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Letter from Rev. A. C. Walkup

Schooner Hiram Bingham, Jaluij, Christmas, 1900

In two weeks we hope to be off for the Gilberts. The people are evangelized and civilized as much as we would expect on such scattered atolls. They have given up their "fig leaves" and long hair and are nearly clothed. Will try to call on Pleasant Is and Mr. Porte. A mail steamer is expected from Sydney Jan. 20th.

A. C. Walkup

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Vessel for Micronesia Missions

Rev. Walter Frear writes to Dr. Bingham as follows,

"The Carrie and Annie just bought our work this year will probably leave here in about six weeks or so. She is a fine sailer, built of oak and strong.

Gilbert Island Report for 1900

By Rev. A. C. Walkup

The "Hiram Bingham" have carried five families on vacations and to their work. A great blessing has been the plenteous showers for the last 20 months.

Butaritari is the darkest and most discouraging of the islands. The king, Bureimone is not as far removed from heathenism. Attendance at school and church is low.

The frequent showers for the last 20 months have produced a large crop of food.

Makin and Kiebu are two islets separated from Butaritari by four miles of sea. They are weakened by a visit from the king and his party, carrying off \$3,000 of nuts.

Marakei, when visited in April, heathen dancing were in full swing. The teachers had a combined school of over a hundred. Pastor Nauto had a severe affliction in his wife being helpless several weeks on her back.

Apaiang. Tarakabu, Solomon and the young couple I brought from Kusaie in June are our only schools at Apaiang. Drift wood set afloat by Gilbert Island laborers in Queensland.

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The gov't has no schools, as the competition between the Catholics and Protestants are said to be sufficient. Rev. Teraoi has four helpers, six schools in all, and about 170 children, but they are small, and the parents are indifferent. Maiana Rev. and Mrs. P. Mahihila had a vacation on Tarawa and Apaiang and returned refreshed. Mr. Tabwia took their work. Tabeou, a son of Tabwia, also had a vacation. Mr. Corrie, an English trader, has been friendly to our work, and I hear has been appointed Gov't agent. Teriba, has been afflicted by an island disease. Apemama. Mr. Murdock, a Govt agent, has given the people a good training on public works.

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Gilbert Islands Report for 1900 (Concluded.)

By Rev. A. C. Walkup

The young man Paul, king only in name, lives like a private gentleman. Heathen worship and customs are prohibited by law. Aranuka. On the second trip I organized a church of 18 members. Kuria also owned by Apemama.

Nonouti. Church and school work hard pressed by the general lawlessness of the people.

Two assistant natives of Nui (Ellice Is.) introduced a Samoan play, and the people went crazy playing it so it had to be restricted to the childrens only.

Tabiteuea. Mr. Tabwia sent to help the two younger Catechists.

Banaba. The Pacific Island Co. discovered phosphate of lime and have two shipping stations. The natives, although island food is plenty, feast on store food, come off to ships in boats, clothe in white linen, and one Christian has gone back to smoking. Met Mr. John Arundel, the vice chairman of the com. At Pleasant Is. Mr. de la Porte has congregations of 300 and 400.

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Missionary Journal--Kusaie

from the Journal for 1900 of Miss Wilson at Kusaie, taken
from "The Pacific"

Due to the lack of rain the streams had become foul, causing a great deal of sickness. The mission lack medicine to cope with disease. I have made a small beginning on the Marshall language.

May 14th the "Hiram Bingham" arrived from the Gilbert Islands.
Sept 14th the "Queen of the Isles" arrived here from San Francisco.

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Western Caroline Missions

Report of Visit by Rev. F. M. Price

Ponape, March 29th, 1901

Rev. Judson Smith, D. D.

We left Guam on Capt. Melander's little schooner, the Tulenkun, Feb. 15, and reached Rik on the 22d. We found a very prosperous work at Kuku, where Jonatan and wife have made a good impression.

At Moloue, we found the work in a very sad condition. At one time there were 103 pupils in the school at Moloue; but two teachers failed them after Arkela and Ned were taken away, so that now there are only a few who are even trying to do right.

The station at Fanupenges has been abandoned, also the one at Lepon.

The work on Iowtr where Josef was, has taken a new start under Amon and Alice who are well spoken of. There is little change in the condition of the work on Uman, where Moses is, on Sapora of Fefau where Manasa still holds the fort, on Fausan of Tol, where Jose and Karoline are at work, and on Elin and Rere on

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Taloar near the mission station. Indirectly, German rule has been helpful to our work on Ruk. Mr. Stimson is now gathering from the Mortlock churches recruits for his school. On Friday, March 1st, we sailed away and visited Nama, Ruk, Losap and Pis, Namaluk, the Satoan lagoon in which are Mott, Kutu, Ta, and Satoan, and Lukunor and Lniop.

1. Church Buildings.--There are 12 churches, and two fine new buildings have been erected since my first visit.
2. Improvements in the arts of civilized life are also very marked. Clothing is worn by all, and there is considerable taste displayed in ornamentation.
3. Intelligence. Growth in intelligence marked.
4. Public Sentiment.--There are evidences of an improved public sentiment in almost everything affecting the welfare of the people. Certain forms of vice have gone in to hiding. Public sentiment is far ahead of the practices of the people, and takes its start from the church and the teachings of God's work.
5. Spirituality.--It is not wanting, although not as marked as we would like to see it.
6. As to the teachers.--They are not what they ought to be.

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In some ways they must be led to higher things, in knowledge and moral and spiritual earnestness.

7. The Churches as a whole are in good condition.--At Pis, in the Losap lagoon, there is the poorest church. There has been less improvement at Lukunor than in any other island.

8. Individual and special cases.-- Justinia, who did noble work for Pis in '96 or '97 fell into grievous sin, due to her husband. She had left her husband and married another man. Arrangements will be made to adjust her domestic affairs as far as possible.

Poas the old chief of Ta urged his people on his deathbed to support the Christian religion and by no means neglect it after his departure. Advised them to be faithful to Mr. Price's teaching.

Remarks

1. There is a marked increase in the material wealth of the people on all the islands. Due to prudence and industry in taking care of the wealth found on their respective islands, and labor to increase the productiveness of the land.

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2. Rapid increase in the pop. creates problem what shall be done with the people? The German gov't will wrestle with this problem.
The work on Ponape

1. The pop. of Ponape has been greatly reduced. (est. of those inside the reef, 3,200) Decimation due to increase of drunkenness, the stronger liquors being drink, and to social vices.

2. The resources of the island are as great as of old, but it is said that the people are forsaking the cultivation of the land, and that vegetable products are not as plentiful. Probable that the higher price paid for copra, and high wages paid for labor have relieved the people from the necessity of raising vegetables.

3. The arts of civilized life are increasing here as in other parts of the group, and new and better houses are being built.

4. The Governor has won the hearts of the people, and seems to be a just, kind and wise ruler. He favors the mission and its work.

5. The reception given to the missionaries was cordial, and there is evidently a growing appreciation of the importance of their work

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Kusaie, March 27, 1901

Dear Mr. Emerson

I want to thank you sincerely for the generous help given us by the Hawaiian Board. We pay the teachers only 35 dollars so you see that \$300 given by H. Board supports nearly nine teachers. We have a large training school, 45 scholars, three assistant teachers.

The Hawaiian Mission Children's Society also sent me through Mr. Hall \$50 for school.

J. M. Channon

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Pleasant Island Notes

By letters received by Rev. O. H. Culick from Rev. and Mrs. De la Porte.

Our people are still showing much interest in the Gospel, and about 150 are now waiting to be received into the church of Christ.

Fortune telling is practiced by many. They simply take a leaf and make knots in it, or a number of small stones over which they murmur a few words, and the oracle is complete.

Has been impossible to get any good fish because of taboo. The whites fry their fish in frying pans, which is a bad thing, because as soon as the fish find out that they are to be fried in a frying-pan they will leave the island. Since I gave our people a lecture on the folly of this superstition, more fish is coming in.

Last Feb. we opened the Ewa station day school with an attendance of 50 children and about as many more adults. During March we published our Nauru Hymn-book.

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Letter from Rev. Al C. Walkup

Toured Marakei, Apaiang, Tarawa, and Maiana. Visited Beru with Mr. and Mrs. Gomard.

Butaritari, July 19

We were at Nonouti the 22d of June. Ordained the catechist Uatioa.

At Abemama the spiritual side of the work was not so encouraging.

Of the 58 Seekers of last year only 14 were admitted.

Left Rev. Teraoh at Tarawa. At Nonouti, Abemama and Banaba the people the people are living on food from vessels.

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Letter from Mr. Price; Aganya, Guam, Aug. 8, 1901

There are about 10,000 people on Guam--7,000 in Aganya, the capital. Their language is more highly complex, having prefixes and suffixes the persons of the verbs and singular and plural forms. They are peaceable. Gambling is a great vice among them and on Sundays and feast days the streets of Aganya swarm with crowds of men and boys, pitching coppers for money. Cock fighting is their national sport, always attended with gambling. Drunkenness is not common now, smoking is well-nigh universal. Anything like public sentiment against social sins is almost entirely wanting. The scapular is used here to some extent, I think, but all the women and some of the men wear a belt, which the priest has blessed and put on them, with the delusion that if they have that belt on when they die, the Virgin Mary will come and take them to heaven. Prayers called the Novena are chanted.

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Letter from P. A. de la Porte

Nauru, June 26, 1901

The Rev. O. H. Fulick

Today the vessel of the Jaluit firm arrived and brought us our building material for verandahs. The little mission home on Nauru will be finished in a few weeks. White ants are quite bad here.