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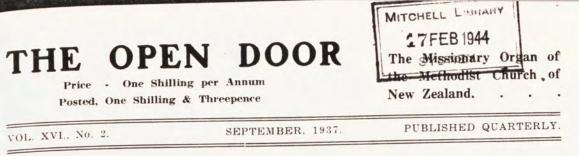
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Estimating for the Doctor.

We speak with conviction when we say that we believe it is the mind of New Zealand Methodism to send the Doctor back to the Solomons. The decision of the last Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions and the Conference to appoint Dr. Allen G. Rutter upon his return from England was in line with this definite wish of the Church and the urgent need of the Solomons. This decision was based upon a confidence in the Church, not only to stand behind the Board in Sending the Doctor, but also to Maintain him and his great work. Not infrequently in the history of Missions has a special worker been sent out on a wave of enthusiasm, and the wave having spent its force, the work and worker left stranded on the stoney beach of the General Fund. What we must have for successful continuity in the Work is not a mere wave of enthusiasm, but a strong, steady tide of prayerful purpose. We must guarantee the cost of the Medical Unit while assuring an expanding income for the General Work, keeping ever before us our central purpose of winning the Solomons for Jesus Christ.

With this in mind, a recent meeting of the Board of Missions faced the important question of a Pre-allocation upon which the Islands Synod may base its Estimates for 1938.

In addition to maintaining the work in hand and allowing for its constant extension, provision had to be made for the new Sister already appointed, and also for the final restoration of cuts in the stipends of European and Native workers.

In addition to this the Board had the joyful but responsible task of allocating for the doctor, nurses, medical supplies, maintenance of hospital, and other expenditure involved in the re-establishment of the Medical Unit. The annual expenditure for this Unit will, with rigid economy, be

about £1,500 per annum. When spread over the whole of New Zealand Methodism, this is well within our capacity. The Native Church in the Solomons will also gladly assist—the generous giving of the Natives who are but 20 to 35 years removed from stark savage heathenism should be a challenge and inspiration to us in this highly-favoured land.

The interest of the Gorman Bequest, a generous annual donation for medical work from Mrs. Caughey-Preston, and generous contributions from several Trusts and the M.W.M.U., have greatly strengthened the hands of the Board of Missions at this juncture, and we thank God for the vision and love that have inspired these gifts. We hope also to receive a subsidy from the Solomon Islands Government. With this excellent start and the urge of such a great need, we confidently appeal to the whole Church to stand behind the Board, as, in the near future, we change our medical slogan from "Send Back the Doctor!" to "Maintain the Doctor!"

"It is perfectly clear that Christ gloried in the work of healing the bodies as well as the souls of men, and that He regarded the overthrow of disease as an essential part of His mission and of His manifestation of the Kingdom. What wonder then that Christ's followers were commissioned by Him to a similar ministry whereby His gospel was to be known as Good News for every part of man's being. Christ came to reveal God as our Father, and it is unthinkable that with so majestic an aim He should fail to be the Healer of the suffering children of God's earthly family. In His hands the healing of the sick was "the goodness that revealed the glory." It was not a mere incident of His mission; it was part of that reconquest of fallen human nature for which

Building the Indigenous Church.

One of the Subjects discussed at the recent Australian National Missionary Conference

The following was prepared by a Com- element of discipline, guidance and direc mission for presentation to the Confer- tion, while leaving to native hands both ence:-

Christian point of view is, surely, to cre- ministry amongst the Christians. The ate a living Native Church that shall be role which thus falls to the white missiontruly indigenous, and by this test all ary emphasises the fact that those now missionary activity must be ultimately sent must be men and women of high judged." So writes the Rev. J. W. Bur- intellectual standing and of trained capacton in his Missionary Survey of the ity for leadership. Pacific Islands; and, he adds: "There are already such churches in the Pacific- cases the infant Native Churches are churches that could carry on their task. self-propagating; nor can anything exceed even though the European staff were with- the zeal and devotion and self-sacrifice drawn."

The Missionary Associations at work in the Pacific quite clearly recognise that the object to be kept in view is to present the Gospel to the island peoples. and so to organise the steadily increasing Christian element amongst them. as to encourage self-expression in their Christian life, fellowship and worship, and to provide them through the Church with an organ of such self-expression. Thus every effort is made to present the Gospel in native guise, not in an alien, white man's form, and to encourage a standard

of conduct, a social fellowship, and forms Gospel to non-Christian islands and disof worship which are not second-hand tricts. Equally can it be claimed that imitations of the white man's Church, but the settled routine parochial or district are the forms in and through which the ministrations are faithfully carried out by new life in Christ finds congenial and Native Pastors. Ministers and Teachers. natural expression. It is true that white The primary importance of a Native Miniscontrol must be retained over the affairs try. well-trained and capable of assuming of the infant native churches for an in- responsibility, is fully recognised; and definite time to come. Yet wherever pos- the College institutions in which such sible the direct control is relaxed, and responsibility increasingly placed in native work provide a high standard of educahands. Increasingly the white missionary tion. is withdrawing into the background, concentrating upon the training of the lead- self-support in the Native Church. The ers and teachers of the native Christian poverty of the people is indeed such that

the directly Evangelistic work amongst "The real end of missions, from the non-Christians and the settled pastora

It may indeed be claimed that in all with which Native Evangelists carry the



Church and Teacher's House, Roviana Island. Photo: The Editor

Native Ministers are prepared for their

There are, too, growing tendencies to community, and providing the necessary in few cases can they bear the whole expense of the building of their Church and the maintenance of its ministry. Yet here, of indigenous churches, but of an indigtoo, the evidence available is proof of the enous Church in the Pacific. Hitherto. self-sacrificing liberality with which Na- and perhaps inevitably, the Church in each tive Christians."out of their deep poverty." give both in labour and money for the the Missionary body concerned. Differerection and equipment of their buildings ences of organisation, forms of worship, and the support of their pastorate.

In most cases, it is true. self-government for the Native Church is not vet in sight. Yet in such limited ways as are possible, through church councils and other means. the affairs-at any rate, the minor affairs -of the Church are left to the management of the Native Christians. Indeed. the (Methodist) indigenous church in Tonga is "practically self-supporting, selfgoverning, and self-propagating," and while in other fields, e.g., Samoa and Fiji, the Mission Board still retains some control, yet there, too, the indigenous church is wholly responsible for the native work. Thus assumption of increasing responsibility is the fulfilment of a right ambition of which the Native Christian is becoming increasingly conscious. "It is quite evident," writes Mr. Burton, "that of late years there is a new spirit moving in his life, and that he is making demands for wider liberty and for fuller power." Typical of native ambition for a church and a Christian fellowship and life racy of the native soil is the following quotation from a translated letter contributed in May. 1936, to a mission paper by Ini, founder and head of the Retatasiu or Native Brotherhood in the Anglican diocese of Melanesia:-"Can we free ourselves from the help given by the Mission? How can we establish the true Church of Melanesia? The idea about it amongst our brothers is this; that the Church of Melanesia shall live of itself with its own true life. This is the truth. The whites planted and the Brothers seek that what was planted shall live of its own true life." Thus there is developing amongst the Native Christians themselves a church consciousness, and a desire for an island church through which their own Christian corporate life can find expression; and it is the accepted missionary method to encourage this ambition and to work for its ultimate fulfilment.

Ultimately, indeed, there is need not area has built on the lines traditional with and teaching which the missionary bodies have brought with them have been reproduced in the Pacific. Yet it is wrong to plant and perpetuate in a missionary area like the Pacific our western religious differences and divisions; and the anomaly will increase with the increasing freedom of intercourse between its island peoples. "The need of the Pacific," writes Mr. Burton again. "is for a Native Church to arise that shall transcend, and be independent of, the form and passions of our western denominationalism." It is indeed in such an area as this that the need of unity and reunion assumes a new emphasis. No indigenous church can fully meet the need of the island peoples of the Pacific which has not scope for them all within its single fold."

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FOUR GENERATIONS, ROVIANA, 1937. A rare occurrence in the Solomons. Photo: Sister Luna Jones

Looking Back after Three Years

by the Rev. E. C. LEADLEY.

After three years we are home on tur- remember two words which differ only lough, and our thoughts fly back over the in a single letter. They are 'Vinaritokai period since we first left New Zealand. and 'Vinaritokei.' The first means 'to help They have been a very wonderful three one another' and the other 'to quarrel.' years, but there has been a good deal of Of course, I used the wrong one, when adjustment necessary in that period. Climate.

and we had to adjust ourselves to that. From the more or less balmy climate of New Zealand we found ourselves transported to a climate which resembled a steam oven more than anything else. Its effect upon the nerves was the worst any we had ever known. We found them of all.

Language.

Then there was the change of language. After futile attempts to learn French and Greek. I wondered how I would ever Gospel. Our work lay largely among the master the Roviana dialect. It was certainly difficult at first. Lectures had to had no actual knowledge of the old days be prepared for College use, and sermons of rapine and murder. In many ways for Sunday, or addresses for the Class they were just like the people of our own Meetings. We had to write out our work land, both as regards their virtues and in simple English, after which one of the faults. On the other hand we came to native teachers tried to turn it into realise the truth of what most workers Roviana. At the very first, this transla- among native peoples have said, that it tion was read to the people at worship, is almost impossible for any white person and no one but themselves know what to understand fully the workings of the they thought of our efforts. In the case native mind. Yet a wonderful change has of lectures, I remember writing the words and is being wrought in the lives of the on the blackboard, with but a poor idea of people through the power of the Gospel of what it all meant. To-day we look back Jesus. They are being saved in the widest over these efforts and read again the sense of the term; they are being 'rooted wonderful translations with which we and built up in Him.' edified the people. We are now painfully aware that in many sentences there is no we cannot speak with any great knowmeaning at all, owing to the translator ledge, for we have seen very little of it. being himself in difficulties over ou. Our work at Roviana has kept up almost English, and in desperation putting down continually in the one place. Quite frankly, a literal translation which to the people we were glad to leave on furlough, for we meant nothing at all. Later we were able felt very keenly the effect of the climate to branch out with attempts at the lan- on the nerves. Now we are just as keen guage, trying to speak without having to to return as we were to come away. and read the whole address. But there were this next term will, we hope, see us remany mistakes, much spluttering, and turning to a language and a people and oh! the horrible feeling on discovering a work which we know, in part at least. that, for example, in speaking to the We will be 'old hands,' and can watch with children, one had used a word meaning sympathy (and perhaps amusement!) the 'father's stomach' instead of a similar efforts of other workers who come out word meaning 'parents.' I will always to tackle such a different life and work.

preaching to the people about helpfulness, and those long-suffering people were ex-There was, for instance, the climate, horted to quarrel throughout their married life. Ah well, we always consoled ourselves with the belief that the people were able to guess at what we meant. People.

> The people, too, were so different from to be a people who were growing up spiritually. We were amazed at what had been done among them, and marvelled at the way in which they had accepted the children and adults of a generation which

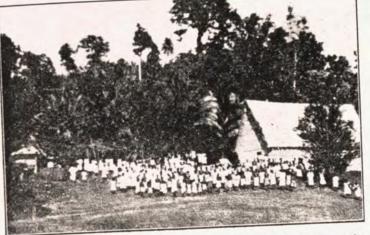
Of the work in other parts of the Group

More Extracts from the General Secretary's Diary.

Again visited school. About 30 senior 6.15. boys who attend school from 11 to 2 hours in the early morning and then work on plantation for which they are paid according to the work they do. In school work they seem to have reached quite a fair standard. Arithmetic when I watched Avoirdupois and Money sums. They write well and read.

The junior school is not large at present-about 30-40 present when I visited. Under care of two Native Teachers.

Walked through plantation and saw boys cutting copra and working at Dryer. This is a first-class plantation of about 380 acres, all in splendid bearing. The cattle look well.



Church and people, Kundu, Ranonga. Teacher's house on right.

Evening Lotu 7 p.m. Saturday, August 10th .- Morning Lotu 6.15.

Visited Hospital to see injections given. About 50 awaiting treatment. 45 had been treated the previous day-injections alone - many other treatments. Three medical assistants at work, although the normal staff is only two; one is awaiting transfer to Marovo.

Really inspirational to watch the quiet Friday. August 9th.-Morning Lotu, and efficient way in which these boys go the training they have received and prays the time may come quickly when this great work of training native medical assistants and nurses may be continued. The Doctor's House is beautifully and conveniently situated and is an excellent building. Fences falling and grounds in disorder, as is almost inevitable in unoccupied places in this land.

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Saw sago patch and drain. Very convenient having sago on the property.

Had a good look at the "Ceylon" Dryer constructed by Mr. Bensley. The idea of these dryers is to keep the smoke away from the copra, the cooking being done by heat. In the opinion of the Chairman the idea is excellent, but the extra 15/or £1 a ton secured for the

copra is offset by the extra cost of production.

In the afternoon we all went by canoe and then by foot to visit a fairly large inland lake called Kolokolo and surrounded by dense bush.

Evening Lotu at 7. Sunday, August 11th .--Morning Lotu 7 o'clock.

11 a.m., Church crowded for Service. Some 10 Teachers present with their canoe crews. A number of baptisms - service conducted by Mr. Goldie and I baptised. The choir rendered 2 anthems fairly well. This ser-Photo: The Editor. vice took the form of a

welcome to me. The Chairman, Mr. Silvester, Silas Lezetuni, Mark Pivo and John Mose spoke words of welcome and greeting on behalf of the various parts of the circuit. The native speakers, like those at similar gatherings. expressed gratitude for and appreciation of New Zealand's help and love. They told me I must not expect to see anything great and wonderful, as they are only a poor and weak people, but they are ever striv-

ing towards higher and better things. 1 10 in decimals, another simplification I told them I had indeed come to see a of fractions. Most of the scholars, except great and wonderful thing and that I was the very small ones, can read and write. seeing it all the time-namely, a people Teacher, Joni Mose, doing excellent work. changed and transformed by the Love of God from stark heathenism, cruel savagerv and superstitious fear into a happy Christian people. An inspirational service, on what after drill and marching to bugle during which the Chairman read greetings from the President and the Board and I emphasised New Zealand's loving interest.

3 p.m. Afternoon service conducted by Chairman at which I again gave the address which the Chairman interpreted. Another large congregation.

7 p.m. Evening Lotu conducted by Chairman.

Monday, August 12th.-Sailed for Ranonga. Reached Kundu about noon. Mission Station beautifully situated. Nearly 200 people gathered and crowded the being said, yet I was very conscious of church for service, during which I bap- the reality of their experience and of the tised 17 infants and 3 adults. The village power of God in the meeting. Mr. Goldie



Church, school and scholars, Masuru, Simbo-Gina's Station. Photo: The Editor.

extended to which I replied and added a pline and all the scholars very neat and brief address.

Examined School, 40 odd scholars, some of whom have reached quite a good The elder boys-about 30 in number (20 standard. Several honorary assistant others recently recruited) - looked very teachers. Children very clean and well smart in the Mission uniform (white loinbehaved and graded into several classes. cloth with red sash). School well graded. One of the arithmetic questions—Express the various classes being under voluntary

Sailed from Kundu and reached Simbo (Marovo) at dusk-just light enough to see scholars and village people paraded and side drum. They all looked very clean and smart.

Nai (Napatalai) Fotu and Mary also present with some of their people from Simbo Island to greet us.

Class fellowship meeting in the evening. Church full, and in a most wonderful way the Spirit of God was manifest. Without any waiting one after another (often two on their feet together) stood to testify to their experience of God. Although I couldn't understand a word of what was

gave me a brief resume of their testimonies often faced with difficulty and doubts, weak and facing great odds, only a few years removed from the dark days of heathenism -vet always conscious of God's power and love. They were also grateful for the loving interest of New Zealand and for our visit. It was a soulstirring and convincing meeting.

Gina extended a welcome to me at beginning of meeting, to which I replied.

Tuesday, August 13th. Ashore again about 6 a.m. for Morning Lotu, fol-

choir sang really well. Another welcome lowed by School Exam. Splendid disciclean -- this in fact has been noticeable among all attending schools and services.

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Hana-a Simbo Chief and uncle of Gina. Photo: The Editor.

assistant teachers. The top class doing fifth standard arithmetic.

Gina is also attempting elementary agriculture and has a number of small experimental plots.

where he does medical work.

The Church is a fine native building recently opened.

After the school exam. at Masuru (Gina's station) we proceeded to Simbo Island by track and canoe (there are really two picturesque lagoon) for school exam. and can take it over themselves in distant islands at Simbo divided by a narrow and service. Village where church and teacher's house are situated is called Caanan and is beautifully clean. Church of European material (timber and fibrolite walls with iron roof) cost £300 for material and labour of Chinese carpenter, all the money raised by the local people.

Napatalai Fotu, Tongan Minister, has charge here. He has been 24 years in the Solomons with only one furlough. His wife Mary a fine Tongan. Nai-as he is called—is assisted in school by two local men who were educated at Roviana. These two had charge of the 1st and 2nd classes respectively, while Nai had the "kinders." They seemed to be very effective and a number of the scholars read in English fairly well.

We held quite an inspirational service here, at which gratitude to the New Zealand Church was expressed and a warm welcome extended to me. I baptised two infants, the Chairman reading the service. I spoke emphasising the debt the Native Church is under to Tonga, Fiji,

Some excitement as we left owing to a swimming dog being taken by a shark just across the lagoon.

Returned by canoe and track to Masuru, and after lunch the Chairman conducted a baptismal service, my share of the service being the baptising of 4 infants and 7 adults.

MODEL LETTER FOR METHODISTS.

WHO WILL WRITE ANOTHER?

Dear Sir,-

Please find enclosed my donation for He has also erected a small dispensary Foreign Missions, which I feel I could easily increase, so I propose to donate a further £5 which I would like to pay the salary of another native teacher in Gina's circuit. This sum will be repeated every year for this particular teacher. For the purpose of keeping and fostering my children's interest in this work so that they future years. I would like to be in touch with our teacher through Gina's interpretation. I am aware that I am not imposing conditions which are foreign to the Mission Board, so if you accept let me know and the cheque will be forwarded to you.

Methodism's First Foreign Mission Ambassador-Dr. Thomas Coke.

by the VICE-PRESIDENT, Mr. H. R. FRENCH.

Throughout the millions of Methodists, there is a resolve that May 24th, 1938, forty years since that strange warming shall be worthily observed, for it will be of the heart of Wesley, sent him on his the 200th birthday of John Wesley's con- journeyings throughout Great Britain, to version.

boastings of our spiritual history, ecclesi- every human life. astical machinery, and material wealth; but to seek humbly and earnestly that we may be so warmed in our hearts, that we shall not rest in ease, while others are alien to the transforming riches of the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ.

What message can come to us from those who so passionately counted nothing dear that would hinder their knowledge of God's Call to win the world for Him?

There is one who stands pre-eminent in the sphere of Methodist Foreign Missions.

This plump little Welshman, not much more than sixty inches high, with clean shaven and fresh coloured face, with dark flashing eyes and noble forehead, with glossy black hair long enough to touch his shoulders: who looks so young, and uses his mother tongue with such finished skill; generally with pleasing melody, at times with lightning and thunder that breaks through the imposition of any dwarfing routine, this is the first Foreign Missionary Statesman of the Methodist Family. A family which conflicts have divided, but whose spirit is still akin.

Dr. Thomas Coke is his name, an ex-Mayor of his native town and a Doctor of Civil Law; who in 1778 has just been dismissed from his living by the Established Church of England, because his fervour inspiration or the confirmation of a former reflected that of the Wesleys and their resolve, matters little to the fact, that helpers. His resources were sufficient for this cultured gentleman made all his rea life of comfort and of ease. He might maining days proclaim: By the help of have cried content and let the world go God. I will. by; but his sympathy was too wide, the if God wills. To be inactive? Never! comply.

He must meet John Wesley. It was then tell out with all the certitude of his faith In Great Britain. in Ireland, in the and power of the completed sacrifice of the United States, in Australia and elsewhere, Redeeming Christ, which must be faced a disposition is clear not to indulge in and accepted as the greatest decision for



Dr. Thomas Coke

They were soon to meet. Wesley's words were a challenge :---

"Brother, go out, go out, and preach the Gospel to all the world."

Whether this challenge was the initial

At the ensuing conference of Wescall to co-operate with God too vivid, and ley's helpers, Coke heard a moving plea his conscience too alert to escape the burn- for missionaries, made by two African ing conviction that he must serve without Chiefs. For two hours a debate waged hesitancy and without limit. To die? Yes, with a conclusive resolution of inability to

his vision and faith, found a plenitude of and comfort to the burdened Wesley. But dist and every non-Methodist he could inhis thoughts could not be focussed solely to the task at hand. The whole world needed the torch of truth and knowledge, and nowhere more than with the darkskinned races. See him in 1784, elaborating a plan for the establishment of overseas Missions; a plan, which though not then adopted, was a beacon for future action. He was corresponding to ascertain the possibility of opening a mission to the Indians of Bengal. Wesley decided it was impossible to proceed in that direction. He sent Coke to the United States to establish the Methodist Societies there, on an independent basis, a necessary sequence to the disruption consequent on the American War of Independence. That was the first of eighteen long, and often hazardous voyages, across the Atlantic in the next eighteen years. The Americans took Coke to their hearts, and their leader Francis Asbury, co-operated with him in drafting the Constitution which remains the basis of the Methodist Episcopal Churches

to this day. On one of those journeys, storms drove the ship to the West Indies. He found at St. John, a Methodist Society of 1,800, mostly negro slaves, under the care of a local preacher.

In his six week's stay, Methodism was well planted in the Leeward and Windward Islands. This was the first of five visits. Before his death, the missionaries had increased to 27 and the membership to close on 16,000. Everyone of the staff he watched over and tended, and sustained with his own funds when necessary; from whatever part of the globe his travels took him. He came under the censure of the Brit-

ish Conference, because he had, on one of his visits to the United States, signed a complimentary address with his Co-Bishop to President Washington! His name was dropped from that Conference for a year. He spent those months of official disgrace, in preaching about and collecting for overseas missions. His natural antipathy to plead for monetary aid was especially are showing us white brethren soon illuminated by the realisation that a considerably greater ratio of sacrificial it provided a channel to convey to others giving to maintain and extend our overthe privilege and duty of realising that seas mission than we have reached.

Coke's business acumen, tireless energy. the Gospel of Christ must not be limited to any race or colour, but must be carried opportunity, so that he became a staff to all, and by the support of every Methoterest. He became an expert beggar.

Coke's interest in Africa was life-long. He started a mission in Sierra Leone, and before his death rejoiced that the British Conference was arranging for a missionary for the Cape of Good Hope. The Methodist work in the Irish and Welsh vernaculars sprang from seed of his sowing, and he wished to promote Gaelic preaching in Scotland. During the French Revolution he began preaching in Paris, but was forced to leave. He gladly complied with a request for a missionary to Gibraltar.

When the renewal of the Charter of the East India Company, had a condition attached which opened a door for mission work in Ceylon and British India, the Doctor, despite weighty objections and his sixty-six years, pledged himself to relieve Conference and the debt burdened mission fund, of all financial responsibility for his party of six missionaries led by himself, to initiate a Methodist Mission in Ceylon. He could not be denied by human agency. On the voyage he applied himself to translations, but two days before reaching Bombay he was found lifeless on the floor of his cabin.

Thomas Coke had bequeathed to Methodism a world-mission in active operation. Not only that, but his burning zeal had touched the lives of three giants. over thirty years junior to him - Bunting, Watson and Newton. Upon their shoulders his mantle fell, and never have Methodist Churches failed even to this day to acknowledge that spiritual strength must express itself in aiding other races to as full a Christian culture as God directed common sense can secure.

Our bi-centenary must bring home to every New Zealand Methodist that out of each two hundred members, thirty-one are Solomon Islanders, and nineteen are Maoris. Their income is but a fraction of ours per capita. Yet the Solomon Islanders

GINA

Seldom, if ever, have we been favoured with a more effective Deputation than Gina. Everywhere he has greatly stirred the hearts of the people. His message is striking and deeply spiritual, and in addition to catching a wider missionary vision, many have yielded their hearts to Christ. His singing and playing have also been greatly enjoyed and blessed. Most impressive of all is the fact that here is unanswerable evidence of the worthwhileness of Christian missions. To listen to the story of his grandfather and father -



Gina's father (on left) and two other erstwhile headhunters Photo: The Editor. seated by an idol on Roviana Island.

both saved as infants from a terrible death, and both fierce, savage apostle of the Solomons, is to be challenged challenge?

to more devoted service to the missionary cause, through which these miracles have headhunters - as told by this young been wrought. How shall we answer the

Personal and General.

Thanksgiving.

vision and devoted service, is now back in his service at the financial helm. own home, and occupies his accustomed place in the Sanctuary. God has answered our pray- A Fine Achievement. ers for his recovery. May the bow of his possible the return of the Doctor.

Baby Alley.

Rev. D. C. and Mrs. Alley upon the birth of £82/10/-, and is assured of the balance. their son. Mrs. Alley, who is at Riverton, expects to return, with her son, to the Solomons about 100 books unsold. Their sale will furin November.

Welcome Home.

The whole Church will join in thanksgiving Mr. T. L. Hames, our able and genial Lay to God for the recovery of Mr. S. Gorman from Treasurer, is just back from a business trip to a somewhat serious operation. This Grand Old England, accompanied by Mrs. Hames. We give Man of New Zealand Methodism, who has such him a glad welcome home to Auckland and to a warm place in our hearts for his missionary the Board of Missions where he renders great

All interested in the Solomons will join in servant abide in strength. The Solomon Islands heartily congratulating Mrs. L. Ramsden, of Church that recently sent a very beautiful Trinity Church. Wellington, upon the success letter of greeting and gratitude to Mr. Gorman of her effort to raise £100 to help Send Back will rejoice with us in the recovery of their the Doctor. This has been achieved by the true friend who has done so much to make compilation and sale of an excellent cookery book. The considerable work involved has been carried out by Mrs. Ramsden with ability and devotion, and she has already had the joy of We extend hearty congratulations to the handing in, through the Women's Auxiliary,

> Mrs. Ramsden tells us that there are still ther swell the fine total.

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We thank God for the devoted service and children had the joy and inspiration of it? example of Mrs. Ramsden and pray that many If it does not come to your home or Sunday

"The Lotu."

ary Paper, "The Lotu," is excellent. Have your vision of the Kingdom of God.

Welcome Home!

To the Rev. E. C. and Mrs. Leadley and the duties of matron of the Roviana Hos-Sister Elizabeth Common who have arrived recently in New Zealand for furlough, the whole Church will extend warm and affectionate welcome. They have rendered splendid service on the Field.

Mr. Leadley is the tutor at the District Training Institution, Roviana, and plays a very important part in helping to fit the students for the Native Ministry. It



Rev. E. C. Leadley.

would be difficult to minimise the importance of such work, as the Teachers have unique opportunities in the leadership of their people. We have every reason to be proud of the high standard and ideals of our District Institution.

Mrs. Leadley has been untiring in her devotion to the sick and, during the past years, has carried out very successfully

may be challenged by her fine achievement to School, please get into touch at once with the Rev. W. A. Sinclair, Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.1. To make your children The August number of our Children's Mission- missionary-minded is to give them a wide

pital. She has won an abiding place in the hearts of the people.

Sister Elizabeth Common has added yet another term of devoted and successful service to the people of Buka and to the women, girls, and babies in particular. Many of the girls she has trained are now the wives of Christian teachers; and helping their husbands in the extension of the Kingdom of God among their own people.

Mr. Leadley has just completed successful deputation work in North Auckland and will shortly engage in similar work in Otago-Southland. Sister Elizabeth will carry out a deputation itinerary arranged by the M.W.M.U., whose Annual Conference she will also attend.

GREAT MISSIONARY STORIES.

Four remarkable little books-the first of a new series known as Eagle Books-have just come to hand. They are "True stories of real people," and three of them deal in a delightful way with world-famous missionaries. They are

"If Only I Had A Ship" (John Williams of the South Seas) by Basil Mathews.

"Roll On, Wagon Wheels!" (Robert Moffat of South Africa) by Hugh F. Frame.

"The Man Who Disappeared" (Sundar Singh of India) by J. Reason.

The price, 3d. each, brings them within reach of all, and we heartily commend them as Missionary Studies to Senior and Junior Bible Classes, Women's Auxiliaries, and all others interested in high missionary adventure and achievement.

Diseases commonly met with in Melanesia

THEIR DIAGNOSIS, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT, BY CLIFFORD S. JAMES, M.B., Ch.B., (N.Z.), D.T.M. & H. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.). Medical Officer Melanesian Mission Hospital, Fauabu, British Solomon Islands.

The above is the title of an excellent little medical handbook prepared by Dr. Clifford James, who for a number of years rendered splendid service both in our Solomon Islands and New Britain Districts. We hope that a copy will soon be in the hands of all our European workers in the Solomons.

Dr. James begins his preface thus:-

"In compiling this booklet, two figures have been in my mind constantly:

Teachers each receiving a box of "Aspro," a gift from the Aspro Company, Melbourne.

Photo: Sister E. McMillan A nurse trained in a New Zealand hospital, and sent to a mission out-station.

wondering however she is going to fare amongst diseases completely strange to her:

A mother, with her first child, and 200 miles of rough sea between her and any medical aid."

And concludes:

"If suffering is lessened, and lives made happier, my labour will be well repaid."

The following foreword has been contributed by Dr. H. B. Hetherington, Senior Medical Officer of Tulagi:-

"Dr. James' 'Diseases Commonly Met with in Melanesia' was written primarily for the use of field workers of the Melanesian Mission. Nevertheless, the information contained therein will be equally valuable to all residents who have to deal with health problems and treat disease among natives beyond the easy reach of medical advice. a condition which applies to the majority of residents in the islands.

"The peculiar virtue of Dr. James' book lies in the fact that it deals with, and only with, those diseases which are commonly met with in Melanesia. The descriptions are non-technical, and the procedures employed for treatment are described in sufficient detail to enable the non-medical worker to understand and carry them out. Complicated procedures, beyond the ability of the medical layman, have been omitted. With careful attention to details of the instructions given, any one can expect to perform successfully any of the procedures described.

"The all-important question of prevention has received special attention, and it is to be hoped that the simple but essential precautionary measures described will be taken to heart by Europeans who, living perforce in a tropical and malarious country, can enjoy good health only by the intelligent personal application of the principles of hygiene.

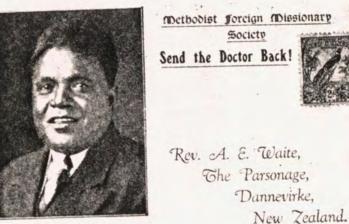
"Dr. James writes with the authority of eight years' experience in the Solomons and New Guinea. In making available to others the results of this experience, he has made a contribution of real and lasting benefit to the health of these communities.

To Philatelists.

SEND THE DOCTOR BACK!

that a souvenir envelope, with Gina's photograph and "Send the Doctor Back" slogan, and a British Solomon Islands or Mandated Territory of New Guinea stamp, in good imitation art paper, as illustrated, from the Solomon Islands to any given able, will be used if desired. Many col-

It has been suggested from Dannevirke address in New Zealand. A 2d. stamp will be attached to the envelopes from the



Mandated Territory of New Guinea, and a 11d stamp to those from the British Solomons. The total cost of envelope, would command a ready sale among all stamp and service will be 6d. prepaid. If interested in stamp collecting. Envelopes larger denomination stamps are required, the additional amount must be added. have been ordered, and will be posted Coronation issue stamps, as long as avail-

order a cover each with the Coronation and the ordinary issue.

Any profit from the sale of these envelopes will help to "Send the Doctor Back."

The help of Methodist philatelists in the sale of these souvenir envelopes will be greatly appreciated.

All communications to Rev. A. H. Scrivin, Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.1.

APPRECIATION OF GINA TO THE PEOPLE IN THE NORTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND.

Dear Sir,-

chairmen of districts and Foreign Mission am glad that I have done something which secretaries in the circuits of the North is worth while. Island for all their assistance in arranging has been not only to raise money for can make us happy unless we love Jesus Foreign Mission work, but also that God Christ. has given me a glorious opportunity that during my services here I have brought thee; bind them round thy neck." men and women into the fuller knowledge

of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. My work is finished in the North Island. There are hundreds of people who have and I wish to express my thanks to the surrendered their lives for Christ, and I

Again I want to say "thank you very meetings, etc. I have appreciated the much" to my hosts and hostesses for their Sunday services and the week-night meet- very kind hospitality. I know that I am ings everywhere, and I hope that the a different colour from you people, but missionary spirit will grow more and more wherever I go I always feel at home in the hearts of men and women through- because of your love and kindness to me. out this Island. I have felt that my work and I feel sure that there is nothing that

"Let not love, mercy and truth forsake

Cheerio, B. GINA.

Rev. B. GINA.

Send the Doctor Back!

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. ALLEN RUTTER.

We congratulate most heartily Dr. Allen Rutter upon his distinguished success at the examination for the Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in London. Not only did Dr. Rutter gain the Diploma, but he was also awarded the Lalcaca Gold Medal for the highest aggregate marks. Let us by prayer and practical support so lift the Foreign Mission Fund that Dr. Rutter may commence his great work in the Solomons next year with the assurance of continuity of service and adequate nursing help and medical supplies.

We acknowledge with gratitude the following special medical gifts, and are particularly grateful for the well-organised effort throughout New Zealand of the W.M.M.U. Those Wonderful Women again! How they help and inspire us!

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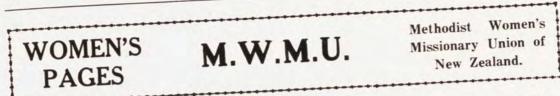


he Guard of Honour awaiting Sir Arthur Richards High Commissioner of the Western Pacific) and party, Haevo-Kokeqolo.

Photo: Sister Lina Jones.

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QUARTERLY LETTER. Dunedin, August, 1937.

Dear Fellow Members,-

As we come to the end of another Auxiliary year we give grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for the measure of success which has attended our efforts.

We are looking forward to Conference to be held in Auckland from October 12th to 16th, and are hoping there will be a representative gathering of delegates to receive inspiration and take part in discussions on the practical issues of our work. There are a good number of problems which will need careful thought. Will you all unite in praying that wisdom may be given so that we may be directed in the way God wishes us to work, remembering that all we undertake is in order that His Kingdom may be extended.

Tuesday afternoon our Auckland friends are arranging for members to visit Kurahuna. This will be of special interest to many who have had no opportunity of seeing the School and the girls.

Letters from the Solomons tell of work steadily proceeding. Sister Lina says that Kindergarten is steadily growing, and they have the highest number they have ever had on the roll. Ada Lee tells of fortnightly visits to Roviana Island. "This year the women have shown greater interest in the sewing class than they did last year. Some of the little ones follow me around all the time, just for the sake of studying the mysteries of my shoes and feeling my stockings, but if I speak to them they begin to cry and then suddenly stop and shake hands."

The little girls in her sewing class are very eager to make garments for themselves. The number of little children beginning Sunday School continues to grow. conquests in the hearts of His people here. great faith to come with large petition Surely we can count this as one of God's

Sister Ethel tells of visits to outstations, to some of which they walk and to others they go by canoe. The sick are visited, injections given, and meetings held.

During the year four of the girls from the Home have been married to Teachers. How much more useful their lives will be for the knowledge they have gained while under Sister's care.

Mr. Metcalfe and the boys have put up a new leaf dining room, kitchen and washhouse at the Home.

In the last copy of "The Kingdom Overseas" I saw this sentence: "Vision is a gift of God, and eyes that see the Vision are another gift of His."

This morning I had a letter from Mrs. Ramsden. Most of you know that at the beginning of our Auxiliary year she was inspired to endeavour to raise £100 for the 'Return of the Doctor Fund.' She hoped to have this amount by the end of July, and so far she has received £82 10/-, but is confident that with God's help she will still reach the amount aimed at within the year of commencing the effort: this will be in September. It has mean a tremendous amount of work. In addition to circularising the Auxiliaries, sh has replied to over 300 letters which have been written to her. She says many beautiful things have come to her know ledge of the various ways in which people are giving and sacrificing to help in this particular work. Surely she received vision and eyes to see.

Many of us have long had a vision a Solomon Island Girls' School, and more Sisters being sent out. These jects can only be realised if we are a to afford more support to the Missi Funds, and to do this we must endeave to increase our membership.

You remember Christ's words to blind men: "According to your faith it unto you." May we be endued w

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knowing that "God is able to supply all shown in all departments, and a good year our need according to His riches in Glory looked forward to. by Christ Jesus.'

With warm greetings,

Yours very sincerely, -H. LILIAN DUKE.

Wellington Notes :----

Annual Thanksgiving Day in July in Wesley Church was presided over by Mrs. Pacey. Eight branches were represented each sending in their free-will offerings amounting to £80.

£82 sent in by Mrs. Ramsden as result of sales of Cookery Book specially prepared by her and sold for "Send the Doctor Back Fund." Rev. W. Slade spoke stating the need for more definite Christian evangelism and our personal responsibility. _A.W.R.

Mrs. Pacey presided over the Annual meeting of the Auxiliary when the Secretary gave full and comprehensive Report, showing good work done during the year.

The financial statement showed the Income for year to be £478/17/10, also wellfilled boxes of goods had been sent to the Solomon Islands and to the Sisters among the Maoris.

Election of officers resulted in the reelection of most, and they were thanked for services rendered.

Sister Elizabeth Commons has arrived on furlough, she reached Auckland on the 24th inst. and proceeded South the same evening.

-M. S. CARR.

Auckland :---

29th Annual Meeting held on August 9th in Pitt Street Schoolroom resulted in the re-election of principal Officers. A resume of the reports of the branches and report of the year's work of the Auxiliary were read and the balance-sheet presented. All reports showed a year of marked progress, membership of 734 means an increase of 15, and there are 26 branches. 17 boxes have been sent to the Solomons, and four boxes beside sacks to the workers among the Maoris. £77 has been raised during the year. Increased interest is

We welcome Rev. and Mrs. Leadley and their son on furlough and pray that their time in the Dominion may be beneficial and happy.

Our women will rejoice to know that Mrs. Don. Alley and her little son, after an anxious time are progressing at Riverton, Southland, and expect to leave by the November boat for the Solomons.

Mrs. W. J. Williams since settling in Melbourne has attended the Council Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, she is now devoting her time entirely to the care of her invalid sister. She misses her many friends in New Zealand to whom she sends greetings.

Miss Graham who has spent many years in our Missionary work in Fiji, and who has been in Rangiora for some months, returned to Fiji by the "Aorangi" and is to help Nurse Clark in her work. Miss Griffin has also returned to Fiji, an injured arm which has necessitated her stay here is now much better.

Miss E. Harkness after a short time gaining experience at the Karitane Home, St. John's Ambulance is at present gaining knowledge in Nursing in Taranaki before leaving for her new sphere in the Solomons.



Three of my girls: Nancy, 151 years, reared in the Home since she was a few months' old. She is making a string bag. Nellie is making a basket and Varina is admiring one Nancy made. Photo: Sister E. McMillan

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Rev. D. C. ALLEY	•••	••	•••	Teopasina, via Kieta, Bougainville, Manda Territory of New Guinea.

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Dr. Allen G. Rutter to go in 1938.

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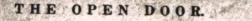
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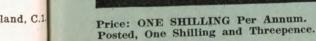
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