Interior of a New Guinea Semese, showing native shields and war implements hanging on the walls, and from the roof.
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A LETTER FROM MR. ABEL
Kwato, Samarai, Papua,
January 20, 1924.

At last! I've been here parts of three days and I've had two attacks of malarial fever—
a most strange co-incidence. Under any
other circumstances, I should have to lay up.
But the steamer which brought me takes the
mail tonight and there is not another chance
of sending letters away for four weeks!

Crowds of people from all parts of the
District have come in to greet me and to wel­
come me home. Yesterday I managed to
brace myself up to face a big, important
meeting at which I gave the story (in out­
line) of my American experiences. The peo­
ple are greatly stirred. One of my leading
men came into my study this morning to teS
me that the natives had had a meeting
amongst themselves and that they wanted
me, at their expense, to cable their gratitude
at once. I can’t very well say “No” to this.
It is not wise to turn down such a sugges­
tion. Initiative is so rare among them that
it is worth encouraging and it shows how
greatly they appreciate what America is do­
ing for us. So I am sending a cable to Mr.
Hoggs which he will have shown you before
you receive this.

I shall hope to send you a letter with some
news in it by the next boat.

With every good wish for the New Year
to all my friends in America,
Yours affectionately,
CHARLES W. ABEL.

THIRTY-THREE years ago, when
Kwato was first occupied as a Mission at
the eastern extremity of the great island of
New Guinea, the natives of the district were
savages entirely uninfluenced by western
civilization. Cannibalism, warfare, gross
immorality and superstition prevailed.

About ten thousand people live in Kwato
District, which includes one hundred and
seventy-five miles of coast line. Since the
advent of the British, inter-tribal warfare has
been abolished, and murder is punishable;
but the introduction of new diseases, and the
decline in vitality, due to less active life, are
proving a hindrance to the healthy increase
of population. Under favorable conditions,
however, the Papuan may not only be saved
from extinction, but he may become a Mes­
senger of Christ in the interior.

Comments

Rev. Charles W. Abel, who has given over
thirty-two years of his life to mission work
in Papua, has now returned to the field
where he has already given one-third of a
century of service and has left his wife and
four children in England where the latter are
completing their education. Mr. Abel sailed
from San Francisco in December and
reached Kwato on January sixteenth. Mrs.
Abel hopes to join him next year, if her
health permits, and the two sons and two
daughters expect to go out as soon as their
necessary education is completed.

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It is with deep sorrow that we report the
death, on February 12, 1924, of Judge Mac­
kenzie Cleland of Chicago. He was one of
the Honorary Vice-Presidents of the New
Guinea Evangelization Society.
A group of heathen New Guinea men and women dressed ready for the village dance.

Vast areas in New Guinea are still in savage darkness. Pray especially for the opening up of the Fly River to the light of the Gospel. Here, savagery, cruelty, fear, ignorance and immorality prevail.

Thirty years ago, the condition of the natives in the districts around Kwato was no better than it is along the Fly River today. Something of the change which has taken place may be seen from the following report of a speech delivered in London a few years ago by the Hon. Staniforth Smith, Administrator of Papua. He said:

"The Mission at Kwato is one that I think might almost be a standard of what an industrial mission should be. When the Australian Federal members, fifteen in number, came to Papua, they assured me that nothing they had seen gave them greater pleasure than the visit to Mr. Abel's Mission because it showed them the potentialities of the native."
GABANABENENA
A wild man all his life, who gave us a great deal of trouble, always opposing our work.

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The early days of the Mission were fraught with peculiar adventure and romance, the Lord’s messengers being, in many cases, the first intruders from the outside world to make contact with a race of extremely wild savages.

The story of the mission during the past three decades reveals the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of these barbarous people, and gives cause for praise to God for what He has wrought by his servants.

The preaching of the Gospel, which has brought Eternal Life to those who have accepted it, has resulted in the abandonment of many heathen customs and practices which occupied these once savage people. “Old things have passed away;” “behold all things have become new.”

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The good news of God’s love has met with remarkable response from the Papuans. In hundreds of cases the believer has been freed from the haunting fears of the spirit world and has learned to know that he has a place in Christ’s love. The power of the Holy Spirit is shown in the daily life of the Christian Papuan and he rejoices in prayer and in service for Christ among his fellows.

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Christian missions in Papua do not overlap in their efforts to evangelize the native. The south coast is in the hands of the London Missionary Society. The northeast coast is occupied by the Anglican Mission, while the archipelago to the southeast is the field for Australian Methodists. The Roman Catholics find their sphere in a district along the banks of the Mekeo River. The Kwato field is the exclusive territory of our Society and confined to the extreme east of the island. A very large area in the interior has not as yet even been visited, much less won for Christ.

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A CONTRAST—JOSEA LEBASI
A Christian Papuan of true consecration, who died at the age of forty years, due to overwork in the service of his Master.

(See Tidings for October, 1923.)
One of the first lessons necessary to teach New Guineans is cleanliness. This small boy is not enjoying it, but the teacher is.

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THE NEW GUINEA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY, INC.

Extracts from Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws

"The particular objects for which the corporation is formed are to proclaim and teach the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to train Christian evangelists, teachers and other Christians of Papua, New Guinea.

I. "Membership—All persons in sympathy with the work and object of the New Guinea Evangelization Society, Inc., who are in accord with its doctrinal basis and who contribute to the support of said work, shall be eligible for membership.

II. "Directors—The directors shall be members of the corporation, shall have charge of the affairs of the corporation and shall elect all its officers.

Local Councils or Auxiliaries may be formed in different localities, with the approval of the Directors. Such Local Councils or Auxiliaries shall be composed of groups of members residing in other cities and districts, who shall agree to unite in the membership of the corporation for the work of the New Guinea Evangelization Society, Inc. Such Local Councils or Auxiliaries shall at all times be subject to the authority and control of the Directors of the said corporation.

VI. "Annual Meeting—The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the second Friday of February of each year.

VIII. "Doctrinal Basis—Membership in this corporation and enlistment in the missionary work of this corporation or society shall be conditioned upon acceptance of the Holy Scripture as the inspired Word of God and the final authority in matters of faith and practice. This shall be understood to include the acceptance of the teaching of the New Testament as to the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ and His virgin birth; the need of all mankind for salvation from sin and from spiritual death, not by their own good works but through faith in the mercy of God as provided by our Lord Jesus Christ through His life and His death on the Cross; the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; His ascension into Heaven; and His return, as taught in the Scriptures; the work of the Holy Spirit in the regeneration and sanctification of believers and in witnessing to the Living Lord; and the Church of Christ on earth as the missionary agency for the evangelizing of the world.

A group of children adopted by the mission at Kwato, some orphans, some outcasts. Most of them are now engaged in Christian service.
Teaching the New Guinea Christian boys the value and enjoyment of good sport and healthful exercise. Many of them make excellent cricketers.

These helpless Papuans make an irresistible appeal to us to extend to them the helping hand in their hour of racial need. The Papuan is being owned of God, and he has an unmistakable claim upon us. "Ye that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."

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The Kwato method of training the Papuan in industry has won the approbation of British governors, administrators, statesmen, travelers, missionaries and commercial men.

The present Lieutenant-Governor of Papua, His Excellency Judge Murray, C.M.G., writes:

"I wish to assure you again of the intense interest that the members of the Government—and myself perhaps most of all—take in your Association and of our earnest wishes for its success."

**FRIENDS**

are earnestly requested to become partners in this work by giving $100 or more a year, on a five-year basis. They are also invited to help supply the following special needs:

- Dormitories for boys..........$1,500
- Dormitories for girls...........1,500
- Dormitories for men............7,000
- Dormitories for women........7,000
- School building...............5,000
- Dining hall....................3,000
- Kitchen.........................7,000

$10,000 will build the much-needed hospital

$100 a year will train a native evangelist

$30 a year will support a child in the mission school