

**A GLIMPSE AT AN A.M.P. AT WORK IN 1906.**

MR. K. W. A. BLACK, of the Medical Department, while examining old records in his office, came across the following memorandum, taken apparently from a report by a Dr. Maguire.—

"7-4-06. Dr. Maguire:—Para. 3. In the District good work is being done among the Fijians by Native Medical Practitioner Imanueli Toka. I have paid visits to several villages and have been agreeably surprised at the care with which he tends the sick. I was particularly struck with one case in a village (Dromuna) at Kaba Point, where a man had multiple Elephantoid abscesses of one of his lower limbs. Imanueli dressed the limb while I was there and displayed a great deal of care and resource. Since he arrived in the District—about a year ago—I have had no cause to find fault with him. He is very active—which is important, as he has a large tract of country to cover and he has in addition the confidence of the natives".

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The Dispensary,  
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The Editor,  
Medical Journal of the A.M.Ps. Service,  
Medical Department,  
Suva.

Sir,

May I congratulate our Editorial Committee for your strenuous task of producing once again the welcomed new *Medical Journal* of the Assistant Medical Practitioners' Service.

I hope that all the members of the service, as myself, enjoyed receiving this first copy that contains so much unsurpassed readings.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. U. MATAIKA, A.M.P.

**R.L.S. HAS A GOOD WORD FOR DOCTORS.**

16th July, 1948.

Suva.

Dear Dr. Frater,

In an address to students at my old hospital, St. George's, London, the senior surgeon produced a quotation from Robert Louis Stevenson, which is noteworthy. As he was so closely associated with Samoa it should be of interest to your students. I think it should be reproduced in the *A.M.P. Journal*, or better still writ large and hung up in the Medical School:

"There are men and classes of men that stand above the common herd; the soldier, the sailor, and the shepherd, not infrequently; the artist rarely; rarelier still the clergyman; the doctor almost as a rule.

Generosity he has such as is possible to those who practice an art; never to those who drive a trade; discretion, tested by a hundred secrets; tact tried in a thousand embarrassments; and what are more important, Herculean cheerfulness and courage. So it is he brings air and cheer into the sickroom and, often enough, though not so often as he wishes, brings healing".

Yours sincerely,

I. HAMILTON BEATTIE

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**A BOOK ABOUT LIFE IN G. & E.**44, Godfrey Street, S.W. 3  
London.

9th June, 1948.

The Editor,

The Journal of the  
Central Medical School,  
Suva, Fiji.

Dear Sir,

Messrs. Hutchinson & Co. (Publishers) Ltd. of Stratford Place (late Derby House), London, W.1, are just publishing my book, *It's a Bigger Life*, which gives an account of my life and travels as the wife of a District Officer in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony. There are many references in the book to the splendid Native Medical Practitioners who serve in the Colony Medical Service and who were trained in the Central Medical School at Suva. I feel sure you would wish to be informed of the publication of this book and that you will consider it worth publicising in your *Journal*, as there will be many of your readers who will be intensely interested to hear of it and who might not otherwise do so. Should you wish to acquire a copy for review in your columns, the published price is 18s. sterling net.

Yours faithfully,

LUCILLE IREMONGER.