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*"Neither Pray I for these
alone, but for them also
which shall believe on Me
through their word . . ."*



It is clear that our Lord expected the preaching of the Word and the witness to His Person to bear fruit. Those of His servants who are called to represent Him in the full-time work of the Church may know that His Word does not return unto Him void, but that in God's time, it will achieve its desired end. There will be many who will believe on Him through their word.

And it will be so because the Holy Spirit is present in every living personal encounter between preacher and people, and it is He who continues to nourish the seed after it has been planted in the human heart.

LET US GIVE THANKS for the many in the Solomon Islands who have believed on Him through the word of His messengers.

LET US PRAY EXPECTANTLY for those in the New Guinea Highlands who shall believe on Him through their word.

LET US PRAY BELIEVING IN RESULTS; not the results of man's unaided effort, but believing that in God's time, men shall surely see fruit for their labours.

"I planted, Apollos watered, But God gave the increase."

With the increase, comes the need for the people to grow in Christian graces and in unity of purpose and fellowship.

LET US PRAY for the building up of the indigenous fellowship in our Mission fields; a fellowship rooted and grounded in love, and continuing to deepen in times of changing circumstance.

The establishment of the local fellowship means the fostering of the idea of a self-supporting church both financially and in terms of manpower.

LET US PRAY for the growing consciousness in our Solomon Island Church of their local responsibilities as the Church matures in the knowledge and love of God.

LET US PRAY that a special measure of grace and strength be granted to Rev. S. G. Andrews this year as he acts in a dual capacity, at home and in the field on behalf of our Church; and for Sister Audrey Roberts who will now be at the George Brown College in Sydney, preparing for her work in the Solomons;

for Sam Kuku and Leslie Boseto who come to take the course at the Bible Training Institute at Auckland.

LET US PRAY that a woman teacher may yet be found for the New Guinea Highlands;

that primary and secondary school teachers for our work in Fiji and Samoa may be called of God;

that the call from Malaya for two senior N.Z. nurses for work in the Methodist Church there may be answered.

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A Message from the President



Rev. Dr. D. O. WILLIAMS, M.A.,
Litt.D., President of the
Conference, 1957-58.

One of the most striking experiences of Conference was to hear the Rev. Cliff Keightley make his report on Missionary Work in the New Guinea Highlands. The new field has a romantic interest that appeals to us all, but for me, the really exciting thing was Mr. Keightley's declaration that, before a single convert has been made, the missionary workers are planning for the indigenous church that is to be. There is spiritual statesmanship in such planning, which marks, probably, a new era in Missionary Enterprise.

No one who reads his newspapers to-day will have failed to note the very significant movement towards independence among the subject people of the world. It is not just that dominated peoples are trying to throw off the yoke of a tyrannical oppression, but rather a deeper impulse to throw off even benevolent tutelage and to stand erect in independence. We might be able to accept easily the news of revolts in Poland and Hungary, but the movement is much wider. What a procession it is—India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Indonesia, Malaya, Ghana and plenty of ferment in other places.

If I do not make a mistake here, I think we are living in a day when, all over the world, the common man is reaching out for full-stature as a self-directing, creative personality. All who look upon this scene with Christian eyes should rejoice because however much we have lost sight of the fact, God waits on the free man's decision and is no party to any enterprise to make men good by compulsion.

In part, the insistence on independence may be prompted by the ghastly realisation of what the totalitarian states have done to their citizens. It has been demonstrated in tragic fashion that when men are subject to iron control they cease to be real men. But beyond this realisation there is a new view of man abroad to-day—a philosophy that sees man as truly human only when he is directing himself from a centre within his personality. In an academic sense

this philosophy may not be widely disseminated but its effects are obvious. We do not take it for granted to-day that the proper reaction to revolt is repression by armed force. More people are saying that colonial powers will just have to get out.

Many will, no doubt, want to point out here that in these places where the colonial powers have withdrawn a whole crop of difficulties have arisen. Some would, perhaps, even go so far as to say that the independence movements have been a great blunder and that the subject peoples would have been better advised to continue under foreign leadership. From one point of view there is truth in such statements. Certainly native leaders have not always been skilful in handling the responsibilities that freedom has entailed, but the blunt fact remains that they would rather go on learning by trial and error than turn back the clock. They would rather make mistakes on their own and put up with the tensions and strifes involved, than maintain efficiency under tutelage.

A striking feature, to-day, is that this move towards self-realisation is found not only among the races that have developed universal education and where it might be regarded as a natural development, but among less developed peoples also. Mr. Keightley reports that the people of Mendi have a very independent attitude. I would like to lay alongside this two other facts that are of particular concern to New Zealand Methodists. The first concerns the Maori people. On all sides we are being told that there is a strong resistance to any proposal to integrate our Maori brethren in the pakeha church. Such moves the Maori suspects as leading towards absorption. The Maori Mission Department is currently engaged in a struggle to meet the very real problem that has arisen.

The second concerns the Solomon Islands Mission. Missionaries are reporting that the move towards an indigenous church in the Solomons will be slow because of the lack of native leadership. The statement is that the natives will do what they are told but that they do not show signs of independent leadership.

No simple analysis will comprehend these diverse facts. Why do the natives of Mendi demonstrate a notable independence and the Solomon Islanders conspicuously lack native leadership? The facts forbid us to say that independence is something that has to be learned from the more advanced white folk. Here I will go out on a limb, even if the President's Message should not be controversial, and say that in my opinion the "subject mentality" from which so many peoples are reacting is a created thing. I see it as an illusion of inferiority that has been communicated to less advanced peoples, who under their own cultures developed effective leadership. Many white administrators and missionaries have found that natives, if left to themselves, are often inefficient when faced with tasks

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Rev. J. R. METCALFE O.B.E.

After thirty-eight years of service in the Solomon Islands, the Rev. John R. Metcalfe is transferring next month to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference. Mr. Metcalfe expects to give a brief period in circuit work there before finally accepting supernumerary status.

In several ways the retirement of Mr. Metcalfe marks the end of an epoch in the history of our Solomon Island mission. He is the last of the workers originally appointed by the Australian Mission Board to retire from service on the field. While the way is open for further Australians to offer, our staff for the immediate future will be a New Zealand one entirely.

Mrs. Metcalfe, formerly Sister Ivy Stanford, has an even longer record of service on the field than her husband.

Their friends in New Zealand will be delighted to learn of a parting honour that has come to Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe at the conclusion of their long period of service in the Solomon Islands. Mr. Metcalfe's name was included in the New Year Honours, Her Majesty having appointed him an Officer of the British Empire (O.B.E.).

At Conference 1956, when Mr. Metcalfe was present at Auckland, special reference was made in his presence to the quality of his long service. Mr. Metcalfe could not be at Palmerston North when the recent Conference gave consent to his transfer and to his withdrawal from our work. Conference, however, adopted this resolution in the name of the whole Church:

"That, having agreed to the transfer of the Rev. John R. Metcalfe to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, the Conference desire to record the appreciation of the Church for his long term of service on our Mission Field. After early business experience, training at Cliff College and brief home missionary service in England, Mr. Metcalfe emigrated to Australia. Home Mission service in Victoria was followed by candidature in 1916. On ordination, Mr. Metcalfe was appointed in 1920 to the Solomon Islands District.

"Some years later Mr. Metcalfe married Sister Ivy Stanford, whose field service commenced in 1916. They have now 38 and 42 years of service respectively on the field, the marks of which are left indelibly on Choiseul, Teop and Roviana Circuits. Mr. Metcalfe's work on Choiseul began as colleague to the late Rev. V. Le C. Binet, at a time when that island had yet to be fully pacified and evangelised. Later, when Bougainville and Buka became a separate circuit, Mr. Metcalfe became the first Superintendent, stationed himself at Teop. After further years on Choiseul, Mr. Metcalfe was one of the missionaries who remained through part of the Japanese occupation, until evacuated by the American forces. The war over, he returned to Choiseul, transferring in 1951 to Roviana on his appointment as Chairman of the District.

"Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe have often been referred to as model circuit missionaries. Certainly they have been much loved by the people among whom they have served. A careful administrator, one mark of Mr. Metcalfe's work as Chairman has been close attention to detail. A card index of all the Methodist



THE REV. J. R. AND MRS. METCALFE AT THE CHOISEUL JUBILEE, 1955.

people on Choiseul remains as a record of a painstaking interest in the religious and medical welfare of his people.

"The Church greets both these veteran workers, who now sever their connection with our Conference, and conveys to them the thanks of the Methodist Church of New Zealand."

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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foreign to their own culture, but if the same natives are told exactly what to do they perform well.

This may well be a fact of experience, but having things well done is not the only consideration. The more important project is to provide the conditions under which persons may grow to full stature in knowledge and independence. No parent would stop his child from coming to grips with life's responsibilities on the score that he might make mistakes. We shake

our heads over the blunders and console ourselves by saying, "Well, he has to learn." If parents try to make all the decisions for their children, from whatever motive, the day comes when young people rebel and frustration pours over into rebellion and often estrangement. This is the sort of thing we are seeing on a national scale in so many parts of the world.

If then there is a lack of native leadership in the Solomons we must look to our overall strategy. There must be education for leadership, and this means in

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From the General Secretary

This message is written on the eve of my departure from New Zealand to serve for some months as Chairman of the Solomon Islands District. The intention is that my time be suitably divided between the work at the home base and the work on the field. It is clear that I must return in good time for the annual meeting of the Board and the Conference. Otherwise, however, my only firm date is that fixed for my departure for the field. Where I spend my time for the remainder of the year must depend on the circumstances arising on the field. I may include a second visit to the New Guinea Highlands.

It has for me at least sentimental significance that I am due to arrive this time at Roviana on the twentieth anniversary of my first arrival as a missionary in Fiji.

At the home base extra work is going to fall on my colleagues. The Rev. Albert Blakemore returns to office for a year as Deputy General Secretary. I bespeak for him your prayers, and every effort to make his term of office one of delight and satisfaction. The Lay Treasurer, Mr. G. S. Gapper, also serves as our Accountant. Sister Lina Jones continues as part-time Manager of our two missionary quarterlies, this paper and the "Lotu."

One of my responsibilities is the editing of "The Open Door." I welcome the willingness of the Rev. C. T. J. Luxton to serve this year as Deputy Editor. Our plans for the year are laid, but he will nevertheless be frequently called on. It is another illustration of the general willingness of a busy circuit minister to shoulder connexional work.

In this "annual report" number, my more personal message is appearing thus in place of the more formal excerpts from the annual overseas missions papers placed before last Conference. I wish, however, to feature one or two aspects of policy that have recently been prominently before us. Financial matters and the call for new workers are reserved for special attention on pages 8 and 9.

A GROWING WORK:

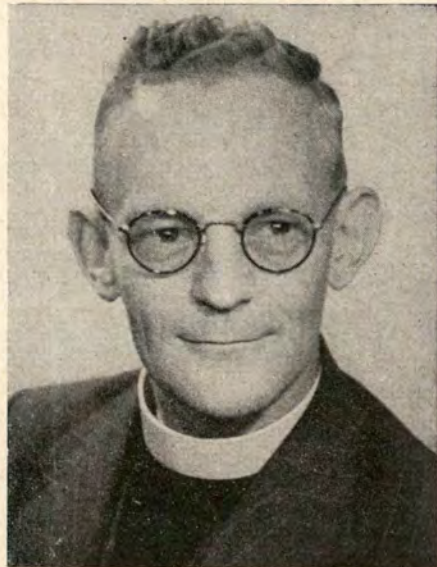
The most obvious way in which our overseas missions programme is growing is the recent extension of our work in the Papua New Guinea Highlands. Three New Zealand workers serve there. Two of them, Messrs. Dey and Keightley, have already come on furlough and been well received as deputationists in many circuits. Mr. Keightley returns next month to new work at Mendi, with the prospect of a later extension of the mission into a new area. Sister Edith James is due to come on furlough later this year. So far we have been appealing, apparently in vain, for the teaching sister required to complete our New Zealand team in the Highlands. At the annual Board meeting our commitments were such that we could not finance this appointment, but we stand pledged, at an early date, to supply such a worker. The enforced withdrawal of Miss Elsie Wilson, the devoted Australian teacher at Mendi, makes the need even more urgent.

But it is not in the Highlands only that the work grows. Fifty-five years after Mr. Goldie's commencement, our Solomon Islands mission district has marked the occasion by reporting for the first time more than 20,000 men, women and children under our pastoral care. Reading the statistics of our medical work helps us realise how wide and far the service of our

workers reaches. New educational prospects rise before us. Some are forced on us by the irksome fact that we must work with two governments. Our teachers must be trained in two centres, instead of one. There has been good progress with this work, led for the British Solomons by the Rev. Allen Hall and for Bougainville by Sister Thelma Duthie.

NEW WORKERS:

As the work grows, we need not be surprised at the call for more workers. We do not expect to be appointing more New Zealand ministerial missionaries. The "native ministry" in the Solomons must more and more become responsible for the work. It is for the educational and medical work, specialist tasks, that the continual call comes for more. The annual meeting could not immediately accept the challenge of providing



REV. C. T. J. LUXTON, Deputy Editor for 1958 of the "Open Door." Do you know his book, "Isles of Solomon?"

a worker for Gizo and an additional teaching sister for the district. These needs and a possible redeployment of our workers, I am now to go into with the workers on the field.

THE BLUNT FACT IS THAT ONLY A GREATLY INCREASED INCOME CAN AVERT A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF WORKERS TO WHOSE SUPPORT WE ARE COMMITTED.

In considering claims for new workers, the Board must continually recall that workers have not only to be paid, but housed, transported and equipped.

BUILDINGS:

Fortunately the money to complete our Rehabilitation programme in the Solomons seems assured. Further legacy money continually arrives and is usually adequate to meet the claims for new building work. Out of (continued at foot of page 4).

All Roads to Ghana

(A Report from Ghana, by the Rev. C. F. GRIBBLE, M.A., Dip.Ed.)

Into the heat of a West African summer planes are to-day bringing men and women from 47 countries all over the world—from Europe and Asia, the Americas, Africa, every corner of it, Australia and New Zealand. The World Assembly of the International Missionary Council is meeting for ten days to survey the Outreach of the Churches work, to discuss the concerns of its Mission, to exchange news of its victories and troubles, and most of all to seek together the word and direction from its Lord as to the future.

The Assembly is meeting at Ghana's splendid University centre eight miles out of the capital Accra. The University, established in 1948, has grown out of Achimota College the place which has so greatly influenced in a Christian way the cultural development and outlook of Ghana and from where Aggrey's name became a household word in the World Mission of the Church. The University buildings, a gift from Great Britain in the main, provide for most faculties at University level except Medicine and Law.

The Chairman of the Assembly is Dr. John McKay, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, former educational missionary in Peru, and now one of the world's greatest leaders in missionary thinking and training. The General Secretary of the International Missionary Council, Dr. Charles W. Ransom, ex-Methodist Missionary from China, has borne with his fine U.S.A. and British team most of the colossal organisational demands that such a world Conference involves.

Each day Bible studies will be led by Philip Potter of the West Indies, Methodist Youth leader known by youth all over the world for his grand part in the World Council of Churches, and Dr. P. O. Devonandan, Professor at the United Theological College, Bangalore, India. The Bible study will provide the theological background for the Conference and should save the members from the danger of becoming too

involved in contemporary problems and movements and forgetting the eternal nature of our Mission. The Bible studies will be centred around the great words of our Lord in St. John's Gospel, the twentieth chapter and verses 19-23. These sessions will be preceded each day with morning devotions in the University chapel.

Looking over the subjects which the assembly will discuss, one realizes the range and the depth of the Church's task in the World today—The Christian Witness in Society and Nation—The Church facing its calling to Mission—The Church and Non-Christian Religions—The place and function of the Missionary—What does Partnership and obedience mean? New forms of Mission today—The Theology of Mission. Co-operation and Mission—The ministry in the younger Churches—Missions and Inter-church Aid. It is a formidable agenda for a 10 day conference but the subjects are all of crucial importance, both at home and abroad, and without some answers to these questions we will be groping and ineffective in our mission to the kind of world we are being called to save in our day.

The conference is divided into groups who will follow the arguments as we believe they are led, and then the thought of the groups will be pooled in the larger sessions. It has been encouraging perhaps to find that the first findings of the Commission of our own Australian Methodist Mission Board as published in the July issue of the Missionary Review have been included by the organisers of the conference in the list of official papers handed to all Members of the conference. There is little doubt that from the conference will come a deepened sense of unity with each other and with our common Lord.

(At this Conference, New Zealand was represented by the Rev. Alan Brash, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches and of its Commission on Overseas Missions and Inter-church Aid).

FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

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these capital funds the full expenses of our carpenters are met. The need for carpenters helps to explain why we are still appealing for workers even when we face a likely deficit in the "general fund" that maintains our normal mission staff and work.

THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE PACIFIC:

It is not new to say that there are distinct moves towards self support and self determination in our Islands Churches. What is new is an increasing realisation that they belong together. Partly it is the need for common services that is prompting them to band together—a "higher theological training institution for Fiji, Tonga and Samoa," common educational problems in the New Guinea area. A Conference is planned this year for the Chairmen of the four Methodist Districts in the Western Pacific, namely New Guinea (New Britain area), Papua, the Solomon Islands and the newer Highlands District. My journeyings may yet include that Conference. On a different plane is the increasing coming and going between our Islands Churches in the Central Pacific and the New Zealand

cities. There is a growing number of Fijian and Fiji-Indian students and visitors in our four centres. The migration continues of numbers of Samoans to our cities. The Board was glad to be associated last October with the visit to New Zealand of the Rev. R. W. Allardice, Chairman of the Samoa District. New links were forged between their vigorous young Church and our own to which so many of the young people have now been received into fellowship. We feel better equipped now to reach the considerable number who come from Methodist homes and families but whose Church connections in this country are tenuous or non-existent.

S. G. ANDREWS,
General Secretary.



Tell Every Man

Those who know our Hymn Book will think immediately of Annie Mathieson's hymn (M.H.B. 795). Those who went to the Youth Conference at Blenheim '57-'58 will know the Study Book which there made its debut. Not so many will recognise that here is the first publication of the "Christian Education Department" constituted by the Church Conference, "to include the present Youth Department." The Rev. W. F. Ford, Senior Youth

Director, is the Editor of "Tell Every Man," and contributors include the leaders of our Home and Maori and Overseas Missions Departments.

The studies comprise:

1. Why Tell?
2. Our Maori Missions.
3. Our Missions in the Pacific.
4. The World Mission of the Church.
5. Evangelism in the Local Church.
6. How Tell?
7. Who Tells?

Since the study book "A Manual on Missions" by the late Rev. A. B. Chappell—now out of print—there has been no full study published on the missionary task of our Church. The Missions Departments of the Church earnestly commend the use of the book to Men's Fellowships, Women's Auxiliaries, fireside groups and circuit or local church camps. Here is the information about missions that every Methodist should know.

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practice letting potential leaders grapple with problems themselves. Of course, inexperience will lead to blunders, but creativeness and independence which are the indispensable ingredients of leadership can grow only when the reins of tutelage are slackened. We must trust those who make mistakes to learn by their mistakes and to grow in the process. We must be patient with a lot of fumbling and sympathetic with the fear of freedom that often assails those who, after long dependence, are thrown upon their own resources.

I set down these thoughts in the hope that the Church in New Zealand will understand something of the task that the General Secretary will undertake in the Solomons this year. Conference has charged him with the task of furthering the development of the native Church by encouraging the Solomon Islanders to take over more and more responsibilities. This is a difficult project as things stand, but we have confidence that Mr. Andrews is matched to the task in insight, sympathy and patience. In the dual office of General Secretary and Chairman of the Solomon Islands district, Mr. Andrews is committed to a year of heavy work and responsibility. He will be on the field for half of the year and in the Auckland office for the remainder. We realise as a Church that we are making heavy demands on the family, and that many day to day sacrifices will be involved, but we admire the spirit of Christian devotion which has prompted Mr. and Mrs. Andrews cheerfully to take up the task. Mr. Andrews has gone out for his first period in the Solomons with the prayerful backing of the whole Connexion. I trust that our prayers will be charged with a deep and sympathetic understanding of the magnitude and difficulty of the tasks he faces.

—D. O. WILLIAMS.



REV. JOHN TAUFA AND HIS WIFE—Tongan missionaries in the Bougainville area of our Solomon Islands District.

From Our Workers' Reports

FROM THE NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS: EDUCATION

"In common with all bodies undertaking educational work in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, we are facing the challenge of the use of the English language as a medium of instruction. We believe that the first instruction in the schools should be in the language of the people, with a gradual transition in the third and fourth years to English. We are also required to submit all our teachers for written examinations in teaching method and school management, the questions to be set and answered in English. To this end, the teachers have been given weekly lessons in English throughout the year, and latterly the emphasis has been placed upon the subjects for examination.

"We are trying to plan courses of instruction within the framework laid down by the Education Department, courses that will enable our pupils to become literate in their own vernacular, and then to go on to wider schooling in English. While we admit the desirability of the plan to make English a common language, for all Territory peoples, we feel that this is a very difficult project, especially for us in this district, where our educational work is still in its formative stages."

—Sister Elsie Wilson, Mendi.

CHURCH SERVICES:

While we must report that attendances at Hoiabia have not been much greater than on occasions in previous years, generally speaking they have, I believe, been more evenly distributed. For example, prior to and over the Christmas season the services were surprisingly well attended as compared with former years, in spite of a strong counter-attraction at the Government station in the form of "Mali" practices (native dances). In part this may have been due to a sense of expectancy created by the rehearsals for the Christmas pageant, but not altogether, for there seems to have been, during recent months, a gradual deepening of interest among our people in the message from God's Word. There is little doubt, too, that this in turn is due to our increasing understanding of their language and ways of life, which is having, I believe, a very definite influence upon our choice of messages and ability to present them. For many months now, our services have been conducted almost entirely in the vernacular. A special service was held on Good Friday and another in June when opportunity was given to all, local people included, to present their thank-offerings to God. Both these were memorable occasions. Regular services have also been conducted at the Government Police Barracks, the Government Hospital and the Teachers' Station at Pari."

—Rev. C. J. Keightley, Tari.

OUR MEDICAL MISSION:

"**Infant Welfare:** Clinics have been held weekly at the Mission hospital at Hoiabia, where the mothers are interested and the babies are brought regularly. A clinic was also held weekly at the Government Hospital, except during the months December to April, when a Government Infant Welfare sister was in charge. At this clinic the station people are regular, but some difficulty has been found in renewing contact with Tari mothers since returning.

"During February, we commenced a weekly clinic at Hangapo. Here the most pleasing aspect is the willingness of the mothers, who are coming to seek hospital care when necessary. The numbers are small but regular."

—Sister Edith James, Tari.

HOME ON FURLOUGH:

The first Solomon Island Missionary to go to the Highlands of New Guinea has just come home for furlough. He is Alekera, his wife, Eileen, and their big daughter Marion, and two small children. It has been wonderful hearing them speaking and telling about the life of the people in the Highlands. Alekera is an excellent speaker and acts most of what he is telling. He has a beaming smile and everyone just hangs on his words. They have all brought a fresh challenge to us all as they have told of the darkness of heathenism and have begged for more prayer support. Perhaps the light of the Gospel has not yet broken through because we have been weak in our prayer life. I have told you before about Muriel and Burley who went from Bilua when I was there. They are doing a grand work and are now out on a station on their own. They have a baby daughter called Davinia. Two weeks ago we farewelled another family who are going to the Mission field. It is good to see this young Church keen to take the Gospel to others.

—Sister Myra Fraser, of Solomon Islands.

A TRIBUTE TO

The Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.

The Mission Board remembers with respect and gratitude the many years of service given to the cause of Missions by Dr. Laws who passed to his rest on February 8th, 1958.

Dr. Laws was a member of the Special Committee appointed in 1915 to deal with the question of a separate Mission Field for N.Z. He served on that committee until its objective was achieved, and in 1921 became a member of the first Board of Missions formed to administer the proposed separate Mission Field.

As President of Conference in 1922 he was Chairman of the Mission Board when the Solomon Island District was transferred from the Australian Board of Missions to the Methodist Church of N.Z. He was thereafter a member of the Mission Board until 1948, thus completing thirty-three years of administrative committee work.

"The Open Door" was first issued in June 1922 and it contains the Presidential message from the pen of Dr. Laws, a challenge which still lies before the Church. Referring to the Word as the Entrusted Seed, he wrote "Let it be our fixed purpose to sow the seed broadcast over every island in the Solomons, and then pass on to enter the great waiting fields of the East and mingle with the sowers there."

Our Missionaries Write

Once a year, prior to their District Synod, each overseas missionary is asked for a report on his work for the twelve months. Below we print excerpts from the reports that have come to hand this year.

EDUCATION:

The Government is at last putting more money and energy into its educational work, though up to the present the Missions have not received much assistance, the promise is brighter. During the year we have arranged for two central schools. About five villages are joining together to establish a school of a grade higher than the ordinary village school. If these schools are successful, we shall not require to take the students into our Circuit Schools so early, and shall be able to carry the students on to a higher standard. The President opened the first of these at Pinage in the Roviana Lagoon, some ten miles from Munda. Nathan Kere is in charge and we are looking hopefully to the success of the experiment.

The Circuit Training Institutions, both girls and boys, are full to capacity, and the tone is good.

Reliable teachers are still urgently needed, but the standard is gradually improving. Quite a number of girls are helping in the primary school, which makes staffing easier.

—Rev. J. R. Metcalfe.

TO THE NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS:

In April we farewelled the first Choiseul couple to leave as missionaries to the New Guinea Highlands. Scotter Bo is a qualified medical dresser, and has had experience as a teacher and preacher. His wife Mary has been in our Girls' Boarding School at Sasamuqa, first as a school-girl, and later as our cook-girl and helper. She has also had experience of teaching and maternity nursing, and is an able prayer leader. This couple were married last July, were accepted for the Highlands at Synod last year, and after a long wait for permits, at last left on their new adventure in April. Their eagerness and enthusiasm in spite of many difficulties was good to see, and the Choiseul people have reason to feel that their first two representatives will be able to make a worthwhile contribution to the new work in the Highlands. Scotter Bo and Mary would appreciate your thoughts and prayers in their new life which will hold much that is strange and difficult.

—Sister Lucy Money.

OUR LEPER WORK:

Mr. Twomey has been on a visit and we were pleased to see him, but the weather was anything but kind to him and his visit was cut short by this, as he was very sick on a trip to Simbo, and his back was giving him trouble again. He saw mainly Ozama which he was very pleased with, as he had seen the island about eight years ago when there was no Leprosarium on it, so he thought that the work done was reasonably good. Later he sent a gift of £1,000 to purchase a power plant to help with the moral troubles by lighting the island better, while it will be useful to treat the resistant ulcers by Ultra-violet radiation and will be useful to act as a rehabilitation help in probably preparing timber to aid in making things for houses when they return to Choiseul, as

well as building better houses for those who must remain for a longer period on Ozama.

—Dr. G. E. Hoult.

FEEDING THE STUDENTS:

Food is not so urgent a problem now as it was even two years ago; rice has become more easily available from overseas and from our Mission farm at Kihili under Rev. A. Harry Voyce; peanuts have been proved a good breakfast diet, and potatoes with fish and shellfish supplement the rations; pigs are killed periodically and various other foods and fruits are available in a limited quantity for the occasional meal; when non-working days come round, the student supports himself either from fishing, hunting, cooking copra or from his own private bush-garden.

—Rev. A. H. Hall.

BUIN CIRCUIT:

One feature of local conditions in the Buin sub-district, that is worthy of mention, is that following over four months of almost continual rain, the whole district is suffering from lack of food. Officers of the Administration have widely surveyed the position in Buin and Siwai (and state that Siwai is worse off than Buin), and the Administration plans to ration 8,000 people who are largely without food. This, says the Assistant District Officer, makes it imperative that recent damage to roads and bridges be immediately repaired in order to facilitate the getting of rations to the people.

All this adds up to the prospect of increasingly good roads for Buin and Siwai, and augurs well for the future of possible transport for the Siwai sisters, regarding which the M.W.M.U. are asking guidance. A light wagon such as a Landrover or other vehicle with a cover, that could serve as a child-welfare and educational extension unit, would be very valuable.

—Rev. A. H. Voyce.

TRIPLETS:

One of the most exciting events during the year was the birth of triplet girls on 16th February. The mother looks after two babies and we have the smallest one in our house. All three are growing well. Beryl Touku is our baby's name. The boarder school-girls look after her and are thus having mothercraft instruction. In April, twin boys arrived, and are being cared for by their mother.

—Sister Mary Addison.

CAMPAIGN TEACHING:

During the year I have endeavoured through the native minister and the catechists to teach the people more of their responsibilities as Methodist members. This has been carried out in the following way:

(a) Education by preaching. By using the Catechism we have campaigned the carrying out in word, thought and deed the responsibilities of the Church Member. Especially has this been successful in the

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Our Missionaries Write (Continued)

Kounua area under Luke Zale (catechist) and where the people have shown keen interest.

(b) Church Government. There has been special instruction to Catechists and Native Minister both in spoken and written form for the need to develop our own church government in line with the Democratic custom of our Church. With the development of local councils in the Bougainville District the scheme is working slowly but surely and is a guide to the latter. Our development is mainly in the line of the local congregational Leaders Meetings and Quarterly Meetings. Leaders Meetings are working well on the North and West Buka areas. We have attempted a reorganisation of the Quarterly Meeting and there has been



MR. G. T. DEY, District Builder for the New Guinea Highlands, who has recently returned to the field after furlough in N.Z.

a concentration on the development on the lines of Society Stewards. These developments are directly attributed to the teaching by our leaders of the Responsibilities of the Church Member.

(c) Local Preachers. A definite programme for local preachers has been in progress this year. At Skotolan the minister takes a class of young preachers. The Catechist and senior teacher attend so that they may go out into villages to give the same lecture to other groups of preachers. Lectures in Homiletics, Theology and Bible Knowledge and Teaching are given weekly. The preaching is both theoretical and practical. Later we hope to set up the Mission Band idea. So far there have been no preachers recognised, as the course has been in progress only five months.

(d) School teaching. Requirement for recognition in Government eyes as teachers is now playing a big part in our Educational Programme. The fact that

teaching is a civil and not entirely a religious occupation is becoming apparent to many of our better teachers, and they are therefore trying to overcome the former days of haphazard teaching in schools. We are like other circuits in the Bougainville District, being more or less pushed into a water-tight compartment of conformity which will eventually reap better fruit for our work in the future. One of the biggest aims is to get the school starting age down to 5 or 6, and therefore the teaching programme involves a lot of propaganda for the mothers and fathers.

—Rev. G. A. R. Cornwell.

TRANSLATION:

Until I was called to Roviana, good progress was being made in translating the New Testament. The actual initial translation has been finished, but there is still considerable revision to be done, both of the Gospels and Acts, which have been printed, and of the Epistles and Revelations, which are at present in typed form only. I had hoped to have this work completed to present to Synod this year, but it is of necessity in abeyance while I am at Roviana, though I trust Stephen Gadepepa and other native helpers are carrying on with the revision.

A supplementary hymn book of 49 hymns was prepared and duplicated in New Zealand by voluntary workers, whose assistance is very much appreciated. This little hymn book has proved most popular, and we have had to arrange for a further edition. The Babatana translation of the Gospels and Acts, received from the printers last July, is of great help to our people, and we have also duplicated Old Testament and other passages for the use of teachers and local preachers.

Sister Jessie had put much time into the preparation of a Babatana dictionary, which we have always lacked, and continuing from where she left off, I was able to complete and type an abridged dictionary, which will be able to form the basis of a more comprehensive work later, and meanwhile is of help to other workers on Choiseul.

—Sister Lucy Money.

SERVING THE BABIES:

We now have two children in the house. Loreen is seven months and is trying her hardest to crawl. John is 18 months, and it is hard to believe that one little boy could get into so much mischief. He is a happy child and we all love him.

At the end of May I had a wee baby of 3 lbs. 2 ozs. born at hospital. His mother was very sick and the baby too small to leave at hospital, so I brought him up to the house and put his cot in my room. For two days he was very sick, then he started to take milk from a pipette. For the next three weeks he was fed every three hours. When he was 4 lbs. 1 oz. we took him down to his mother. At six weeks he was able to go home and weighed 6 lbs. His mother and father were very grateful, as this was their third child but the first one to live. He is called Leslie. A fortnight after his birth a wee girl of 3 lbs. 1 oz. was born in the village. Doctor was called out to the village and brought the mother and baby in to the hospital. This baby, Janet, was premature so had to come up to the house, too. Leslie was shifted out of my room and

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About People

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

Since the retirement on health grounds last year of Sister Olive Money, the Solomon Islands District has been without the services of a secretary to the District Chairman. This lack has recently been remedied by the appointment of a male secretary in conformity with a new policy adopted by the Foreign Mission Board. The successful applicant is Mr. R. A. G. Baker, of Gisborne Circuit, formerly of Lower Hutt. Mrs. Baker, a former teacher, will be accompanying her husband to the field. Mr. and Mrs. Baker, with their infant son Garth, were due to leave per "Wanganella" from Wellington on February 21st.

Another appointment which fills an urgent need is that of Mr. John S. Gatman of Silverdale Church, North Waitemata Circuit, as Mission Mechanic to the Solomon Islands District. Mr. and Mrs. Gatman and their two sons, aged 5 and 3, expect to leave for the field in April. Both these people came formerly from the Takapuna Circuit, where Mr. Gatman's parents, the Rev. William and Mrs. Gatman, still reside. A highly-qualified motor mechanic, with experience at sea, Mr. Gatman is well suited to this position. Mrs. Gatman, like Mrs. Baker, was formerly a teacher.



LESLIE BOSETO and SAM KUKU with Youth Conference hostess, MRS. MULLAN.

ARRIVALS IN NEW ZEALAND:

In mid-December, the Rev. Allen Hall, Mrs. Hall, and the children, arrived in New Zealand on furlough. They were accompanied by two Solomon Islands teachers, Sam Kuku and Leslie Boseto, who are to attend the Bible Training Institute this year. The Halls are basing their furlough period in Morrinsville, where they are staying with Mrs. Hall's father, Mr. P. A. Rushton.

Late January saw the arrival from the Islands of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mannall and family. Mr. Mannall has resigned from his position as Mission Mechanic and will be remaining in New Zealand at the expiration of his furlough. The Board recorded at the annual meeting its appreciation of the fine work done by Mr. Mannall during his period as District Engineer.



MR. and MRS. R. A. G. BAKER, the newly-appointed Secretary and his wife.

DEPARTURES:

A good deal of missionary movement has taken place since the December issue of this paper, and more is anticipated. On the 30th of January, Mr. Rodney Fleury, the new mission carpenter appointed on a three-year contract, departed from Wellington by sea. It is hoped that an early connection in Sydney will take him by air to the Islands during February.

The mission joiner, Mr. John Miller, was due to leave by air from Christchurch for the Islands on 24th February. Mr. Miller spent most of his furlough in Japan and the latter part of it in Invercargill with his people.

In late January the General Secretary, Rev. S. G. Andrews, and the Rev. P. F. and Mrs. Taylor and David, all left for the Solomons. Mr. Andrews will be taking up his new position as Chairman of the District for this year and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will be going to Roviana.

DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY:

The Rev. Albert Blakemore, formerly Clerical Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Department, took up his duties as Deputy General Secretary in late January. In Mr. Andrews' absence on the field, the organisational duties here at the home base will devolve upon Mr. Blakemore, who has come out of retirement in order to fill this gap.

PEOPLE AND

are wanted . . . for Missions

1. In 1959. **TWO MINISTERS**, preferably already ordained, will be required for service in the Solomon Islands District. The General Secretary will be glad to receive offers or inquiries with a view to appointments being recommended to the 1958 Conference. One such offer might, with advantage, come from a minister who holds a teacher's certificate.
2. **CARPENTER:** On three-year contract term for qualified single man in the Solomon Islands building programme. Service on one-year basis under Order of St. Stephen will be considered.
3. **WOMAN TEACHER:** Pioneer task in the New Guinea Highlands to be preceded by nine months' training in the George Brown College, Sydney. Leave after each three-year term.
4. **FIJI, TONGA, SAMOA:** There are vacancies for permanent teachers in mission schools, both primary and secondary. Long and short-term appointments considered. These are under the jurisdiction of the Australian Methodist Board of Missions, but inquiries should be directed in the first instance to Auckland.
5. **MALAYA:** The Methodist Church in Malaya needs two senior nurses (aged 30-45). Fares both ways, adequate salaries, and leave after three years.

Inquiries for all these appointments should be made to —

THE GENERAL SECRETARY,
METHODIST FOREIGN MISSION,
BOX 5023, AUCKLAND, C.I.

D P O U N D S

issionary Service Overseas

For some years our Overseas Mission's income has been growing. Last year's increase over the return for the previous year was £1,000. The initial impact of the budgetary approach to Church finance has been favourable.

Our problem has been rising costs, inevitable in a period when our growing programme on two fields has been carried on in a period of inflation.

Reviewing the financial position, the Church Conference directed the following message to Circuits and Methodist people alike:—

"Grateful for the increased missionary giving of many circuits and recognising the helpful effect of numerous budget and stewardship canvasses to that end, nevertheless the less Conference is alarmed at the financial prospects of our overseas missionary Society. Rises in New Zealand giving have failed both to keep pace with the steeply mounting costs and to counter unsteadiness in the income on the field. Conference recognises that though this tendency has been present for some years, its effect was obscured from the Church until earlier surpluses had been exhausted and the Solomon Islands giving had receded somewhat from recent record levels.

Conference notes with approval the intention of the Board (1) to further during the year the move towards a definite commitment by the Solomon Islands Church for a share of the total field budget and (2) to investigate the working of our Islands properties.

Conference receives with concern, however, the intimation that, failing a substantial rise in New Zealand income, some early reduction of our overseas staff is inevitable, at a time when the needs of the work are calling for expansion.

Conference believes that our overseas missionary programme should be presented

to our people as a privilege accorded New Zealand Methodists of helping in Christian evangelism, service and nurture overseas. The needs of this work are requiring increasing support each year. Conference therefore appeals to all circuits, whether or not they operate a comprehensive budget scheme, to make adequate and increasing provision for these needs.

Conference foresees that the introduction of a connexional budget will allocate proportionately the missionary needs of the Church to all circuits. In the meantime, therefore, as circuits plan their financial programme, those who so far have not attained the present Dominion average level of 14/- per member, are directed to plan to that end, and all circuits are urged to plan for annual increases in our financial returns to overseas missions."



WOMEN'S PAGE

M. W. M. U.

Methodist Women's
Missionary Union of
New Zealand.

52 Croydon Ave.,
Birkdale,
Auckland, N.5.
March, 1958.

Dear Friends,

As we begin again our meetings and services in our Churches, may we all find this year to be one of real advancement. I hope you all feel ready to take up again your work in the Auxiliaries and District Councils. Although there have been very few meetings since my last letter to the "Open Door" the work has been going on. Some of our Deaconesses have been able to have a short rest but there is always some work to do. Services to take, visits to make and someone to help. We are sorry that Sister Olive Bott has had to retire from the active work but Sister June Peters has gone to Pahiia to take over. We pray that Sister Olive may enjoy better health and we know that her interest in the Maori people will not wane. Kurahuna girls are back again and at school. There are 20 girls in residence, aged from 8 to 16 years. Seven go to Primary School, 6 to Intermediate and 7 to Epsom Girls' Grammar School. Sister Madeline has a busy time ahead and we are pleased that she will have a full staff—all Methodists. Remember the girls in your prayers and the staff as they seek to train the young girls in the Way of Life.

Easter comes early in April this year and as we approach this Sacred Festival may we each and every one get a fresh glimpse of all that Christ has meant to the world. The new Prayer Calendars are out and you can obtain one from your minister. Use them in your homes and in your meetings and you will find them a real inspiration and help.

There are new workers going out to the Solomon Islands and others preparing to go later on. The Dominion Executive were pleased to meet Mrs. Baker, wife of the new Secretary to the Chairman, and Mrs. Gatman, wife of the engineer who hopes to leave in April. The wives of our workers need your prayers and we commend these young women and their children to your prayerful interest. Sister Audrey Roberts of the Karori Church is training at the George Brown College in Sydney and will then proceed to the Solomons to take up nursing. Sister Pamela Beaumont will be returning on furlough after a course in Linguistics in Melbourne. Sister Thelma Duthie will be home also on furlough before Easter. She is looking forward to meeting some of the women and in a letter tells of the wonderful Christmas they had on the station at Kekesu. There were five choirs competing in the Choir Competitions for the Senior Shield and so great was the improvement that the judges found it hard to decide which one was best. The most noticeable improvement was that the choirmasters actually conducted the choirs. Usually they give the note, make a signal to start and then fade into the background. But this year they stood up before the choir and conducted. Simon Rigamu's choir won first place, with a choir of 50 voices. One conductor had written and composed a

hymn for the occasion. Three junior choirs also competed and Teanana village choir was first.

May you all be richly blessed as you work for the Master.

Yours in Missionary Bonds,
GLADYS CARTER,
President.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

Waitemata: At the meeting held at Birkenhead, the opening devotions reminded us of the Christmas season, the President saying that while every mother plans ahead every soft comfort for her child, the Babe who was the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, was cradled in a manger. To have His peace in our hearts and homes would be our greatest blessing at Christmas. We were honoured and pleased to have Mrs. S. Carter, the Dominion President and an ex-president of the Waitemata Council, present with us. She brought greetings from the Dominion Executive and from the Church Conference in Palmerston North, and said that a very fine tribute had been paid there to the women of the Methodist Church and the M.W.M.U. in particular. The financial report showed a balance of £74/3/3, with stamps and tea-coupons again "running neck to neck." In an encouraging account of Kurahuna activities, we were glad to hear that they now had an assistant matron and other help. A very moving letter of thanks and appreciation was read from a Maori woman who had been helped in a recent fire loss. Reports of the recent Dominion Conference were given by two representatives. Miss Griffin told the glad news that nine of the girls she had taught at Lautoka school, Fiji, had been baptised and become church members. In the afternoon, Rev. S. G. Andrews spoke of conditions in the Solomon Islands, in the capital, Honiara, and the outstanding Christian influence of some of the women. The Christmas offering, £31/4/0.

Auckland: The Christmas meeting was held in Pitt Street Church parlour. The President presided over an attendance of 90, and took the opening devotions. A special welcome was given to the Dominion President, Mrs. S. Carter. Sister Joy Thompson sent a message and a greeting. The Roll Call revealed that all auxiliaries were represented, and the Christmas offerings from each were taken during the roll call. The speaker was Mrs. M. Gibson, Secretary of the Auckland Missionary Association, who had formerly been a missionary in China, and who spoke of some of her experiences in that country, telling of conditions for missionaries particularly in the matter of laundry and travel. Mrs. Gibson and her husband had to leave China, but she said the news coming through was very good. Converts are standing firm and doing a good work. The prayers of the people "at home" greatly assist all missionaries.

Thames Valley: At the meeting held at Waihi, our President presided over a fully representative gathering. A Communion service, when all officers were dedicated, was an inspiration to all. Reports showed a continual interest and many and varied ways of raising funds for mission work. Letters from our Dominion President and Missionary Sisters keep us in touch with the work on the field overseas and the Maori work. M.W.M.U. Conference representatives gave a very comprehensive and enlightening glimpses of the "Women's work for Women." It is suggested that Bay of Plenty and Thames Valley join for a Convention in Tauranga in March.

Manawatu: Meeting was held in St. Paul's church, Palmerston North, the President presiding, and basing her message on the various services that had taken place at the recent M.W.M.U. Conference. Interesting Conference reports were given by five members, each taking a different phase of the Conference. Mention was made of how necessary it is to increase giving to Kurahuna funds, and to the Sisters' Salaries' fund. The closing minutes were spent in prayer.

Hawke's Bay: The President opened the quarterly meeting with devotions, speaking about helpfulness to others and telling of kindnesses she had received. She stressed the good also in being able to receive small and helpful gestures graciously, giving some appealing instances. Four auxiliaries responded to roll-call, and two visitors were also welcomed. Auxiliary reports all were of good work done and told of pleasure and help from recent visits of our Dominion President. Seven socks of clothing had been sent to our Maori Deaconess at Hamilton. We heard of Conference from representatives, of their visit to Kurahuna and the new additions there, and of outstanding personalities met, Sister Rita Snowden's presence being a special thrill. Loving prayers were offered for all our workers.

Wairarapa: A district rally was held at Masterton, the President presiding over an excellent attendance of Council and Auxiliary members from Masterton, Carterton, Greytown and Eketahuna. After opening devotions, comprehensive reports on the recent Dominion Conference were given by the representatives, these arousing a keen interest. The report on the visit to Kurahuna was one of the highlights of the afternoon. To close the meeting mention was made of the spiritual side of Conference, especially the closing devotions given by Miss Purdie. A prayer session followed.

OUR MISSIONARIES WRITE

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Janet moved in. For the next two weeks Leslie lived in our sitting room during the day and in the bathroom at night. Janet, as she was so small and premature, did not put on weight as quickly as Leslie and has only just gone down to her mother. She is doing well and at nearly five weeks weighs 4 lbs. 9 ozs.

In spite of feeding the babies seven times a day, and often up more than twice a night, I got very attached to them. My room seemed very empty when the first one went back to his mother. It's amazing the weight the babies put on out here—a lot put on too much. I love the maternity work, although I must say I don't want to see any more small babies for a while.

—Sister Lesley Bowen.

Wellington: Good attendances at both Christmas Rally and Council meeting. The speaker was Mrs. Norman Goffin, who had been a teacher in Egypt under the American Presbyterian Mission. Her work was chiefly among the Copts, whose church was one of the earliest established. She spoke of the lack of any help by the Government to educate the children or alleviate distress. 1958 will be our Jubilee year, and a committee has been formed to collect information regarding the early work of local auxiliaries and to arrange suitable functions in connection with the coming celebrations. Karori Auxiliary reported the sale of some gifts which brought in £180, part of which they propose to use for Sister Audrey Roberts, the daughter of one of their members who is soon to go to the Solomon Islands. At the Thanksgiving service held recently £130 was handed in and dedicated.

Nelson-Marlborough: Meeting was held at St. John's schoolroom, Nelson, when 25 members from five auxiliaries gathered to hear reports of Dominion Conference. In the opening devotions the President used material from a challenging devotional talk given at Dominion Conference, questioning our scale of values—in judging our work, by numbers? by balance sheets? It is quality that counts, not quantity. That with which we face God is the life we have led. 153 gleaners' letters have been sent out each month; 13 parcels have been sent to Home Sisters; stamps had brought in £2/5/0 this quarter; Kurahuna letters had been distributed. Reports from Auxiliaries showed sustained interest in the missionary cause and in the monthly meetings. Council Secretary gave an interesting account of Conference day by day. Auckland Conference will be remembered for the discussions on the new budget or stewardship movement within our churches.

Southland: The President presided over a good attendance of members. Miss Eva Saunders was welcomed from Newfield (new Auxiliary). It was decided to have the next meeting on April 16th when the Easter offering would be dedicated. Balance sheets showed that £85/10/0 had been raised for the quarter. Auxiliaries reported several new members and gleaners, one auxiliary having gained 25 gleaners and four new members. Approximately 180 bags for school books for Sister Myra were brought in. Six sacks of clothing had been sent to Sister Jean Miller.

CIRCUIT VISITATION:

Visitation of the more distant parts of the circuit has been impossible through lack of transport. Three quick trips have been made to Senga, but as the boat has been required to return quickly to other circuits, no outlying villages have been visited by me. The nearer villages on the Station side of the island have been visited regularly, but I have been unable as I had hoped to call on those towards the south.

The Roman Catholic Mission has come into our circuit in larger numbers, and to my knowledge there are 4 priests, 2 lay brothers, 2 nursing sisters and 3 nuns. They have established themselves on Moli Island and have erected a big number of buildings all of native materials. Previous to this there was but one R.C. priest on the island. They have also purchased a large boat to help them in their work.

—Rev. D. I. A. McDonald.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Circuit Contributions, 1957

Circuit returns again reveal an improved tendency in giving to the missionary work overseas, but rising costs emphasise the necessity "to give and give again."

An increasing number of circuits have adopted some form of Stewardship giving for the overall support of the Church and its manifold enterprises. It is earnestly hoped that circuit committees will generously remember the wider missionary obligation of the church.

The average giving for Overseas Missions per church member in 1957 was 14/3d. In the returns below, contributions for native teachers and orphans are included in the circuit totals.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

	1955	1956	1957
Auckland Central:	£	£	£
Pitt Street	236	221	261
Trinity—Kingsland	80	90	133
St. Judes	50	56	46
Pt. Chevalier	18	22	20
Gt. North Road	1	2	—
Western Springs	1	—	1
Other	—	100	—
	<u>386</u>	<u>491</u>	<u>461</u>
Auckland Central Mission:			
Circuit Total	<u>97</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>114</u>
Auckland South:			
Dominion Rd.	125	124	84
Roskill	59	70	78
Sandringham	32	36	49
Hillsborough	4	8	20
Circuit Fund	—	—	25
	<u>220</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>256</u>
Auckland West:			
Circuit Total	<u>47</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>46</u>
Auckland East:			
Epsom	203	238	205
Remuera	201	203	215
Mt. Eden	165	146	169
Mission Bay	112	126	130
Collegiate	13	15	—
Newmarket	9	11	—
Pakuranga	10	15	15
Panmure	13	27	42
Glendowie	10	3	1
Howick	16	22	35
Glen Innes	5	3	5
Tamaki	3	—	2
	<u>760</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>819</u>

	1955	1956	1957
Avondale:	£	£	£
Mt. Albert	161	169	159
Avondale	13	17	26
New Lynn	13	29	27
Waterview	15	21	27
Other	—	26	120
	<u>202</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>359</u>
Henderson:			
Circuit Total	<u>123</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>97</u>
Devonport:			
Devonport	70	62	64
Stanley Bay	23	17	19
Vauxhall	8	9	14
	<u>101</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>97</u>
Takapuna:			
Circuit Allocation	153	253	250
Sundry Donations	—	—	31
	<u>153</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>281</u>
Birkenhead:			
Birkenhead	122	111	117
Northcote	39	32	28
Beachhaven	7	6	5
Glenfield	6	7	6
Greenhithe	1	1	2
	<u>175</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>158</u>
Onehunga:			
Circuit Allocation	146	200	220
Sundry Donations	—	—	26
	<u>146</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>246</u>

THE OPEN DOOR

	1955	1956	1957
Otahuhu:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	93	76	72
Papatoetoe:			
Circuit Total	80	94	123
Papakura:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	88	94	121
Pukekohe:			
Circuit Total	112	130	87
Bombay-Tuakau:			
Bombay	—	22	35
Rama Rama	—	8	6
Paparata	—	6	15
Ararimu	—	10	15
Tuakau	—	14	13
	49	60	84
Waiuku:			
Circuit Total	82	107	119

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

North Waitemata:	£	£	£
Silverdale	7		17
Helensville	3		12
Kaukapakapa	6		8
Glorit	1		1
Makarau	2		3
Waimauku	2		2
Orewa	5		7
Waitoki	10		3
Manly	2		6
Dairy Flat	2		—
Stanmore Bay	4		1
	44	32	60
Paparoa:			
Circuit Total	48	19	51
Dargaville:			
Dargaville	64		77
Te Kopuru	36	ND	52
	100	101	129
Ruawai:			
Circuit Total	76	77	92
Mahurangi:			
Circuit Total	61	89	—

	1955	1956	1957
Whangarei:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	81	126	151
Hikurangi:			
Circuit Total	10	8	16
Whangaroa - Bay of Islands:			
Circuit Total	34	16	62
Port Albert:			
Port Albert	202	222	146
Wellsford	30	32	25
Wayby	14	19	19
Wharehine	7	5	7
Mangawhai	5	1	11
Pakiri	4	3	3
Tomarata	9	5	9
	271	287	220
Mangonui:			
Circuit Total	82	67	77
Hokianga:			
Circuit Total	27	39	27
N. Hokianga:			
Circuit Total	48	47	53
SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT			
Thames:			
Circuit Total	60	91	72
Hauraki Plains:			
Circuit Total	32	51	61
Paeroa:			
Circuit Total	60	63	62
Waihi:			
Circuit Total	60	67	69
Te Aroha:			
Te Aroha	56		46
Eastport Rd.	48	ND	49
Springdale	23		20
Te Aroha West	—		8
	127	133	123

	1955	1956	1957
Morrinsville:	£	£	£
Morrinsville	104	160	121
Waitoa	66	38	27
Tatuanui	35	32	25
Tauhei	13	7	7
Tahuna	13	15	16
Circuit Allocations	—	—	59
	<u>232</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>255</u>
Cambridge:			
St. Paul's	102	100	95
Fencourt	11	5	9
Leamington	14	14	20
Kaipake	4	5	4
	<u>131</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>128</u>
Hamilton:			
Circuit Allocation	341	386	400
Sundry Donations			22
			<u>422</u>
Raglan:			
Union Parish	27	35	47
Hamilton East:			
St. John's	176	185	224
Rototuna	35	30	35
Matangi	22	18	14
Horsham Downs	4	7	6
Puketaha	1	2	3
Other		2	—
	<u>238</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>282</u>
Huntly:			
Circuit Total	29	28	8
Matamata:			
Matamata	114	129	106
Te Poi	43	43	46
Walton	6	9	9
Sundry Collections		15	16
	<u>163</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>177</u>
Putaruru:			
Circuit Total	31	36	41
Rotorua:			
Rotorua	54	81	90
Taupo			5
			<u>95</u>
Tauranga:			
Circuit Total	285	303	278
For P.N.G.			100
			<u>378</u>

	1955	1956	1957
Whakatane:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	40	47	45
Opotiki:			
Circuit Total	65	47	54
Te Awamutu:			
Te Awamutu	ND	108	131
Pirongia		13	18
	<u>114</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>149</u>
Otorohanga:			
Circuit Total	108	81	110
Te Kuiti:			
Circuit Total	17	18	23
Taumarunui:			
Circuit Total	18	32	42
Ohura:			
Circuit Total	46	49	54
Kawerau:			
Circuit Total	—	—	6
Ngaruawahia:			
Circuit Total	23	16	29
Kawhia:			
Circuit Total	2	11	12
Coromandel:			
Circuit Total	29	23	24
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT			
New Plymouth:			
Circuit Total	245	282	415
Stratford:			
Circuit Total	111	83	103
Eltham-Kaponga:			
Circuit Total	82	77	80

THE OPEN DOOR

	1955	1956	1957
Waitara:	£	£	£
Waitara	34		29
Lepperton	4		4
Urufi	5	ND	3
Urenui	8		6
Pukearuki	2		
	<u>53</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>42</u>

Hawera:			
Circuit Total	<u>96</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>162</u>

Manaia:			
Circuit Total	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>39</u>

Opunake:			
Circuit Total	<u>159</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>131</u>

Wanganui Central:			
Circuit Total	<u>176</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>196</u>

Wanganui North:			
Aramoho	107	107	118
Wanganui East	52	56	47
	<u>159</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>165</u>

Wanganui West:			
Circuit Total	<u>56</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>80</u>

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

Inglewood:			
Circuit Total	<u>20</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>23</u>

Marton:			
Circuit Total	<u>25</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>45</u>

Raetihi:			
Circuit Total	<u>26</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>23</u>

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

Napier:			
Circuit Total	<u>260</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>229</u>

Hastings:			
Circuit Total	<u>231</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>332</u>

Gisborne:			
Circuit Total	<u>110</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>133</u>

	1955	1956	1957
Wairoa:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	<u>36</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>50</u>

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

Woodville:			
Circuit Total	<u>61</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>100</u>

Pahiatua:			
Circuit Total	<u>77</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>71</u>

Palmerston North (St. Paul's):			
St. Paul's	254	265	277
Aokautere	2	18	7
Roslyn	3	26	35
	<u>259</u>	<u>309</u>	<u>319</u>

Palmerston North (Trinity):			
Circuit Total	<u>283</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>300</u>

Ashhurst:			
Circuit Total	<u>78</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>122</u>

Feilding:			
Circuit Allocation	410	373	375
Donation			3
	<u>410</u>	<u>373</u>	<u>378</u>

Sanson-Rongatea:			
Sanson	71	59	60
Rongatea	45	53	49
Taikorea	33	35	33
	<u>149</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>142</u>

Waipawa:			
Waipawa	23	49	29
Waipukurau	8		26
Onga Onga	22	36	27
	<u>53</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>82</u>

Foxton:			
Foxton	18	33	38
Shannon	27	13	10
Foxton Beach	3	12	10
Oroua Downs	2	6	
Himatangi	13		25
	<u>63</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>83</u>

	1955	1956	1957
	£	£	£
Apiti:			
Apiti	13		17
Rangiwahia	12	ND	13
Umutoe	7		8
Ruahine	5		
Waituna			43
Cheltenham			2
	<u>37</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>83</u>
Norsewood:			
Circuit Total	<u>9</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Wellington Central:

Circuit Total	<u>283</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>373</u>
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Wellington West:

Karori	92	112	—
Northland	79	82	—
Thorndon	39	30	—
	<u>210</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>245</u>

Wellington South:

Trinity	83	100	98
Island Bay	36	37	27
	<u>119</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>125</u>

Wellington East:

Hataitai	111	85	109
Lyll Bay	51	50	25
Miramar	42	44	100
Worser Bay	37	28	15
Other	15	7	—
	<u>256</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>249</u>

Wellington North:

Ngaio		83	90
Cashmere		8	9
Johnsonville		36	48
	<u>124</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>147</u>

Porirua:

Porirua	16		7
Plimmerton	19		25
Tawa Flat	27	ND	28
Pukerua Bay	3		3
Circuit Efforts	10		
	<u>75</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>63</u>

Hutt:

Circuit Total	<u>401</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>555</u>
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	1955	1956	1957
	£	£	£
Taita Union:			
Circuit Total	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>21</u>

Upper Hutt:

Circuit Total	<u>52</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>100</u>
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Wainui-o-mata Parish:

Circuit Total	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>—</u>
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Petone:

Circuit Total	<u>78</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>100</u>
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Greytown-Featherston:

Circuit Total	<u>49</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
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Carterton:

Circuit Total	<u>53</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>60</u>
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Masterton:

Circuit Total	<u>205</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>251</u>
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Eketahuna:

Circuit Total	<u>32</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>30</u>
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Levin:

Circuit Total	<u>166</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>150</u>
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Otaki:

Circuit Total	<u>27</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>38</u>
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Paraparaumu:

Circuit Total	<u>49</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>47</u>
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NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson:

Circuit Total	<u>202</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>242</u>
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Waimea:

Circuit Total	<u>161</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>175</u>
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Motueka:

Circuit Total	<u>95</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>94</u>
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Blenheim:

Blenheim	179	213	184
Tua Marina	54	46	39
Picton	46	63	55
Springlands	24	24	22
Rapaura	25	24	17
Others	20	28	8
	<u>348</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>325</u>

	1955	1956	1957
Reefton:	£	£	£
Reefton	27	25	19
Black's Point	11	18	12
Ikamatua	21	—	2
Rahu	2	—	1
	<u>41</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>34</u>

Westport:			
Westport	62	51	54
Stockton	3	3	4
Others	1	—	—
	<u>66</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>58</u>

Greymouth:			
Circuit Total	89	89	126

Hokitika:			
Circuit Total	28	38	39

Murchison:			
Circuit Total	37	33	39

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Christchurch (Durham St.):			
Durham St.	296	—	349
Cashmere	64	—	93
Somerfield	47	62	69
Unspecified	6	333	15
	<u>421</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>516</u>

Christchurch Central Mission:			
Circuit Total	29	39	31

Christchurch East:			
Wesley Church	84	80	84
Richmond	39	40	46
Shirley	88	74	119
New Brighton	68	76	60
North Beach	10	12	10
New Brighton Sth.	23	25	25
Linwood	104	114	114
Wainoni	16	13	15
	<u>432</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>473</u>

Sydenham:			
Circuit Total	127	126	16

Cambridge Terrace:			
Cambridge Tee.	44	24	54
Durham St. South	—	4	ND
Hills Road	11	28	—
	<u>55</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>54</u>

	1955	1956	1957
Addington:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	64	72	—

Woolston-Lyttelton:			
Woolston	35	30	37
Opawa	81	64	62
Sumner	27	30	26
Redcliffs	17	20	22
Heathcote	10	10	10
Lyttelton	—	7	9
Other	13	10	10
	<u>183</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>176</u>

Riccarton:			
Circuit Total	71	98	90

St. Alban's:			
St. Alban's	120	102	113
St. John's	105	111	118
Wesley	103	109	110
Aldred	—	—	10
	<u>328</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>351</u>

Papanui:			
Circuit Total	198	192	190

Springston:			
Circuit Total	77	84	90

Kaiapoi:			
Kaiapoi	116	116	144
Clarkville	9	6	6
Ohoka	19	14	7
Eyreton	—	—	2
	<u>144</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>159</u>

Greendale:			
Greendale	48	49	—
Darfield	9	6	—
Te Pirita	10	6	ND
Glenroy	4	4	—
Others	1	1	—
	<u>72</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>—</u>

Leeston:			
Circuit Total	75	95	—

Rangiora:			
Circuit Total	200	224	226

	1955	1956	1957
Oxford:	£	£	£
Oxford	31	42	59
Waddington	11	9	13
Horrelville	71	85	78
	<u>113</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>150</u>

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Banks St.):			
Circuit Total	<u>125</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>174</u>

Timaru (Woodlands St.):			
Circuit Total	<u>122</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>162</u>

Marchwiell Union Church:			
Circuit Total	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>

Timaru South:			
Kensington	17	15	21
Kingsdown	20	20	5
Upper Pareora	7	7	7
Lower Pareora	4	9	27
Unspecified	1	—	—
	<u>49</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>60</u>

Waimate:			
Circuit Total	<u>163</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>176</u>

Temuka:			
Circuit Total	<u>34</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>35</u>

Ashburton:			
Circuit Total	<u>257</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>280</u>

Geraldine:			
Circuit Total	<u>24</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>40</u>

Willowby:			
Circuit Total	<u>71</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>72</u>

Oamaru:			
Circuit Total	<u>100</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>114</u>

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin Central Church and Mission:			
Circuit Total	<u>230</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>329</u>

	1955	1956	1957
Dunedin (Dundas St.):	£	£	£
Circuit Total	<u>86</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>

Dunedin North:			
Maori Hill	46	50	54
Glenhaven	17	32	29
Woodhough	9	10	10
Sundry	—	—	7
	<u>72</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>100</u>

Dunedin South:			
Circuit Total	<u>113</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>172</u>

St. Kilda:			
Circuit Total	<u>126</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>—</u>

Mornington:			
Circuit Total	<u>109</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>113</u>

Roslyn:			
Circuit Total	<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>70</u>

Corstorphine Union Church:			
Circuit Total	<u>2</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>—</u>

Port Chalmers:			
Port Chalmers	12	6	23
Sawyer's Bay	9	10	ND
Waitati	3	2	—
	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>23</u>

Milton:			
Circuit Total	<u>40</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>

Roxburgh:			
Circuit Total	<u>21</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>32</u>

Invercargill Central:			
Circuit Total	<u>120</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>190</u>

Invercargill (St. Peter's)			
Circuit Total	<u>125</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>117</u>

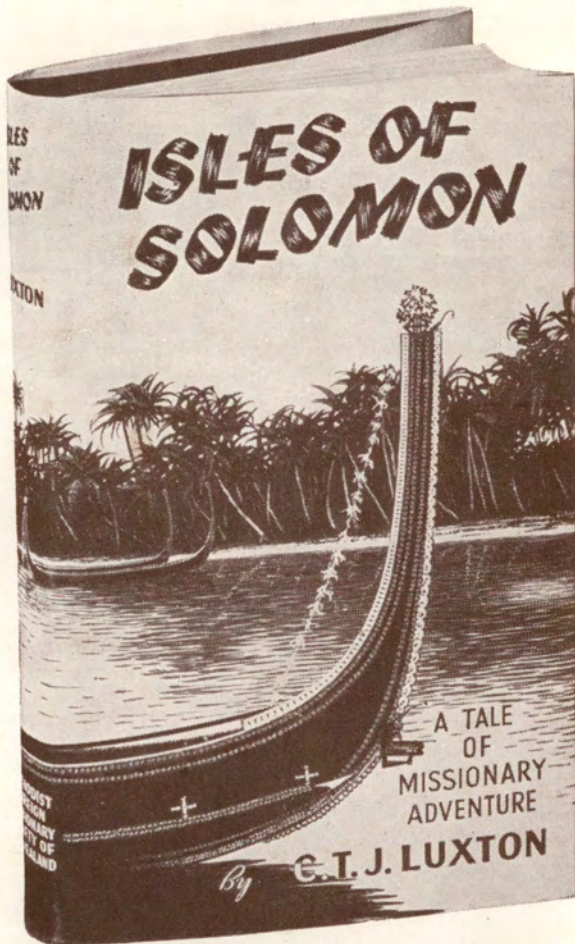
Gore:			
Circuit Total	<u>66</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>40</u>

Western Southland:			
Circuit Total	<u>105</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>106</u>

Edendale:			
Circuit Total	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>16</u>

	1955	1956	1957
Mosgiel:	£	£	£
Circuit Total	43	45	51
Bluff:			
Circuit Total	17	12	27
Cromwell-Alexandra			
Circuit Total	28	27	38

	1955	1956	1957
Waikouaiti H.M. Station:	£	£	£
Waikouaiti	19	14	16
Palmerston	11	10	11
	30	24	27
Balclutha:			
Circuit Total	58	68	66
Lawrence H.M. Station:			
Circuit Total	21	27	25



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Summary of Income and Expenditure for year ending 31st August, 1957.

N.B.—A fuller statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet for the Society appear in the Minutes of Conference, 1957. All figures below are expressed to the nearest pound.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	£			£	£
Solomon Islands:				Solomon Islands:			
Missionaries', doctor's and lay workers' stipends			6,710	Contributions		9,494	
Sisters' Stipends			6,953	Govt. grants		6,107	
Native Ministers' Stipends			850	Medical and dental		43	
Native Agents' Stipends			6,757	Sales of Produce		1,398	
Superannuation & Retiring Funds			760	Sundries		451	
Repatriation Fund			100			17,493	
Sickness and Accident Fund			57	Less exchange		3,385	14,108
Education Account			3,669				
Lighting Account			322				
Circuit Travel		520		Papua New Guinea Highlands:			
District Travel		3,466					303
			3,986	New Zealand:			
Overseas Travel			5,035	Circuit Income		20,524	
Furniture replacements			107	Support of Teachers		273	
Buildings			938	Support of Orphans		16	
Agriculture			97	M.W.M.U.		3,600	
Station maintenance—District			48	Medical Income		2,320	
Printing and Postages			367	Interest, general		797	
Insurances (including Boats)			786	Adoption lepers		311	
Lands			106	Sundry Income		30	
Customs and Boat Clearances			14				27,871
Freights			178	Leper Fund		3,523	
Synod Expenses 1956			10	Leper Relief Vessel		4,000	
Technical Account			143	Rehabilitation Fund		1,004	
Medical Account			5,030	Building & Equipment Fund		955	
Plantation Maintenance			469	Refrigerator Replacement		58	
Stock written off			64	M.W.M.U. Solomon Islands Girls' School		2,300	
			43,556	Don Alley Memorial		15	
Less Exchange on payments in Aus. currency			5,881	Sol. Is. Trinity College Fund		126	
			37,675	Sickness & Accident Fund		114	
Papua New Guinea Expenses:			3,002	New Guinea Highlands:			
				N. G. Highlands:			
New Zealand Expenses:				Sol. Is contrib.		264	
General Administration	2,316			Connexional Fire Ins. Fund Grant		850	
Publicity & Deputation	537			Total Special Funds		13,334	
Miscellaneous	864			Dr. Balance for year		2,112	
			3,717				
Transfers to Special Funds			13,334				
			£57,728				£57,728

LEGACIES (as per above Financial Statement)

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
A. Leney			25	0	0	New Guinea Highlands Fund:					
E. J. Jones			50	0	0	M. Morley			50	0	0
N. M. Barraclough			51	3	1	A. Leney			25	0	0
Eliz. Isbister			88	6	6	J. F. Roberts			50	0	0
Grace Heighway (part)			150	0	0						
M. F. Spurdle			50	0	0						
J. C. Prudhoe (part)			33	18	9						
A. O. Sparling			50	0	0						
E. A. Dillow (income)			56	13	8						
J. Bean			100	0	0						
A. G. McMillan			50	0	0						
O. E. O. Cresswell			250	0	0						
			£955	2	0						