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A Message from the President . . .

It is a great privilege to be sending this message as President of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to the readers of "The Open Door" and to those who are interested in Christian Missions. By the time these words are read, at least three of our consecrated young women, having heard the call and been dedicated to their respective tasks, will have left our shores to take up their new missionary tasks in the Solomon Islands. While the need for further helpers, especially carpenters, still exists, it is pleasing to reflect upon the encouraging response there has been to the urgent appeals that were made for more workers in the Overseas Missions Field.

However, these recent additions to our Mission staff overseas cannot be noted without some reference to the impending departure at the end of the present year of the Chairman of our Solomon Islands District, the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, and Mrs. Metcalfe, whose long and faithful years of service were the subject of special references at a Luncheon and also at an appropriate session during the recent Conference. The prayers and gratitude of the Church will go with them both as Mr. Metcalfe prepares to transfer to the Victorian Conference.

I am also sure that the whole Church will be glad to learn of the designation for a further term of the Rev. S. G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed., as General Secretary of our Overseas Missions Department. Mr. Andrews has given himself unstintingly to his work, and his efficiency and zeal have been productive of much fruit. He can be assured of the loving thoughts and earnest prayers of our people for a successful continuance of the work that lies so near his heart.

I would like to say how much I appreciate the gracious invitation of the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District, the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, to visit the Field there. This gesture, which has the sanction of the Board, means that, all being well, I shall be able to take the opportunity during my visit to Australia for the General Conference in May to go further afield to meet our overseas workers personally, and to see our missionary activities at first hand. I trust that this missionary encounter will be productive of much blessing for the Church, and that the Name of Christ will be glorified. I would appreciate your thoughts and prayers to this end.

Our New Zealand Church, young though it be, has a missionary record of which it can be justifiably proud. Numerically Methodism is not a large Denomination in the Dominion, but its history is noteworthy when account is taken of the many regions in both the North and South Island in which it was first to establish Christian work. This pioneering tradition has characteristically continued in our missionary task in the Solomon Islands. Methodists would do well to reflect upon the illustrious heritage that is ours both here in this land and also elsewhere.

The Solomon Islands, which are the focal point in our overseas missionary work and interest, will become increasingly important as the years go by. Their strategic value internationally was recognised during the

days of the last war by combatant nations, but their significance as an outpost, nay, as a potential centre of vital Christian enterprising cannot be minimised. Many men and women of the Armed Services who prior to the war were tempted to think lightly of Christian Missions came through their experience in that area, as well as elsewhere, to possess a profound respect for what the power of the Gospel proclaimed by consecrated souls had been able to do among the peoples of the Pacific. Christian Missions in the Solomons have been and are strategic for the Kingdom of God.



REV. DR. R. DUDLEY—President of Conference.

The Solomon Islands in these modern days are also strategic for New Zealand. It used to be objected that as a field for New Zealand missionary endeavour they were far too inaccessible, and further, that any specific work there would limit our missionary outlook. Today, however, it is significant that the South-East Asia area, about which so much is heard in international politics, includes the Solomon Islands as well as our Dominion. There is therefore a Christian, as well as a geographical and international appropriateness in the work to which we as a New Zealand Church are committed. Newer emphasis is added to the striking contention that because of our essential human solidarity and Christian brotherhood, there are no "foreign" missions, but a universal field of missionary witness by which we must seek to draw all mankind into the one hold family of God.

This thought naturally should underline the duty that devolves upon all Christian Communions engaged in

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One People the World Over

At Junaluska the slogan was "The Methodists are one people in all the world." And truly, a World Methodist Conference must include many sorts and tongues. Before John Wesley's death, British Methodists were working among West Indian slaves. Quite soon, eyes were lifted to Africa also, whence the slaves had been snatched. So, as a result, when this month the Gold Coast colony attains, as Ghana, independence within the British Commonwealth, Methodists will be among its citizens. Similarly, American Methodists await the attainment of independence by Malaya—a land where they have great missionary commitments.

Recently, Australian Methodists have been marking a century of "independence" within their church. In 1855, the Wesleyans of Australasia were accorded a



Methodists from different parts of the Pacific meet at the South Pacific Conference. The group includes Lila Matalau of New Britain and Miss A. M. Griffin, former New Zealand worker in Fiji.

Conference and entrusted with evangelizing certain Pacific Islands. Work in Tonga and Fiji was already well established and Samoa was soon re-occupied.

Methodist penetration in the Western Pacific began in 1875. George Brown, who had formerly gone from New Zealand to Samoa, led in turn our missionary pioneers to New Britain, Papua and the Western Solomon Islands. In all three, New Zealanders have served. Whilst Australian Methodists later added responsibilities in North India, Arnhem Land and Timor, in 1922 New Zealand took over responsibility for the Western Solomon Islands. There, to-day, 18,000 men, women and children are under our pastoral care.

In 1950, the Papua New Guinea Highlands Mission was established. There, Methodists demonstrate their oneness by gathering from Germany, Tonga, New Ireland, Papua and the Solomons, besides Australia and New Zealand, to engage in the service of Christ. New Zealand's stake in the Highlands enterprise dates from 1953. Three of our workers serve there, and another, a woman teacher, is needed.

THOSE WHO SERVE.

In the Solomons, we have 35 workers, nine of them with wives, who also make a fine contribution. Eight are ordained ministers. Our doctor, son of a Sister Church, is also a qualified dentist, and therefore doubly in demand. All our nine missionary teachers are women. Their task is the conduct of our station day schools, and the girls' boarding establishments, provided by recent M.W.M.U. special objectives. The sisters also supervise the village school teachers. In much of our area, the only education is that afforded by our mission.

Nursing sisters number eight, working out from six centres. Several hold three certificates, and all have had experience in New Zealand preparing for the strains, fevers and emergencies of tropical life. Normally, two are at the Helena Goldie Hospital, Roviana, where last year there were 300 maternity cases and 25,000 outpatient treatments. Indeed,

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missionary work today throughout the world to seek a common plan for the evangelisation of all mankind. The famous Missionary Conference in Edinburgh recognised the necessity for more co-operative action as far back as 1910. Surely after all our ecumenical progress and the growth of Christian understanding since then we should be able to evolve a united missionary plan whereby our rivalries and disagreements can be forgotten, and when as successors to those whom Christ appointed as His apostles we can strive for the redemption of the whole earth, bringing all the rich inheritances that belong to our respective Communion toward the realisation of the one holy, common purpose. For after all, every person who truly professes the Name of Our Lord as a disciple is as one who is sent. It is intriguing in this connection to note that there is no real difference in the meanings of the words "apostle" and "missionary." The term "apostle" from the Greek and "missionary" from the Latin both carry the sublime

suggestion of the Divine commissioning of "one sent." And so we who have been chosen by Christ, who have been "sent," are an Apostolate surely pledged, in spite of our present divided state, to gather in the flock of Christ wherever they may be scattered, till to His Glory He be no longer divided and there be one fold and one Shepherd.

So the Vision beckons us alluringly to strive to win benighted souls to a fuller knowledge of our Lord and Saviour and to prosecute the Divine tasks as a Christian Church united by the common purpose of serving our Lord and bringing our very all to His feet. Until that Larger Ideal is realised, let not our consecrated efforts and prayers for our own missionary witness in the Solomon Islands and that in other fields flag for a moment. Thus will we be worthier to inherit the treasures of the New Age when Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our God and His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever.

—RAYMOND DUDLEY.

every missionary is a medical worker too, for diseases abound—malaria, tuberculosis, leprosy, plus many of our own familiar ills. Extra excitements are afforded by crocodile and centipede bites!

THOSE WHO BUILD.

One worker is a fully-trained mechanic, serving our many marine engines, jeeps and lighting plants. Our area comprises much water and few roads. We have six powered vessels and another shortly to come. The service of our mission technicians is of major importance and abounds in training opportunities as well.

Last year's Solomon Islands Synod reported an urgent need for carpenters. Since the war, there has been much rebuilding and now new building work as well. The rehabilitation fund, raised in war-time New Zealand, has sunk from £100,000 to £30,000, but still there is work to do. Young New Zealand builders have served, some on three-year terms, others under the Order of St. Stephen for a year of unremunerated work.

THOSE AT HOME.

We have heard it said that the work of those in the "sending country" is to "pray and pay." But neither can be done intelligently without information. Thus our Foreign Mission Department engages in an education programme. "The Open Door," published quarterly for 35 years, keeps us abreast of our overseas missionary programme. It is a good investment for 2/6 a year, paid to your circuit agent. "The Lotu" is our children's missionary quarterly, available in bulk to Sunday Schools. Usually your circuit is visited annually also, either by a missionary on furlough or by the General Secretary, bringing pictures of the work.

Overseas missionary giving has been increasing, but the increase in costs and opportunities is even greater. Inflation is a serious factor in our financial problem, but only part of it. All through the years, far too few of our people (possibly only 35%) have effectively supported this work. We are thankful for the circuits who are organising to secure a better financial response to missions. Was **your** circuit one that bettered the 1955 effort in 1956? Was **your** circuit contribution above the Dominion average of 13/5d. per head?

Youth offerings for missions come through Circuit channels. Through the Methodist Women's Missionary Union efforts an annual amount of £3,200 comes to meet part of the cost of sisters' salaries. As well as this, there is the biennial effort for some special objective. The special funds of our society, medical, leper, Highlands establishment fund—all fill a valued function. But the main supply line is the annual circuit and M.W.M.U. contributions. The Solomon Islands Church meets the cost of maintaining the "native agents"—native ministers, catechists, teachers, dressers, boats' crews. The European missionaries—men and women—are mostly supported by the gifts of the home Church..

WHY THEY GO.

The missionary society aims primarily to evangelize—to announce the Gospel. The writer vividly

recalls a Sunday at Mendi in the New Guinea Highlands, spent in company with a young Solomon Islands' teacher, who went out simply telling the primitive groups who met us in each hamlet the story that "God is Love." In the Highlands, our work is direct evangelism.

But in the Solomon Islands, are not the people fully evangelized? True, many are fine Christians. But others, in backward areas, have not yet been fully visited with the power of the Gospel. The young church that grows up has now to contend with a generation that never knew the old heathenism, but is in danger of slipping into sophisticated, modern pagan ways. Indeed, each generation has to be evangelized. In this struggle, our missionary workers still have a vital part to play. Two important tasks they perform are the training of leaders, and the translation of the Scriptures. Translation and literature work goes on in every circuit, while leadership training is fostered not only in the local setting but especially through the District Training Institute at Banga and the new District Girls' School at Kihili, Buin.

As part of our Methodist heritage, we have received this missionary commission, in which the work of our fathers was greatly blessed of God. Rest assured that He likewise commissions us and will bless our work for Him.



At the Ecumenical Youth Conference. Sisters Phyllis Rudolph, Myra Fraser, Simon Rigamu of Teop Circuit and Solomon Alu of Vella Lavella.

(Photo: Presbyterian Photographic Unit).

GENERAL SECRETARY: An invitation was recently accepted for the General Secretary, Rev. S. G. Andrews, to consult at Sydney with the annual meeting of our Australian Mission Board regarding the policy and constitution of our New Guinea Highlands Mission. Mr. Andrews was away for two weeks during February.

As there will be no other workers available, North Island deputation will devolve this year on Mr. Andrews only. He will be visiting most of South Auckland and Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District, showing the coloured movie of our Highlands Mission, "Men of the Mountains."

In other North Island Districts local arrangements will be made for deputation. Mr. Andrews will, however, visit North Auckland in July and August.

Hopes in the Highlands

BASED ON THE WORKERS' REPORTS FOR 1956.

In the early years of our work in the New Guinea Highlands Mission Field, it does not surprise us to read that any year has been marked by a number of firsts. The first Tongan worker reached Tari in January, 1956. He was the Rev. David Mone, L.Th., whom many New Zealand Methodists will recall. Mr. Mone is now stationed in the Lai Valley, adjacent to Mendi.

The first male teacher, Mr. John Hutton, B.Sc., of Australia, has arrived at Tari to take over the planning and control of our educational work at that point.

For some time, the workers from the Papua Methodist District, from New Ireland and the Solomons, have been building up a fine team. Six such teachers from the Solomon Islands are now so engaged (John Pirah had to return recently to Bougainville, on account of the poor health of his child). But the coming of Sikota Bo of Choiseul and Eroni Sunde of Teop keeps the numbers up. This has been the team of workers called on as the first "teachers' stations" have been opened. Five such stations have now been established, three in the Mendi Valley, one in the Tari basin and one in the Lai Valley.

The opening of "teachers' stations" has made possible two other "firsts": the establishment of the first village school and the erection of the first church at a centre away from the two established mission stations.

Two valued Australian nursing sisters withdrew during 1956: Sister Joyce Walker for health reasons, and Sister Beth Priest in order to marry. Our New Zealand workers now comprise the Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Keightley (due for furlough this year), Sister Edith James and Mr. Gordon Dey. We originally undertook to provide four workers. A teaching sister is now required to complete the team.

LANGUAGE: The vital task of interpreting the Gospel in the terms and expressions and thought-forms of each particular Highland community is one which continues, and must continue, to exercise our time and attention. We again express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rule of the Unevangelised Fields Mission for providing additional material in the Huli language. With the aid of this Grammar, the staff at Tari have made good progress in language study. A small vernacular paper "Bi Henenedago" (True Word) is being duplicated to provide literature for the people. With a depleted staff at Mendi, due to furloughs and the opening of four Teachers' Stations, less time could be given to language study. An urgent need is the completion of the Grammar, even if this means someone being freed from other responsibilities for a year.

EDUCATION: If we consider education as being the whole process by which the mind is formed, and not simply formal teaching, the role of Christian education becomes apparent, especially in newly opened areas. As a church, we are called to identify ourselves with the people. The opening of Teachers' Stations, the study of the "mother tongue" of the people, their customs and beliefs, and the opening of village schools

with initial instruction in the vernacular, will surely serve all the people and result in an education for life in this environment, as it has done in other Pacific areas.

In contrast, the Administration opened the first Government school at Mendi in June, where the initial formal instruction is being given in English to certain selected students under the age of nine years. It is anticipated that this school will in due course become an area school, and later a central school. Entry to these "higher" schools will then be through the village schools.

We have set out to give the pupils in the village schools the opportunity to become literate, first in the vernacular and later in English. The close association they will have with our teachers, who are living amongst them, will help to provide a Christian education and lead to a development of character.

Attendance at the station schools at Mendi has been irregular but a little study of their culture indicates that we could scarcely expect it to be otherwise. The value of education is more difficult for them to comprehend than the value of Gold Lip shells. A recent change in our approach to the problem of attendance at Tari has proved successful and progress can be reported in each school.

MEDICAL: Following many delays, we were given permission in May to occupy land at Tari for our Hansende Centre. Some of the land has been cleared, buildings commenced and inpatients will be admitted in the near future. The grant of £2,000 from the Mission to Lepers (N.Z.) will be called on to establish this new work.

Maternal and infant welfare work continues on both stations. At Tari, the framework of the new Maternal Welfare building has been erected. A better response is anticipated, as this building will provide greatly improved facilities and help to overcome the cultural prejudices of the people. The teachers and their wives are attending to the minor ailments of the people around their stations. These personal contacts will be the means of winning the confidence of the people and should result in their coming more readily to our hospitals.



Sikota Bo and his wife Mary Savukesa latest Solomon Island workers to be appointed to the New Guinea Highlands.

Solomon Islands: Our Workers Write

N.B.—Many of the Annual Reports of our workers for 1956 went astray in the post. We have therefore a very limited selection to draw on.

BUILDINGS.

Although the Rehabilitation programme for the Solomon Islands is now well advanced, new building projects are continually added, and much remains to be done. "For the first time, accurate records have been possible," writes the Chairman of the District. "These should enable us to give better estimates in future. We have had considerable difficulty in obtaining the necessary timber supplies from Bougainville, largely owing to the New Guinea Government's demand for detailed information before issuing the necessary export permits. On one occasion the "Malakuna" waited a full week in vain. The Chairman interviewed the responsible officials in Port Moresby. They were much concerned, expressed regret, and made the best arrangements possible.

"The District Office was completed and opened early in the New Year, by Sister Edna White. It has been a very great joy to the Chairman, his Secretary and other members of the Staff. All records, cash, Circuit and District Books are now in the one place at the centre of the Mission's activities.

"The Engineer's house was completed just in time for Mr. and Mrs. Watson to take over from Mr. and Mrs. Mannall, and occupy the Second Minister's House. It has been built to a different design, and was erected for very little more than the estimate. The building programme at Munda is now completed except for the T.B. Ward and various minor erections such as Wash Kitchens.

"It was necessary for Mr. Sharples to revisit Choiseul in the absence of Mr. McDonald, to rebuild and repair the Dispensaries there, the white ant having gained an unwanted entrance. There should be no further need for a carpenter in Choiseul Circuit for some years. They now have some well-trained native carpenters who ought to be able to do whatever is needed.



Jubilee Church Hall, Roviana.

(Photo: Mr. W. W. Leonard).

"At Bilua Mr. Peterson, assisted for a short time by Mr. Wills, has been busy on the Boys' Hostel and in the preparation of concrete blocks for the buildings at Banga. He has also built an addition to the Girls' Dormitory as a Nursery. A Girls' Dormitory is in process of erection at Kekesu and a Women's Ward has been completed without a European carpenter.

"When Mr. Cornwell returned from furlough he brought Mr. Ball with him. A Building Committee met, and it was decided to proceed with the erection of a new Minister's House on the summit and adapt the present Minister's House for the Sisters. This work is now in process. **Two more carpenters are urgently required to continue the good work when Messrs. Sharples and Miller leave for furlough and Mr. Peterson completes his term as a St. Stephen's worker."**

N.B. — These workers are still on our list of urgent vacancies.

—Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, Roviana.

PROGRESS IN ROVIANA CIRCUIT.

The total numbers of members and adherents has increased by about three hundred. Our records are not absolutely accurate, but the total is not far short of five thousand five hundred, which is an all-time record. Good work has been done, but it is no easy task to create a Master Roll, when all previous records have been destroyed. There have been few deaths during the year, but the passing of Justin Kasa, the leading Chief of the Roviana District, cast a gloom over the society. He was well loved by all, a quiet, kindly, unobtrusive man, with a twinkle in his eye, who will be sadly missed. Just recently when the surveyor had intimated the limits of the Munda Airfield, which is to be brought into operation again, and had told the people in the vicinity that they must move elsewhere, Kasa remarked, "What is all the fuss about? The pilots are no fools. Cannot they land in a straight line, without requiring a lot of ground either side?"



Raft of Coconuts.

(Photo: Mr. W. W. Leonard).



High Commissioner Visits Roviana.

(Photo: Mr. W. W. Leonard).

HONIARA.

Since Sunday the 6th May, 1956, I began to go to the Central Mental Hospital for a short service with those who were improved but still in the hospital. This work was begun by the kind favour of the Senior Medical Officer and the Doctor in charge. There are sixteen patients in the hospital and the majority of them are improved and they are the members of their little congregation. One of them, James Paleo, who was one of our former Methodist teachers, went to settle the work at Ranoqa in Roviana. I am happy to say that he is now improving a lot in his case, and still faithful to the Lord.

In the orders of their service, I got to read the words of God to them in English and to sing two or three verses of hymn in Roviana, for James can help me in the Word while the others were humming the tune, because some of them don't know the words. Then I talk to them from the Bible in Pidjin English which everyone knows. After talk, another two verses of a hymn, then has to follow by a short prayer in pidjin too, and Benediction.

From the commencement of the Lotu to the Mental Hospital until now, it can be proved how important was their Lotu to them. For the power and the Divine Love of God was working in their hearts to cure and to improve their disordered minds.

—Rev. Aesake Vula, Honiara.

GIFTS TO OUR MEDICAL WORK.

This year has been wonderful in the answers to prayer and gifts of interested people.

1. **Operating Table:** I was at "Bassam" Plastic unit, Lower Hutt, and was asking about one, and Dr. Cicely Pickerill told me there were likely to be some new ones at Wellington Hospital and so the old ones might be available. I wrote to Dr. Mercer, Acting Superintendent in Chief, and he and Dr. Dave Reid chose one and it is to be sent as a gift from Wellington Hospital. The Secretary is to send a letter written by the Medical Superintendent to thank the Hospital Board for its generosity.
2. **Reid Rubber Ltd., Auckland:** Gift of a rubber mattress in two pieces for an operating table.

3. **CORSO:** For gifts covering two new artificial legs, one for Jimi Calebi, Vella Lavella, one for Timoli Poqeseno of Choiseul. The Board could write our grateful thanks for this and also for milk for undernourished folk here.
4. **American Cyanamid Co.:** For two extensive gifts of achromycin used on Ranonga in the treatment of yaws. One consignment arrived by air on 10th October, 1956. The value would be many thousands of pounds and the Secretary is to forward a letter written by the Medical Superintendent.
5. **Visit to Makogai:** We have to thank the Leper Trust Board for this very valuable visit.
6. **Operating Light and Suction for Theatre:** These were acquired cheaply, as was other theatre equipment.
7. A Personal gift made the purchase of a Standard Typewriter possible.

For all these gifts we thank God and the people concerned.

—Dr. G. E. Hault.

Dr. Hault was absent on furlough for much of the year under review. But of the work itself, he can write "Very busy. Total outpatients nearly 25,000 for British Solomon Islands and maternity cases nearly 300."

OZAMA LEPER ISLAND.

Number of patients, 30; births, 2; admissions, 8; discharges, 19.

I am indeed grateful that last year I was able to have a month away to visit the Tetero Leprosarium on Guadalcanal. It proved a very enjoyable and profitable time, and helped me in helping these folk. The number of discharges is encouraging, especially to those who remain on the Island, and, we hope, to those victims in the villages, who are afraid to show themselves for fear they spend the rest of their days on Ozama. June this year saw the new Church opened. It is very nicely built of European materials and has made the people's hearts very happy. I try to manage three afternoons a week at Ozama, one for sewing class. Several new houses have been built, new paths made which have been a great improvement.

My sincere thanks to all M.W.M.U. members for their grand support.

—Sister Joy Thompson, Bilua.



Church for Leper Patients at Ozama.



Vella Lavella Boys' Hostel.

VELLA LAVELLA BOYS' HOSTEL.

I officially opened the first building of the new Hostel on December 4th, 1956. A crowd of some 400 people was present.

Mr. David Peterson, who has been in charge of the building work, told of the task in building the first building in concrete blocks, and Mr. Shepherd spoke of how this was the first building which the Mission had erected in blocks. The Minister of the Circuit gave a review of the educational programme of the Circuit over the last four years, and traced the progress that has been made. He expressed the hope that the village schools would develop quickly, and that the idea of a Central School would become firmly fixed in the ideas and minds of the people. He hoped that eventually every boy on Vella Lavella and Ranonga would come for at least one year to the Circuit School to take a normal educational course.

The Hostel is built to cope with fifty boys and has an eye to the future. The buildings are strong and permanent, and should serve the Church well, with little or no repairs, for the next twenty years. The floor is concrete, the walls are concrete blocks and the windows are louver windows with wooden frames but a concrete sill. Wooden doors and door-facings, and an aluminium roof give a pleasing effect.



Miss Myra Switzer of Linwood, teaching in our Mission in Fiji.

The house consists of three bedrooms with a verandah running full length. Each room has eight louver windows and two doors in it. It is a cool, roomy building, and all who have seen it, both native and European visitors, have expressed themselves in glowing terms of the suitability and layout of the whole building.

We express to you, the Youth of New Zealand, our thanks for making possible this fine building. I am now pleased to report that at least one building is completed. A second dormitory, completed except for the roof (our order of aluminium roofing was not shipped from Sydney by the last steamer), and a dining room will be completed before Christmas. This consists of a cooking house, and a small room to seat fifty boys at six tables. When the whole job is finished we shall have a very good unit, and it will do much to lift the ways and thinking of the youth of Vella Lavella.

To the Youth of New Zealand, we say THANK-YOU.

—Rev. Trevor Shepherd, Vella Lavella.

A PIONEER PASSES.

On Saturday, December 8th, 1956, James Aririo, the first native born Teop to be appointed a teacher, died suddenly at Kekesu. When the Mission work began at Teop in 1922, he was early attracted to it, being then in his late teens. He entered school and became one of the Rev. H. G. Brown's outstanding men. So in 1927 he was appointed as a teacher to help to care for the growing work which was so severely handicapped for lack of teachers. He continued to serve as a teacher in many parts of what is now the Teop Circuit until the war, and was an acknowledged leader among the local teachers. When the Depression hit the Mission District the then Minister, faced with insufficient money, told the teachers that certain villages would have to be left without missionaries. Next day was Good Friday, and after the service James Aririo, usually shy and retiring, headed a deputation of the local teachers to the Minister. He, being the senior and married, was in receipt of six pounds per annum and the others received four pounds. He told Mr. Metcalfe that they could not agree to leaving villages without teachers, and that they would all work for one pound for six months, so that the extra money might be used to pay teachers for the villages that would otherwise have to be left without. In the need of the Kingdom of God, the shy, silent man had become the bold speaker. Of the quality of his work as a teacher there was no doubt, and many young folk have testified that his life and witness led them to Christ. His selfless devotion to the cause was shown by the fact that to his life's end he had virtually no money or native wealth though he was the head of a powerful clan, owners of considerable areas of land. His land he made available without stint to the Mission and he put aside the pursuit of wealth for the service of God.

From his youth he was always very interested in his own tongue and became the recognised native authority on the Teop language. He helped Mr. Brown and the Fijians to do the first translations, and to each succeeding Minister he became guide, counsellor, friend and consultant on all matters of the local tongue. Just two weeks before his death, the manuscript of the Gospel According to Saint Mark in the Teop language went to the Bible Society for printing, and no one was more thrilled than Aririo at the prospect of seeing

the Word of God in the hands of the people in their own tongue. And this will be one of his memorials, for it is he who above all others has laid the foundations of the written Teop language. His other memorial will be the lives of those he taught and led to Christ.

He will be missed for not only was he a chief by right of birth, but he was a servant of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a gracious, kindly friend to so many of us.

But the work of God goes on . . . on the very day that James Aririo was called to higher service, Simon Rigamu, the first Teop to become a catechist, was landing in New Zealand as one of the two representatives of the Island church—a new venture promising great things for the life of our Island Christians.

—Rev. G. G. Carter, Teop.



Bougainville Fortieth Anniversary Group: Opeti Hubela, Tonu; Chillion Kiau, Roviana; Gideon Kaegasi, Roviana; David Pausu, Tonu.

OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN BOUGAINVILLE.

Forty years ago, in answer to a request for a Methodist teacher to be sent to Siwai, the Revs. J. F. Goldie and J. G. When landed on the coast of Bougainville at Moreka. That day they were invited by the natives who met them on the beach, to walk to Harinai and sleep the night there, where many more natives could be quickly gathered together. In memory of that historic day three churches have been built and Jubilee services held.

The new churches at Moreka and Harinai were opened on Sunday, 14th October, by the Rev. A. H. Voyce, our Minister. The other Jubilee Church is here at Tonu. It was opened by the Rev. Kemueli Pita just before he returned to his own home in August, but it was dedicated during the Jubilee Service held here on the 19th October. The Revs. T. Shepherd, A. McDonald and John Taufu and Dr. Hoult were able to be with us at this time. Sister Ada Lee and the students of the Girls' School were also with us, and a number of native representatives from other circuits.

On the morning of the 19th, some of us were able to go down to Moreka. We stood on the beach where Mr. Goldie and Mr. When had stood forty

years ago. The same sea, the same beach; but what a difference the intervening years have made to the people who live behind the trees that line the coast! After looking at the new Church and the exceptionally neat line of houses in the village, we journeyed on back to Tonu. We rode in a truck, Mr. Goldie and Mr. When walked about ten miles through heavy rain.

When we arrived back at Tonu the bell was rung for Lotu. The eleven choirs were already seated in their places. Streams of people flowed towards the church but probably less than half finally found a seat inside. Mr. Voyce estimated that there must have been 1,500 people present at Tonu. The service was a really inspiring one. Some of the native teachers, who came to this work in its very early days, spoke of their experiences and of the difference that the Lotu had made.

George Tamatimo, one of those referred to by Mr. When as "fine, intelligent looking men," told of the coming of the party of Mission visitors in 1916, and David Pausu, one of the early teachers, referred to by Mr. Goldie as "dark Bougainville's" representative in the College at Roviana, told of early days in Siwai, when attendants at services indulged in all sorts of practices which would be impossible to-day, though numbers still go "to sleep" in services! Gideon "Shakespeare" Kaegasi, a Roviana teacher who served for six years in Siwai also spoke, much to the delight of the people.

It is hard for us to realise the enormity of the change because we have never seen and felt the black darkness that these people knew. However, in listening to the old people talking, we can be glad that God has caused the light to shine here as in our own land.

—Rev. A. H. Voyce and Sister Pamela Beaumont, Buin Circuit.



Mr. and Mrs. G. Beckingsale, of Takapuna Circuit, now serving in Methodist educational work in Samoa.

New Guinea Highlands:

From Our Workers' Reports

EDUCATION AT TARI.

Two groups of boys and men have met for school. The morning group is made up of younger boys, while the afternoon is made up of men working on the station. The average combined attendance over the last three months has been approximately 85 a day. We have been embarrassed at times by having more boys asking to come to us than we can accommodate. These groups have been under the care of first Alpheus Alekera, and later Rev. David Mone, and these have been assisted mainly by John Pirah. Rev. C. J. Keightley has been making a significant contribution in pushing a group ahead in more advanced reading in the Huli language. Our thanks are due to these for steady progress towards our goal of an education that will fit the people for a larger life.

We pay tribute here to Sister Edith James' fine work in organising a class of girls. We are indeed pleased to hear of the appointment of Mr. C. J. Hutton to our Educational work, and we are hopeful of further progress. We have appreciated the assistance of Miss E. F. Wilson, especially in the work of Primer preparation, in which she worked with the U.F.M. Staff on a vastly improved work.

Sunday School: At the December quarterly meeting, Mrs. Keightley was appointed Superintendent of the Sunday School and has made a splendid contribution to its work. The Sunday School has been completely reorganised and a large group gathers each Sunday. In connection with the school a class for preparation of the lessons is held weekly. Some very important language work is being done and language experience thus obtained.

—Rev. Roland Barnes.

TEACHING IN MENDI.

The Mendi children are not regular in their attendance at school. Their Mendi culture and their family ties are of vital importance to them, and this is as it should be. We have not been able to determine a cycle of seasons for the feasts which involve many months of preparation, nor for the ripening of the pandanus nuts and other family concerns. At the time of writing, the majority of the Mendi pupils are away, after a celebration at Dubid on June 15th. In former years, feasts of this kind took place in December (1952) and March (1954). If we could find a pattern for these occasions, we should arrange school holidays accordingly. As it is, the best arrangement seems to be one week's holiday at the end of each quarter, and three or four weeks at Christmas.

The children who come most regularly are those who live at the Mission Station. But their living here involves the provision of food. Their parents will not supply food while they are at school, because their help is not available for gardening duties at home. They are encouraged to make their own gardens on the Mission land, and to be self-supporting by making their own gardens on the Mission land. A small issue of clothing is given, and soap and salt, and they are expected to carry out some duties daily, as do students in all Mission Districts. One or two boys are promising well. After nearly five years' living at the Mission Station, they are strong and healthy, and show a reasonable development of character.

When the school opened in January after the vacation, several small boys came to live here. When one boy died as a result of eating uncooked cassava roots, and others were very ill, they went away. They and many others live within easy walking distance and could come every day. Here we have the problem of indifference. Neither the children nor their parents have seen the value that education may have for them. The motivation for their attendance must come from themselves, for we have done everything that could have been done to attract them. When the people desire to know Christian truth, and to read and write letters, then they will send their children to school.

—Miss Elsie Wilson.

AGRICULTURE IN THE HIGHLANDS.

Agriculture has again proved a valuable contact with the people, as their interests are in this direction. Because of their primitive methods they need the instruction in crop culture, and we feel that we are able to give it to them. At the same time, we are able to reach them for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Livestock: The cattle are still doing very well. A small area of pasture is being established. About 1,300 yards of barbed wire fence has been erected on the boundaries of the agricultural lease, but there is considerably more to be done.

School: Instruction in the school has been continued and is reaching a stage where the older children are receiving benefit from it, especially as they apply better gardening practices in their individual gardens.

Passionfruit: A programme of co-operation with the local Government authority was worked out, and between forty and fifty passionfruit plants were distributed among the peoples of Mendi, Tari, Erave and Ialibu. Most of these were given to the Mendi people.

It was found, however, on one particular occasion that hundreds of plants were abandoned after distribution. These people do not appreciate help and do not encourage assistance. On one occasion when the District Commissioner was present, plants were being distributed and some of the leading men said they did not want them as the plants would surely die. In spite of this attitude, we are continuing our plans for extension.

—Mr. D. A. Johnston, Mendi.

"BI HENENEDAGO": THE TRUE WORD.

Teaching people to read is of little value, unless at the same time, you can provide them with reading material. It needs little imagination to realise that books and papers are a most valuable means of imparting knowledge, and that a suitable literature published in the native's own tongue is a vital factor in aiding his mental and spiritual development. To meet this need we have embarked on a plan to publish as often as we can a little paper called "Bi Henedago"—The True Word. Already we have published our first number, in the preparation of which both Mrs. Keightley and I played a big part. This is proof to us that we are making progress with the language.

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ABOUT PEOPLE

CONGRATULATIONS: The safe arrival of sons to the Rev. A. C. and Mrs. Watson and to Mr. R. A. and Mrs. Mannall has brought rejoicing to Roviana and to many N.Z. friends of both couples.

OBITUARY: During the recent furlough in Australia of the Rev. J. R. and Mrs. Metcalfe, the death occurred at Melbourne of Mr. Stanford, Mrs. Metcalfe's father. He had reached a great age and maintained throughout a ripe Christian experience. A message on behalf of New Zealand friends has gone to Mrs. Metcalfe.

ECUMENICAL YOUTH CONFERENCE: About 1,100 Christian young people spent the New Year period at Palmerston North for the Ecumenical Youth Conference. 200 Methodists attended. Quite the most obvious were Solomon Alu of Vella Lavella and Simon Rigamu of Teop Circuit, who were accompanied by the General Secretary. Our Solomon Islands missionary staff were well represented. The party attending was comprised of Sisters Myra Fraser, Rewa Williamson, Audrey Highnam, Phyllis Rudolph and Beulah Reeves, besides the Rev. Philip Taylor and Mrs. Taylor (nee Sister Davinia Clark). Also present was Mr. Paula Sotutu, Fijian University student and local preacher of Christchurch, who was born in the Solomons of Fijian missionary parentage. Paula, Sister Audrey and Mr. Taylor were among the study group leaders.

SOLOMON ISLANDS VISITORS: Following the Youth Conference, Solomon Alu and Simon Rigamu shared in the Youth Department's North Island Bus Tour. The rest of January was spent mainly in New Plymouth Circuit. They spent last month in North Canterbury, joining in the youth life of that district. This month they are to divide between Gisborne and Tauranga. Following Easter Camps in Wellington, Wairarapa and Manawatu, our two visitors are to depart by air for home. Will friends interested please note that the arrangements for the New Zealand itinerary are in the hands of the Senior Youth Director, 75 Taranaki St., Wellington, C.3.

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In February, Mr. Barnes and I received permits to Pari, which is two hours walking from here, for the purpose of carrying out missionary work. Our visits have resulted in the establishing of our first native teacher's station out from Hoiabia, the site of our Central Mission station. Since its establishment we have paid regular monthly visits, and it is pleasing to know that good progress has been made with its development.

Finally, I must add that Mrs. Keightley has been of great assistance to me and has done much to encourage me in my work. Moreover, she has taken an active part in language research and dictionary work, and also as Superintendent of the Sunday School. In both spheres, as everybody recognises, she has served the Mission well. Under her leadership the Sunday School has been reorganised and much valuable lesson material has been translated.

—Rev. C. J. Keightley, Tari.

SISTERS' DEDICATION SERVICES:

Three new missionary sisters have been dedicated in recent weeks. A service of dedication is also to be held at Pukekohe early this month for Sister Phyllis Rudolph (teacher) prior to her departure for further training at George Brown College, Sydney.

As reported in a previous issue, Sister Audrey Highnam was dedicated at Trinity Church, Wanganui, on Sunday evening, December 9th. In the absence of both the Chairman and the Chairman-Elect of the Taranaki-Wanganui District, Sister Audrey's former minister, the Rev. G. R. Thompson, presided. Mr. E. L. F. Buxton, a former Vice-President of Conference, was associated in the service. Miss M. H. Hanham of New Plymouth represented the Dominion Executive of the M.W.M.U. Simply but sincerely, the new sister paid tribute to parents, colleagues and others who had helped her by their fellowship and understanding, and expressed her joy in being able to return among friends for her dedication.

On January 27th the tiny Te Kowhai Church was filled by her neighbours and by friends from far and near for the dedication of Sister Beulah Reeves, prior to her departure for the District Girls' School at Kihili, Buin, Bougainville. The candidate was introduced by the General Secretary to the Rev. W. R. Francis, Chairman of the South Auckland District, who conducted the service and delivered a thoughtful and appropriate address. The new Dominion President of the M.W.M.U. (Mrs. S. T. Carter) attended with other members of her executive and conveyed in person the greetings of the Union.



Sister Beulah Reeves, appointed to District Girls' School, Kihili.

The President of Conference, the Rev. Dr. R. Dudley, made the journey to Blenheim for the dedication on January 29th of Sister Lesley Bowen, who departed later that week to nurse in the Solomon Islands. Assisting in the service were the Rev. H. E. Harkness and Mr. Hedley Oldham, a member of the Foreign Mission Board, who read the Scriptures.

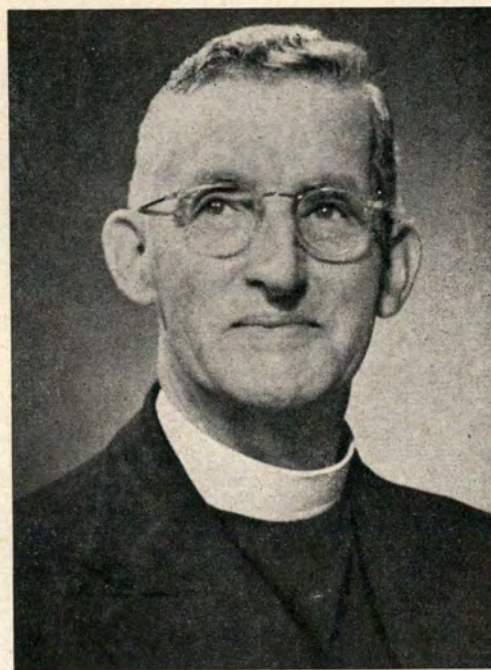
Sister Lesley's testimony to the influences that had led to her answering the call to missionary service was deeply moving for every member of the large congregation that had gathered from many parts of the Circuit. After a most impressive Act of Dedication culminating in the Communion Service, the President spoke on, "Dedication and the Common Task," taking as his text I Samuel 3:15, "Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the House of the Lord."

At the Social Hour which followed, floral sprays were presented to Sister Lesley and her mother, and also to Mrs. Dudley. Mrs. V. Wright, President of the Blenheim Missionary Auxiliary, speaking on behalf of the women of the Church, assured Sister Lesley of their continued support in prayer and in other ways. Mrs. Wright also conveyed greetings from the Nelson-Marlborough District Council of the M.W.M.U. and read a number of telegrams and letters of greetings from friends, particularly from Napier and North Canterbury.

Mr. F. H. Southgate, as Circuit Steward, brought the greetings of the Blenheim Circuit, while the President and Mrs. Dudley both spoke on behalf of the Church as a whole.



Sister Phyllis Rudolph (teacher) to train at George Brown College, Sydney.



Rev. Albert Blakemore, now retiring after ten years as Clerical Treasurer of Foreign Mission Department.

OF NOTE:

Both at the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board and at the Conference, the names of two faithful servants of the Church were much to the fore. One name was that of John R. Metcalfe, whose notice of withdrawal from the Solomon Islands Mission was received. This notice takes effect a year hence, when opportunity will be taken to record adequately the appreciation of the Church of the service rendered through 37 years by Mr. Metcalfe and 41 years by Mrs. Metcalfe, whose service as Sister Ivy Stanford dates back to 1916.

The other name was that of Albert Blakemore, whose service for more than ten years as Clerical Treasurer of the Department has been marked by quiet efficiency and a gracious and effective witness. Owing to a vocal defect, Mr. Blakemore had to retire early from the active work of the ministry. Very shortly after that, the post of Clerical Treasurer fell vacant in the Foreign Mission Department. There, Mr. Blakemore's early business training equipped him for a ministry, which however was far more than keeping books. In his personal relationships with our workers, with the office staff and with circuit secretaries, Mr. Blakemore revealed himself a pastor and administrator, in whom all his associates felt a strong and affectionate confidence. Conference expressed the regret of the Church that home circumstances now make it essential for Mr. Blakemore to vacate his office. At the moment, there is no successor in sight. The duties of the Clerical Treasurer are being shared between the Lay Treasurer (Mr. G. S. Gapper) and the General Secretary.

The Rev. S. G. Andrews, who has fulfilled five years of service as General Secretary, was designated by Conference for reappointment a year hence for a further six-year term.

WOMEN'S PAGE

M. W. M. U.

Methodist Women's
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Dear Friends,

Greetings from the new Dominion Executive. Most of you will know that it was found necessary to change the location of the Dominion Executive after only one year. We all thank Mrs. Symmans and her executive for the wonderful contribution they made to the Union in their year of office. We ask your prayerful support of the new executive as they take over this great work.



New Dominion Executive of Methodist Women's Missionary Union. — Mesdames H. J. Beavis (Secretary), S. T. Carter (President), J. O. Coker (Treasurer).

I hope you have all enjoyed the holiday season and by this time you will be starting your meetings in your local Church. During the last month Mrs. Beavis and I went to see Sister Audrey Highnam who is going to Choiseul as a nurse to take Sister Jessie's place. Sister Audrey left by air on January 11th. Then on February 1st, four girls left Auckland for the Solomons. Sister Lesley Bowen, a nurse, went to Roviana, Sister Beulah Reeves, a teacher, is going to help Sister Ada Lee at Kihili with the Girls' School. Miss Beryl Grice who is going to Roviana to visit her twin sister Audrey for three months, will then take an appointment for nine months with the Foreign Mission Board. Sister Rewa Williamson who returned to Keesu where she is the nurse, also went that day and she left a message for you all. "I would like to say how thrilled I have been during my furlough to get to know so many M.W.M.U. women. At the Conference at Invercargill and also at the Church Conference at Auckland, I learnt what a live and friendly group of women the M.W.M.U. is. I want to say through you how grateful I am for the support and love of the women throughout New Zealand. Such grand meetings are a spiritual and mental uplift that we miss on the field." Sister Rewa was pleased to meet so many groups of the P.W.M.U. women combining with our members, as she came from the Presbyterian Church.

I paid a visit to the Maori Centre at Auckland where Sister Nicholls is in charge. There have been a few changes in staff. Sister Kathleen Rogers who was

doing the outer southern district has been transferred to Hokianga district. Sister Joyce Foster has taken Sister Kathleen's place. Sister Hana Hauraki came to help in the City and suburbs in place of Sister Jean Miller who is having a year's rest. These Sisters all work from the Centre and travel many miles doing their job. The district extends from Helensville and Wellsford in the north to Port Waikato and Glen Murray in the south.

We congratulate the Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Watson and Mr. and Mrs. R. Mannall on the arrival of a son to each of them. I am sure you would all like to send them greetings and best wishes. We are glad to know that Mrs. Shepherd and her family are settled and that the children seem to be benefitting from the change of climate.

Our Special Objective this year is for the Sisters at Tonu where the carpenter is building a Maternity Ward and a Girls' Dormitory. Word has come that the Maternity Ward is finished. How glad Sister Mary will be, as the old building was falling down. The Girls' Dormitory which adjoins the Sisters' house is being built and the girls will be very happy when they have their nice new building. So you see, ladies, we have something which is already on the way to work for, and we hope our Special Objective will be a good effort this year.

Sister Edith James has asked that the money allocated for her work should be used for a Projector and a motor to run it. She says there will be plenty of opportunities to use it and the motor will also be useful to charge the batteries for the microscope for the Hanside work.

Yours in Missionary Bonds,

GLADYS CARTER.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

AUCKLAND:—The Christmas Meeting was held in the BiCentennial Hall, Pitt Street. Representatives from 24 Auxiliaries were present, together with visitors, retired missionaries and two Solomon Island men, Simon Rigamu and Solomon Alu who had just arrived in New Zealand. After introducing Sister Rita Snowden, Vice-President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, District President, welcomed all to this very special service for the Dedication of the incoming Dominion Executive. The Induction service opened with hymn 29 and a short address by Mrs. Symmans of New Plymouth. Members then repeated the Prayer of Dedication. Sister Rita introduced to Mrs. Symmans and Mrs. James, retiring officers, the incoming Executive, Mrs. S. T. Carter (President), Mrs. G. Beavis (Secretary), and Mrs. J. O. Coker (Treasurer). With a few well-chosen words, Mrs. Symmans presented the President's Bible to Mrs. S. T. Carter of Birkdale, who, in her response, thanked the retiring officers for their faithful service and expressed the hope that the new officers would fulfil their duties as efficiently. Jude's consecration hymn beautifully sung by Mrs. McPherson added to the solemnity of the occasion. The Christmas Offering was dedicated by Sister Rita. The guest speaker was Mrs. L. A. Davison who for 24 years was a mission-

ary in Ethiopia. She gave a most interesting talk on customs and life in the village before and after Christianity had been accepted, clearly showing the great need for Christian witness. Our soloist then sang a bracket of Christmas songs.

WAITEMATA:—The Christmas Meeting was held at Devonport. Mrs. Carter spoke of the gradual change from the thoughts of a White Christmas and Christmas Trees to the more important celebration of the birthday of Jesus.

We were urged to make a special effort to help the Home Sisters this year with a good supply of used clothing. Three first-timers to Conference each gave a short sketch of their impressions. At the afternoon meeting our new President, Mrs. Jones, gave a short devotional talk on Christmas.

We were delighted to welcome Miss Griffin back after her school year in Fiji. She told us of her work at the Indian Mission School there. In many cases the school children are helping their parents to learn to read and write. To be able to read the Scriptures has helped many to become Christians. Miss Griffin spoke of Christ's new command, "Love one another as I have loved you."

FRANKLIN:—The November meeting was held at Bombay with a good attendance of representatives from every Auxiliary. The President, Mrs. Thomas, called on Mrs. Higham of Papakura to lead our devotions. Mrs. Higham spoke of the need to show kindness, understanding and goodwill in all things, however small.

Flowers were presented to Mrs. Thornicroft who is leaving Bombay early next year. Two first-timers gave us some thoughts of Conference. Emphasis was laid on the need for workers overseas and trainees for Maori work.

Pukekohe Auxiliary recently held its 21st birthday, thanksgiving for the past being emphasised. Many greetings were received, and it was felt that the whole afternoon was really worth-while.

BAY OF PLENTY:—The November meeting was held at Matamata, six Auxiliaries being represented. Mrs. Climo (Te Puke) took devotions, speaking on Power. The mystery of steam, electric and atomic power were spoken of, and Heavenly Power which we must learn to work with and obey in our daily life that we might be the instrument of God's music in the world.

Quarterly finance totalled £31/2/7. It was suggested that 2/- a year be given towards travelling expenses of Conference representatives. A suggestion was approved that an intercessory period of prayer be held in all 1957 meetings. A panel of speakers to be drawn from ministers and other people with a message to give was also planned. Mrs. Jamieson gave an interesting account of her first M.W.M.U. conference.

An interesting letter was read from Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Keightley, New Guinea, telling of their progress with the leprosarium, hospital, trade store and coffee plantation. Various Auxiliary reports told of aprons and coat-hangers sent to Kurahuna girls, also clothes and books to Sisters, while Matamata (Evening) had sent four film-strips on the life of Peter and Paul to the Rev. G. A. R. Cornwell at Skotolan. Rotorua (Evening) formed in a new area just recently, now has ten keen members. Opotiki, also new, hopes to make a good start in 1957. Mrs. Mapp (Council Sec.) explained letters from Headquarters and much helpful discussion arose on many points raised.

THAMES VALLEY:—Meeting was held at Paeroa last quarter. Rev. D. Burt gave the pre-Communion address. Representatives from all Auxiliaries were wel-

comed by the President. Arrangements were made to hold a Convention at Te Aroha on April 29th, 1957. Brief reports were received from all Auxiliaries. Income for the quarter, £5/2/6. Mrs. Ranby suggested that more interest be taken by Christian people in Intellectually Handicapped children. The President thanked our representatives for their fine reports on the Dominion Conference.

MANAWATU:—Last quarter's meeting was held at St. Paul's, Palmerston North. There were 46 members present, all except two auxiliaries being represented. Our Council was congratulated by the Dominion Box Secretary for having sent the largest number of parcels during the year. Arrangements were made for Conference representatives to report to auxiliaries not represented there. Detailed and vivid accounts of Conference were given by those who had represented Manawatu at Invercargill. A prayer period closed the meeting.

WAIRARAPA:—A district rally was held at Masterton, Carterton, Greytown and Eketahuna. Mrs. Ross presided and based her devotional thoughts on the opening devotional period of the Invercargill conference.

Auxiliary reports showed keen interest taken in all branches of our work. It was reported that tea coupons are now a source of revenue. Comprehensive reports of the recent Dominion Conference were given by three representatives. A prayer session was held, members taking part.

WELLINGTON:—A Thanksgiving service was held in Wesley Church, Taranaki Street. The offering amounted to £125/9/4, and was dedicated by Mrs. Symmans, who also gave the address, her theme being, "Sing, rejoice and give thanks."

At the Council meeting Mrs. McCaughey led the devotions, her message being, "Listen, hear, and go tell." An interesting discussion was held on the amalgamation of Auxiliaries and Guilds. Several Auxiliaries had begun combined meetings. As it is felt by some that this is a backward move, these experiments will be watched with interest by the District Council. The rally in the afternoon combined with the District Guild Fellowship when Mrs. McDowell gave a talk on her experience at the World Federation of Methodist Women. She emphasized the need for training leaders and planning at least six months ahead for the new officers.

WEST COAST:—Eleven members attended the last meeting of the District Council. The President read the Dominion President's opening address given at the Dominion Conference. There was a lengthy discussion on the finance report brought back by our representative. A tribute was paid to the late Miss Brentt. Special mention was made of the Maori girls at Kurahuna and their requirements. The Balance sheet this quarter showed £26/4/4.

NORTH CANTERBURY:—There was a good attendance at the Quarterly meeting in the Durham Street Schoolroom. Mrs. H. L. Fiebig presided and led the Devotions, bringing messages from the devotional periods at the recent M.W.M.U. Conference. Mrs. Virtue, a past Dominion President of the M.W.M.U. was welcomed and introduced Miss Lesley Bowen who will be leaving New Zealand in February to take up work as a Nursing Sister in the Solomon Islands. Mrs. Fiebig presented her with a gift of linen from the members. It was reported that the Greendale and Darfield Auxiliaries had amalgamated. Reports of the recent Dominion Conference at Invercargill were given by seven different representatives.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Circuit Contributions, 1956

For our annual appeal year, 1956, there was again a lift in contributions from circuits. The £17,900 level of 1955 rose to £18,900 in 1956. This represents an increase of approximately 5% for the past year and one of about 17% on the figure of two years ago, when we challenged circuits to a rise of 20%.

In spite of this encouraging increase, the giving still barely keeps pace with the rising costs. It is important that those circuits which have responded to the challenge maintain, if they do not raise still further, the level of their giving, and that those circuits which have not yet achieved the 20% increase make every effort to do so this year.

The average giving per church member in 1956 was 13/5d.

In the returns below, circuit giving includes contributions for teachers and orphans.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

	1954	1955	1956
Auckland Central:	£	£	£
Pitt Street	148	236	221
Trinity—Kingsland	60	80	90
St. Judes	49	50	56
Pt. Chevalier	8	18	22
Gt. North Road	1	1	2
West. Springs	1	1	—
Other	—	—	100
	<u>266</u>	<u>386</u>	<u>491</u>
Auckland Central Mission:			
Circuit Total	<u>75</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>128</u>
Auckland South:			
Dominion Rd.	108	125	124
Roskill	54	59	70
Sandringham	28	32	36
Hillsborough	—	4	8
	<u>190</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>238</u>
Auckland West:			
Circuit Total	<u>39</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>61</u>
Auckland East:			
Epsom	177	203	238
Remuera	198	201	203
Mt. Eden	130	165	146
Mission Bay	124	112	126
Collegiate	26	13	15
Newmarket	23	9	11
Pakuranga	10	10	15
Panmure	18	13	27
Glendowie	2	10	3
Howick	16	16	22
Glen Innes	—	5	3
Tamaki	—	3	—
	<u>724</u>	<u>760</u>	<u>809</u>
Henderson:			
Circuit Total	<u>72</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>76</u>

	1954	1955	1956
Avondale:	£	£	£
Mt. Albert	163	161	169
Avondale	23	13	17
New Lynn	16	13	29
Waterview	15	15	21
Other	—	—	26
	<u>217</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>262</u>
Devonport:			
Devonport	65	70	62
Stanley Bay	21	23	17
Vauxhall	7	8	9
	<u>93</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>88</u>
Takapuna:			
Takapuna	114	103	195
Campbell's Bay	25	21	26
Brown's Bay	9	6	4
Torbay	7	1	6
Rothesay Bay	9	21	22
Taharoto Rd.	—	1	—
	<u>164</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>253</u>
Birkenhead:			
Birkenhead	100	122	108
Northcote	22	39	32
Beachhaven	4	7	6
Glenfield	6	6	7
Greensithe	1	1	1
	<u>133</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>154</u>
Onehunga:			
Circuit Total	<u>166</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>200</u>
Otahuhu:			
Circuit Total	<u>64</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>76</u>
Papatoetoe:			
Circuit Total	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>94</u>

THE OPEN DOOR

	1954	1955	1956
Papakura:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	85	88	94
Pukekohe:			
Pukekohe			88
Mauku			31
Karaka	No Details		11
	65	112	130
Bombay-Tuakau:			
Bombay			22
Rama Rama			8
Paparata			6
Ararimu			10
Tuakau			14
	52	49	60
Waiuku:			
Circuit Total	79	82	107
North Waitemata:			
Silverdale	5	7	
Helensville	4	3	
Kaukapakapa	8	6	
Glorit	3	1	
Makarau	3	2	
Wainui			ND
Waimauku	4	2	
Orewa	1	5	
Waitoki	4	10	
Manly	2	2	
Dairy Flat	2	2	
Stanmore Bay	2	4	
	38	44	32
Paparoa:			
Paparoa	13		10
Matakohe	10		8
Taipuha	1		
Ararua			1
No Local Details	10		
	34	48	19
Dargaville:			
Dargaville	53	64	
Te Kopuru	54	36	ND
Other Places	3		
	110	100	101
Ruawai:			
Ruawai	25	28	
Arapohue	15	34	ND
Tokatoka	40	14	
Rally			
	80	76	77
Mahurangi:			
Circuit Total	34	61	89

	1954	1955	1956
Whangarei:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	100	81	126
Hikurangi:			
Circuit Total	25	10	
Whangaroa:			
	28	34	16
Port Albert:			
Port Albert	168	202	222
Wellsford	30	30	32
Wayby	20	14	19
Wharehine	6	7	5
Mangawhai	1	5	1
Pakiri	5	4	3
Tomarata	6	9	5
	236	271	287
Kawakawa-Kaikohe:			
Kawakawa			10
Kaikohe			4
Pakaraka			1
Opua			1
Paihia			2
Moerewa			1
Ohaewai			2
Puketona			1
Other			1
	24	24	23
Mangonui:			
Circuit Total	69	82	67
Hokianga:			
Circuit Total	26	27	39
N. Hokianga:			
Broadwood	23		31
Kohukohu	8		6
Mangamuka	1		1
Omahutu	1		2
Umawera	1		1
Mata Road	1		1
Horeke	1		1
Motukaraka	1		3
Tauteihihi	1		1
	38	48	47
Bay of Islands:			
Russell	8	14	10
SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT			
Thames:			
Circuit Total	57	60	91
Hauraki Plains:			
Circuit Total	28	32	51

	1954	1955	1956		1954	1955	1956
	£	£	£		£	£	£
Paeroa:				Putaruru:			
Circuit Total	61	60	63	Putaruru			24
				Tokoroa			12
					28	31	36
Waihi:				Rotorua:			
Circuit Total	59	60	67	Circuit Total	66	54	81
Te Aroha:				Tauranga:			
Te Aroha		56		Circuit Total	167	285	303
Eastport Rd.	ND	48	ND				
Springdale		23		Whakatane:			
	123	127	133	Circuit Total	31	40	47
Morrinsville:				Opotiki:			
Morrinsville	134	104	160	Circuit Total	67	65	47
Waitoa	34	66	38				
Tatuanui	59	35	32	Te Awamutu:			
Tauhei	13	13	7	Te Awamutu	93	ND	108
Tahuna	11	13	15	Piorongia	12		13
	251	232	252		105	114	121
Cambridge:				Otorohanga:			
St. Paul's	85	102	100	ircuit Total	84	108	81
Fencourt	8	11	5				
Leamington	11	14	14	Te Kuiti:			
Kaipaki	3	4	5	Circuit Total	17	17	18
	107	131	124				
				Taumarunui:			
Hamilton:				ircuit Total	30	18	32
St. Paul's	191	274	304				
St James'	28	25	26	Ohura:			
Wesley	10	23	27	Circuit Total	39	46	49
Moon Memorial	9	12	12				
Maeroa	12	7	17	Ngaruawahia:			
	250	341	386	Ngaruawahia	5	ND	
				Te Kowhai	13		
Huntly:				Glen Massey			
Circuit Total	30	29	28		18	23	16
Raglan:				Kawhia:			
Union Parish	32	27	35	Circuit Total	11	2	11
Hamilton East:				Coromandel:			
St. John's	131	176	185	Circuit Total	35	29	23
Rototuna	18	35	30				
Matangi	18	22	18	TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.			
Horsham Downs	3	4	7	New Plymouth:			
Puketaha	1	1	2	Circuit Total	297	245	282
Other			2				
	171	238	244	Stratford:			
				Circuit Total	110	111	83
Matamata:							
Matamata	89	114	129	Eltham-Kaponga:			
Te Poi	37	43	43	Circuit Total	60	82	77
Walton	3	6	9				
Other			15				
	129	163	196				

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	1954	1955	1956
Waitara:	£	£	£
Waitara	33	34	
Lepperton	4	4	
Uruti	5	5	ND
Urenui	1	8	
Pukearuki	1	2	
	<u>44</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>38</u>

Hawera:			
Hawera	78	89	123
Patea	3	7	13
	<u>81</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>136</u>

Manaia:			
Manaia	16	25	
Aurora	12	3	
Okaiawa	2	3	ND
Matapu	—	1	
	<u>30</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>

Opunake:			
Circuit Total	<u>145</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>134</u>

Whanganui Central:			
Circuit Total	<u>153</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>179</u>

Wanganui North:			
Aramoho	94	107	107
Dublin St.	27	31	33
Wanganui East	21	21	23
	<u>142</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>163</u>

Wanganui West:			
Circuit Total	<u>35</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>63</u>

Taihape:			
Circuit Total	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>

Inglewood:			
Circuit Total	<u>29</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>28</u>

Marton:			
Circuit Total	<u>16</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>40</u>

Raetihi:			
Circuit Total	<u>—</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>20</u>

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

Napier:			
Trinity	202	215	259
Greenmeadows	29	30	28
Wesley Hall	5	10	6
Westshore	2	5	4
Other	—	—	5
	<u>238</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>302</u>

	1954	1955	1956
Hastings:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	<u>190</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>239</u>

Gisborne:			
Wesley	90	86	96
Te Hapara	15	6	9
Mangapapa	13	18	15
	<u>118</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>120</u>

Wairoa:			
Circuit Total	<u>34</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>48</u>

Dannevirke:			
Circuit Total	<u>87</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>80</u>

Woodville:			
Circuit Total	<u>60</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>73</u>

Pahiatua:			
Circuit Total	<u>76</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>78</u>

Palmerston North (St. Paul's):			
St. Paul's	268	254	265
Aokautere	7	2	18
Roslyn	2	3	26
	<u>277</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>309</u>

Palmerston North (Trinity):			
Trinity	236	278	265
Longburn	10	5	10
West End	2	—	—
	<u>248</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>275</u>

Ashhurst:			
Ashhurst		ND	36
Bunnythorpe			43
Pohangina			21
	<u>78</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>100</u>

Feilding:			
Feilding	210	289	265
Colyton	46	52	52
Waituna	21	54	29
Halcombe	20	3	14
Stanway	5	2	—
Makino	3	—	—
Cheltenham	1	—	2
Others	—	—	11
	<u>306</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>373</u>

Sanson-Rongotea:			
Sanson	58	71	59
Rongotea	60	45	53
Taikorea	30	33	35
	<u>148</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>147</u>

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	1954	1955	1956
Waipawa:	£	£	£
Waipawa	25	23	49
Waipukurau	7	8	—
Onga Onga	25	22	36
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	57	53	85

Foxton:			
Foxton	ND	18	33
Shannon		27	13
Foxton Beach		3	12
Oroua Downs		2	6
Himatangi		13	—
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	41	63	64

Apiti:			
Apiti	16	13	
Rangiwahia	8	12	ND
Umutoe	4	7	
Ruahine	3	5	
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	31	37	30

Norsewood:			
Circuit Total	11	9	14

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central:			
Wesley	ND	246	230
Brooklyn		30	27
Aro Street		2	
Unspecified		5	
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	266	283	257

Wellington West:			
Karori		92	112
Northland	ND	79	82
Thorndon		39	30
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	192	210	224

Wellington South:			
Trinity	ND	83	100
Island Bay		36	37
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	86	119	137

Wellington East:			
Hataitai	97	111	85
Lyall Bay	48	51	50
Miramar	33	42	44
Worser Bay	23	37	28
Other	13	15	7
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	214	256	214

Wellington North:			
Ngaio			83
Cashmere			8
Johnsonville			36
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	108	124	127

	1954	1955	1956
Porirua:	£	£	£
Porirua	14	16	
Plimmerton	15	19	
Tawa Flat	22	27	ND
Pukerua Bay	2	3	
Circuit Efforts	5	10	
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	58	75	66

Hutt:			
Circuit Total	390	393	427

Taita Union:			
Circuit Total	15	9	12

Upper Hutt:			
Circuit Total	72	52	74

Wainui-o-mata Parish:			
Circuit Total		6	7

Petone:			
Circuit Total	72	78	84

Greytown- Featherston:			
Circuit Total	38	49	50

Carterton			
Circuit Total	47	53	55

Masterton:			
Circuit Total	192	205	197

Ekotahuna:			
Circuit	24	32	37

Levin:			
Circuit Total	111	166	162

Otaki:			
Circuit Total	42	27	30

Paraparaumu:			
Paraparaumu			19
Paraparaumu Beach			6
Raumati South			3
Paekakariki			13
Waikanae			9
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	28	49	50

NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson:			
Circuit Total	188	202	207

Waimea:			
Circuit Total	135	161	155

Motueka			
Circuit Total	76	95	82

	1954	1955	1956
Blenheim:	£	£	£
Blenheim	182	179	213
Tua Marina	44	54	46
Picton	47	46	63
Springlands	18	24	24
Rapaura	16	25	24
Havelock	—	2	15
Others	13	18	13
	<u>320</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>398</u>

Reefton:			
Reefton	20	27	25
Black's Point	7	11	18
Ikamatua	3	21	—
Rahu	—	2	—
	<u>30</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>43</u>

Westport:			
Westport	49	62	51
Stockton	3	3	3
Others	—	1	—
	<u>52</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>54</u>

Greymouth:			
Circuit Total	58	89	89

Hokitika:			
Circuit Total	23	28	38

Murchison:			
Circuit Total	35	37	33

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch (Durham St.):			
Durham St.	181	296	—
Cashmere	55	64	—
Somerfield	52	47	62
Unspecified	—	6	333
	<u>288</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>395</u>

Christchurch Central Mission:			
Circuit Total	20	29	39

Christchurch East:			
Wesley Church	74	84	80
Richmond	42	39	40
Shirley	64	88	74
Marshland	2	—	—
New Brighton	69	68	76
North Beach	7	10	12
New Brighton Sth.	21	23	25
Linwood	80	104	114
Wainoni	18	16	13
	<u>378</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>434</u>

	1954	1955	1956
Sydenham:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	119	127	126

Cambridge Terrace:			
Cambridge Tee	31	44	24
Durham St. South	4	—	4
Hills Road	20	11	28
	<u>55</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>56</u>

Addington:			
Circuit Total	65	64	70

Woolston-Lyttelton:			
Woolston	ND	35	30
Opawa	—	81	64
Summer	—	27	30
Redcliffs	—	17	20
Heathcote	—	10	10
Lyttelton	11	—	7
Other	—	13	10
	<u>201</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>171</u>

Riccarton:			
Clarence Road	ND	24	—
Upper Riccarton	—	22	ND
Lincoln Road	—	22	—
Sockburn	—	1	—
Masham	—	2	—
Lenten Offering	—	—	15
	<u>66</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>98</u>

St. Alban's:			
St. Alban's	96	120	102
St. John's	88	105	111
Wesley	102	103	109
Unspecified	92	—	—
	<u>378</u>	<u>328</u>	<u>322</u>

Papanui:			
Papanui	178	ND	183
Harwood	7	—	6
Belfast	—	—	3
	<u>186</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>192</u>

Springston:			
Springston	ND	18	26
Weedons	—	17	14
Tai Tapu	—	26	29
Others	—	16	15
	<u>61</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>84</u>

	1954	1955	1956
Kaiapoi:	£	£	£
Kaipoi	113	116	116
Clarkville	7	9	6
Ohoka	24	19	14
	<u>144</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>136</u>
Greendale:			
Greendale	38	48	49
Darfield	16	9	6
Te Pirita	5	10	6
Glenroy	3	4	4
Others	2	1	1
	<u>64</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>66</u>
Leeston:			
Circuit Total	<u>65</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>95</u>
Rangiora:			
Rangiora	123	135	142
Woodend	19	11	21
Waikuku	67	30	35
Sefton	6	6	9
Amberley	3	2	7
Hawarden	3	10	3
Unspecified		6	7
	<u>221</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>224</u>
Oxford:			
Oxford	33	31	42
Waddington	11	11	9
Horrelville	83	71	85
	<u>127</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>136</u>

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Timaru (Banks St.):			
Circuit Total	<u>100</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>159</u>
Timaru (Woodlands St.):			
Circuit Total	<u>130</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>120</u>
Marchwiell Union Church:			
Circuit Total	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>
Waimate:			
Circuit Total	<u>175</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>178</u>
Temuka:			
Circuit Total	<u>26</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>40</u>

	1954	1955	1956
Timaru South:	£	£	£
Kensington	20	17	15
Kingsdown	21	20	20
Upper Pareora	5	7	7
Lower Pareroa	3	4	9
Unspecified	5	1	—
	<u>54</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>51</u>
Ashburton:			
Baring Square	173	191	203
Wakanui	32	39	32
Rakaia	15	14	13
Methven	12	13	16
Seafield	2	—	1
Allenton	—	—	10
	<u>234</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>275</u>
Geraldine:			
Circuit Total	<u>34</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>33</u>
Willowby			
Willowby			17
Tinwald			12
Waterton			1
Lowcliff	ND	ND	1
Maronan			3
Ealing			1
Mayfield			4
Circuit Budget			32
	<u>56</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>71</u>
Oamaru:			
Circuit Total	<u>79</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>104</u>

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin Central Church and Mission:			
Circuit Total	<u>255</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>279</u>
Dunedin (Dundas St.):			
Circuit Total	<u>81</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>66</u>
Dunedin North:			
Maori Hill	33	46	50
Glenavon	15	17	32
Woodhough	7	9	10
No Local Details	5	—	—
	<u>60</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>92</u>

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	1954	1955	1956
Dunedin South:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	116	113	181
St. Kilda:			
Circuit Total	116	126	136
Mornington:			
Circuit Total	82	101	106
Roslyn			
Circuit Total	54	66	53
Corstorphine Union Church:			
Circuit Total	2	2	15
Port Chalmers:			
Port Chalmers	ND	12	6
Sawyer's Bay		9	10
Waitati		3	2
	13	24	18
Milton:			
Circuit Total	39	40	45
Roxburgh:			
Circuit Total	19	21	40
Invercargill Central:			
Circuit Total	115	120	185
Invercargill (St. Peter's)			
Circuit:			
Circuit Total	116	125	111
Gore:			
Gore	ND	50	ND
Mataura		16	
	49	66	37
Western Southland:			
Otautau	12	22	16
Riverton	6	23	22
Wild Bush	10	30	30
Tuatapere	3	12	12
Ohai	5	10	7
Nightcaps	1	6	3
Aparima	1	2	2
No Local Details	25		
	63	105	92

	1954	1955	1956
Edendale:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	32	19	21
Mosgiel:			
Circuit Total	40	43	45
Bluff:			
Circuit Total	8	17	12
Cromwell-Alexandra			
Circuit:			
Circuit Total	31	28	27
Waikouaiti H.M. Station:			
Waikouaiti	17	19	14
Palmerston	6	11	10
	23	30	24
Balclutha:			
Balclutha	ND	35	54
Kaitangata		4	11
Clinton		5	1
Unspecified			2
	40	58	68
Lawrence H.M. Station:			
Circuit Total	17	21	27

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

AMOUNTS RAISED FOR HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

in year ending 31st August, 1956.

District	Total		
	£	s.	d.
Northland	481	1	4
Auckland	1,964	3	11
Waitemata	496	15	7
Franklin	402	19	5
South Auckland	708	2	11
Thames Valley	579	17	3
Bay of Plenty	307	16	4
Taranaki	629	13	1
Wanganui	331	12	2
Manawatu	1,057	13	6
Hawkes Bay	560	16	3
Wairarapa	291	17	8
Wellington	1,132	17	2
Nelson-Marlborough	529	0	11
West Coast	137	13	8
North Canterbury	1,354	6	1
South Canterbury	818	5	11
Otago	839	17	0
Southland	605	14	1
Other Moneys	48	12	7
TOTAL	£13,278	16	10
TOTAL, 1955	£12,751	5	2

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Summary of Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31st August, 1956.

N.B.—A fuller statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet for the Society appear in the Minutes of Conference, 1956. All figures below are expressed to the nearest pound.

Expenditure		Income	
	£		£
Solomon Islands.		Solomon Islands:	
Missionaries' & Doctor's Stipends	6214	Contributions	12129
Sisters' Stipends	5933	Government Grants	4278
Native Ministers' Stipends	868	Medical, Dental	29
Native Agents' Stipends	6367	Sales of produce	690
Superannuation & Retiring Funds	890	Sundries	692
Sickness & Accident Fund	52		—17818
Education	3568	Less Exchange	3464
Overseas travel (furloughs etc.)	5266		
District Travel	2778	Total in N.Z. currency	14354
Circuit Travel	1125	New Zealand:	
Furniture	47	Circuit Income	18958
Buildings	1089	Support of Teachers	281
Electricity	462	Support of Orphans	35
Literature	90	M.W.M.U.	3350
Printing, Postages etc.	337	Sundry Income	300
Insurance, Commission, Customs etc.	850	Interest, General Account	807
Land rents	166	Medical Income	1134
Agriculture	20	Leper Fund Transfer	3167
Technical	310		—28032
Station tools, maintenance etc.	15	Income received for special funds	
Freight	293	as per contra:	
Synod expenses	10	Leper Funds	5796
Medical	4952	Leprosy Relief Vessel	4000
Linguistic School Fees	46	Don Alley Fund	25
Stock written off	56	Rehabilitation Fund	1525
	—41804	Legacies	1989
Less Exchange on payments in Australian currency	4751	M.W.M.U. (special)	1800
	—	Elizabeth Common Fund	50
	37053	Highlands Appeal	712
Papua New Guinea Highlands		Solomon Islands Appeal for Highlands	284
New Zealand Expenses:		Vella Lavella Jubilee	393
General Administration	2065	Sickness Fund	105
Publicity & Deputation	660	Refrigerator Replacement	108
Miscellaneous	403		—16963
	—3128		
Transferred to Special Funds as per contra	16963		
Surplus, transferred to General Reserve	144		
	—		
	£59349		£59349

LEGACIES (as per above Financial Statement)

	£		£
A. J. Patchett	100 0 0	Enos Stevenson Trust	15 0 0
W. H. Denton (balance)	51 4 3	W. Chatterton	200 0 0
Elizabeth Allington	20 0 0	Anon	100 0 0
Grace Heighway (part)	350 0 0	S. E. Carver	200 0 0
Elizabeth Almond	100 0 0	Walls Estate	4 3 6
John I. Hayman (part)	62 17 6		—
George Clement	104 10 9		£1989 5 8
H. G. Ayers	25 0 0		
C. F. M. Smith	50 0 0	Also Mrs. E. M. Coupe, for	
Mrs. H. E. Vanes	400 0 0	Leper Fund	100 0 0
S. A. Russell	28 10 7	E. L. Cunninghame (Rehab.)	530 10 9
Minnie Early	115 11 5	E. L. Cunninghame (Medical)	176 16 11
J. C. Prudhoe (part)	29 7 0	Mrs. H. E. Vanes (for relief of distressed sisters)	400 0 0
E. A. Dillow	47 5 8		