

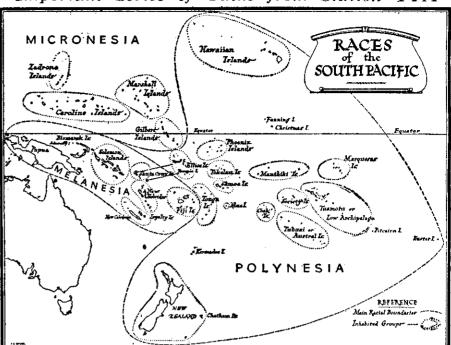
EVEN without the complication of war, New Zealanders should be deeply interested in the Pacific. The Pacific Islands, as the group to the north of us are called, are our neighbours, and it is over 40 years since we assumed political responsibility for certain territories there. New Zealand is an Empire within an Empire, and cannot evade the consequences. The war, of course, has brought problems forcibly before us of which our imagination had only a glimmering a few years ago.

There should be special interest, therefore, in a series of talks that IYA is scheduling in the Winter Course sessions. This will be called "Our South Pacific Neighbours," and the talks will cover Polynesia, Melanesia, Micronesia, New Guinea, and the Dutch East Indies. A strong team of speakers includes Dr. Gilbert Archey, Mr. J. H. Luxford, S.M., and Professor H. Belshaw. Several of the speakers know the islands from personal experience.

The talks will begin at IYA on August 19, and will be given every Thursday evening at 7.15. (Our map is by courtesy of the Auckland War Memorial Museum.)

"Our South Pacific Neighbours"

Important Series of Talks from Station 1YA





Invention of the Gramophone

Although several inventors had a share in creating the "talking machine," Edison took the lead with his Phonograph, which was first publicly exhibited in England in 1888. At an early date many leading vocalists and musicians consented to make records. Melba first sang for the gramophone in 1904, and other famous recordists were Caruso, Paderewski, Kubelik, and Adelina Patti. Between 1901 and 1910 the phonograph and gramophone created great excitement wherever introduced. Improvements were frequently made, and in 1928 electrical recordings revolutionised the quality of the

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