

The

OPEN DOOR

*Missionary Organ
of the Methodist Church
of New Zealand*



John Salagil casts his vote.

— Photo: K. Woodley

"A Great Door and effectual is opened." 1 Cor. 16:9

JUNE, 1964

Omnipotent Redeemer

Our ransomed souls adore Thee;
Whate'er is done
Thy work we own,
And give Thee all the glory . . .

LET US GIVE THANKS UNTO GOD:

For the past progress of His mission to the people
of the Pacific,

- ★ remembering especially Tonga, Fiji and Samoa,
whose Church Conferences assemble soon,
- ★ and giving thanks for their part in the continuing mission
to the Solomon Islands and the Highlands of New Guinea.

Likewise for the present evidence of God's visitation
and salvation.

- ★ the spreading response to the Gospel by the people of the
Tari, Mendi, Lai and Nipa valleys,
- ★ the progress of the Rarongo Theological College,
- ★ the movement towards Church Union in Melanesia.

THEN LET US HUMBLY PRAY

for those engaged in these missionary tasks and dedicate our-
selves afresh to help and pray continually for this work.

But fill our earth with glory,
And, known by every nation,
God of all grace
Receive the praise
Of all Thy new creation.

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CHURCH HISTORY IS MADE

**LET THE PEOPLE GIVE
THANKS!**

Today's realist has many grounds for pessimism, even in the Pacific. Problems of over-population, detribalization, liquor and now politics abound. The modern tide of irreligion has not left the Pacific unscathed. Inside our own mission we face chronic shortages of money and manpower. Our budget helps us by regular remittances, but like yours the mission purse is stretched to offset the shrinkage of the values of pound and dollar. The very success of our work in some fields brings its own problems. How greatly we need those teachers and ministers for whom we appeal.

But, thank God, we see not only as realists but as Christians, whose faith in God has been continually vindicated by experience. This, especially, is a quarter when we should give thanks.

This month our President sets off for Tonga, accepting an invitation given by a Methodist Queen, to share in the celebrations of her Church and people. In July, the inaugural meetings take place in Samoa and Fiji of entirely new Methodist Conferences. In Fiji, of which we hear so often predictions of racial strife, Indian and Fijian Methodists have combined to choose the Rev. Setareki Tuilovoni, their Youth Director, as their first President. All these events are symbols of past missionary successes.

To the west of Fiji and Samoa lie the Solomon Islands and New Guinea, where Tongan, Fijian and Samoan Methodists have played and play heroic roles. The press has featured the recent elections for a House of Assembly in New Guinea. We also refer to them in the following pages. But we relate also the determination of several churches, including ours, that there may be a United Church of Melanesia. We note the progress of the new Methodist Theological College at Rarongo, near Rabaul, where seventeen students prepare to minister to their people in this new age. And the progress for Christ continues in the Highlands. We know of Tari and Mendi Circuits and of Lai. Now comes the report that "Nipa Circuit is opening up in a wonderful way . . . there are now more than 200 converts, with a people's movement springing up to the west of our station, involving large groups of people." How urgent it is that the New Zealand Church fulfil its promise of a second minister to serve this area. Let us therefore mingle our thanksgiving with dedication and with the determination that it will be done.

MISSION to the NATIONS

When the great Asian Christian leader of our time, Dr. D. T. Niles, said "the missionary purpose has to be addressed to the nations and not simply to men — for it is aimed at the life of the world and not merely to the interior of the soul" he spoke a most urgent word to overseas missions as well as for them. Never was there a day when it was more important to move nations for Christ and, I believe, never was there a day when it was more possible than today.

Decisions being taken now by any nation, whether large and powerful or small and militarily of little significance, and decisions which will be taken by them in the next ten years may well determine the course of world trends and events for many decades to come. The equal voting rights of all members of United Nations, whether strong and advanced or still finding their feet and underdeveloped, is producing decisions in the international community that are not ignored — and cannot be — by the great powers even when they have themselves opposed them and voted the other way. This is all part of the already close neighbourhood of the whole world and of the penetration of all nations in greater or lesser degree by the ideas and aims of any nation which decides to direct them that way. Modern communication and contact has made even deliberate "jamming" of very limited effectiveness for any length of time. World opinion is already proving an effective force and is being shaped by small nations to a very appreciable degree.

The "re-thinking" of the purpose and task of overseas missions by our leaders in that field over a considerable number of years now, and the more recent changes in approach and programme as well as in administration are indications of the recognition within our church of these present day "facts of life" for which I hope we rank and file of our church are grateful. I wonder if we are keeping up with our leaders in this respect and whether we are supporting them strongly in this more exciting but more difficult turn in their work?

Among the factors in the present situation within nations and in their relationships with each other which have an important practical bearing on overseas missionary work, are the many and large scale aid programmes which are now part of the foreign policy of most nations in the world. The giving and the receiving of help of many kinds, without any thought or obligation of repayment and often without any "strings" whatever, is not only a comparatively new feature of international dealing and relationships, but is having a profound effect on them. No longer is the Christian missionary, often with his programme of practical service in health, education and other fields, the only one — or the main one — bringing a "message" of salvation and help toward a better life. The avowed, and in considerable measure effective, purpose of both multi-lateral and bilateral aid programme "missions" — a term in common use by their administrators — namely of providing both immediate help and also encouragement toward political and



**Mr. G. Cyril Burton, Vice-President
of the Methodist Conference.**

—Photo by courtesy The Bay of Plenty
Times, Tauranga.

economic independence — these can
— and in considerable measure do—
“win” peoples.

This, rather than hindering the
purpose of Christian missions and
missionaries, helps us to make and
keep clear their purpose. Any aid,

rendered under a good humanitarian
scheme, is help to God's children liv-
ing in the world which God made
and which is His in every part. It
is for the Christian, through his
missionary interest and help, not just
to participate, but to interpret life
and all his experience in terms of
the Gospel. This involves going out
there not only to “preach” but also
— more importantly — to live in
the situation with the people over-
seas as one whose way of living
demonstrates Christ in a human life
right there on the spot — a far more
eloquent and effective witness than
can possibly be given through litera-
ture, radio or any other medium.

If the personal witness and service
is to be given right where people
live overseas, there must be people
with the necessary qualities, training
and experience as well as the call,
ready to go there. We must all pro-
vide the necessary resources to en-
able them to go and to stay there.
It is the personal responsibility of
every one of us to listen so we hear
God's call if He is making it to us
and further to contribute so that those
who are called may answer.

G. C. Burton

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

The Treasurer acknowledges with gratitude donations, so far totalling £460, that have come in to help replace the wrecked vessel “Mandalay.” The Board has allocated up to £8750 from the Vessel Insurance Fund. Much more, however, is likely to be needed. As we go to press negotiations are proceeding with a firm of shipbuilders at Brisbane.

Church History in the Making

1964 becomes a historic milestone in the life of the Methodist Church in the Pacific. It sees the birth of two new Methodist Conferences and ushers in the first year of self-government in the life and work of the Church in Fiji and Samoa. For 129 years, since 1835, the Christian witness in both these countries has grown in close co-operation with the Methodist missionary bodies, at first of England and for the past 100 years of Australia, and earlier of New Zealand also.

Fiji and Samoa have been what our Church calls Mission Districts, with the Church in Australia carrying responsibility for the general strategy of Christian work and for its over-all organization. True, for

some years the Mission Districts have in fact directed their own work, and accepted quite heavy financial responsibility.

For many years now no unilateral action has been taken by the Australian Church in its missionary endeavour and decisions have only been made in close consultation with the Church overseas and on the recommendation of the Synods in places like Fiji and Samoa. However, in law the Australian Church has had the authority and right to direct and control the policy of the Church in the Mission Districts.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in May last approved of constitutions submitted by the Churches in Fiji



Methodist Queen Salote of Tonga has some thousands of Roman Catholic subjects. Here she is pictured with the late Pope John XXIII and the present Pope also.

and Samoa. These constitutions make these Churches self-governing and autonomous within the General Conference of Australasia.

The decision to remain within the General Conference was made entirely by Fiji and Samoa. They might have become in law, completely separate and independent Churches, as has happened with some other denominational missions in the Pacific. This possibility was discussed in the consultations that took place. Perhaps it is a tribute to our Methodist connexional or family spirit that the decision to remain within the Australasian Conference while accepting autonomy for themselves was unanimous in both Samoa and Fiji.

The shift in the centre of authority will not necessarily mean a moving out of missionaries. The new Churches themselves will make their own decisions on all appointments within their own work. Their present mind is to welcome missionaries as partners and as brethren in the one Church of God.

We have in our country many young people from the Pacific Churches. They have become no small influence within the Church here. We need as a Church some of the qualities we have found in places like Tonga, Fiji and Samoa.

Lesslie Newbigin sums up the missionary task of our time as — "The **whole** Church going out with **one Gospel** of reconciliation to the **whole world**." The rapid working towards unity and partnership, the building of the "mission" into the Church has been the very foundation of modern missionary policy. This has grown out of a rediscovery of the Biblical truth that the Church is one. There can be no division into mission and Church. The Church is one — east and west, brown and white, old and young, and its call is to mission



Rev. Setareki Tuilovoni President Elect of the Fiji Methodist Conference is shown (centre) with **Mr. Sultan Ali** (Indian Methodist layman) and the **Rev. Stuart Craig** of London.

everywhere. Where one part of the Church enjoys a relationship of colonial paternalism and exercises remote control of another part the health of the part with such authority will suffer.

Our Australian Church has set down as one of its objectives in its missionary interests — "To encourage the growth of worshipping and witnessing communities which realise themselves to be, in their own area, part of the universal Church and to this end to encourage them to accept responsibility for the support and government of their own Church life and for witness to their own people."

It is because we have seen the work of God in Fiji and Samoa grow to the stature of the Church that we see this year of 1964 as a time of special rejoicing and thanksgiving. God has brought His people in the Pacific through long years of sure and steady growth, often through suffering, hardship and sacrifice, to this day in their history. With them we can only say—

Now thank we all our God

Who wondrous things hath done.

Adapted from THE
MISSIONARY REVIEW

120 YEARS ON THE WAY

A set of communion vessels which took 120 years to reach Fiji from England will be on display there next month during the celebrations marking the holding of the first Methodist Conference in Fiji. Miss Inez Hames, who went from New Zealand in 1920 to spend thirty years on the mission staff, has recently returned to part-time service in Fiji. She has been given the task of convening the committee to arrange the exhibition of early documents and articles associated with the history of Methodism in that land. While in New Zealand last summer, Miss Hames was handed the communion vessels by her cousin, the Rev. Eric Hames.

According to the inscription these vessels were presented to the Rev. David Cargill by the Wesleyan ladies of Birmingham as long ago as 1840. David Cargill and William Cross had been the earliest Methodist missionaries to Fiji, reaching there from Tonga in 1835. In 1840, Mrs. Cargill died leaving her husband with four small children. These he took to England, where he was employed for some months in touring the country and telling the story of Tonga and Fiji. Evidently it was during that time that the gift of communion vessels was arranged for. But it is clear that the set did not accompany Cargill on his return to the South Seas. He went to Tonga and died there soon afterwards. Meantime the communion set had reached New Zealand. On the death of Cargill it was evidently held there and found its way into a cupboard at Wesley College, Three Kings, Auckland. It was only 70 years later when that

college was being demolished that the communion vessels came to light. Since then they have been at our Theological College in this country. In view of the historic moment however it has been decided to send them to Fiji, where they have now arrived.

Also on exhibition next month at Suva will be early editions of the Bible in Fijian, including a copy of the New Testament printed by the saintly Rev. John Hunt shortly before his death at Viwa, Fiji, in 1848. This copy of an edition long out of print came to light in London and is now treasured in Fiji, and used annually at the opening service of the Synod. Doubtless it will be used also at the forthcoming Conference.

One unusual exhibit will be a fragment of the wall of church built of coral lime at Oneata in Lau by two Tahitian teachers of the London Missionary Society, whose efforts were taken over by the Methodists on their arrival in 1835.

NEWS FROM NIPA

Last year our New Zealand Methodist Conference approved that a further New Zealand minister be appointed during 1964 to the New Guinea Highlands District. None has so far appeared.

The Nipa patrol post area has a population of over 23,000. About 5,000 of these are at Magarima — Huli-speakers, and cared for by our Tari circuit. At the present moment, with the help of illiterate Mendi local preachers, we are probably reaching 6,000 of the remaining 18,000. These Mendi men cannot be placed more than two hours' walk away, as they must be able to come in regularly for instruction and advice. But the other 12,000 people live at distances of up to six hours' walk away! We have only two coastal workers who are not tied up in school or pitsaw work. One, John Teu of Roviana, British Solomon Islands, is now six hours' walk away to the south-east at Ulbia. The other, Lali Bulilau of Papua, is a bronchitis and asthma sufferer and should stay closer to hospital. Mr. Keightley is trying to do the Chairman's job as well as circuit superintendent, yet we feel we must open at least four more out-stations before our furlough in August. We will be forced to put Mendi local preachers and newly-baptised Christians there. Please pray for these men and pray that more pastors from either coastal districts or the Pastor Training College, may be available soon, and a second minister be appointed.

"WE NO LONGER FOLLOW THE SPIRITS"

To the west of our head-station at Nipa, towards Magarima and Tari, about four groups of people have told



Pastors and their wives from the newly evangelized Mendi Circuit who are helping to proclaim the Gospel among the people of Nipa.

us that they will no longer follow the spirits but wish to be instructed in the Christian faith and be baptised. About 150 of them are regularly attending baptismal training classes. These people, and others further away in the same direction, have had contact with Mr. Murray Ruic of the U.F.M. Lake Kutubu. They also have our original two Mendi preachers in their midst. Hence, by the power of the Holy Spirit their hearts have been moved.

At each class they, and others from different groups (a total of about 250) ask searching questions. Many relate to life after death. After we had talked this out at one recent class, Kunjap, old faithful who has helped us ever since we first came, spoke up. "I don't think it's right that all the old people should come to be baptised just because they are afraid of dying," he said. "They should come because they love Jesus and want to follow Him" Bless him — the right word at the right time! Kunjap has been hesitant, mainly through shyness, about being baptised, but Sunday 19th April saw him and two other older men like him, among the group who came forward.

— Noreen Keightley, Nipa.

No Longer a Dream

Voting in Buin for the New Guinea House of Assembly.

Recently Tonu school children watched their teachers vote for the Bougainville representative to the newly formed "House of Assembly". John Salagil is pictured, casting his vote, on the front cover of this issue. This was an important day for us in Buin. The elements of democratic government have been held important in the policy forming and general running of the Methodist Church wherever missions have been at work among native peoples. Because our mission has tried to teach democracy to people we Europeans were glad to see our people being able to select their own representatives.

It is important to realise, however, that much of the Territory is still undeveloped and the people have had little contact with civilization. Cargo cults are found occasionally by Patrol Officers. The people in many ways are still far from understanding laws, which, though



Even New Guinea Highlanders voted. A patrol officer presides at the election at Tari. Pictures of the candidates help illiterate voters.

Photo: M. E. D. James

British in foundation, have become the accepted rules of most nations. For these and economic reasons Australia will need to keep a careful eye on the affairs of New Guinea for some time to come.

Some interesting points have come to light from the election results. Firstly when ever a European has been highly esteemed by the native people he has polled high in the open elections. Secondly, there was a high percentage of voting in many areas; 75 per cent of the electorate in many places voted. Thirdly, the apparent good sense and understanding with which the people voted. I think the Methodist Church would well take a certain amount of pride in the part it has played in teaching these people the principles of democracy.

It is also interesting to note that most of the election candidates were highly pleased with the work the missions were doing for the Territory and voiced opinions that speak well for our future here.

Should any reader have read the review of the election progress in TIME magazine in one of the March issues, may I suggest that you do not take the writing as factual but rather as typical imaginative condescension. This is a country which when developed could become important in world affairs.

We hope that the Methodist people of New Zealand will continue their support of the work here. We also hope that young New Zealanders may

be challenged with the task of helping these people develop spiritually, mentally and in physical health so that as a nation they may progress through a government guided by God.

There is a job to be done here. If you a young person reading this, look at your hands. Say to yourself

"Can these do anything to help the Solomon Islanders, by working in their country?" If you find the answer is yes — and it will be if you are a builder, teacher, nurse, electrician, office worker, or just about anything —pray and think deeply about joining us here.

—Keith Woodley

Campaign to Prevent Skin Cancer

The Department of Public Health of Papua and New Guinea has begun an education campaign on the prevention of skin cancer. The need for this kind of education became evident following a survey into the incidence of skin cancer made by an Australian specialist. The survey revealed that 75% of European schoolchildren examined at two Highlands centres had chronic skin changes resulting from the damaging effects of prolonged exposure to sunlight.

The specialist who made the survey submitted the following recommendations:

- a wide-brimmed hat should be worn out of doors;
- very fair people, prone to sunburn, should wear long-sleeved shirts;

— solar protection creams should be used on the forearms and other exposed parts;

— people should sunbathe, rather than sunbake.

The Health Department's campaign will include the distribution of leaflets and posters to educate parents and children about the dangers of excessive exposure to sunlight. Departmental officers would also visit schools to talk to children on the subject.

It was emphasized that whilst the greater element of risk existed at centres in the higher altitudes, people residing in coastal areas should also take appropriate precautions.

—South Pacific Bulletin

Church Union in New Guinea

We, the Kwato Extension Association, Papua Ekalesia, Methodist Church in Melanesia, and United Church Port Moresby, declare that it is our intention to join together in an organic union.

We regard union not as a matter of expediency, but of obedience to Christ who is the one Head of the Church.

This call of Christ demands our response now, and this is confirmed by the national and social situation.

We recognise that Christ has led us to this point, we must not allow any obstacle to prevent union.

We recognise that it is important to establish a strong united Christian church against the rising tide of anti-Christian influences in the community.

That in offering our intention to achieve organic union, we take note that this does not necessarily mean uniformity in all things. In many cases already existing and local forms of worship and procedure would, at least in the first instance, be preserved.

We acknowledge our deep indebtedness to the Missionary churches which brought the Gospel to this land, and we desire to retain our fellowship with these parent churches. In consultation with the Mission Boards we will continue to work together in the world mission of the church, and we ask the Boards to consider how this can best be done.

Thus, hard on the heels of the news that Methodists in Melanesia wish to unite, comes word that a wider union is in prospect. At the end of February a significant meeting took place at Port Moresby between representatives of the Papua Ekalesia (the independent church resulting from the efforts of the London Missionary Society), the Methodist Churches in Melanesia, the Port Moresby Council of the United Church of North Australia and the Kwato Extension Association. Two observers attended for the Evangelical Church of New Guinea. An Anglican observer was unable

to attend. The Methodist representatives were the Revs. G. G. Carter (Solomon Islands District, Chairman of our United Synod in Melanesia), Saimon Gaius (New Guinea, Chairman-Designate of the United Synod) and F. A. S. Kemp (Papua, Secretary of the United Synod). These conversations concern both our Church and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, which is already committed to help the Papua Ekalesia.

The report of the conversations commences with the statement set out above. Further paragraphs follow,

headed "The Faith of the Church", "Mutual Recognition of Ministers", "Organizational Structure of the Church", "Finance Property and Staff" and "Membership."

PROCEDURE TOWARDS EFFECTIVE UNION

Those who attended the conversations at Port Moresby are to report back to their churches. Details of the proposals are also going to the mission boards affected. A copy has also been supplied to the Convener of our Conference Standing Committee on Church Union, the Rev. A. K. Petch. Certain immediate steps were recommended for co-ordinating the work in urban centres, like Port Moresby, Goroka and Rabaul. For example the Papua Ekalesia is

recommended to give authority to the Rabaul Memorial (Methodist) Church to care for Papuan Christians at Rabaul.

A Joint Standing Committee on Church Union is to be set up to further this whole project. The report of the conversations concludes with this statement of intention:—

"We plan to achieve union immediately following the granting of a constitution to the Methodist Church in Melanesia by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, and we expect this to be in August, 1966. We point out that a church union constitution needs to be in its final form by December 1965." This means that the consent of the Methodist Church of New Zealand would be sought at our November Conference, 1965.

New Leper Dispensary Opened

Tari Gift from Mission to Lepers.

The day started with a bell at 5.15. It was quite dark but nothing daunted the dressings were done by hurricane lamp light and medicines were hustled down willing throats. By the time I arrived at seven o'clock the floors were being given their final wash and the whole place was spick and span. 'May we start the preparation of the ovens for the feast now?' and excited patients milled round the pit making and stone selecting.

At eight o'clock there was a line-up for examination by the Regional Leprologist. Dr. Rodrigue is an old friend and very important in our lives. Four patients are for discharge



Inside the new dispensary, gift of the Mission to Lepers. Mission to Lepers help is gratefully received for the Highlands. Grants from the Lepers' Trust Board are used in the British Solomon Islands and Bougainville.

and what greater joy could he give us on this very special day?

By mid-morning folk were streaming down the hill, across the bridge, through the gardens and school children marking in line all to join us with joy and thanksgiving. The patients were soon seated right before the building facing the closed doors. On the verandah platform were two of the original patients. Everyone polished with the best order of the soap ration, wigs redecorated and faces freshly painted. Our guests were packed in a half circle.

There was a hush as the official party took their seats and the Rev. John Atkinson welcomed our guests.

The service of Dedication commenced with the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell" followed by prayers led by Rev. C. J. Keightley and Handabe, our new Member of the House of Assembly. In his dedicatory address Mr. Keightley read from Isaiah Chap. 61 v. 1-3 and emphasised the importance of health of body along with health of soul. Then came the act of dedication "in the Name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit to the holy ministry of healing, to Christian helpfulness, to the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit in times of distress and suffering, to the skill and wisdom that brings relief and cure and to the patient research that uncovers fresh resources with which to serve we dedicate this building."

The patients then sang a series of their own chants telling the story

of the day even to the feast to follow.

Now came the moment of opening. Mr. Skinner the District Commissioner addressed the gathering offering his good wishes. He delighted the 'choir' by expressing his pleasure in their efforts. Every eye watched as he opened the doors wide.

Greetings were brought by Dr. Rodrigue who spoke particularly to the patients reminding them of their part in the relief of the disease. They were not alone in their affliction and we are not alone in our fight to help them. He also spoke of the great hope there is held in surgery for so many of them.

Messages were read from the Secretary of the Mission to Lepers, Rev. M. Feist, Rev. and Mrs. Hutton and the Nipa staff. Everyone was invited to inspect the Centre and particularly the new building. The Benediction in English and Huli closed the formal ceremony.

"Can we kill the pigs now? Can we prepare the veges now?" and some hundred present and ex-patients raced to the joy of cooking twelve pigs, mountains of sweet potatoes, meat, rice and flour.

It was a day that will remain long in our memories for its warmth of fellowship and blessing. It is the beginning of a new phase of our service and in love we offer that service to Him who 'healed the sick and cleansed the leper'.

Edith James

The Open Door

LEPERS' TRUST BOARD ALLOCATIONS 1964

Lepers and sufferers from tropical disease in the Pacific will benefit to the extent of £70,000 as the result of allocations announced recently by the Chairman of the New Zealand Lepers' Trust Board (Inc.), Mr A. S. Geddes.

The board operates only in the South Pacific where its activities range from Tahiti in the East to the North Solomons, nearly 5,000 miles to the West. Grants in this widely spread area are made to assist in leprosy and medical work carried out by the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian and Seventh Day Adventist Churches, the Church of Christ and the South Seas Evangelical Mission.

The main items in the allocation, which is for the year ended January 31 last, include £19,000 for new hospital construction, £7,500 for the upkeep of three leprosy relief vessels given by the Lepers' Trust Board some years ago to the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Methodist Missions in the Solomons, £5,000 for the expansion of Presbyterian medical activity in the New Hebrides, and £5,000 to assist in the rehabilitation of lepers discharged from the island leper hospital of Makogai in the Fiji group.

Announcing his board's decision, Mr. Geddes said that this was the first allocation since the death of the board's founder, Mr. P. J. Twomey, last year.

"It has been the board's aim to follow Mr. Twomey's expressed policy — to distribute our funds



Nurse Vivian Mamupio, during her maternity training at Auckland. Miss Mamupio now cares for our leper patients at Ozama near Bilua.

regardless of race, creed or colour, and to concentrate our help where the need is greatest and the work of relief is being done," said Mr. Geddes.

"The board has suffered a grievous loss in the death of the Leper Man and the best memorial we can erect for him is the continuation of his work.

"There is much to be done; indeed the call seems more insistent each year, and I must express our thanks to the people of New Zealand who, by their open-handed response to the

Leper Man Appeal, have made it possible to achieve such a splendid result.

"Because of this generosity lives will be saved and much misery and

suffering alleviated in these islands so close to our shores," said Mr. Geddes.

Details of the allocations are as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF ALLOCATIONS FOR PERIOD ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1964. GENERAL PURPOSES

| | | | |
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| Fiji | | | |
| Korovou rehabilitation of former leper patients | 5,000 | | |
| Makogai leprosy hospital | 3,000 | | |
| | | — | 8,000 |
| New Hebrides | | | |
| Presbyterian Mission | 5,000 | | |
| Anglican Mission | 3,000 | | |
| Catholic Mission | 3,000 | | |
| Churches of Christ, Aoba | 1,000 | | |
| British Ante-Natal Clinics | 1,000 | | |
| | | — | 13,000 |
| British Solomon Islands | | | |
| Anglican Mission | 4,000 | | |
| Catholic Mission | 4,000 | | |
| Methodist Mission | 4,000 | | |
| Tetere Leprosarium (Government) | 1,000 | | |
| Native Councils | 500 | | |
| Seventh Day Adventists | 1,500 | | |
| | | — | 15,000 |
| Bougainville | | | |
| Catholic Mission | 3,000 | | |
| Methodist Mission | 3,000 | | |
| | | — | 6,000 |
| NEW HOSPITAL BUILDINGS | | | |
| Anglican Mission | 3,000 | | |
| Catholic Mission | 3,000 | | |
| Methodist Mission | 3,000 | | |
| Makogai/Suva Replacement | 10,000 | | |
| | | — | 19,000 |
| LEPER RELIEF VESSEL MAINTENANCE FUNDS | | | |
| Anglican (M.L. Fauabu Twomey) | 2,500 | | |
| Catholic (M.L. Mala Twomey) | 2,500 | | |
| Methodist (M.L. Ozama Twomey) | 2,500 | | |
| | | — | 7,500 |
| SUNDRY ALLOCATIONS | | | |
| Tahiti Leprosarium | 500 | | |
| South Seas Evangelical Mission | 500 | | |
| New Caledonia (Ducos) | 500 | | |
| | | — | 1,500 |
| | | | £70,000 |

FROM RECENT MISSIONARY LETTERS

A REPORT ON NIPA:

Tremendously exciting and wonderful things have been happening in this place over the last month or so.

To the West of us there has been a large movement of people towards us. In their thinking they claim to have put away everything relating to the spirits, and very many of them (200 or more) are attending our pre-baptismal classes with encouraging regularity. It will not be many weeks before a good many will be ready for baptism.

Two weeks ago we held our thanksgiving service, and it was a wonderful success. The church was packed again. The congregation, about 1,000, was most attentive and surprisingly easy to handle. It is amazing how they are learning to regard our services with reverence. Every week sees improvements, and the change for the better, even over the last month, seems almost incredible to us. Their readiness to participate in the responses, and in the repetition of prayers and Creed, I believe, would put many congregations at home to shame. Even their singing of the chants is improving out of all recognition.

Last week we held another (our third) baptismal service here at Puril. This time we received 23 people by baptism and laying on of hands into the membership of the Church, brings the number of people thus received to 53. Although there were not as many as on the previous occasions (there were about 600 at this service), it was the most wonderful service we have had. Everybody came early. Generally, however, their promptness is not a strong trait.

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They still have a long way to go at this point.

This morning our service was again well attended, although it wasn't until half way through that the last of them arrived. Late arrivals are always disturbing of course, even at home . . .

— C. J. Keightley

SISTERS ON PATROL:



Sister Patricia Hulks, due on furlough later this year.

I've put away my school books, time-tables, spelling lists and work books for a while because I just must do something about my fat 'letters to be answered' file. Many thanks to all you who have written and I'm sorry that I can't send a personal letter to you this time.

Last Saturday was rather different from this one. Janice and I had the chance to go down to Saposia and the Bougainville coast by the boat Teop. Neither of us had ever been there before and we had been want-

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About People

SYMPATHY:

The sympathy of our Board of Missions and of their friends goes out to our veteran Sister Lina Jones, whose sister and former companion has recently died at Auckland; to Mr. Allen Dingwall, a member of the Board, in the loss of his wife; and to Sister Lesley Bowen in the passing of her mother, after a long illness.

NEW WORKERS:

Following her course of training at All Saints College, Sydney, Sister Beverley Withers leaves on June 5th. for Munda, where she will join the staff of the Helena Goldie Hospital. Her place as New Zealand Methodist student at All Saints will be taken by Miss Rosemary Bettany, whom we welcome as a newly dedicated teaching sister. She will proceed in October to the Islands. Meantime we have been glad to accept the services as relieving teaching sister of the former Sister Audrey Grice, now paying a private visit to Sister Beryl in the Solomons. There is still need for further teachers and for two carpenters overseas.

OTHER WORKERS ON THE MOVE:

Sister Norma Graves, whose delay in New Zealand due to eye trouble, was mentioned in last issue, went back shortly afterwards to her teacher training work at Halis, Namatanai, New Ireland, where Melanesian teachers are now trained for all the Methodist districts of the Western Pacific.

Mr. Ken Skinner, whose return from New Guinea was noted last issue, has since accepted a post as

carpenter to the New Guinea Methodist District.

Mrs. P. F. Taylor is now at Auckland with her three children, David, Janice and Karen, and Mr. Taylor will join them on furlough later. The Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Keightley with their four daughters are also due home on leave in August.

Mr. Bruce Smith, the Solomon Islands District accountant at Munda, is on leave at Levin, with Mrs. Smith and their two children. Following normal furlough, Mr. Smith will take study leave until December.

Mr. Tom Quayle, Fraternal Worker in Kenya, arrived at Auckland on May 5th by "Canberra" and will be in New Zealand until September.

During May, the Girls' Life Brigade organised a special Conference in Fiji for the Pacific area. The representatives of the Solomon Islands District were Miss Dora Rande, a teacher from the District Girls' School at Kihili, and Sister Muriel McCormack of the Helena Goldie Hospital, Munda.

Two new Fijian workers have recently joined the staff of the Solomon Islands District. Mr. Wiliame Mataitoga is a teacher and Mr. Kelepi Nabainivalu is a plantation worker.

VISITORS TO THE PACIFIC:

The President of Conference and Mrs. A. R. Penn depart this month to accept an invitation from the Queen of Tonga to visit that country. Afterwards they will be the official New Zealand representatives at the inauguration of the Fiji and Samoa Methodist Conferences. As a former worker in Fiji, the General Secretary of Overseas Missions, the Rev. S. G.

Andrews is to depart for Fiji in late June and share in the Conference celebrations there.

Several Australian ministers are visiting New Zealand in the course of their journeys to and from the Pacific celebrations. The Rev. C. F. Gribble, General Secretary of Overseas Mission for Australia and Mrs. Gribble were here in April; the Revs. W. S. Pidgeon and Rodger Brown (State Secretaries for New South Wales and Victoria) and Mr. K. Allen, Public Relations Officer for Methodist Overseas Missions, Australia, are all expected to include New Zealand in their itineraries.

ASIAN CHRISTIAN YOUTH ASSEMBLY:

Twenty young New Zealanders have been chosen to go from New Zealand to the Philippines as delegates to the Asian Christian Youth Assembly. Methodist names we recognize among them are the Rev. Keith Rowe of Manaia, Mr. Hugh Garlick and Miss Te Tua Winiata of Auckland. The assembly will be held at the Silliman University, Dumagete City and 565 participants are expected. As the New Zealand delegates return they hope to visit at least one other Asian country. The fares are costing £275 each and the various youth movements and the National Council of Churches are raising funds to help meet the cost.

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ing to go for a long time so we took the chance despite the doubtful looking weather. In fact the rain poured down nearly all the way to Sohano, that's about a two and a half hour journey and as well as being wet it was very cold and we sat huddled in rugs to try to keep dry and warm. We took our little boy Peter with us. He has lived at our house since he was a week old and he had an aunt at Saposa who was interested in having him to live with her. He was very good on the boat and spent most of the time right underneath a blanket. The boat was actually going to take Rev. George Maelagi down to look at that section of our circuit. The native minister who is stationed there has been in hospital with Tb for several months. We reached Saposa Island at about three

o'clock and put up our camp stretchers and pumped up our lilos and put up our mosquito nets before setting out to look at the island. Janice went to meet some of the women while I had a talk to some of the teachers and then took a canoe and went over to a village on a nearby island. Peter's aunt lived there and there was no doubt about whether she wanted Peter. He cried when we handed him over but by the time we had had a quick look around the village he had stopped and we didn't see him again that day. George Maelagi conducted a baptismal service that evening and five very healthy babies were baptised.

— Patricia Hulks, Buka.

(The other workers referred to are Sister Janice Palmer, nursing sister and the Rev. George Maelagi, probationer minister.)

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GRATITUDE

When the Children of Israel returned to Jerusalem from their captivity in Babylon, they were filled with joy and showed their gratitude by giving gold and silver to the "treasure of the work" and Ezra blessed the Lord, the Great God and all the people said 'Amen, Amen.' Having heard the Hebrew law once more in their own land, they wept for joy, but they were bidden by Nehemiah and Ezra to stop weeping, to go and refresh themselves with food and drink and to remember to send portions to those who were needy. They were to remember others in their rejoicing.

Have we cause to be grateful?

Ritchie Calder, writing in "World Affairs", tells of the new freedom that has come to Afghanistan women within the last ten years. He visited the Capital city, Kabul, in 1963 and saw women in the crowd, smiling, unveiled. It was only in 1959 that this was made possible, when royal edict permitted women to discard the "chadaris" (a shapeless gown that covered a woman from head to toe, with a hood hiding her face and a lace visor, through which she could see the world). This release from "purdah" virtually began about ten years ago, when Dr. Ann Marie Gade a Danish woman, was sent by W.H.O. to start Mother and Child Clinics. At that time there were only 120 doctors in Afghanistan, all men—and no male doctor could examine a woman and midwives were completely ignorant of modern methods. Dr. Gade began by training midwives and these included the royal princesses and then Mother and Child Health

Clinics were opened. Veiled women began to attend them and through their veils, they saw new methods of baby care and hygiene and discovered that women had worth, that they could have careers like men and were not just anonymous, hidden "chattels". At the end of 1964, the first batch of women students will qualify as doctors, who will be able to serve their own womenfolk and children.

Have we cause to be grateful?

Mrs. Patchett, area organizer for the British and Foreign Bible Society, reminded us recently of the Archbishop of York's message at Tokyo in 1963, when he spoke of the "Three Hungers of the World"; the hunger for FOOD; the hunger for TRUTH; and the hunger for LOVE. If we let our minds and imaginations dwell on this for but a few moments and remember the abundance of food we have, the availability of the Word of God and of all books, the highest levels of education that are open to us —

Do we find cause to be grateful?

If so, what are we going to do about it? The Children of Israel blessed the Lord, The Great God, gave gold and silver to the treasure of the work and remembered to send portions to the needy.

PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

Would you like to know more about Edith James and the Hansenside Centre? Would you like to help her? Your local Fellowship will receive "Project News" (resource material put out by the Ecumenical

and Missions Committee of the Department of Christian Education), and this will give you information about New Guinea, Sister Edith and the new Clinic built by Gordon Day, and show you how you can help her work there. If you use "Project News" and "Introducing our Missionaries" (I.O.M.) leaflet No. 70 on the Hansenside Clinic, a map and perhaps some sisters' letters you may have received, you will have material for a programme that is alive, worthwhile and informative. If your members are able to give practical help, Sister Edith's patients need glass marbles and soccer balls! "Project News" will tell you how to send them and why they are needed.

Another project-programme for your missionary committee to deal with is "Operation Solomons". Use "Project News" and I.O.M. leaflets Nos. 68/69 and give practical help by sending Books — Dictionaries, Geographical magazines, Junior Kiwis, Junior Digests, Pictorial Education etc. See the list in "Project News" and send for a detailed book list to the Department of Christian Education.

The third project is for your ecumenical committee to deal with, using "Project News" and I.O.M. leaflets Nos. 71/72, on the Salatiga Christian University and Mr. and Mrs. Evan Lewis. Practical help for this project must be in money and this will provide Protein, through the agency of C.O.R.S.O. to the students at the Salatiga Training College. There is no meat, eggs or fish in their diet and this results in loss of energy, seriously affecting their study.

Please send all money whether it is for books or footballs or protein to the Dept. of Christian Education

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Miss Audrey Grice, at present relieving as a teacher in the Solomons while on a private visit.

and state what it is for. "Project News" will give you all the information you want to know.

I look forward to the day when the financial aspect of projects will concern the Connexional Budget and this can happen when we are all giving gladly to God. A tenth part of what we spend on ourselves would enable the Budget to support every missionary enterprise, every missionary task of the church. Projects would be learning and praying, because projects concern people — people who have great needs and workers who have great love, who show their gratitude in service.

Have we cause to be grateful?

My Saviour, how shall I proclaim,
How pay the mighty debt I owe?
Let all I have and all I am,
Ceaseless to all Thy glory show.
Too much to Thee I cannot give,
Too much I cannot do for Thee;
Let all Thy love, and all Thy grief,
Graven on my heart for ever be.

Amen.

—Florence Baber

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