

Topics and Places of Publication.

1. Basic historical review.
 - eg. Newton "No Bucks - an analysis of money in an Orokaivan village"
 - La Trobe University Occasional Papers
 - Institute of PNG Studies
 - Oral History
2. Portraits of particular missionaries or assistants:
 - J. of Pacific History
3. Debating:
 - Gewertz: "On whom depends the action of the elements"
 - JPS (1977): 339 -
4. Demography: Chowning 1980: "Culture and biology among the Seng Seng of New Britain" JPS 89: 7 -
5. Rhetoric - Bill, Gewertz JPS (1980) 89: 309 -

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 London: A. R. Mowbray.

Chapter IV: Collingwood Bay (1898)

- 89 1895 MacGregor visits north - finds "wonderful inland valley" on upper reaches of Musa and suggests to missionaries at Dogura that they move into the region - told King that the time was right to move in on a people "soundly beaten and humbled"; if they did not, he would invite another mission in. - also pressure from Gen. Sec. of ABM who visited area at the time
- 90 MacLaren had been to Collingwood Bay in 1890, landing with Governor at Uiake, Yuayu and Wanigela
 - Copland King visited in Merric England in 1893 and in July 1895
 King: "It was an adventurous and exciting trip. We examined the coast carefully, and landed wherever we could find villages. At Uiake the excitement ~~was~~ of the natives was intense. They waded into the water to meet the dinghy, and kept up a continuous roar of greeting.
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My boys, who had landed with me, thought their time had come; but the natives were only shouting vigorously for iron, in the form of iron plane irons, of which I had taken care to bring a good stock; and when they got me on shore they would not let me off again until ~~to~~ I had exhausted the trade bag."

Returned 1896 for three weeks - describes natives as "hoistuous"
 - described by "Mr. Clark"
 - went up Gurugura Lagoon - met by crowds of decorated and apparently excited (and apprehensive) crowd
 - held first on-shore service in Sinapa
 93 - chose Sinapa initially for mission

While inspecting land in the area they met canoe from Uliaku with the "chief" Wanigera on board

"This man is worthy of more than passing notice, for he has great influence over his people, and I think will -

94 be our friend. He is tall, well-built, with well-formed features. On state occasions, such as the visit which he was about to make to our schooner, he is wonderfully got up. His hair is pushed back from the forehead, shaven in fact, and hangs down the back to his shoulders in little ringlets, about as thick as a lead pencil, but clogged with

coconut oil and dirt. Across the front of his head he wears a roll of human hair, bleached with lime to an auburn tint; immediately in the front of this, across his forehead, he wears a band of woven stuff, skillfully and artistically covered with small shells and ground stones of several colours. At each end of this forehead-piece there is a white shell, the shape and size of a hen's egg. These shells are worn just behind each eye. The top of his head is surmounted by an elaborate head-dress made of feathers and other things. In his ears are several kinds of ornaments, some reaching to the shoulder, and very effective. In addition to all this, he wears a pair of flat tusks through his nose, and they hang down right over his mouth. This makes him look like a walrus. Round his neck are several shell necklaces, and a small museum of curios. Now comes his robe of state, given him by the Government party some three years ago, and consisting of a grey flannel shirt, worn without buttons either at neck or wrists, hanging from the shoulders, and blowing apart about with the wind in true regal style. Beyond this, with the exception of the usual native wrapper around round the loins, there

95 is nothing except a ring made from coconut shell, and worn round each leg below the knee - the Order of the Garter!

On our return to the schooner, we found him on board, sitting on the deck, tailor fashion, and his painted warriors standing up around him, some on deck, but mostly on their canoe. After exchanging greetings and drinking a coconut he graciously accepted a stick of tobacco from us. He seemed pleased when we told him that we were coming to his village next day. After an hour of trading with his followers - for the old chap considers it infra dig. to trade himself - he and his party left, much to the relief of the natives in the other canoes, for they are very frightened of these people. Whenever they speak of them it seems to be with awe, and they always get out of the way. There is no doubt about them, they are savages, cannibals, and are always on the warpath."

Landed at Uiahu - no anchorage and exposed site

- mobbed on the beach

96-97 - people fascinated with Clark's watch and whistling for boat

- after visiting Wanigela, returned to cut site at Sinopa

Jan. 1897, King leaves for Australia to collect funds for ~~the~~ Collingwood Bay extension

- 98 - "It is felt," said a Sydney missionary magazine, "that the opportunity should not be thrown away, for the Roman Catholic missionaries
- 99 have already petitioned the Governor for permission to extend their work to this very place. Our immediate occupation," the editor went on, "would be a definite reason against such permission being given."

But Executive Council of ABM said that not enough & on; also with Stone-Wigg, everything had to wait until he got to Papua

April 1897; King and Tanyota "boys" go to clear site at Sinapa

- SS. Mount Kembla arrives with material for a large house
- 100 - King returns to Dogara in May, Harry Mark in charge
- May 13th, advance party with Tomlinson and Jimmie Nogar make their way up the coast in a whale boat under adverse conditions
- 101 - Rev. W. H. Abbott came after in schooner

- 102 met whale boat with news that site at Sinapa too sandy - fresh water hit at 3 ft.
 - then Bishop out & met Abbott on way back for more supplies, turned back together

- 103 Advance party - Mr Bayly, Sage and Dakers, suffered immediately from malaria - lots of mosquitoes
 - no one had been able to get sleep
 - but felt should stop because spot chosen by MacGregor and because house materials there

"By the time our meeting was over, the chief of the district had arrived, and I explained through Mr Tomlinson, who has picked up the language in a most extraordinary manner, that I should go unless all the tribe worked for me, promised him a nice present if he made them do what they were told, and sent him off."

- 104 - people worked very hard, however,
 "After each pile they wanted to sit down, and I had to keep them moving. No one would believe how exhausting it was, keeping them at it. If ~~the~~ you did not keep moving, all the natives quietly sat down"

- could not attract people to a service, although invited them to come "in all their dresy, feathers, flowers, and all, ..."

but did come fishing

- 3 big canoes with net between

- drive fish into nets

105 Similarly, Tomlinson et al drove them into a congregation

"Tomlinson went first, chatting away, his arms working like a windmill inviting them onward.

I was in the rear, talking English, and showing my fist when any one tried to break ~~the~~ into the scrub. When we got ^{up} to the house we made them all sit down, and I had to decide whether to run the risk of frightening them by putting on my supplice, or to preach to them as I was.

I decided to run the risk, and disappeared into the house, expecting to find them gone when I returned.

The effect when I came out in my gaudy Ox-bird hood was magical. They probably thought I was an extra special wizard, and a very subdued 'sh-sh-sh' went round the crowd.

'Before I began, I told Mr. Tomlinson to tell them that the first man I saw on me I should have out in the centre with me. We began with a hymn, all standing, and I felt as if I was back in the Old Country at Kettering, where we had a big Bible class of rough factory lads,

who came to while away an hour and to worry their teacher, and never for a moment did I take my eye off the livelier members of my flock. Afterwards, we had prayers, and we made them all kneel upright with hands together. When we came to the address, Mr. Tomlinson was quite extraordinary as an interpreter. He has only been here three weeks, but he managed, with the help of my odd gestures to emphasize the points, to

106 hold them with fixed attention for a quarter of an hour. Then I gave them God's blessing, and this really was the most touching part of the whole service. They saw the white men reverently kneeling, and not knowing why they did it they too joined their hands together and bent their heads. As I went into the house I felt inclined to sit down and cry aloud from thankfulness of God had been so good to us and given us such help. As soon as I had changed I came out to tell them to come next day to 'Bagi Bagi,' and that the work must be finished."

Abbott much time sitting under white umbrella, encouraging work with "Bagi Bagi" (work away) and "Tamba" (well done)

After alot of consultation, the Bishops checked out the site and decided to shift operation to Wanigela

- 107 About the same time, Dorici made a raid on Uiahu and killed 15 including Wanigera - before this Wanigera had invited the mission to Uiahu when Sinapa proved unsuitable, "but the other men of the tribe objected."
- at some time Uiahu Maisia had rushed a trading vessel at Sinapa and were beaten off with gun

- 107-08 Wanigela - largest village by mangrove swamps with barricaded wall toward sea
- Tomlinson exchanged names with old man Sewaru.
- Mr Abbott there for ~~10~~ years short period

- 109 - things did not take off until "an unusually capable and devoted layman lived in the villages and up and down the coast for ten very fruitful years" (Money?).