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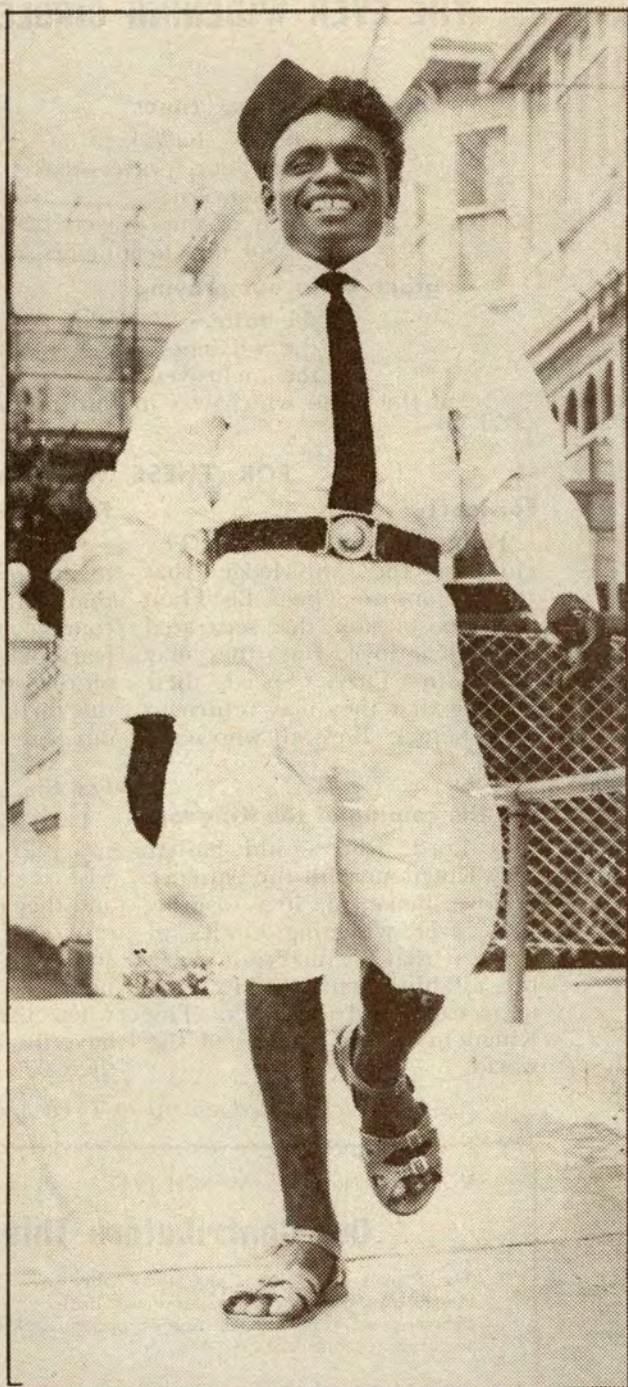
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*"A Great Door and
effectual is opened
unto you."* I Cor. 16:9.

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THE EVER WIDENING CIRCLE OF PRAYER

O GOD

forgive us those times

when we have kept our prayers to the minimum;
when our prayers have been limited in their
concern;
when in our prayers we have not even thought
of our neighbours.

grant us in our praying

the fullness
the wholeness
the inclusiveness

of the mind which was in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

FOR THESE WE PRAY

For lepers

Father, grant to these Thy children the knowledge that they belong to Thee. Be Thou their consolation, that separated from their loved ones they may abide in Thee. Speed their healing that they may return to their homes. Bless all who serve them.

For the coming of the Kingdom

O Lord, who would hasten Thy Kingdom with the patience of love, make our love to grow with ever widening circles of concern that we may not delay the establishment of Thy rule upon earth and the gift of Thy Kingdom to the peoples of the world.

For those who are afraid

O God deliver those who sit in darkness from the false fears that haunt them, make men courageous in the face of those fears that arise from the power of the strong, and build upon the earth a trust that will cast out fear.

For the exploited

Lord, some of Thy children suffer loss because they are not wise in the ways of the world and they receive too little for the service they render. Inspire justice, O God, and establish honesty. Hasten too the time when these Thy children will have the knowledge that will be their defence.

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Our Contributors This Issue

The President of the Conference (the Rev. E. Clarence Leadley) contributes his Message, and we draw on the reports of our overseas workers, whose names appear below their paragraphs, selected for publication.

BUT . . .

The English Old Testament holds one classic "But" . . . "Now Naaman . . . was a mighty man, but he was a leper." How often a "but" like that enters in our life—some adverse factor spoiling an otherwise promising outlook. Life's discipline includes learning to accept, without complaint, certain of these limitations. But there are others again, which can, and should, be overcome. Think of the scant prospects of William Carey—and of his great achievements, because he learned to expect great things from God and to attempt great things for Him.

Traditionally, Lent is such a time of discipline—of self-examination and of new resolve. A time for meditating upon the Master, who not only accepted but "took upon Himself" the limitations of mortal life. Christ did battle with man's mortal enemy. All the powers of evil were focussed upon Him. And for three days, it appeared as though evil had triumphed.

BUT . . . "Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory." That is Paul's cry. The same assurance is present when Peter preaches, "God hath made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified." So that, thereafter, even when there are adverse factors, the Christian missionary can write, "We are perplexed but not in despair: persecuted but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed."

1961 has brought our missionaries much to rejoice the heart—numerous baptisms in the Highlands, significant advances in the Solomons. Yet, the reports sound the note of danger also. Opposition from without, dissension within, these alike beset our work. But, this is as man sees it. The ultimate victory is not in doubt. Indeed it has already been won by Christ. No wonder that the apostles, those first missionaries, were supremely witnesses to the Resurrection. "I live, yet not I, BUT Christ liveth in me."

D I A M O N D

It was on 23rd May 1902 that the pioneer party of missionaries (Australians, Fijians, Samoans) arrived at Roviana. They were led by the General Secretary of those days, the Rev. Dr. George Brown, who installed John Francis Goldie as the leader of the new enterprise. There began a ministry that endured almost fifty years. Mr. Goldie was able to attend the Golden Jubilee ten years ago.

Nineteen-sixty-two marks the Diamond Jubilee of this work. In May, a party of New Zealand Methodists, led by the President, the Rev. E. Clarence Leadley, will officially visit the District and share in the celebrations. Mrs. A. E. Richards, Dominion President of the M.W.M.U., will represent the Union and it is hoped that there will be representatives of the Christian Youth Movement (Methodist).

There will be further references to these celebrations in later numbers of THE OPEN DOOR. But, very naturally, the occasion supplies a theme for our President (himself a returned missionary) as he contributes his message to this annual report number of our journal.

Several returned missionaries have occupied the Presidential chair of Conference. I am glad that during the diamond Jubilee Year of our Solomon Islands Mission I am your President.

It is just 28 years since Mrs. Leadley and I went first to the Solomons. The Rev. J. F. Goldie had already been on the Field for 33 years. What an amazing record of service!

But inevitably he passed on and left the work to younger hands. It was good that before he passed to Higher Service he was able to attend the Golden Jubilee. He was then an old and sick man but his spirit burned as brightly as ever. One of the Solomon Island leaders said "Mr.

Goldie has come back to see the fruit of the seed which he planted long ago."

His spirit will be with us as we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Not his alone; the spirits of such men as Rooney, Dent, Sam Aqoro and Binet will also hover over us.

Many things have changed in the period since Mr. Goldie died. There have been adverse changes, such as the introduction of liquor for the people, a policy against which Mr. Goldie fought all his life. There is a new type of worship introduced into some villages. While it shows warmth and vitality it is so extreme as to be a very real danger. Not least is the division in the Church because of it.

JUBILEE REVIEW

Other changes have been for the good. Our work has grown tremendously. Never before have we had so many young Solomon Islanders training in professional and technical skills. The standard of leadership among the people rises all the time. Local government is an accomplished fact. The indigenous ministry grows, slowly but surely, and we have subscribed to the establishment of a Theological College at Rabaul. The leadership shown by the women, especially at Roviana, is almost a miracle to those of us who remember how debased was womanhood in the old days.

The health of the people has never been better. Government and missions have ensured that the old diseases which ravaged the people are rarely seen, while malaria is likely to be a thing of the past in a matter of a few years.

The most wonderful thing of all is the missionary spirit of the young church. In 60 years the church has been established among cannibals and headhunters and today it numbers 16,572 members and adherents, who have sent out, to the Highlands of New Guinea, 14 teachers and their wives, of whom 11 are on the job this Jubilee year, a sure evidence of the love and virility of the church. What hath God wrought!

As we face the future, let us press on with the work. No one knows how long it will be before the sweeping world tide of Nationalism reaches the Solomons, and the control of the



REV. E. CLARENCE LEADLEY, Missionary to the Solomons, 1934-42. President of the Conference, 1961-62.

Islands passes into the hands of the people. Certainly we must prepare for that day, by giving them as much self government as they can manage and by building up a strong church.

We must also bring the Gospel to other places. There are vast untouched areas of New Guinea. For us and our Solomon Island brethren, this constitutes a great challenge.

So may this Jubilee Year be a year of Praise, Prayer and Progress, and lead on to the day when the Church in the Solomons will be Self Supporting, Self Governing and Self Propagating.

E. CLARENCE LEADLEY

TROUBLED YET

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHALLENGE AND RESPONSE

The life of the Islands church is under fire. At the moment, when our Church is on the verge of self government, our very existence is being threatened. From within and without, forces unfriendly to our work and witness are pressing on us; some of the very things we thought would abide are going already. What then shall we say? That the Lord has deserted us? No. For it is He who challenges our complacency. As so often in the history of His people, He is using the sinfulness of man and the wickedness of the world to call His people back to Himself and His way for them. He also gives us the response to the challenge.

CHALLENGE TO OUR FAITH AND ORDER

From within the church, there has arisen the schismatic Etoism, a messianic movement which combines mass suggestion, emotional excitement and resurrected heathenism with elements of the Christian faith. It teaches strange and heretical doctrines, strongly laced with second adventism and racial discrimination, turning from white Christ to black Messiah. But Etoism is not alone. In other places, in smaller ways, we face

the same challenge. In other parts of Melanesia, the same sickness of the spirit is found under other names—John Frum, Cargo Cult, Marching Rule, Kuperism—all different, yet all strangely alike, all claiming Divine sanction through dreams and the "gift of the Holy Spirit".

The debasing effect on the spirit of man of the spirit of alcohol is well known. Now this challenge is growing also. In the British Solomons, the permit system is about to give place to an open door to liquor. In the Territory of Papua and New Guinea the door is gradually being forced open to let the liquor in. Within the last year it has flared up as a first rate problem. With the establishment of a liquor license at Munda, drunken men, women and children are challenging us all with shocking clarity.

When so many of the Europeans in the area live apparently without God; when the Government sees the Christian Missions merely as tools to achieve secular ends in education and medicine, it is not hard to understand why our people are beginning to take the Church for granted.

Thus we are being challenged on all sides as to what we do believe. What have we to say that is more relevant to the life of man than

NOT DISTRESSED (2 Cor. 4:8)

education and medicine and a good time? What is our doctrine of the Holy Spirit? Is our church order adequate to the emotional and spiritual needs of our people? Is our Christ a white man, ensuring for white men a superior place in His Kingdom? Are the words we say our real faith? Or is it the things we do?

CHALLENGE TO OUR LIFE AND WORK

Disunity is threatening the very fabric of the Solomon Island Church. Disunity, that is nourished by long years of geographical isolation, encouraging wide varieties of practice and giving great scope for individualism. So much so, that team work seems to be despised and every man thinks he is final arbiter. When changes are needed they have too often been made by the whims or in accord with the particular interests of one man rather than arising out of the corporate life of the church.

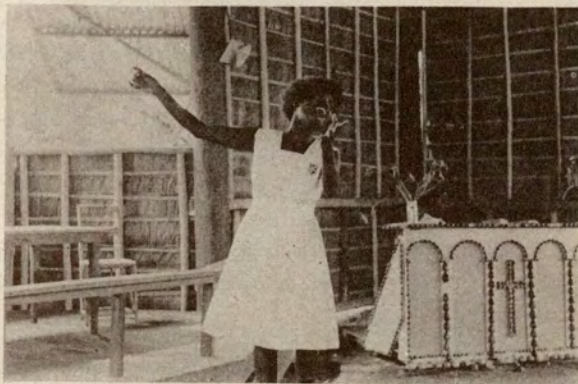
The separation of religion and ethics so characteristic of animism and most heathen religions is always a threat to the Christian church. Antinomianism has plagued us from the very beginning, as the New Testament bears witness. And these cult movements lend to replace selfcontrol by ecstasy and abandon, morality by magic.

We inoculate against small pox and polio and forget that we are often also inoculating against Christ by small doses of religion served up without much vitality. Many of our young people in the third and fourth generation lack the vital flame of faith that was their fathers'. They know not the darkness of the former days; they know nothing of the price that was paid for the security and material advantages they have. They are in the church but not of it. Our youth need more than the 3 Rs and doses of cough mixture—they need the elixir of the soul that only Christ



**SISTER PAMELA
BEAUMONT and her
co-translator into
Siwai.**

PERPLEXED . . . BUT



DORA RANDE, conducting the Kihili Girls' Choir, (winners of several public awards).

can give. Are we being challenged to take some of our best young people out of teaching and put them into full time youth work of another type? Should we not be challenging, in our turn, the Governments to take over more of the burden of medical and educational work for which they have far greater resources than we have?

RESPONSE

God who speaks to us in our tribulations and visits us in our affliction is, through His Holy Spirit, already showing us the response we must make to the challenge He gives.

WOMEN'S WORK

The establishment of our District Girls' School was one of the best things we have ever done. Already we have made through it a significant impact on the women of our District—the wives and mothers, present and potential, who will lay the founda-

tions, or fail to lay them, in the lives of their children. We must surely resist any pressure to turn our District Girls' School from the purpose of producing Christian leadership from among our women. Further, this School is our last one where there is any non-academic bias at all. One by one the high hopes of the early post war years for technical schools, closely related to the peasant economy of the people—agriculture, carpentering and the like—have been abandoned under the relentless pressure of Government grants in aid.

The work among the women in the villages has progressed a good deal at Buka and at Munda. In the Munda section women have reached out to other places starting and maintaining women's groups and the whole movement has developed. The arrival of Miss Marjorie Stewart, the South Pacific Commission's Officer for Women's Interests, has been a big help. Miss Stewart visited Munda and

NOT IN DESPAIR (2 Cor. 4:8)

spent a week with a group of women representing the B.S.I.P. Circuits. Her inspiration has given the needed fillip and provided a wide range of materials for future use.

YOUTH WORK

Over ten years ago, the Girls' Life Brigade began within our District. It has functioned on several stations reaching for the most part only the station girls and not making any marked progress. With the arrival of Miss G. M. Gebbie, the New Zealand Organising Secretary, on a visit in 1958, the picture began to alter. She came again this year and conducted leadership courses which should enable more companies to be begun and the existing companies to be less dependent on overseas staff leadership.

After one earlier attempt, the Boys' Brigade really began with the year of service given by Mr. Derek McKay in 1960. He aimed to establish five companies. There are eight as the fruit of his work, and while they have not gone very far yet there is still considerable keenness. In January 1962, Gordon Siams of Choiseul, will go to New Zealand for a year's training. He will come back as training officer and general organiser. After he reaches New Zealand, Mr. Ron Dicky is being sent out by the Brigade there for fifteen months and he will be able to build on the foundations Mr. McKay laid. By mid 1963, the

Boys' Brigade should be a growing and vital movement doing much for the spiritual life of our boys.

Choiseul held the first young people's Bible Class Camp a few years ago. Now the Bible Class Easter Camp idea has spread and is proving a rich source of blessing to our young people. Last year we reported the completion of a Bible Class study book. Now we are preparing more Sunday School lessons in co-operation with the New Guinea District. Our clearest need now is for a full-time youth worker who can co-ordinate what we are doing, build on it and provide the material for our youth groups.



MR. RON DICKEY, a Gore Presbyterian, to organise Boys' Brigade work in the Solomons.

CAST DOWN . . . BUT

CALL TO UNITY

The New Guinea Synod has invited the other three Districts to send four representatives each to a Co-ordinating Committee to meet in Rabaul in January, 1962. From this meeting great things can come. Unity among the Methodist Districts — perhaps under a separate Conference is an essential first step to union with other Christian groups, like the Papuan Church Assembly. Much has to be done before that day, but it is clear that we are already laying the foundations.

The Christian Council of Papua and New Guinea to which we are affiliated is a beginning. And in May 1961 a first meeting was held of the five missions in the British Solomons, to explore the possibility of a consultative meeting of the heads of the missions from time to time. One result of that meeting was that Bishop Hill, Anglican Bishop of Melanesia, was able to propose and carry through the Legislative Council an amendment to the Gambling Bill, outlawing poker machines, because he was able to assure the Government that all five Missions, Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Seventh Day and South Sea Evangelical were all strongly opposed to them. If we can find a common voice even on a few issues, we shall surely be heard.



Wedding of EDDIE (mission sailor) and LUMAE at Bilua.

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING AND PASTORAL CARE

Our long held dream of a united theological college for Melanesia seems to be about to come a step nearer. We have committed ourselves to a theological college at Rarongo near Rabaul which will serve the ministerial training of three Methodist Districts—Papua, New Guinea and the Solomons. But that will be only the beginning. The Highlands District will come in and we hope that we will also be able to open the door to other churches in Melanesia. This new college with time and expert leadership should not only undergird our ministry but it should become a place for rethinking our faith in the light of the challenges of the time. Perhaps sooner than we realise our overseas ministers will have to do a course at Rarongo before they take up their work in our area.

NOT DESTROYED (2 Cor. 4:9)

With two Tongan ministers as Circuit superintendents and a Fijian to become one in 1962, we have opened our councils to our Island brethren in a new and vital way. The next step for which we must work is that of a Solomon Islands superintendent. But the road is hard. It is not only that our Islands brethren have to learn to meet the responsibility, but our Islands people have to accept their own as leaders, and the overseas missionaries have to learn to accept them too. We share the problem with our brethren of so many places today. But it is a real and difficult spiritual problem especially for the older ones of us who have grown up with the idea that the white man is the world's natural leader and should always be in the forefront. That we do not recognise that this is basic to our thinking, only makes the problem of changing more difficult. Humility and repentance, repentance and humility and new life day by day—are only possible through Him who took upon Himself the form of a servant.



New Dormitory, Kihili Girls' School.

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REMEMBER! THE VALUE MUST BE DECLARED

Once again, we find it necessary to guide our friends and supporters how to proceed when posting gift parcels to missionaries on the overseas field. This time the advice is about the white or green customs sticker that is given to you at the post office to fill in and affix before posting the parcel.

Be most careful to fill in accurately the description of contents and **give a fair declaration of the wholesale value.** Great trouble can be caused by incorrect statements on these declarations. Even if the parcel is a gift and the contents are not to be sold, they still have a value and the abbreviation N.C.V. (no commercial value) should not be used—except, perhaps, in the case of samples and scraps of materials to be used in sewing classes.

If you can declare that the parcel contains only goods for **educational purposes**) (in our schools) or for **medical purposes**, state this, for that usually means that they will be admitted duty free; **but you will still need to state the value.** If in doubt, write to the General Secretary, Methodist Overseas Missions Department, Box 5023, Auckland, C.1.

THAT JESUS CHRIST MAY BE

FROM THE REPORTS OF OUR WORKERS

(Solomon Islands District)

NURSING SISTER VISITS KIETA CIRCUIT

On my arrival at each village I examined each person in the village. The standard of health in these mountain villages is very high. It is much better than those on the coast. There is of course very little malaria and I saw only one tropical ulcer; it must be the absence of flies and salt water which helps there. I did find one or two people who I think have T.B. and whom I sent in for X-Ray, but nothing much else.

A large number of the villages are half R.C. and half Methodist or else half S.D.A., but everyone works and lives happily together. In one village I went to a church opening. It was one of the smallest churches that I have seen. There were only two Methodist families in the village; the rest were R.C., but they had helped the Methodists to build the church and had also helped supply the large amount of food which was needed for the visitors at the feast. There is a unity between the churches here which is not seen between the same churches at home.

Lesley Bowen, Kekesu.

CULT IN BUKA CIRCUIT

For several years now there has been developing a "cult" among the people of the East Buka section which has always been a weak part of the circuit. During the early part of this

year, I visited Hahalis when the teacher reported that the "cult" was making inroads among the fringe church attenders. After my visit there was little or no improvement and the teacher brought news of a serious deterioration in the situation. I again visited the village in February and March, by which time the bad influence of the cult had made itself felt in three villages, in two of which are adherents.

The substance of the cult started with a student (government trained) leader who with some of the village elders formed what has been known as the "Hahalis Welfare Society". At first this society was thought by its practice to be a community co-operative society. However, it was soon recognised that there was a much more sinister layer in the fundamental structure. Meetings of the society were held, and men, women and children were required to attend. We soon discovered that all the village was involved and upon my last visit there, I stayed for three days with the teacher and in the end had to admit that we looked like losing our whole village. I told our pastor-teacher to hold on, teach school, and try to influence the people for good. After my departure from the village, the teacher, who had faithfully continued his task against opposition, came over to me at Skotolan concerned that his wife would be assaulted. He had to

MADE MANIFEST (2 Cor. 4:10)



Group of girls at
Kihili Girls' School.

go with her on every occasion and the two could trust no-one in the village. With this evidence before us, plus the fact that we had a deputation from the village requesting our withdrawal I had consulted the local Roman Catholic Father, who had already withdrawn his teacher. The Government had come to a dead end in dealing with the village folk. The Quarterly Meeting unanimously agreed to our withdrawal and closing of our school. However, pastoral oversight of some thirty former worshippers has been continued by a village teacher some five miles along the coast. Our statistical return continues to show these people as adherents, but we have no doubt that they are hardly worthy of being called Methodists. We have continued to retain students from the village at Skotolan. Until such time as the people repent and invite the Mission back to the full pastoral oversight of the village, these, along with several from the village who are living away as teachers, are our only witness there.

Gordon A. R. Cornwell, Skotolan.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS IN TEOP CIRCUIT

The quality of the schools show improvement each year. The young men and women in their 20's who used to fill the seats in the Primers and lower standards have disappeared in all but one school. There is a crop of youngsters in the Primer classes, which is likely to be the first echelon of children taught throughout their school days with some degree of effective method. This is a result of the enlightened Teacher Training programme of the Government Education Department into which our District Institution fits.

One imminent factor which will create problems is the increasing rate of school enrolments. This is apparent already in the lower classes. This is going to create a situation in which the financial resources of the Mission will be unable to hold our work at its present standard unless a radical

FOR WHICH CAUSE WE



ZAKELE, a paralysed leper, in his wheelchair, the gift of a New Zealand Methodist

change is made in the amount of money available. If nothing is done about this we are likely to find the Methodists coming a very poor third to the Missions which have entered the field of commercial enterprise with sagacity and common sense. If we are to continue in the Educational field in other than an amateur status some kind of endowment policy for our schools is essential.

Gordon D. Brough, Kekesu.

TRANSLATION INTO AETA

The superintendent and Mrs. Brough were fortunate in being able to go for five weeks into the Aeta speaking area of the circuit and live in a village there. The intention is,

that after further checking for dialectic differences in other villages a phonemic and a grammar statement of this language be formulated with the commencement of a dictionary, so that on return from furlough, movement towards translation can be made.

Big services at Kekesu were held and very well attended on World Communion Sunday, Christmas, New Year and Easter, as well as welcomes and farewells to workers. The World Communion Services opened with Sacrament in the morning at 7 and then a service at 10 with concentration through helps and preaching on the wideness of God's grace and Church. Easter involved an 'EASTER CAMP' in which the people lived on the station for three days, attended study circles, Prayer Service for World Tensions, Break-of-day Service, Communion and other services.

Gordon D. Brough, Kekesu.

I.B.R.A. DAILY READINGS:

We have been very pleased in the way the girls from the District Girls' School have translated and duplicated the Daily Reading into the Siwai language. One of our main problems is still to find any trained suitable men for the work of the catechist and the pastoral side. The day is fast approaching when the teaching and pastoral work will need to be done by different men. To be a pastor will demand a real call to work as their pay will be much smaller than that of the certificated teacher. The pastor will need to know what he is there for. There are a few Methodists who are asking "what has the Mission given

FAINT NOT (2 Cor. 4:16)

us?" To the pastor and catechist of the future will fall the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel in terms and depth that will show the people that the Mission didn't come only to give schools or medicine or sell store goods, but that here is the Living Word from God. We are grateful for men such as Deukari who have come back from Banga with a vision of what the Gospel means. One of our tasks is to deepen these men's understanding and guide them away from certain pitfalls.

Philip F. Taylor, Kihili.

HELP FOR LOCAL PREACHERS

A series of Local Preacher study books is being prepared from Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why" for Vella Lavella, Roviana, Marovo (and Honiara) Circuits; they are 1/- a copy for each chapter, only Chapter V having yet appeared owing to the pressure of work and the duplication of 1,500 copies of the First Quarter of the New Roviana Hymnbook about which a separate article has been written. Some elementary material in pidgin English is being and has been prepared for Local Preachers' tuition.

Allen H. Hall, Banga.

ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE TRAINING

It was a wonderful privilege to have the opportunity of attending All Saints Missionary College in Sydney last year. I am very grateful that it was possible for me to have this training.

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The short intensive course covered a wide variety of subjects, including Bible Study, Missionary Principles and Practice, Church History and Anthropology; also Linguistics and Tropical Hygiene at Sydney University. Other lectures and demonstrations introduced practical work like First Aid, Hairdressing and Breadmaking. Prayer and Worship were a vital part of College life, each day beginning and ending with Devotions. All students took a lead in College Prayers, and also were able to assist with Services and Missionary Deputation Meetings in the district.

All Saints is now an Ecumenical College, organised jointly by Methodist, Presbyterian and London Missionary Society Boards, together with the co-operation of Associated Boards. Anglican Missionary candidates shared in some of our lectures. It was grand to experience a deeper understanding in the unity of our common faith and task.

Every student is indebted to the influence of the College Principal, Rev. Frank Whyte, formerly a missionary in India. His individual personal interest and his fine sense of humour were a great inspiration. With him and Mrs. Whyte we learnt to live as a Christian family, making many rich friendships.

Kathleen Shaw, Kekesu.

FROM NEW DELHI

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL JOIN TOGETHER

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY
COUNCIL 1921

EDINBURGH

1910

Faith and Order

Life and Work

WORLD
MISSIONARY
CONFERENCE

STOCKHOLM
1925

History was made on Sunday, 19th November, 1961, when these two great bodies united at New Delhi.

The I.M.C., as it is called, has 38 national missionary councils, while the W.C.C. has 198 member churches with over 400 million believers. The I.M.C. had always stressed **Mission**, while the W.C.C. tended to lay the emphasis on **Unity**. But it had become clear that the two go together, being two sides of the same action of the Living Lord, who wants to draw all men to Himself.

The great Third Assembly of the W.C.C. had opened that morning with a service of worship, which filled the Shamiana to overflowing. About 1000 delegates walked in a procession of witness to unite with observers, fraternal workers, advisors, youth participants and others in worship—about 3000 in all. It was a colourful sight. The many robes, with violet, red and black dominant, the variety of national dresses, black cassocks and flowing beards made it picturesque. But more than that, the different races and peoples present bespoke the **Church**, the living Body of Christ.

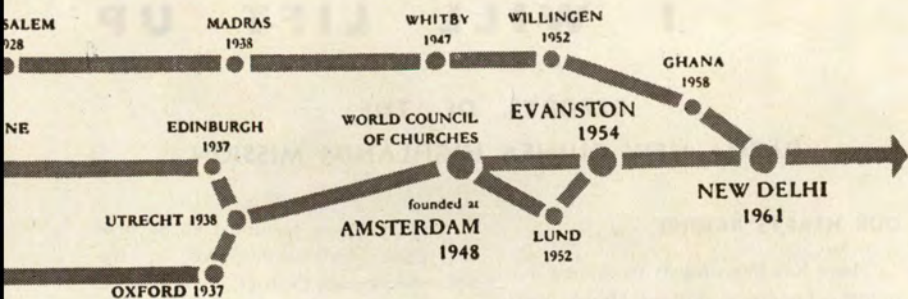
In the afternoon we met again in the Vigyan Bhavan, the elaborate hall where many international Conferences have been held, with Archbishop Iakobos of the Greek Orthodox Church in the chair.

Bishop Lesslie Newbigin, the secretary of the I.M.C., reminded us that it is just 50 years since the Ecumenical movement was first mentioned at the Edinburgh "Third ECUMENICAL Missionary Council" as it was first called. There was even then a longing for unity in the work of bringing men to Christ "in the whole created world" which is what "Ecumenical" means.

Since then the W.C.C. has come into being, stressing **Unity** and **Mission**, until now it seems logical that both councils should belong together because, as I said, unity and mission are two sides of the same reality.

Two of the strongest arguments against integration were, first, that a concern for **Mission** might deflect the World Council from its work for **Unity**. Or, secondly, that in the integrated body, **Missions** might have a secondary place. But it is for us to show that the true purpose of Unity is to fulfil more adequately the major task of the Church, the preaching of the Gospel to the nations.

So there came the dramatic moment, when Dr. Franklin C. Fry moved certain essential amendments to the Constitution of the I.M.C. and then Dr. Christian C. Baeta of Ghana moved the motion for integration, "That the integrated body henceforth be known as the World Council of



Churches, and will be in all respects the legal successor of the International Missionary Council . . ."

It was stated that there had been only one objection from the I.M.C. National Councils (Norway) and that from only one (China) there had been no reply.

The vote was put and carried unanimously, with acclamation, the secretaries of the I.M.C. and W.C.C. moving across the stage to shake hands, after which Dr. P. van Dusan led us in an act of praise and thanksgiving.

As a result of this great step forward in both Unity and Mission, 25 extra delegates from the I.M.C. took their places in the Assembly with full voting rights. Henceforth the former I.M.C. will function as part of the W.C.C. Division of World Mission and Evangelism, with the former secretary, Bishop Newbigin as a Director and an associate General Secretary of the World Council.

E. C. LEADLEY.

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- link Methodists in isolated places and "shut-ins" with fellow Methodists in New Zealand.
- link individuals, families or Church groups with Christians overseas.

Venture in this "joyous fellowship" by writing NOW to the appropriate Organiser. This is one way to open up new horizons of Christian fellowship, to broaden your understanding of other people and to break through the isolation that surrounds many of our own people in this Country.

Talk hobbies, Church interests, work projects, sport, particular concerns of yours by letters.

Youth Section (14 - 25 years of age):

Miss C. F. Hight, 33 Main South Road, Tinwald, ASHBURTON.

Adult Section (over 25 years of age):

Mrs. L. Ramsden, Vance Street, SHANNON.

State your full name, occupation, address, age and sex; your hobbies, special interests and Church activities; your preference for country or district, age and sex of penfriend desired. Groups should provide details of their activities.

I WILL LIFT UP

REPORTS OF THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS MISSION

OUR HEARTS REJOICE

There has been much to rejoice our hearts. Nineteen patients have been discharged from the Hansenide Centre at Tari, with the disease arrested. We rejoice in the continuing number of decisions for Christ at both Mendi and Tari. At Tari the total number of registered decisions now numbers more than two hundred, and further new decisions are being registered almost daily. We rejoice in the large number of adults now attending Bible Classes throughout the Mendi Circuit.

Five indigenous people have been received through baptism into the membership of the Church in the Mendi Circuit, and thirty-three in the Tari Circuit. Many others in both places are attending classes of preparation. That the Highlands Church has come into being is our great joy. It has been a vivid witness to the saving power of God's Spirit, and as a result others also are making enquiries.

Clifford J. Keightley,
Chairman, Nipa.

A SECRETARY'S WORK

I have been able to improve on the routine District Book keeping system still further, and keep the Tari Circuit Books to relieve the Acting-Superintendent, Mr. C. J. Hutton. I have also undertaken most of the Trade Store book work. As well as the actual cash and book work, we have sent out an average of eighteen letters each week by mail.

In May I was fortunate to be able to spend my local leave in the Solomon Islands District. I received a wonderful welcome from the Chairman and all the staff there, learnt much, and was heartened to be reminded once again, that other people have problems similar to and even sometimes worse than one's own.

Joyce K. Rosser, Tari.

TARI MEDICAL STATISTICS

These are as follows (all are given as monthly averages with the exception of the annual total of confinements):—

General Section	1959/60	1960/61
Out Patients first visits	960	727
Out Patients total visits	2,282	2,428
In Patients	42	44

Maternity Section

Antenatal Cases	4	3
Confinements (Total)	14	20

Infant Welfare

Roll Number	166	186
Attendances	368	469

Staff

Orderlies—Male	5	5
Female	2	3

TARI LEPER WORK

The year has brought us much joy in two ways. Firstly Hansenide patients have made decisions to serve the One Great God. All these men are at present receiving pre-Baptism instruction.

MINE EYES (Psalm 121:1)

Secondly, we record our first nineteen discharges with the disease arrested. This has been a cause for much rejoicing, especially as some of the patients had been away from their home districts up to eight years. It also is giving to those who remain, new hope and much encouragement to stay the long course needed.

We deeply regret the first death at the Centre. The patient was an elderly man who had received only broken treatment, and had returned in a very debilitated condition. He appeared to be making a recovery when he died of pneumonia.

Again we must report far too many abscondings. One patient from the Duna Sub-District, who was ordered to the Centre, stayed only two weeks and then disappeared completely. It would appear that police methods are not the answer to this problem. I am sure the best incentive to an acceptance of the long treatment is to see other patients being discharged.

Edith James, Tari.

LEARNING TO READ

A much bigger programme of Literacy Classes was commenced this year. Classes are held for men, women, older boys and Hansenide patients. Attendances range from twenty to fifty at each of these classes. The desire of young and old to read in their own language, especially to read the word of God, has created much enthusiasm in these classes. "Home-work" is always well done as a pupil sits down in a group, or in his house and studies and practises the words and sentences on the sheet of paper he has received.

The Open Door



SISTER EDITH JAMES, due home this month on her second furlough.

The school at Gigida continues satisfactorily. Literacy classes are held on two out-Stations. Besides our main Station school, we have no other Government Recognised school in Tari.

John Hutton, Tari.

MISSIONARY AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

Here in New Zealand, aeroplanes fly overhead and we seldom raise our eyes, but can we imagine the feelings of a missionary family in the Highlands of New Guinea, many days tramping distance from supplies and medical aid, who when they hear the drone of the Missionary Aviation plane know that it is at their call

LIFT UP



Church and Office at Mendi in the New Guinea Highlands.

in any time of need bringing them within minutes' distance of aid?

The planes of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship are their life line and one has only to talk to the Rev. and Mrs. C. Keightley to know how much the M.A.F. has meant to them and their staff.

In ten countries throughout the world, the Missionary Aviation work is enabling the Gospel to be taken to hitherto unknown or inaccessible people. The Missionary Aviation Fellowship is not a new or separate Mission, but is the servant of Missions wherever service is needed for mission stations otherwise inaccessible.

The New Zealand and Australian M.A.F. Councils work together to maintain planes in the eastern half of New Guinea and thus serve our Methodist circuits of Tari, Mendi and Nipa. There are three M.A.F. bases at present, viz. **Wewak** with three planes, three pilots and an engineer; **Banz** with two planes and two pilots; and, the most important base for Methodists — **Tari** with a plane flown and maintained by pilot Harold

Morton. These men are all flying to the maximum flying hours permitted by the Department of Civil Aviation. Two new aircraft have been delivered and put into service during 1961 and none has been withdrawn. Arrangements have been made for a new base to be opened at Wasua early in 1962 to serve Papua and relieve the pressure on the Tari base.

While running expenses for the planes are met by charges to missionary organisations on an hourly basis (less than half commercial rates), the money for pilots' salaries, housing, new planes and hangars comes from the gifts of Christian friends in New Zealand and Australia. These may be sent through the New Zealand M.A.F. office, P.O. Box 1760, Auckland.

There is a growing urgency about missionary work throughout the world and it seems part of God's will that M.A.F. is developing at this time, for in certain areas there is probably no other single agency which so greatly accelerates the missionary advance as the M.A.F.

—G.R.T.

YOUR HEARTS

TIMOTHY LOE

It is surely no surprise that, in this sixtieth anniversary year of our Church in the Solomons, some of the outstanding local personalities of the Church there have been passing to their reward. Ten years ago, it was even so, and the Jubilee Delegation of 1952 stood bareheaded at the grave, not long since filled, of Sam Angarau, an early associate of Mr. Goldie. During 1961, we have recorded the passing of Stephen Gadepeta, first convert on Choiseul.

The Editor can nevertheless recall Timothy Loe in quite a characteristic situation. It was the Golden Jubilee visit of ten years ago, and Timothy had come out of retirement, to ensure that the engines of our mission ships missed no beats during the 500 boisterous sea miles which the New Zealand party covered.

For it was as a loyal and efficient engineer that Timothy is remembered first of all. Read page 54 of **Isles of Solomon** by Clarence Luxton it you would know the beginning of this man's Christian experience and service. Turn to the pages of **The Methodist Times** on January 27th last and you will have before you the full tribute by a former Chairman and fellow voyager, John R. Metcalfe.

"Harry Raeno as captain, and Timothy Loe as engineer, became identified with the **Tandanya**" (Mr. Goldie's vessel) writes Mr. Metcalfe. "There was something lacking when they were not on board. However wild and ungovernable Timothy may have been on occasions, he took great care of the **Tandanya's** engine, was always reliable and, in fact, irreplaceable."

Timothy and Pamu his wife were able to rear their large family without loss. They were ready to receive medical assistance from the mission staff, and their success in this way bore a fine testimony and was the beginning of better days for the people of their home island.

On at least one occasion, Timothy set an example of patient forbearance, when, as the victim of unprovoked assault, he abstained from revenge or court action, and met apology with ready forgiveness. A contrast indeed with his earlier uncouth manners.

"A Christian of conviction, Timothy was always ready to testify to the goodness of God and the power of His salvation. He attended worship with gladness and his prayers were heartwarming. He became a local preacher above the average, always ready to fill a gap. On one occasion Mr. Goldie was ill at the time of the Thanksgiving services on Choiseul. Timothy was asked to supply. He filled the position ably and the **Tandanya** crew helped to make the service a record financially.

"Timothy grew in grace with the years. It was always a pleasure to have him at Quarterly Meetings as well as at other services. Timothy and Pamu were among the pioneers of the Christian way of life. The Western Solomons owes much to the wild youth of Kolombangara who became the first mission engineer and helped to revitalise the place of his birth."

"Surely this man demonstrated the power of God to use the most unpromising material for the extension of His Kingdom."

ON FINANCIAL MATTERS

The full statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet for the year ended 31st August, 1961, appears in the published minutes of the annual Church Conference, 1961. Although there had been an unexpectedly large income from circuits in the latter part of 1960 and a full payment of our quota through the Connexional Budget for the early part of 1961, the cash situation remained difficult at times. During the current year, the Board is reviewing the whole position of its funds in relation to their investments.

While our current expenditure is now met, mainly from the Connexional Budget and the grants from the M.W.M.U., our capital expenditure is almost entirely dependent on the legacies of Methodist people. We therefore publish with gratitude the following list of legacies received during the year.

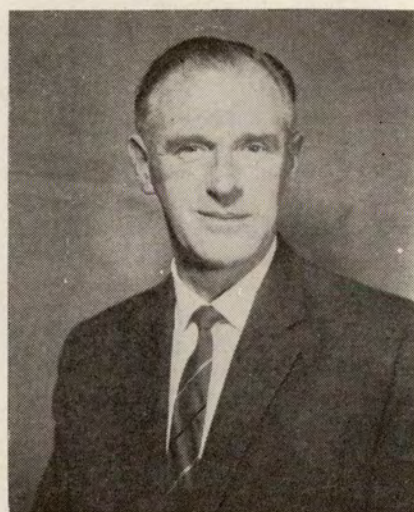
LEGACIES RECEIVED

(1/9/60 - 31/8/61)

John Davidson	50	0	0
John Palmer (final)	361	0	0
A. M. Jones	100	0	0
Walters Family Farm Trust	50	0	0
George Wilson	100	0	0
J. C. Prudhoe: sale of rights	20	0	0
M. H. Morley (further) ..	588	0	0
Anonymous donation in lieu of legacy	1000	0	0
A. M. McEwen	10	12	0
Grace Heighway (final) ..	1672	6	10
W. W. Avery	95	0	0
E. A. Teasey	115	5	6
Elizabeth Jensen	100	0	0
Marion Reed	100	0	0
Mrs. E. B. Wright	463	4	3

C. B. Armstrong (further)	6	5	0
May Adamson	100	0	0
F. M. Hosking	773	19	11
M. E. Wooloxall	100	0	0
J. C. Prudhoe (income) ..	46	9	3
Harry Millin	525	0	0
J. T. Boyde	400	0	0
E. Simpson	100	0	0
J. C. Prudhoe	507	12	2
L. J. Collis (income)	4	10	0
Enos Stevenson (further)	17	6	
E. A. Dillon	67	10	7
Thomas Reid	200	0	0
Frank Jones	100	0	0
TOTAL	£7694	12	6

In addition the Leper Fund received £115/5/6 from the Estate of E. A. Teasey and £175 from the Estate of H. Millin.



MR. E. C. FLYGER, recently appointed Executive Officer, of the Methodist Church Finance and Stewardship Committee, through which most of our local missionary income is now channelled.

SOME SALIENT FIGURES

(drawn from our financial statements adopted at Conference, 1961)

CURRENT ORDINARY INCOME :

New Zealand circuits gave (5 months)	12,082
The connexional budget raised (7 months)	17,208
Methodist Women's Missionary Union (ordinary grant and "gift")	4,000
Interest on Medical Fund	1,202
Transferred from Lepers' Trust Board grants	3,000
Interest on Working Capital	1,004
Total Ordinary Income (N.Z. sources)	<u>£38,596</u>

CURRENT ORDINARY EXPENDITURE :

Solomon Islands	44,781	
Less Income	15,790	28,991
Papua New Guinea Highlands	4,072	
Less Income	507	3,665
Spent at home base		3,675
Balance Transferred		2,265
Total Ordinary Expenditure		<u>£38,596</u>

EXPENDITURE FROM SPECIAL FUNDS TOTALLED £11,023

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Amounts raised for Home & Overseas Missions in year-ended August 31st, '61

District	Total
Northland	578 16 0
Auckland	2,468 10 10
Waitemata	694 5 0
Franklin	497 13 10
South Auckland	1,109 7 6
Thames Valley	607 0 0
Bay of Plenty	470 4 4
Taranaki	800 6 5
Wanuganui	426 16 3
Manawatu	1,590 16 5
Hawke's Bay	787 0 0
Wairarapa	325 5 5
Wellington	1,394 14 0
Nelson/Marlborough	814 12 10
West Coast	160 12 4
North Canterbury	1,884 11 9
South Canterbury	1,082 1 0
Otago	1,001 10 11
Southland	846 12 2
Other Monies	37 14 1
TOTALS	17,578 11 1
1960	17,302 3 2

ABOUT PEOPLE

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Nearly every year brings its influx of furlough travellers whose leave includes our New Zealand summer. This Christmas has been no exception, but for the first time there has been two-way traffic. Christmas brought rejoicings to the McDonald family at Sasamunga, Choiseul, when their sons, Graham and Leslie flew home for their school holidays. With them went Ruth



Sister Vivienne Parton in training in Sydney

Cornwell to her parents at Buka. Solomon Islands students who have held government scholarships in New Zealand also travelled homewards for the holidays: Isaac Qoloni to Choiseul from Wesley College, and Effie Kevisi and Agnes Luduvavini from New Plymouth Girls' High School to Roviana and Choiseul. All these young people returned to school in New Zealand early last month.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Esau Tuza of Choiseul who has been at Wesley College for a year, goes

for 1962 to the School for Christian Workers at Trinity College. Esau is supported by the scholarship fund of the Solomon Islands District Synod. The Board also has opened a fund to assist with ventures such as this. The Boys' Brigade Council has voted from its missionary funds to support Gordon Siama of Choiseul this year. Gordon arrived in January in time for the B.B. Summer School at Massey College. After that he went to the School for Christian Workers also.

ORDER OF ST. STEPHEN

For a number of years, our building programme overseas has been helped by the service of carpentry candidates for the Order of St. Stephen. (There have also been numbers of longer term men on the staff of the Mission). The last year saw Mr. Jack Freeman of Dargaville Circuit complete his year and receive the badge of membership in the Order. This month is to see new candidates set out. Mr. Alan Penny of Petone is to accompany the Rev. Cliff Keightley to Nipa, leaving on March 20th. The departure of Mr. Ken Skinner of Mt. Albert is even earlier, and he goes to assist the erection of the new theological college at Rarongo, near Rabaul, where three Solomon Islanders this year join the students of the New Guinea and Papua Districts.

Only quite recently have candidates other than carpenters been received for short-term service in our overseas districts. Two of our sisters recently gave a year of voluntary service under the Order. Then, on January 14th, at Munda, Miss Bernice Birch was admitted as a member following her year as pharmacist (as well as in

other capacities). We are delighted that, after a brief furlough in New Zealand, Miss Birch is prepared to join our mission staff for a period.

Quite recently Mr. W. L. (Laurie) Jenkin, son of the Rev. W. C. Jenkin, offered to serve for a year as a teacher under the Order. His offer was accepted, and Mr. Jenkin accompanied the Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Cropp to Banga at the beginning of last month.

MOVEMENTS OF WORKERS

Late last year a new Fijian missionary arrived in the Solomons, the Rev. Sakea Raturoba with his wife and child. They are to serve in the Senga area of the Choiseul Circuit. This young minister has had considerable success to date with his studies for the L.Th. diploma; he has a good record also in his circuit work in Fiji.

Departures this quarter from New Zealand have been: January 9th (Auckland) Sister Edna White, going out for a year to serve voluntarily as companion-help to Sister Mary Addison; January 23rd (Wellington) Sister Patricia Jacobson proceeding to her appointment as domestic science teacher at the Girls' School, Kihili; January 30th (Christchurch) Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Cropp, new missionaries to the Roviana Circuit; February 2nd (Auckland) Mr. W. L. Jenkin from Auckland (Order of St. Stephen); February 2nd (Christchurch) Sister Vivienne Parton of Addington Circuit, for training at All Saints' College, Sydney, prior to proceeding in June to Vella Lavella.

Still to go are: March 3rd (Auckland) Rev. G. D. and Mrs. Brough (returning to Keesu), and Mr. K. G. Skinner (Order of St. Stephen carpenter); March 20th (Wellington) Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Keightley and



MR. W. L. JENKIN

family, and Mr. A. Penny (Order of St. Stephen) for Nipa, New Guinea Highlands.

Arrivals this quarter have been Miss Bernice Birch Wellington (January 18th); Mr. Rodney Fleury, Christchurch (February 22); Mr. Jack Freeman (March).

OFFICIAL VISITORS

It has long been official policy of the Overseas Missions Board that the General Secretary pay occasional visits to the districts. In these critical days such contacts between the church in New Zealand and the churches in the mission districts are of greater importance yet. Fortunately quick air connections make such contacts possible. It is now the fourth year since the General Secretary last visited the Solomon Islands and nearly seven years since he visited the New Guinea Highlands.

As there are numerous and urgent matters of business needing careful attention, study and report, the Board is grateful that Mr. A. A. Dingwall of Christchurch has found it possible to accompany the General Secretary this time. Messrs Dingwall and Andrews

left New Zealand on February 16th for Buka via Sydney and Rabaul. Mr. Dingwall is due back at Christchurch about the middle of this month. Mr. Andrews to visit the New Guinea Highlands in April and return about Easter to Auckland.

BIRTHS

Congratulations are recorded in respect of the Rev. A. C. and Mrs. Watson whose twin children, Elizabeth Joy and Jonathon Dent were born on October 27th and of Mr. Bruce Smith and Mrs. Smith whose firstborn child, Rachel Barbara, arrived on December . All these births took place at Honiara.

REV. A. H. HALL

As reported in our last issue, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, have now taken up residence in the Bombay Circuit, where Mr. Hall will give a certain amount of preaching assistance, whilst pursuing his translation of the Old Testament into the Roviana tongue.

MALARIA ERADICATION PROJECT IN SOLOMONS

In the British Solomon Islands, the World Health Organization and the South Pacific Commission are collaborating with the local health authorities in carrying out a pilot project in malaria eradication on the islands of Guadalcanal and New Georgia.

Miss Leonie Martin, SPC health education officer, was to visit the Solomons from January 1st - 16th to assist health education officer AMO Gideon Zoleveke in preparatory work for the project, which provides for the spraying of houses with insecticide in one area, and spraying plus the

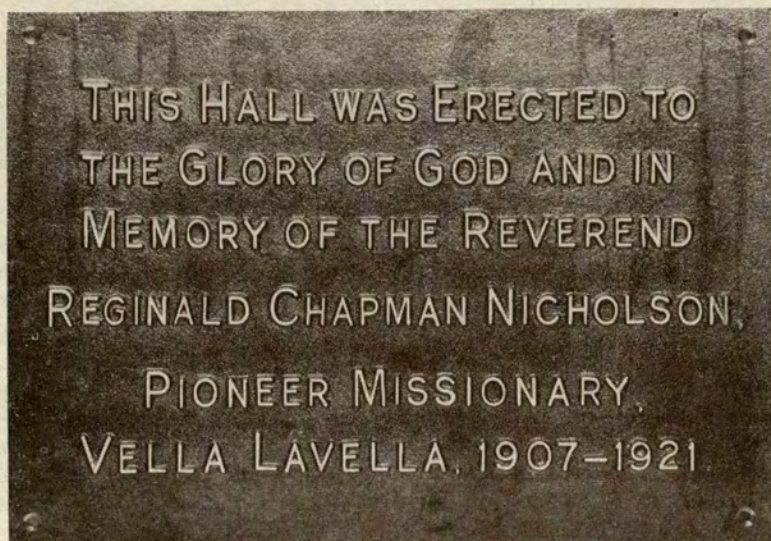
administering of a prophylactic in tablet form to the inhabitants in another.

AMO Zoleveke, who returned to the Solomons last August after taking a course in health education in London, has been associated with the pilot project for malaria eradication since it was first proposed several years ago, as has Miss Martin. Both officers assisted in conducting the dresser and teacher refresher training courses held in the Solomons in 1960, when, as part of the syllabus, trainees were given advance preparation for the health education side of malaria control.

FIJIAN CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT

Our Fijian Church is organised into three "districts," an Indian, a Fijian and a United District. The United District Synod copes with questions of common interest to the Methodists of the different language and cultural groups. At the present time the Methodists of all races in Fiji are moving towards a Conference and a President of their own. There are still missionary Chairmen of the Indian and Fijian Districts, but a Fijian minister has been appointed the Chairman of the United Synod. He is the Rev. Setareki Tuilovoni, B.D., whose ministerial post is Director of the Young People's Department of the Fijian Church. Just now, Mr. Tuilovoni is away on postgraduate study in the United States. Last year, he was appointed by the Conference of Churches and Missions in the South Pacific as the Chairman of their continuation committee. At this transition stage, it is significant that Setareki Tuilovoni is the first Pacific Islander to be appointed a Methodist Chairman.

A MEMORIAL COMPLETED



One of the inscriptions on the new educational building at Bilua.

After many years a memorial project has been completed at Bilua, Vella Lavella Circuit. During the war, the 35th U.S. infantry and the 64th U.S. Field Artillery contributed some £400 to erect a memorial hall, in appreciation of their services rendered by the people of Vella Lavella. More recently, an anonymous donor in Australia gave £500 (Australian) to enable the erection of

some building that would commemorate the pioneer missionary to Vella Lavella, the late Rev. R. C. Nicholson. With the consent of representatives of all concerned, both projects were combined and a greatly needed educational block at Bilua is the result. Plaques commemorating both gifts are being affixed to the building.



New educational block, Bilua.

OUR M.W.M.U. PAGES

Greetings All,

May the unfolding of 1962 be rich in service for us all, expressing something of our gratitude for another year of bountiful living.

JUBILEE YEAR has started here in Christchurch with the joy-bells ringing—we are thrilled to tell you of the appointment of another teacher to the Solomons.

MISS VIVIENNE PARTON left by air on February 2nd for All Saints' College, Sydney, for preparation. Addington has been her home through the years in using her many talents in faithful service there. Knowing Sister Pamela Beaumont sparked off her interest in Missions. Ten years ago when they were together at Easter Camp, Vivienne asked Pamela, "What must one do to offer as a Missionary?" Through the years there has been much to sidetrack that girlish desire to become a Missionary—but the preparation continued. The acceptance of her offer by the Methodist Mission Board to give service to her Lord as a missionary teacher has brought joy and peace that leaves no doubt that this is the path for her.

Vivienne is gifted musically, playing the piano and violin and several other instruments as well as having a lovely singing voice. Her pupils at Little River School last year learned lessons to music and they and their parents are sad because they have to part with a beloved teacher.

Rising at 5 a.m. to learn to milk cows, or tend motherless lambs on the farm where she boarded, were extras Vivienne enjoyed.

Anxious to gain admission at All Saints College this term meant a very rushed departure from N.Z.

The dedication service was held at Addington church with many friends attending. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. L. Fiebig with Rev. Dr. Slade giving the charge and Mrs. Chas. Colechin Vice-President M.W.M.U. giving greetings, the Service lacked nothing in warmth and thanks-giving.

A duet, sung by Judith and Noeline Bond, friends of Vivienne, was most fitting to the occasion. It was entitled "He'll Understand and Say Well Done."

The January M.W.M.U. District Meeting, always held at Durham Street each year, became a RED LETTER DAY for the large number of women who attended. Rev. Jim Cropp and Mrs. Cropp were guests of honour and Mr. Cropp gave a most stirring address about his call to this special appointment by the church to Roviana Circuit, the demands it will make and his response and preparation. One of his final statements remains clear in my memory, quoted from a book written by a Missionary with a life time of experience where he says—"the one true reason why a man goes as a missionary is his love to God. That and that alone will enable him in his task." Opportunity was taken to say farewell to this young couple as they left at the end of January from Harewood airport.

Home on furlough another guest of honour that afternoon was SISTER PAMELA BEAUMONT, looking a little

wearied and strained, but glad to be with us. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Beaumont were present with their daughters and son-in-law. We can perhaps understand a little of their feelings on such an occasion and we thank God for them and their Christian example in the home.

Finally Vivienne was introduced, welcomed to her first meeting with M.W.M.U. women, smiled her way into their hearts immediately; was given a parting gift; her dedication service announced and farewells said almost all in one breath.

So ladies we are away to a wonderful start for the year and it almost looks as if that wish for a record number of workers for the Solomons (expressed in my February Newsletter) in our Jubilee Year might be fulfilled.

Let us pray and do all in our power to stress the urgent need for help that the Islands church might move forward with power.

I am sure you would like me to extend on your behalf good wishes to the General Secretary, Rev. S. G. Andrews, and Mr. Dingwall, on the eve of their departure on a very important business tour of the mission field.

May they enjoy good health and the knowledge of God's presence with them to direct in all their undertakings.

With sincere good wishes to all.

AMY E. RICHARDS,
Dominion President.

PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS

It is generally recognised that an urgent need in all departments of church life is for leaders who will sustain and enlarge the work already established, but this is an age of the specialist and without some training many of our members are reluctant to shoulder the responsibilities that others have carried so long. The following notes are to encourage those who are hesitant and to remind them that it is only practice that engenders the necessary confidence. Where God calls He will also strengthen.

The President in carrying out her office, as well as the members who

follow her guidance, are both carrying on the long traditions of freedom of the individual and the rule of democracy purchased for us at a great price.

The following procedures should be studied and practised at all meetings.

1. The President carries out the duties of Chairman.
2. The Chairman should see the agenda beforehand and know what the programme is to be.
3. She is responsible for putting the business before the meeting and calling on those responsible for reports of their departments.

4. It is the Chairman's duty to keep order, act impartially, see that the meeting is valid, ensure the Constitution, Rules and Standing Orders are carried out; to understand correct procedure, settle points of order and to keep to the order of the agenda unless the majority desire otherwise.
5. The Chairman should not allow discussion unless a motion is before the meeting but adequate opportunity should be given for the expression of opinion on the matter before the meeting.
6. The President must sign the minutes in ink after asking for votes of those in favour and those against.
7. If, in voting there is confusion, and it is the wish of the meeting a secret ballot must be taken and the result declared.
8. The President should ask if there is an other business before closing the meeting.
9. The President MUST NOT leave the Chair without the consent of the meeting; to do so indicates the close of the meeting.
10. No visitor may speak at a meeting except at the invitation or by permission of the President.
11. The President has a vote and in the event of equal voting a casting vote as well.
12. In the absence of the President, a chairman can be elected from the meeting.

These are the main points to remember but there are added responsibilities for the leader in a church group for while keeping the rules of procedure she must also be a leader in the spiritual sense. The President sets the tone of the group. What you are your group becomes. Encourage or restrain the members as you see they need; helping each to grow in grace. Welcome each member with impartiality. Remember the dignity of your office, address each member by surnames and titles when in public, however close you may be to them in private life. Dress neatly so that nothing you wear will attract more attention than the message you have or the work on which the meeting is engaged. Pay the utmost attention to the Guest speaker and see that others do the same. Have your sprays handy if gifts are to be made. Be prompt in the opening and the closing of the meeting. Be discreet. Never serve the tea. Organise things beforehand, or see that your Secretary does, but go cup in hand to give that word of cheer or thanks that mean so much to the stranger or the shy or the aged. You will get close to your members sharing their joys and sorrows, receiving for them the love and support you need and together your group will form a force for good in your church and in your district as well as in the more distant fields where so much of our interest lies.

NOW IS

the acceptable time

the day of salvation

Writing from Tari to the President of the Conference, Mr. Gordon Dey comments on the theme of the New Delhi Assembly: "JESUS CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD." "The joyful thing is that we see it in action here," he writes. "There have been more baptisms at both Mendi and Tari. In fact next Sunday we shall have had them here three consecutive Sundays . . . Over 400 have made decisions here now. Many of the earlier ones grow in grace, but how we long for a male teacher to give them pastor training, that they might be really spiritual leaders and evangelists among their own people" . . . but

WHERE ARE THE REAPERS ?

This is typical of the letters that we receive regularly from our overseas districts.

SOME ENCOURAGEMENT

One new teaching sister has been appointed and Sister Edna White has returned out of retirement to be a companion help to Sister Mary Addison at Tonu. but the Rev. George Carter stresses the need for . . .

THREE NURSES NOW

and

FOUR TEACHERS NOW

Humanly speaking, we have little encouragement to offer him. But we believe that God is still calling our Church and people.



DO YOU HEAR THAT CALL ?

Write to . . . THE GENERAL SECRETARY,
Methodist Overseas Missions Department,
Box 5023,
AUCKLAND, C.1.

and write — **NOW !**

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SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

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