/10/4. A wireless set, sponsored by the Matamata Evening Auxiliary and to which some other auxiliaries had contributed, is now beautifully encased (the work of the local men folk) and has been dedicated, and is ready to go on to Mr. Andrews for the Solomon Island Sisters.

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**Wairarapa** District Council met in Masterton, Mrs. Ross presiding. A warm welcome was given to Sister Ruth Fawcett who brought greetings from Otago and also gave some Conference impressions, especially mentioning the Induction of the new Dominion Executive. A prayer session followed, subjects being: our missionary work, the new Dominion Executive, and the urgent need for an experienced woman worker to offer her services for the Solomons field.

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**Wellington.** At District Council Christmas meeting, the speaker was Mrs. M. A. Rickard, who spoke on "Two Sundays"—one in New York, one in London. As music in Churches is her special delight, this was a memorable talk in every way. Music added to the programme.

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**West Coast** District Council met in Wesley Hall, Greymouth, Mrs. Dash, President, conducted devotions. A reading from Sister Rita Snowden's book, "His Interpreters" was most timely, stressing the need for prayer to help us show God's design in our lives. The financial side of the work shows that all members are taking their responsibilities seriously.

**North Canterbury** District Council met at Durham Street, Mrs. Fiebig presiding over a good attendance. During the devotional period, the President stressed the value of prayer, and the difference it can make in our lives. This was followed by a period of intercessory prayer. Reports were given on the inspiration of the M.W.M.U. Conference at New Plymouth. At a social afternoon in January, presentations were made to Sister June Peters, on the eve of her departure to work among the Maoris around Hamilton, and to Sister Ada Lee who is returning to the Solomons. Sister Ada gave an interesting address of her daily life as a teacher in Bougainville.

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**South Canterbury.** Eleven Auxiliaries were represented at District Council which met at Banks Street, Timaru. Mrs. Logan conducted devotions and spoke of the beauties of Psalm 23, and told of the help, encouragement and comfort so many have received from this loved Psalm. A review of Union Conference, given by Mrs. Osborne and Mrs. Withers, was much appreciated by the Council.

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**Southland** District Council met at Central Church parlour, Invercargill, Mrs. R. Bell presided and conducted devotions, her theme being "Follow Me," many points were emphasised, especially "to follow wherever He leads." Two new members were welcomed and district reports showed a keen interest in missionary work.

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**Otago.** 40 members, representing 8 Auxiliaries met at District Council on 22nd November. Good work is being carried on in all districts and £20 more has been sent for Sisters' salaries than at this time last year. Five members who are moving to other districts have been farewelled, and the District President expressed appreciation for the work done by Mrs. Gerry, Dominion Secretary, and Mrs. Eaton, Hospital Visitor, and wished them God's blessing on their new districts.

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## ABOUT PEOPLE . . .

### MR. W. W. LEONARD:

Our helper from the United Church of Canada has spent a valuable year mostly at Roviana. He is likely to spend some weeks at Buin and Teop before leaving the District in May.

### SISTER EDNA WHITE:

Our Church honours Sister Edna for her year of honorary service, entered upon at a critical time in 1955. Sister Edna recently returned to New Zealand.

### WORLD COUNCIL PERSONALITIES:

New Zealand last month had many visits from personalities associated with the World Council of Churches Executive meeting in Australia. Two young ministers of our Church in the Pacific attended the meetings, the Rev. Setareki Tuilovoni, B.D., our Church's Youth Director in Fiji, and the Rev. John Havea, B.D. Setareki was a delegate from the South Pacific Churches at the International Missionary Council Conference, at Whitby, Canada, in 1947; John Havea went to Evanston in 1954. Both have studied at Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey; their "Crusade Scholarship" a gift of the American Methodist Church.



# OVERSEAS MISSIONS

## Circuit Contributions, 1955

For our 1955 appeal year there was a lift in contributions from circuits from the £16,100 level in 1954 to £17,800 in 1955. This is a 10% rise.

At the beginning of the year, we challenged our circuits to a rise of 20%. A number have responded splendidly.

But, even had all circuits raised their objective, the giving would have barely kept pace with the rise in costs. It is urgent that in 1956, all circuits make a determined effort, and those who have not so far responded to the challenge are urged to make an early start in 1956.

The average giving per church member in 1955 was 12/10.

In the returns below, circuit giving includes contributions for teachers and orphans, but not 1955 income for New Guinea Highlands appeal. Circuits that contributed to the Highlands appeal after 31st Dec., 1954, are indicated below by an asterisk (\*).

AUCKLAND DISTRICT				1953	1954	1955
	1953	1954	1955	£	£	£
<b>Auckland Central:</b>						
Pitt Street	168	148	236			
Kingsland	61	60	80			
St. Judes	43	49	50			
Pt. Chevalier	12	8	18			
Gt. North Road	6	1	1			
West. Springs	2	1	1			
	<u>292</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>386</u>			
<b>Auckland Central Mission:</b>						
(* ) Circuit Total	<u>85</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>97</u>			
<b>Auckland South:</b>						
Dominion Rd.	108	108	125			
Roskill	32	54	59			
Sandringham	25	28	32			
Hillsborough	—	—	4			
	<u>165</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>220</u>			
<b>Auckland West:</b>						
Circuit Total	<u>45</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>47</u>			
<b>Auckland East:</b>						
(* )Epsom	222	177	203			
Remuera	199	198	201			
Mt. Eden	134	130	165			
Mission Bay	139	124	112			
Collegiate	20	26	13			
Newmarket	9	23	9			
Pakuranga	—	10	10			
Panmure	4	18	13			
Glendowie	—	2	10			
Howick	27	16	16			
Glen Innes	—	—	5			
Tamaki	—	—	3			
	<u>754</u>	<u>724</u>	<u>760</u>			
<b>Avondale:</b>						
Mt. Albert	143	163	161			
Avondale	19	23	13			
New Lynn	13	16	13			
Waterview	11	15	15			
	<u>186</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>202</u>			
<b>Henderson:</b>						
Circuit Total	<u>70</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>123</u>			
<b>Devonport:</b>						
Devonport	62	65	70			
Stanley Bay	21	21	23			
Vauxhall	7	7	8			
	<u>90</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>101</u>			
<b>Takapuna: (*)</b>						
Takapuna		114	103			
Campbell's Bay		25	21			
Browns Bay	No Details	9	6			
Torbay		7	1			
Rothsay Bay		9	21			
Taharoto Rd.		—	1			
	<u>128</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>153</u>			
<b>Birkenhead:</b>						
Birkenhead	92	100	122			
Northcote	26	22	39			
Beachhaven	5	4	7			
Glenfield	6	6	6			
Greenhithe	2	1	1			
	<u>131</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>175</u>			
<b>Onehunga:</b>						
Circuit Total	<u>173</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>146</u>			
<b>Otahuhu:</b>						
Circuit Total	<u>79</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>93</u>			



	1953 £	1954 £	1955 £
<b>Papatoetoe:</b>			
Circuit Total	64	70	80
<b>Papakura:</b>			
Circuit Total	98	85	88
<b>Pukekohe:</b>			
Pukekohe	83		
Mauku	16		
Karaka	1		
Wesley	2	No Details	
Buckland	2		
Waiau Pa	—		
	104	65	—
<b>Bombay-Tuakau:</b>			
Circuit Total	55	52	49
<b>Waiuku:</b>			
Circuit Total	74	79	82
<b>North Waitemata:</b>			
Silverdale	6	5	7
Helensville	4	4	3
Kaukapakapa	4	8	6
Glorit	2	3	1
Makarau	2	3	2
Wainui	1	—	—
Waimauku	—	4	2
Orewa	2	1	5
Waitoki	4	4	10
Manly	5	2	2
Dairy Flat	1	2	2
Stanmore Bay	—	2	4
	31	38	44
<b>Mahurangi:</b>			
Circuit Total	30	34	61
<b>Paparoa:</b>			
Paparoa	26	13	
Matakohe	9	10	
Taipuha	—	1	ND
Ararua	3	—	
No Local Details	4	10	
	42	34	48
<b>Dargaville:</b>			
Dargaville	40	53	64
Te Kopuru	45	54	36
Other Places	7	3	—
	92	110	100
<b>Ruawai: *</b>			
Ruawai	32	25	28
Arapohue	24	15	34
Tokatoka	21	40	14
Rally	—	—	—
	77	80	76

	1953 £	1954 £	1955 £
<b>Whangarei:</b>			
Circuit Total	88	100	81
<b>Hikurangi:</b>			
Circuit Total	31	25	10
<b>Whangaroa:</b>			
	21	28	34
<b>Port Albert:</b>			
Port Albert	186	168	202
Wellsford	27	30	30
Wayby	18	20	14
Wharehine	7	6	7
Mangawhai	11	1	5
Pakiri	—	5	4
Tomarata	2	6	9
	251	236	271
<b>Kawakawa-Kaikohe:</b>			
Circuit Total	19	24	24
<b>Mangonui:</b>			
Circuit Total	66	69	82
<b>Hokianga:</b>			
Circuit Total	—	26	—
<b>N. Hokianga:</b>			
Broadwood	19	23	No
Kohukohu	10	8	Details
Mangamuka	3	1	
Omahutu	2	1	
Umawera	1	1	
Mata Road	1	1	
Horeka	—	1	
Motukaraka	2	1	
Tauteihihi	1	1	
	39	38	48
<b>Bay of Islands:</b>			
Russell	12	8	14
<b>SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT</b>			
<b>Thames:</b>			
Circuit Total	54	57	60
<b>Hauraki Plains:</b>			
Circuit Total	9	28	32
<b>Paeroa:</b>			
Circuit Total	53	61	60
<b>Waihi:</b>			
Circuit Total	51	59	60
<b>Te Aroha: *</b>			
Te Aroha	44		56
Eastport Rd.	48	ND	48
Springdale	27		23
Circuit Total	119	123	127



	1953 £	1954 £	1955 £		1953 £	1954 £	1955 £
<b>Morrinsville:</b>				<b>Opotiki:</b>			
Morrinsville	104	134	104	Circuit Total	68	67	65
Waitoa	49	34	66				
Tatuanui	64	59	35	<b>Te Awamutu:</b>			
Tauhei	14	13	13	Te Awamutu	107	93	No
Tahuna	15	11	13	Pirongia	27	12	Details
	246	251	232		135	105	114
<b>Cambridge:</b>				<b>Otorohanga:</b>			
St. Paul's	89	85	102	Circuit Total	96	84	108
Fencourt	8	8	11				
Leamington	10	11	14	<b>Te Kuiti:</b>			
Kaipaki	3	3	4	Circuit Total	17	17	17
	110	107	131				
<b>Hamilton:</b>				<b>Taumarunui:</b>			
St. Paul's	213	191	274	Circuit Total	32	30	18
St. James'	26	28	25				
Wesley	28	10	23	<b>Ohura:</b>			
Moon Memorial	15	9	12	Circuit Total	30	39	46
Maeroa	10	12	7				
	292	250	341	<b>Ngaruawahia:</b>			
<b>Huntly:</b>				Ngaruawahia	4	5	No
Circuit Total	53	30	26	Te Kowhai	18	13	Details
				Glen Massey	4	—	—
<b>Raglan:</b>					26	18	23
Union Parish	22	32	27	<b>Kawhia:</b>			
				Circuit Total	7	11	2
<b>Hamilton East:</b>				<b>Coromandel: *</b>			
St. John's	109	131	176	Circuit Total	33	35	29
Rototuna	27	18	35				
Matangi	18	18	22				
Horsham Downs	2	3	4				
Puketaha	2	1	1				
	158	171	238				
<b>Matamata:</b>							
Matamata	96	89	114				
Te Poi	41	37	43				
Walton	—	3	6				
	137	129	163				
<b>Putaruru:</b>							
Circuit Total	12	28	31				
<b>Rotorua:</b>							
Circuit Total	46	66	54				
<b>Tauranga: *</b>							
Circuit Total	186	167	172				
<b>Whakatane:</b>							
Circuit Total	29	31	40				

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

<b>New Plymouth:</b>			
Circuit Total	255	297	245
<b>Waitara:</b>			
Waitara	31	33	32
Lepperton	11	4	4
Uruti	3	5	5
Urenui	2	1	8
Pukearuki	—	1	2
	47	44	51
<b>Stratford:</b>			
Circuit Total	114	110	106
<b>Eltham-Kaponga:</b>			
Circuit Total	58	60	82



<b>Hawera:</b>			
Hawera	91	75	89
Meremere	5	3	—
Normanby	3	—	—
Patea	6	3	7
	<u>105</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>96</u>
<b>Mania:</b>			
Mania		16	25
Aurora	ND	12	3
Okaiawa		2	3
Matapu		—	1
	<u>31</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>40</u>
<b>Opunake: *</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>162</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>159</u>
<b>Wanganui Central:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>186</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>176</u>
<b>Wanganui North:</b>			
Aramoho	82	94	107
Dublin St.	34	27	31
Wanganui East	22	21	21
	<u>138</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>159</u>
<b>Wanganui West:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>37</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>56</u>
<b>Taihape:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>15</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>
<b>Inglewood:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>19</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>20</u>
<b>Marton:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>Raetihi:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>8</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>22</u>

**HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT**

<b>Napier: *</b>			
Trinity	217	202	215
Greenmeadows	21	29	30
Wesley Hall	5	5	10
Westshore	2	2	5
Onepoto Hall	—	—	—
	<u>245</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>260</u>
<b>Hastings:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>180</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>231</u>

	1953 £	1954 £	1955 £
<b>Gisborne:</b>			
Wesley	87	90	86
Te Hapara	14	15	6
Mangapapa	9	13	18
	<u>110</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>110</u>
<b>Wairoa:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>12</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>36</u>
<b>Dannevirke:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>84</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>93</u>
<b>Woodville:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>50</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>61</u>
<b>Pahiatua:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>73</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>77</u>
<b>Palmerston North (St. Paul's):</b>			
St. Paul's	262	268	254
Aokautere	6	7	2
Roslyn	2	2	3
	<u>270</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>259</u>
<b>Palmerston North (Trinity):</b>			
Trinity	209	236	278
Longburn	11	10	5
West End	4	2	—
	<u>224</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>283</u>
<b>Ashhurst: *</b>			
Ashhurst	19		
Bunnythorpe	28	No Details	
Pohangina	21		
	<u>68</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>78</u>
<b>Feilding:</b>			
Feilding	217	210	289
Colyton	42	46	52
Waituna	22	21	54
Halcombe	17	20	3
Stanway	3	5	2
Makino	1	3	—
Cheltenham	—	1	—
	<u>302</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>410</u>
<b>Sanson-Rongotea:</b>			
Sanson	71	58	71
Rongotea	60	60	45
Taikorea	37	30	33
	<u>168</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>149</u>
<b>Waipawa:</b>			
Waipawa	29	25	23
Waipukurau	3	7	8
Onga Onga	18	25	22
	<u>50</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>53</u>



	1953 £	1954 £	1955 £
<b>Foxton:</b>			
Foxton	21	No	18
Shannon	8	Details	27
Foxton Beach	2		3
Oroua Downs	1		2
Himatangi			13
	<u>32</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>63</u>
<b>Apiti:</b>			
Apiti	14	16	13
Rangiwahia	12	8	12
Umutoe	7	4	7
Ruahine	3	3	5
	<u>36</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>37</u>
<b>Norsewood:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT

<b>Wellington Central:</b>			
Wesley	No	Details	246
Brooklyn			30
Aro Street			2
Unspecified			5
	<u>253</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>283</u>
<b>Wellington West:</b>			
Karori	90		92
Northland	93	ND	79
Thorndon	18		39
	<u>201</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>210</u>
<b>Wellington South:</b>			
Trinity	No	details	80
Island Bay			36
	<u>110</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>116</u>
<b>Wellington East:</b>			
Hataitai	85	97	111
Lyll Bay	45	48	51
Miramar	36	33	42
Worser Bay	26	23	37
Other	11	13	15
	<u>202</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>256</u>
<b>Wellington North:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>99</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>124</u>

	1952 £	1953 £	1954 £
<b>Porirua:</b>			
Porirua	No	14	16
Plimmerton	Details	15	19
Tawa Flat		22	27
Pukerua Bay		2	3
Circuit Efforts		5	10
	<u>57</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>75</u>
<b>Hutt:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>344</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>402</u>
<b>Taita Union:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Upper Hutt:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>53</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>35</u>
<b>Wainui-o-mata Union Parish:</b>			
			<u>6</u>
<b>Petone:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>54</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>78</u>
<b>Greytown-Featherston:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>37</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>49</u>
<b>Carterton:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>57</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>53</u>
<b>Masterton:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>175</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>195</u>
<b>Eketahuna:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>30</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>32</u>
<b>Levin *</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>127</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>166</u>
<b>Otaki:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>17</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>27</u>
<b>Paraparaumu:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>52</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>49</u>
<b>NELSON DISTRICT</b>			
<b>Nelson:</b>			
Nelson	125	129	No
Nelson South	61	59	Details
	<u>186</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>202</u>
<b>Waimea:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>122</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>161</u>
<b>Motueka:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>82</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>95</u>



	1953 £	1954 £	1955 £
<b>Blenheim: *</b>			
Blenheim	146	182	179
Tua Marina	40	44	54
Pictou	43	47	46
Springlands	15	18	24
Rapaura	20	16	25
Okaramio	—	—	—
Havelock	—	—	2
Others	10	13	18
	<u>274</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>348</u>
<b>Reefton:</b>			
Reefton	22	20	27
Black's Point	14	7	11
Ikamatua	2	3	21
Rahu	2	—	2
	<u>40</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>41</u>
<b>Westport:</b>			
Westport	51	49	62
Stockton	3	3	3
Others	1	—	1
	<u>55</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>66</u>
<b>Greymouth:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>43</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>89</u>
<b>Hokitika:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>28</u>
<b>Murchison:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>29</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>37</u>

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT**

<b>Christchurch (Durham St.): *</b>			
Durham St.	248	181	296
Cashmere	54	55	64
Somerfield	47	52	47
Circuit efforts	—	—	6
	<u>342</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>413</u>
<b>Christchurch Central Mission:</b>			
	<u>—</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>29</u>
<b>Christchurch East: (*)</b>			
Wesley Church	66	74	84
Richmond	30	42	39
Shirley	37	64	88
Marshland	4	2	—
New Brighton	61	69	68
North Beach	6	7	10
New Brighton Sth.	18	21	23
Linwood	83	80	104
Wainoni	12	18	16
Others	7	—	—
	<u>324</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>432</u>

	1953 £	1954 £	1955 £
<b>Cambridge Terrace:</b>			
Cambridge Tce.	26	31	44
Durham St. South	5	4	—
Hills Road	8	20	11
	<u>39</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>55</u>
<b>Woolston:</b>			
Woolston	45	No	35
Opawa	79	Details	81
Sumner	23	—	27
Redcliffs	13	—	17
Heathcote	9	—	10
Other	10	—	13
	<u>179</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>183</u>
<b>Sydenham:</b>			
Sydenham	68	No	—
Beckenham	—	Details	—
Unspecified	46	—	—
	<u>114</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>123</u>
<b>Addington:</b>			
	<u>61</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>64</u>
<b>Riccarton:</b>			
Clarence Road	—	No	24
Upper Riccarton	—	Details	22
Lincoln Road	—	—	22
Sockburn	—	—	1
Masham	—	—	2
	<u>51</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>71</u>
<b>St. Alban's:</b>			
St. Alban's	113	96	120
Bryndwr	84	88	105
Edgeware Road	ND	102	103
Unspecified	90	92	—
	<u>287</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>328</u>
<b>Papanui:</b>			
Papanui	167	178	—
Harewood	9	7	—
	<u>176</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>198</u>
<b>Lyttelton:</b>			
	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Springston:</b>			
Springston	No	No	18
Weedons	Details	Details	17
Tai Tapu	—	—	26
Others	—	—	16
	<u>74</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>77</u>



	1953 £	1954 £	1955 £		1953 £	1954 £	1955 £
<b>Leeston:</b>	65	65	75	<b>Waimate:</b>	180	175	163
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<b>Kaiapoi:</b>	112	113	116	<b>Temuka:</b>	34	26	34
Kaiapoi	8	7	9	Circuit Total	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Clarkville	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<b>Geraldine:</b>	26	34	24
	120	120	125	Circuit Total	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<b>Ashburton:</b>	145	173	176
<b>Ohoka:</b>	23	24	19	Baring Square	31	32	39
Ohoka	7	3	1	Wakanui	17	15	14
Swannanoa	71	83	71	Rakaia	9	12	13
Horrelville	3	3	4	Methven	—	2	—
Eyreton	14	2	14	Seafield	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Others	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	No local details	202	234	242
	118	115	109		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<b>Willowby:</b>	46	56	3
<b>Rangiora:</b>	112	123	135		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Circuit Total	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<b>Oamaru:</b>	66	79	100
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	Circuit Total	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Woodend-Sefton:</b>	16	19	11	<b>OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT</b>			
Woodend	60	67	30	<b>Dunedin Central Church * and Mission:</b>	274	255	230
Waikuku	9	6	6	Circuit Total	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Sefton	2	3	2	<b>Dunedin (Dundas St.):</b>	72	81	86
Amberley	—	3	10	Circuit Total	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Hawarden	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<b>Dunedin North: *</b>	45	33	46
Unspecified	87	98	65	Maori Hill	14	15	17
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	Glenavon	8	7	9
<b>Greendale:</b>	38	38	48	Woodhaugh	2	5	—
Greendale	18	16	9	No Local Details	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Darfield	3	5	10		69	60	72
Te Piritā	3	3	4	<b>Dunedin South:</b>	Wesley	No	39
Glenroy	2	2	1	Caversham	Details	44	No
Others	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	St. Clair		21	Details
	64	64	72	Abbotsford		11	
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	No Local Details	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Oxford:</b>	35	33	31		123	116	113
Oxford	9	10	10	<b>St. Kilda:</b>	114	116	126
Waddington	1	1	1		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Russell's Flat	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<b>Mornington:</b>	97	82	101
	45	44	42		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<b>Roslyn:</b>	54	54	66
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<b>SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT</b>					54	54	66
<b>Timaru (Banks St.):</b>	117	100	125		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Circuit Total	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Timaru (Woodlands St.):</b>	110	130	122		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Circuit Total	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Marchwiell Union Church:</b>	20	14	—		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Circuit Total	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Timaru South:</b>	10	20	17		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Kensington	20	21	20		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Kingsdown	3	5	7		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Upper Pareora	1	3	4		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Lower Pareroa	—	5	1		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
No local details	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	34	54	49		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
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THE OPEN DOOR

	1953 £	1954 £	1955 £
<b>Port Chalmers:</b>			
Port Chalmers	No	No	12
Sawyer's Bay	Details	Details	9
Waitati			3
	<u>20</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>24</u>
<b>Corstorphine Union Church:</b>			
	<u>—</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Milton:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>32</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>40</u>
<b>Roxburgh:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>
<b>Invercargill Central:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>107</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>120</u>
<b>Invercargill (St. Peter's) Circuit:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>112</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>125</u>
<b>Gore:</b>			
Gore	No	No	50
Mataura	Details	Details	16
	<u>63</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>66</u>
<b>Western Southland:</b>			
Otautau	7	12	22
Riverton	6	6	23
Wild Bush	17	10	30
Tuatapere	4	3	12
Ohai	3	5	10
Nightcaps	1	1	6
Aparima	2	1	2
No Local Details		25	
	<u>41</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>105</u>
<b>Edendale:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>27</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>14</u>
<b>Mosgiel:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>41</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>43</u>
<b>Bluff:</b>			
Circuit Total	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>17</u>

	1953 £	1954 £	1955 £
<b>Cromwell-Alexandra Circuit:</b>			
Cromwell	6	13	No
Alexandra	3	8	Details
Bannockburn	1	6	
No Local Details	27	4	
	<u>37</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>28</u>
<b>Waikouaiti H.M. Station:</b>			
Waikouaiti	20	17	19
Palmerston	7	6	11
	<u>27</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>30</u>
<b>Balclutha H.M. Station:</b>			
Balclutha	No	No	35
Kaitangata	Details	Details	4
Paretai			14
Clinton			5
	<u>50</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>58</u>
<b>Lawrence H.M. Station:</b>			
Circuit Total	19	17	21

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**METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION  
AMOUNTS RAISED FOR HOME  
AND FOREIGN MISSIONS**

in year ending 31st August, 1955.

District	Total	
	£	s. d.
Northland	446	15 10
Waitemata	498	14 7
Auckland	1681	5 1
Franklin	393	14 9
South Auckland	723	8 9
Thames Valley	504	8 0
Bay of Plenty	256	16 6
Taranaki	677	19 9
Wanganui	289	14 9
Manawatu	1063	10 6
Hawkes Bay	559	15 4
Wairarapa	280	19 4
Wellington	1105	11 2
Nelson-Marlborough	487	0 2
West Coast	131	19 4
North Canterbury	1345	9 0
South Canterbury	731	19 11
Otago	781	4 1
Southland	594	12 3
Other Moneys	196	6 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>£12,751</u>	<u>5 2</u>



**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND**

**Summary of Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31st August, 1955.**

N.B.—A fuller statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet for the Society appear in the Minutes of Conference, 1955. All figures below are expressed to the nearest pound.

Expenditure		Income	
	£		£
<b>Solomon Islands:</b>		<b>Solomon Islands:</b>	
Missionaries' & Doctors' Stipends	5371	Contributions	7475
Sisters' Stipends	5195	Government Grants	2592
Native Ministers' Stipends	691	Medical, Dental	245
Native Agents' Stipends	6069	Sales of Produce	2480
Superannuation & Retiring Funds	647	Sundries	978
Sickness & Accident Fund	50		13770
Education	4344	Less Exchange	2665
Overseas Travel (Furloughs, etc.)	5385		
District Travel	3111	Total in N.Z. Currency	11105
Circuit Travel	479	<b>New Zealand:</b>	
Furniture	203	Circuit Income	17123
Buildings	1029	Support of Teachers	246
Electricity	551	Support of Orphans	75
Literature	138	M.W.M.U.	3550
Printing, Postages, etc.	235	Sundry Income	20
Insurance, Commission, Customs, etc. (includes Boat Insurance)	508	Interest General Account	802
Land Rents	92	Medical Income	1158
Agriculture	178		22974
Technical	153	<b>Income received for Special Funds as per</b>	
Station Tools, Maintenance, etc.	138	<b>Contra:</b>	
Office Equipment	46	Leper Fund	523
Synod Expenses	20	Lepers' Trust Board	3500
Medical	4506	Leprosy Relief Vessel	4360
Unallocated Expenditure 1953	150	Boat Insurance	754
Stock Written Off	281	Don Alley Fund	55
	39573	Rehabilitation Fund	1255
Less Exchange on payments in Australian currency	5097	Legacies	3898
		M.W.M.U. for special purposes	696
Total in N.Z. Currency	34476	Lotu Church Fund	34
<b>Papua—New Guinea Highlands</b>	1713	Elizabeth Common Fund	59
<b>New Zealand Expenses:</b>		Highlands Appeal	5857
General Administration	2095	Solomon Islands Appeal for Highlands	296
Publicity & Deputation	733	Vella Lavella Jubilee	1256
Miscellaneous	421	Choiseul Jubilee	393
	3249		22936
Transfer to Special Funds as per contra	22936	Deficit Transferred to Gen. Reserve	5359
	£62374		£62374

**LEGACIES (as per above Financial Statement)**

Grace Highway (part only)	1500	Also M. A. Lloyd (for Medical Fund)	£250
C. W. Jenkins	100		
S. Keen	10		
Agnes Preddy	217		
A. E. Foster	476		
M. A. Lloyd	1215		
F. Tombs	25		
Marcia Davis	228		
J. C. Prudhoe	33		
W. H. Denton	50		
E. A. Dillon	44		
	£3898		
		<b>Contributions from Youth Groups:</b>	
		Youth Board (net proceeds Camp offerings)	70
		Nelson District Youth Council	27
		Nth. Canterbury Bible Class Fellowships	72
		<b>Lepers' Trust Board: (1955 grants)</b>	
		General Grant for Leper work	3500
		For Leprosy Relief Vessel Project	4000