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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED BY BRO. HALLIMAN



Here is the membership of the most recently organized church in New Guinea, of which Bro. Halliman speaks in the accompanying article. The pastor is the man who has a shirt on, standing with Bible in hand, at front of picture.

If you have had a part in supporting New Guinea missions, then you have had a part in the salvation of these precious souls, and the organization of this new Baptist Church. Thank God for the privilege we have of thus sharing with these folks in the work of Christ.

Since I have been back from America I have been quite busy getting around to all the preaching places and attending to many matters. Most all the places have had a few saved and there were many that had professed faith in Christ before I left to go home that had not been baptized. We have held several baptismal services, having baptized nearly two hundred people. Here at the Tanggi Baptist Church (the church on the Mission Station), forty-four people have been baptized and several of them live quite a way from the Station, some of whom are elderly people and one man has no feet due to them being eaten away by leprosy.

The Tanggi Baptist Church has had a mission for nearly two years in the area where many of these folk live, having services three times each week. Several of the missionaries have had turns at preaching at this mission and on some occasions I have visited with them and preached. The people have shown keen interest in religious services from the very beginning.

Twenty-three people made application to be organized into a church and on July 27 they met here at the Mission Station and were duly organized. Brother Doty was up from Bougainville to help me wire the Mission Station and he assisted me in the organization.

Our church organization services here are quite simple and to the point. Here are the details of the service. The service was opened by prayer by one of the brethren and after prayer I moderated the service. After the group was questioned as to their desire to become constituted into a New Testament church and a vote taken to that effect, twenty-three of them formed a circle and all joined hands as a symbol of unity in belief and practice and as a complete body. While united in this manner Brother Doty led in prayer. After prayer they were pronounced to be a true church upon the authority of the Tanggi Baptist Church.

I addressed the new church for a few moments and then proceeded with the business of the new church. Kopena Baptist Church was decided to be the name. Since none of them can keep church books they asked me to act as their clerk and treasurer until such time as some one of them could handle it. Nominations were called for reading a pastor. One man was nominated, nominations closed, and the church called him as pastor. He accepted the call of the church. The man's name is

Aidowi and is the man who has been their missionary for a long time.

After the business was all attended to Brother Doty preached to the new church from Matthew 28:18-20. Brother Doty brought a good message and to the point on the duties of a New Testament church, and I believe he even surprised himself preaching in Neo-Melanesian. After Brother Doty had finished preaching I addressed the church for a few

minutes more and then the church wanted to open the doors for membership and eleven people united with the new body by letter from the Tanggi Baptist Church. This gave them a total membership of 34.

Along with this article will be a picture of the new church with the pastor standing in the center foreground. Aidowi, the pastor, reads the Bible some, in the Duna language. When Brother Roberts (Continued on page 2, column 1)

HERE'S ANOTHER LETTER FROM BOUGAINVILLE

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Recently I found it necessary to take a trip up to the Southern Highlands to do some electrical work for Bro. Halliman. I had good connections and my bush pilot picked me up at the little airstrip near here at 7 a.m. and from there we winged our way up to Buka Passage, arriving there about an hour later. From here I traveled on a Trans-Australian Airways Foker Friendship fan jet to Lae, New Guinea. At Lae I had to stay over one day in order to get a DC-3 up to Mt. Hagen in the Western highlands. The hotel rates in the New Guinea Territory are "Shocking," as the Aussies say and so I cast around for a more inexpensive place to stay. Eventually I found a guest house where I had a room with some other Europeans. (Anyone who is not a native is a European.) The charge at this guest house was less than half of the price at the cheapest hotel in Lae. We sat down to a sumptuous meal of roast leg of lamb with brown gravy and mashed potatoes and it really tasted good. I couldn't help commenting on the fact that it didn't taste like the usual Australian cooking and was informed that it was not Australian at all but that the people in charge were from North Dakota! Further inquiry led to the discovery that this guest house was operated by the Lutheran Church! You could not tell this by the name of it as it had a native one. I reasoned that I prob-

ably would not get contaminated by eating Lutheran roast leg of lamb, so I had another helping! It was really good.

The next afternoon I got on the DC-3 and we climbed slowly out of the Huon Gulf and headed for the highlands. Again I was made to marvel at the size of the island of New Guinea. I feel sure that most Americans do not



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really have any idea of the vastness of this island. One can fly for hours in a modern jet plane and still be on the same side of the island. The scene below is one of rugged mountains, deep valleys, wide open plains and rivers of all sizes twisting around across the landscape as they slowly make their way toward the sea. Most of the rivers are the color of cocoa due to the (Continued on page 4, column 5)

IS IT TRUE THAT IN THE CHURCH . . .

Women Are To Be Silent?

In I Corinthians 14:34 the Apostle Paul says: "Let the women keep silent in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but let them be in subjection, as also saith the law. And if they would know anything let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for a woman to speak in the church."

In I Timothy 2:11-15 the apostle has been speaking of public worship, directing that "the men (i.e., the men as distinguished from the women, the Greek having a special term) pray in every place lifting up holy hands without wrath and disputing." He then directs that women "adorn themselves in modest apparel," etc. The amount of this seems to be that in public worship the men, who do the public praying, shall see that the hands they solemnly lift are not

stained with sin, and that in their mutual instruction and exhortation there shall be no angry disputation. These are two special dangers with men. And the women are warned against one of their special dangers, viz., that in attending on public worship they will have too much showy personal adornment. He then proceeds: "Let a woman learn in quietness with all subjection. But I permit not a woman to teach, nor to have dominion over a man, but to be in quietness. For Adam was first formed, then Eve; and Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled, hath fallen into transgression; but she shall be saved through child-bearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with sobriety."

(The passages are here quoted from the Revised English Version, according to the English form, from which the American form makes only one not very important variation in each passage.)

Now it does not need to be urged that these two passages from the Apostle Paul do definitely and strongly forbid that women shall speak in mixed public assemblies. No one can afford to question that such is the most obvious meaning of the Apostle's commands. All that can be said in opposition to the view that this is what he intended to teach, must rest either upon a supposed unusual sense of some one of the terms employed in the passages, or upon the connection, or upon some other source of information about the persons addressed, and the apostle's aim.

Some have suggested that the word rendered "speak," in I Cor. verse 34, "it is not permitted unto them to speak," denotes idle chatter as opposed to thoughtful and earnest speaking. It is enough to say that this proposed distinction is quite a failure. (Continued on page 7, column 1)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"PLAIN PROPHECIES FOR PLAIN PEOPLE"

"Write the vision, and MAKE IT PLAIN upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."—Hab. 2:2.

"Baptists And The Second Coming"

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Acts 1:11.

For the last few weeks I have been preaching a series of sermons on the Second Coming. The last message that I preached to you was on the subject of "The New Heaven and The New Earth" In this series, I have told you something of the results of Christ's coming back.

For example, concerning the Jew, there are certain things that will take place relative to the

Jew when Jesus comes. When the Lord Jesus Christ returns, every Jew is going to be regathered to his homeland in Palestine, and is going to be saved—a nation in a day's time. The hope of Israel today is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this world.

In addition, I told you some of the results of Christ's return concerning society. Society is going to be changed when Jesus comes again. I told you something about the problem of capital and labor. Beloved, the strife between capital and labor will never end until the Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

I told you at that time that

strife between nations, which results in war, would never end until Jesus Christ comes back again. You will recall the many Scriptures that I read, telling how Christ's coming is going to affect human society and is going to usher in an era of peace, when nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

I told you at the same time something of the results of Christ's coming back to this world so far as the physical universe is concerned. Will you believe me that this old world, the physical universe, is going to be (Continued on page 2, column 1)