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NOTE 1—The Circuits not enumerated in the foregoing list did not elect a Lay Representative.

2—The Representatives to whose name an asterisk is affixed were not present at the Conference.

NAME.	CIRCUIT.
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J. Brown	" "
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G. Trott*	Springston
H. E. Peryman	Tai Tapu
J. Barnett	Leeston
R. Evans	Kaiapoi
T. Bergin	" "
A. Catchpole	Rangiora
S. Ayers	" "
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G. Manchester	Waimate
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U. W. Harding*	Willowby
Joseph Thompson*	Malvern
S. C. Phillips	Dunedin (Trinity)
J. Young*	Dunedin Central Mission
D. C. Cameron	" "
J. B. Shacklock	Dunedin, Cargill Road
J. F. Arnold, M.H.R.*	Mornington
W. H. Scott	" "
E. W. Isbister	Port Chalmers
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W. Cross	Oamaru
W. Crow*	Gore
E. Orchard*	Roxburgh
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SECTION I.

PASTORAL SESSION.

QUESTION I.—Who are now admitted as Ministers into full connexion with the Conference ?

George S. Cook
Clarence Eaton
Amos Reader

Who have travelled four years.

QUESTION II.—What Preachers Remain on Trial ?

1. Charles E. Godbehear
Walter J. Oxbrow
Ernest D. Patchett
T. Theodore Thomas, B.A.

Who have travelled three years.

Also Harry Ramsbottom

2. Joseph Belton
Benjamin J. James
M. A. Rugby Pratt
Arthur J. Seamer

Who have travelled two years.

3. Ernest O. Blamires
Angus McBean
Alexander J. Reed
George F. Stockwell
James Wilson

Who have travelled one year

HONOURS LIST.

The following passed their examinations with honours :—G. S. Cook, C. Eaton, A. Reader, E. D. Patchett, B. J. James, M. A. R. Pratt, E. O. Blamires, and Angus McBean.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers are now Received on Trial ?

Frederick Copeland
Arthur C. Randerson, B.A.
Raymond Richards
Richard F. Williams.

QUESTION IV.—What Students are to Continue to have Theological Training ?

William W. Avery
Percy R. Paris
George Snaddon
Robert H. Wylie

Are continued for a third year.

QUESTION V.—What Candidates are now Received for Theological Training ?

1. Charles Blair
Edwin Cox
William G. Maslin

Are now received into Prince Albert College.

2. John D. McArthur
Frederick Kands

Are to enter Prince Albert College as vacancies arise.

QUESTION VI.—Who are now Admitted as Native Ministers ?

None.

QUESTION VII.—Who Remain as Native Preachers on Trial ?

1. Hone Hare

Who has travelled two years.

2. Noho Hemi Papakakura

Who has travelled one year.

QUESTION VIII.—Who are now Received as Native Preachers on Trial ?

None.

QUESTION IX.—Who are Now Received as Students for the Native Ministry ?

None.

QUESTION X.—What Ministers do we Suggest for Exchange with other Conferences ?

None.

QUESTION XI.—What Ministers is it Agreed to Transfer to other Conferences ?

Samuel F. Prior to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference.

The Rev S. F. Prior came to New Zealand in 1893 in exchange for the Rev J. Berry, and during his twelve years' stay in the Colony he has been Superintendent of four of our principal circuits, namely, Auckland (Pitt street), Nelson, Masterton, and Invercargill. In each

place he has been recognised as a man of singular erudition and ability. At his own request Bro. Prior has now been transferred to Victoria, and this Conference therefore places on record this statement of his services, expresses its high esteem for him, and prays that the divine blessing may ever rest upon him and his.

QUESTION XII.—What Ministers is it Agreed to Receive from other Conferences ?

Lewis Hudson from the Queensland Conference, in accordance with the resolution of the General Conference.

QUESTION XIII.—Does any Minister or Preacher on Trial Offer for Foreign Mission Work ?

None.

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers Become Supernumeraries ?

Joseph S. Smalley.
William Baumber, for another year.

QUESTION XV.—What Supernumeraries Return to the Regular Work ?

None.

QUESTION XVI.—What Ministers are Left Without Pastoral Charge ?

Francis W. Isitt
Leonard M. Isitt

QUESTION XVII.—What Ministers have Died since the Last Conference ?

None.

QUESTION XVIII.—Are there any Objections to any of our Ministers, Preachers on Trial, or Home Missionaries ?

No objections.

QUESTION XIX.—What Persons who were in Full Connexion with the Conference now Cease to be Recognised as Ministers among us ?

Samuel Barnett, who has voluntarily retired.

QUESTION XX.—How are our Ministers and Preachers on Trial Stationed for the Ensuing Year ?

See next page.

LIST OF STATIONS
OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA
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1905.

PRESIDENT:
REV. J. N. BUTTLE.

SECRETARY:
REV. C. H. LAWS, B.A.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1905.

[N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations, and numbered consecutively 1 to 84, is the head of a Circuit, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendent and other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits, is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively, within the space of twelve months, at such time or times, and in such manner, as to him or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister.]

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 1 **Auckland** (Pitt Street)—Charles H. Garland; J. A. Luxford (Ponsonby); J. J. Lewis (Grafton Road); W. Grigg (Mount Albert); T. W. Newbold (Kingsland); W. R. Tuck (Newmarket); H. H. Lawry, J. Law and J. S. Smalley (*Supernumeraries*).
Wesley College, Three Kings, Native Institution.—J. H. Simmonds, Principal (Mount Eden),
Prince Albert College, Theological Training Institution.—J. H. Simmonds, Governor.
Home Mission and Church Extension Fund.—J. J. Lewis, General Secretary.
Chaplain to the New Zealand Militia.—J. A. Luxford.
- 2 **Auckland** (Freeman's Bay)—B. F. Rothwell.
- 3 **Newton Methodist Mission**—J. Wilson (under the direction of the Chairman of the District).
- 4 **Auckland** (North Shore)—S. Griffith (Devonport); G. S. Cook (Birkenhead); J. S. Rishworth and W. G. Thomas (Devonport) (*Supernumeraries*).
- 5 **Maori Mission** (Auckland)—W. Gittos (Devonport), who shall superintend the Maori Work in the Auckland District; A. J. Seamer; Hone Hare.

- 6 **Manukau**—W. Slade (Onehunga); a Home Missionary (Otahuhu); W. J. Watkin (*Supernumerary*).
- 7 **Mahurangi**—C. Griffin (Warkworth); a Home Missionary (Port Albert).
- 8 **Thames**—R. Taylor.
- 9 **Upper Thames**—J. Blight (Te Aroha); C. C. Harrison (Waihi); E. D. Patchett (Paeroa); a Home Missionary.
- 10 **Franklin**—C. Penney (Pukekohe); a Home Missionary (Waiuku).
- 11 **Cambridge**—W. H. Beck; a Home Missionary (Te Awamutu).
- 12 **Hamilton**—J. T. Pinfold, F.G.S.; a Home Missionary (Huntly).
- 13 **Papara**—A. Ashcroft.
- 14 **Northern Wairoa**—S. H. D. Peryman (Mangawhare); a Home Missionary (Kaihu).
- 15 **Whangarei**—F. T. Read; a Home Missionary (Hikurangi).
- 16 **Rotorua**—E. P. Blamires.
Maori Mission, Hokianga—Piripi Rakena (Mangamuka), Te Tuhi Heretini (Whirinaki).
Maori Mission, Kaipara—Hauraki Paul (Reweti).
Maori Mission, Waikato—Wi Warena Pewa (Kopua); Hamiora Kingi (Raglan).
Maori Mission, Lower Waikato—One wanted.
Maori Mission, Whangaroa—Hapeta Renata.
Tauranga—A Home Missionary.
Coromandel—A Home Missionary.
Helensville—A Home Missionary.
Aotea and Karhia—Vacant.
Bay of Islands—A Home Missionary (Kawakawa).
Hokianga—A Home Missionary (Rawene).
Whangaroa—A Home Missionary (Kaeo).

CHARLES H. GARLAND, *Chairman of the District.*

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- 17 **New Plymouth**—J. N. Buttle (President of the Conference); R. F. Williams; a Home Missionary (Rahotu); W. Cannell (*Supernumerary*).
- 18 **Waitara**—J. J. Pendray; James Thomas (Inglewood).
- 19 **Stratford**—John W. Griffin.
- 20 **Eltham**—C. E. Godbehear.
- 21 **Hawera**—S. J. Gibson; A. J. Reed (Patea).
- 22 **Opunake**—J. W. Worboys.
- 23 **Wanganui**—J. G. Chapman; W. J. Oxbrow (Aramoho).
- 24 **Rangitikei**—W. Keall (Marton).
- 25 **Sandon**—J. G. W. Ellis (Sanson).
- 26 **Feilding**—A. C. Lawry.
- 27 **Palmerston North**—J. J. Mather, H. Beggs (Cuba Street); G. S. Harper (*Supernumerary*).
- 28 **Kimbolton**—One wanted.
- 29 **Taihape**—F. Copeland.
- 30 **West Coast Maori Mission**—Thomas G. Hammond (Patea); Robert Tahu Potiki Haddon (Okaiawa); one wanted.
Mangaueka—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Rangitikei Circuit.
Waimarino—A Home Missionary (Raetihi).

J. NEWMAN BUTTLE (President of the Conference)

Chairman of the District.

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 31 **Wellington** (Taranaki Street)—P. W. Fairclough, H. L. Blamires (Thorndon); A. McBean (Johnsonville); H. B. Redston (*Supernumerary*); F. W. Isitt (without Pastoral Charge).
Wellington Mission—One wanted.
Organising Secretary, Young Men's Movement—Charles Porter.
- 32 **Wellington** (South)—G. Bond (Newtown).
- 33 **Hutt**—S. J. Garlick; A. B. Chappell, M.A. (Petone); W. Kirk (*Supernumerary*).
- 34 **South Wairarapa**—B. H. Ginger (Greytown); C. Eaton (Carterton) a Home Missionary (Featherston).
- 35 **Masterton**—D. J. Murray.
- 36 **Napier**—C. E. Beecroft.
- 37 **Hastings**—T. G. Carr.
- 38 **Gisborne**—G. Hounsell.
- 39 **Eketahuna**—G. T. Marshall.
- 40 **Dannevirke**—R. Wilson.
- 41 **Levin-Otaki**—J. Wrigley (Levin); R. Richards (Otaki).
- 42 **Waipawa**—G. Frost.
- 43 **Woodville**—W. S. Bowie.
- 44 **Pahiatua**—T. F. Jones.
Norsewood—A Home Missionary.

PAUL W. FAIRCLOUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

- 45 **Nelson**—W. J. Williams; J. Crump (*Supernumerary*).
- 46 **Richmond**—J. D. Jory.
- 47 **Blenheim**—G. W. J. Spence, B. J. James (Tua Marina).
- 48 **Hokitika**—W. J. Elliott.
- 49 **Greymouth**—D. McNicoll.
- 50 **Motueka**—Amos Reader.
- 51 **Reefton**—T. W. Vealie.
- 52 **Westport**—M. A. R. Pratt.
- 28300 *Kumara*—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the Hokitika Superintendent.
Havelock—A Home Missionary.
The Sounds—A Home Missionary.
Blackball—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman of the District.*

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- 53 **Christchurch** (Durham Street)—H. R. Dewsbury; W. Ready (East Belt); T. R. Richards (Woolston); W. Wills (Richmond); a Home Missionary; R. S. Bunn, J. Orchard, J. Smith and W. Baumber (*Supernumeraries*).
Connexional Secretary and Authorised Representative—Henry Bull.
- 54 **Christchurch Methodist Mission** (Durham Street South)—R. J. Murray.
- 55 **Christchurch** (South)—S. Lawry (Sydenham); J. A. Lochore (Addington); L. M. Isitt (without Pastoral Charge).
Christchurch (St. Albans)—W. C. Oliver.
- 57 **Christchurch** (Papanui)—T. N. Griffin.
- 58 **Lyttelton**—W. Lee.
- 59 **Springston**—C. Abernethy.

- 60 **Tai Tapu**—T. Theodore Thomas, B.A., who shall exchange quarterly with the Little River Home Missionary.
 61 **Leeston**—T. E. Thomas, M.A.; J. Belton (resting),
 62 **Kaiapoi**—H. E. Bellhouse; E. O. Blamires (Swannanoa).
 63 **Rangiora**—T. Fee, T. A. Joughin (Woodend).
 64 **Oxford-Malvern**—R. P. Keall
 65 **Timaru**—S. J. Serpell.
 66 **Waimate**—W. Tinsley.
 67 **Temuka**—W. B. Marten.
 68 **Ashburton**—A. Peters, G. F. Stockwell (Methven)
 69 **Willowby**—Thomas J. Wallis.
 Amberley—A Home Missionary.
 Banks Peninsula—A Home Missionary (Little River).
 Cheviot—Vacant.

SAMUEL LAWRY, *Chairman of the District.*

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

- 70 **Dunedin (Trinity)**—C. H. Laws, B.A. (Secretary of the Conference); a Home Missionary (North Dunedin).
 71 **Dunedin Central Mission**—W. A. Sinclair.
 72 **Dunedin (Cargill Road)**—T. Trestrail; H. Ramsbottom (St. Kilda); A. C. Randerson, B.A. (Mosgiel).
 73 **Dunedin (Mornington)**—T. G. Brooke; A. N. Scotter (Roslyn).
 Methodist Editor, "Outlook"—T. G. Brooke.
 Southern Maori Mission—Neho Hemi Papakakura (under the direction of the Chairman of the District).
 74 **Port Chalmers**—J. Ward.
 75 **Balclutha**—F. W. Boys.
 76 **Milton**—C. H. Standage.
 77 **Lawrence**—W. Dawson.
 78 **Invercargill**—A. Mitchell.
 79 **Oamaru**—L. Hudson.
 80 **Gore**—J. A. Hosking.
 81 **Otautau**—W. Beckett.
 82 **Roxburgh**—W. Greenslade.
 83 **Riverton-Orepuki**—One wanted.
 84 **Cromwell**—J. H. Haslam.
 Tapanui—A Home Missionary.
 Palmerston—A Home Missionary.
 Winton—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS G. BROOKE, *Chairman of the District.*

1. R. S. Bunn, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in Australia.
2. J. S. Smalley, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in Scotland.
3. J. H. Simmonds has permission to visit Europe.
4. J. Dukes rests for a year, and has permission to visit England.
5. J. Belton rests for another year on account of ill health.
6. Ministers are expected to arrive in their new Circuits between the second and third Sundays in April.
7. Probationers and Home Missionaries appointed to separate Stations are under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

HOME MISSION STATIONS. 1906

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Morrinsville .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	W. W. Dilliear	<i>Richard</i>
Franklin .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	W. A. Porter (Waiuku)	<i>Porter</i>
Te Awamutu .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	W. Cross	<i>Atklesop</i>
Otahuhu <i>vacant</i>	<i>Allen</i>	.. .. .	.. .. .	O. P. Owen	<i>W. Evans</i>
Coromandel .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	A. V. Wilkinson	<i>Lamond</i>
Herby	<i>Burley</i>	.. .. .	.. .. .	A. Hislop	<i>Marlin</i>
Hikurangi .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	B. Grubb	<i>a Hopper</i>
Kaiti <i>Kehia</i>	<i>Olds</i>	.. .. .	.. .. .	J. Richards	<i>Speer</i>
Tauranga .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	A. Hopper	<i>Grubb</i>
Helensville .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	W. H. Speer	<i>one wanted</i>
Bay of Islands .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	J. B. Beeche (Kawakawa)	<i>W. Best</i>
Hokianga .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	G. Pearson	<i>R. E. Evans</i>
Whangaroa .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	J. A. Lamond	
Port Albert	<i>12</i>	.. .. .	.. .. .	V. Bacon	

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Rahotu .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	H. Foston	<i>H. Foston</i>
Mangaweka .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	J. L. Michaelis	<i>Beeche</i>
Waimarino .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	C. J. Bush (Raetihi)	<i>J. H. White</i>
Kimbolton	<i>Mokau + Kaitake</i>	<i>4</i>	.. .. .	J. H. White	<i>J. Bush</i>

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Norsewood .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	J. Oliver	<i>J. Oliver</i>
Featherston .. .. .	.. .. .	<i>2</i>	.. .. .	R. E. Evans	<i>Burley</i>

NELSON DISTRICT.

Kumara .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	C. Aker	<i>C. Aker</i>
Havelock .. .. .	.. .. .	<i>2</i>	.. .. .	W. B. Scott	<i>W. B. Scott</i>
The Sounds .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	One Wanted	<i>vacant</i>
Blackball .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	One Wanted	<i>vacant</i>

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Belfast .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	Rev. J. Richards	<i>J. Richards</i>
Amberley .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	G. P. Howell, M.A.	<i>Hinton</i>
Banks Peninsula .. .. .	.. .. .	<i>5</i>	.. .. .	T. Bryant (Little River)	<i>Bryant</i>

OTAGO DISTRICT.

North Dunedin .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	F. Rands	<i>C. C. Sandford</i>
Riverton .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	C. A. Foston	<i>Olds</i>
Tapanui .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	J. D. McArthur	<i>Ca Foston</i>
Palmerston .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	J. R. Clark	<i>Lawrence</i>
Winton .. .. .	.. .. .	<i>5</i>	.. .. .	One Wanted	<i>Tyson</i>

QUESTION XXI.—What Arrangements are made for the Annual Examination of Probationers, Students and Candidates ?

I. THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The following appointments are made for the year 1905 :—

- Rev. H. E. Bellhouse : Secretary and Convener.
- Rev. S. Lawry : Section A for Candidates.
- Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A. : Section B for Candidates and Latin for Probationers.
- Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A. : Section C for Candidates.
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- Rev. G. W. J. Spence : English Bible—New Testament.
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- Rev. J. J. Lewis : Robertson's Early Religion.
- Rev. S. J. Gibson : Row's Manual.
- Rev. C. E. Beecroft : Shedd's Homiletics.
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- Rev. D. J. Murray : Book of Laws.
- Rev. J. A. Luxford : Pope's Compendium.
- Rev. T. Fee : Geden's Studies.
- Rev. W. J. Williams : Moulton's Literary Study.
- Revs. W. Gittos and B. F. Rothwell : Examiners for Maori Probationers.

II. REGULATIONS.

1. The time allowed for each Examination Paper shall be three hours in the case of Probationers and two hours in the case of Candidates.
2. The questions for Probationers shall be so arranged as to require a general acquaintance with all the work prescribed in the Syllabus in any given subject, together with a particular knowledge of such portions as the Examiners may deem of greatest importance.
3. Probationers must themselves communicate with their respective examiners, and also with their Chairmen, not later than the first week in May, stating the subjects in which they are preparing to be examined, and seeking any needed direction in their work.
4. Immediately after the September Quarterly Meetings, each Superintendent shall report to the Examiners for Candidates the names and scholastic status of all Candidates recommended in his Circuit.
5. Examiners shall send to the Chairmen of Districts, in closed envelopes, copies of Probationers' and Candidates' Examination Papers, as notified, not later than November 1st.
6. Each Chairman is required to make arrangements for securing the strict supervision of all examinations to be held in his District, and to transmit the answers to questions to the respective Examiners. Instructions to Supervisors are to be drawn up by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and printed for use in future examinations.
7. The Probationers' and Candidates' Examinations shall be held in the last week of November; the Students' Examinations at the same time as the other Examinations in the Auckland District.

8. Each Examiner shall, not later than January 15th, send a written report on the several papers committed to his care to the Secretary of the Board.
9. The Secretary shall then prepare a General Report for the ensuing Conference.
10. That part of the Secretary's Report which consists of a tabular statement of the marks gained in the several subjects by Probationers, Students, and Candidates, shall be printed on a separate paper for the use of the Conference, and shall afterwards be entered and preserved in the Conference Journal.
11. The persons appointed to hear Probationers', Students', and Candidates' Trial Sermons shall affix marks to their reports before submitting them to the Synod, using the numerals 1 to 6; 6 to represent the maximum.
12. The Chairman of each District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board a signed official report of the Trial Sermon of each Probationer, Student, or Candidate examined in his District, together with the Book List of each Probationer and Candidate, and the finding of the Synod thereon; and shall also report to the Secretary of the Board what Candidates have matriculated and what Probationers have been excused any part of the ordinary examination.
13. The Secretary of the Board shall assess and mark the Probationers' Book List, using the numerals 1 to 6; 6 to represent the maximum. The Book List must not include books taken for examination, and must be classified as follows:—1, Theology; 2, Science and Philosophy; 3, History and Biography; 4, Poetry; 5, Miscellaneous.
14. Probationers are reminded that the Greek Testament is a compulsory subject through the whole course for all those who have passed through the College. With regard to any others, special provision shall be made for their examination in Greek up to their third year. This elementary Greek does not exempt from taking the New Testament in English, but it will count as one of the six subjects required to be taken.
15. Each Probationer shall, at least a fortnight before the meeting of Synod, forward to the Chairman a list of the books he has read during the year. From this list the Chairman will select one in which the Probationer shall be examined orally in the Synod.
16. The report of Probationers' Examinations to be presented to Conference shall include, in the case of the Fourth Year Probationers, a summary of the results obtained in the four yearly examinations.
17. The Candidates on the President's List of Reserve shall present Book Lists to, and preach trial sermons before, their respective Synods, the Synods reporting to the Conference as in the case of Probationers or Students.
18. Any Probationer who gains an average of 80 per cent. of marks in six, or an average of 75 per cent. in seven or more subjects, will be mentioned in the Minutes of Conference as having passed with Honours.

III.—PRORATIONERS' COURSE OF STUDY.

(AS DECIDED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE).

First Year.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*—1 Samuel i.-v., with Davidson's Hebrew Grammar; or *English*—1 Samuel, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
2. Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*—Acts i.-vii., Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools and Colleges, with Green's Greek Grammar; or *English*—Acts, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.

3. Wesley's Sermons, 1-20.
4. W. N. Clarke's Outlines of Theology, pp. 1-226.
5. The Book of Laws.
6. Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 1-287 (Ancient and Mediæval Sections).
7. Robertson's Early Religion of Israel.

Second Year.

1. Bible. Old Testament.—*Hebrew*—Zechariah i.-v., with Davidson's Hebrew Grammar; or *English*—Amos and Hosea, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
2. Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*—Philippians, Lightfoot's Commentary, with Green's Greek Grammar; or *English*—Ephesians and Philip-pians, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
3. Wesley's Sermons, 21-53.
4. W. N. Clarke's Outlines of Theology, pp. 227-427.
5. Gregory's Scriptural Church Principles, Part II.
6. Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 238 to end.
7. C. A. Row's Manual of Christian Evidences.

Third Year.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*—Isaiah xlix.-lv.; or *English*—Book of Isaiah, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
2. Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*—Epistle of James, Mayor's Edition; or *English*—James and 1 Peter, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
3. Pope's Compendium, Vol. II.
4. Biblical Introduction, by Bennett and Adeney, Old Testament.
5. Newman Smyth's Christian Ethics, Part I., pp. 1-292.
6. Bruce's Apologetics.
7. Shedd's Homiletics.

Fourth Year.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*—Psalms xc.-xciv.; or *English*—Book of Joshua, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
2. Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*—Epistles of St. John, Westcott's Com-mentary; or *English*—Epistle to the Romans, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
3. Pope's Compendium, Vol. III.
4. Biblical Introduction, by Bennett and Adeney, New Testament.
5. Newman Smyth's Christian Ethics, Part II., pp. 293-494.
6. R. G. Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible.
7. Geden's Studies in Comparative Religion.

REGULATIONS.

1. The minimum number of marks required for a pass in any subject shall be 50 per cent.

2. Except as hereinafter provided, Probationers shall in each year be examined in at least six subjects, including Nos. 1 to 5, and they must pass in five subjects. (The New Zealand Conference has decided that so long as Probationers secure pass marks in *any* five subjects out of those taken by them they will pass the examination).

3. In any year in which a Probationer is keeping terms at a local University or University College it shall be sufficient for him to be examined and to pass in Nos. 2 and 3 only.

4. In the case of a Probationer who may desire to sit for the London University B.D. Examination, and who can satisfy the Board of Examiners that he has a reasonable prospect of gaining the B.D. Degree, it shall be sufficient for him to be examined and to pass in No. 3 only.

5. The New Zealand Conference requires every Probationer who is acquainted with Greek or Hebrew to take the Greek or Hebrew subjects specified in the list of subjects for his year. Every Probationer who has been a student in the Theological College shall be examined in these Greek or Hebrew subjects, unless the tutors under whom he studied, having taken into consideration his attainments on leaving the College, are of opinion that these examinations cannot reasonably be required in his case.

Latin.

In addition to the Subjects required as above by the General Conference, there shall be a course in Latin, special credit to be given to those Probationers who gain above 70 per cent. of marks in this subject. The Books set for 1905 are as follows:—

- 1st year: Cæsar, *De Bello Gallico*, Book V.
- 2nd year: Virgil, *Æneid*, Book II.
- 3rd year: Cicero, *De Amicitia*.
- 4th year: Horace, *Odes*, Book I.

LIST OF WORKS RECOMMENDED TO PROBATIONERS.

1. Biblical Criticism and Exegesis.

- Westcott's Bible in the Church.
- Ryle's Canon of the Old Testament.
- Moulton's History of the English Bible.
- Fairbairn's Studies in the Life of Christ.
- Dale's Living Christ and the Four Gospels.
- Bruce's Humiliation of Christ.
- Bruce's Training of the Twelve.
- Edersheim's Life of Christ.
- Andrew's Life of Christ.
- Farrar's Life and Work of St. Paul.
- Farrar's Early Days of Christianity.
- Findlay's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.
- Westcott's Introduction to the Study of the Gospels.
- Westcott's Canon of the New Testament.
- The Expositor's Bible.
- Davison's Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.
- Findlay's Books of the Prophets.
- Green's Higher Criticism of the Pentateuch.
- Riehm's Messianic Prophecies.
- Ramsay's Church in the Roman Empire.
- Ramsay's St. Paul the Traveller.
- Nicol's Recent Archæology and the Bible.
- Forrest's Christ of History and of Experience.
- R. J. Drummond's Relation of Apostolic Teaching to the Teaching of Christ.
- Ramsay's Commentary on Galatians.
- Shaw's Pauline Epistles.
- Way's Letters of St. Paul.
- Somerville's St. Paul's Conception of Christ.
- Stanton's Gospels as Historical Monuments.
- Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land.
- Ramsay's Was Christ Born at Bethlehem?

2. *Theology.*

Wesley's Christian Perfection.
 Wesley's Original Sin.
 Fletcher's Checks to Antinomianism.
 The Fernley Lectures.
 Fairbairn's Christ in Modern Theology.
 Pearson on the Creed.
 Dale's The Atonement.
 Flint's Theism.
 Flint's Anti-theistic Theories.
 Sanday's Lectures on Inspiration.
 Beet's Holiness.
 Gore's The Incarnation.
 John Hunt's Entire Sanctification.
 Beet's New Life in Christ.
 Hort's The Way, The Truth, and the Life.
 Salmond's Christian Doctrine of Immortality.
 Denney's Studies in Theology.
 Dale's Christian Doctrine.
 Davison's Christian Interpretation of Life.
 Stevens' New Testament Theology.
 Walker's The Spirit and The Incarnation.
 Laidlaw's Bible Doctrine of Man.
 Fairbairn's Philosophy of the Christian Religion.
 Walker's Cross and Kingdom.
 Westcott's Gospel of the Resurrection.
 Ilingworth's Reason and Revelation.
 Ilingworth's Divine Immanence.
 Caird's Fundamental Ideas of Christianity.
 Starbuck's Psychology of Religion.
 Lambert's Sacraments of the New Testament.
 James' Varieties of Religious Experience.

3. *Apologetics.*

Butler's Analogy; Gladstone's Essay.
 Paley's Evidences.
 Paley's *Horæ Paulinæ*.
 Brace's *Gesta Christi*.
 Godet's Defence of the Christian Faith.
 Boyd Carpenter's Permanent Elements of Religion.
 Martineau's Study of Religion.
 Romanes' Thoughts on Religion.
 Balfour's Foundations of Belief.
 Pascal's Thoughts.
 Iverach's Christianity and Evolution.
 Orr's Christian View of God and the World.

4. *Church History and Polity.*

Wesley's Journals.
 Jacob's Ecclesiastical Polity of the New Testament.
 Lefroy's Christian Ministry.
 Schaff's Ecclesiastical History.
 Quick's Methodism: a Parallel.
 Hatch's History of Early Church Organisations.
 D'Aubigné's History of the Reformation.
 Wylie's History of Protestantism.

Slater's Faith and Life of the Early Church.
 Wake's Apostolic Fathers.
 Fairbairn's Religion and History in Modern Life.
 Abbey's and Overton's English Church in the Eighteenth Century.
 G. Smith's History of Missions.
 Dr Stevens' History of Methodism.
 Dr Rigg's Comparative View of Church Organisations.
 Tyerman's Life and Times of John Wesley.
 Lindsay's Life of Luther.
 Eras of Church History.
 Dr. Waller's Constitution and Polity of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.
 Lindsay's Church and Ministry in the Early Centuries.
 Workman's Church in the West in the Middle Ages.

5. *Pastoral Theology*—

Baxter's Reformed Pastor.
 Arthur's Tongue of Fire.
 Dale's Lectures on Preaching.
 Horton's Verbum Dei.
 Stalker's Preacher and his Models.
 Beecher's Yale Lectures.
 Wesley's Address to the Clergy.
 Phillips Brooks' Lectures on Preaching.
 Fletcher's Thoughts on Preaching.

6. *Miscellaneous*—

Spier's Methodist Temperance Manual.
 Buckley's Short History of the Physical Sciences.
 Rowntree and Sherwell's Temperance Problems.
 Black's Culture and Restraint.

1. The Conference recommends Probationers in their general reading to acquaint themselves with the best classics of English and other literatures.

2. Probationers are advised to consult, when possible, Hastings' Bible Dictionary. Those who read Hebrew and Greek will find the volumes of the International Critical Commentary, and of the Expositor's Greek Testament, very useful.

3. The Reading List required to be supplied by each Probationer at the District Synod shall include at least one book in each of the first five sections under "List of works recommended to Probationers."

IV.—STUDENTS' COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study in the Theological Institution at Prince Albert College will be as follows, subject from time to time to such additions or alterations as Conference may direct:—

1. Systematic Theology
2. Bible Exegesis
3. Homiletics
4. Ecclesiastical History
5. Elocution
6. English Language and Literature
7. Latin Language and Literature

8. Greek Language and Literature, including the Greek Testament
9. Logic
10. Mathematics

When sufficiently advanced, Students will be required to attend Lectures at the University College, and to take the University Examinations.

REGULATIONS.

1. That three Lecturers be appointed as follows:—
 - (a) Systematic Theology and Elocution—Rev C. H. Garland
 - (b) Ecclesiastical History and Bible Exegesis—Rev. J. J. Lewis
 - (c) Homiletics and Logic—Rev. J. H. Simmonds
2. That each of the Theological Students at Prince Albert College preach a Trial Sermon before one of the Ministers of the Auckland (Pitt Street, North Shore, and Grafton Road) and Manukau Circuits prior to the holding of the Auckland District Synod, and that a written report of each Sermon be presented to the said District Synod. The Chairman of the District to notify the Students respecting the time and place.
3. That the Students be permitted, subject to the approval of the Committee of Discipline, to substitute Maori for one of the other subjects of study.
4. That the Chairman of the District furnish the Secretary of the Board of Examiners with the complete results of the Students' Examinations, including Examiners' reports and marks gained, as soon as possible after the holding of such Examinations.

V.—CANDIDATES' COURSE OF STUDY AND EXAMINATIONS.

SECTION A.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE, THEOLOGY, AND CHURCH HISTORY.

1. General Bible Knowledge.
2. Systematic Theology.—Second Catechism and Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine.
3. Church History.—Jennings' "Manual of Church History," Vol. I. (Theological Educator Series).

N.B.—Candidates are required by Conference to have carefully read Wesley's first fifty-three Sermons and Notes on the New Testament; but questions on these will not be included in the Candidates' Written Examination.

SECTION B.

LANGUAGE, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, AND SCIENCE.

1. English—(a) Nesfield's English Grammar Past and Present; Part I. Modern English Grammar; Part II. Idiom and Construction. (b) An Essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner.
2. Latin—Via Latina, by Edwin A. Abbott. (a) Accidence to end of Verb Sum, p. 81. (b) Exercises i. to xxxii.
3. Greek—Initia Græca. (a) Accidence to end of comparison of Adjectives. (b) Exercises i. to xxvii.; Greek into English only.

4. Geography—Longman's Geographical Series; Book II. The World. (a) Mathematical and Physical Geography. (b) Sections on the British Empire.
5. History—History of England from the accession of William III. to the accession of Victoria. (C. Ransome, J. R. Green.)
6. Science—Any one of the following subjects :—(a) Geology; (b) Zoology; (c) Botany; (d) Human Physiology; (e) Inorganic Chemistry; (f) Heat, Sound, and Light. (Longman's Elementary Science Manuals.)

SECTION C.

MATHEMATICS.

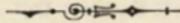
1. Arithmetic—Simple and Compound Rules, Vulgar and Decimal Fractions, Practice, Ratio and Proportion, Unitary Method, Measurement of Surfaces, Interest and Discount, Square Root. (J. B. Lock, C. Pendlebury, or J. Hamblin Smith.)
2. Euclid—Book I.: (a) Definitions; (b) Propositions i. to xxvi. (Hall and Stevens.)
3. Algebra—Easy Examples and Problems to Simple Equations. (Hall and Knight, chapters i. to ix.)

REGULATIONS.

1. There shall be three Examiners, one for each Section of the Subjects, A, B, C.
2. The Examination Papers shall be arranged as follows :—
 - a. General Bible Knowledge and Church History.
 - b. Systematic Theology.
 - c. English Grammar and Composition.
 - d. Latin.
 - e. Greek.
 - f. Geography, History, and Science.
 - g. Arithmetic.
 - h. Euclid.
 - i. Algebra.
3. The results for each subject shall be classed in the following manner :—
 - 75 to 100 per cent. of marks : First Class.
 - 55 to 74 per cent. of marks : Second Class.
 - 35 to 54 per cent. of marks : Third Class.
 - Below 35 per cent. of marks : *Failure*.
4. Section A must be taken in all cases. All Candidates who have not passed the matriculation examination must also take English, Geography, History, Science, and Arithmetic. Others, including Undergraduates and Graduates of a Chartered University, will be excused from taking any part of Sections B and C.
5. The Syllabus and Regulations for Candidates as above shall be printed from year to year in the Minutes of Conference.

N.B.—It is the duty of each Superintendent Minister to see that all intending Candidates in his Circuit are made aware of the foregoing Regulations and duly prepared for the Examination. Superintendents must send to Examiners of Candidates for the Ministry a list of the subjects in which Candidates propose to be examined. In the case of Candidates who have not passed the matriculation examination, or are not graduates or undergraduates of a University, the preparation should commence at least two years before the date of intended presentation at the Synod.

Pastoral Address.



TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

Once again in our Annual Conference assembled it is our privilege to send you our accustomed word of greeting in the name of our Master and Lord. We desire that you should regard this as a living message from loving hearts.

You will rejoice with us that we have had a very happy Conference. In our debates we have always remembered our brotherhood, and our public and social functions have been seasons of blessing and joy.

We thankfully record the fact that our ministerial ranks have been unbroken by death during the year, although our parsonages have had their share of sickness and consequent anxiety. Some of the brethren have been overtaken by ill-health, necessitating temporary retirement, and upon at least one home the dark shadow of death has fallen, and a devoted wife and mother has been taken away. You will, with us, extend your sympathy to the beloved Principal of our Three Kings College in the great loss he is called upon to sustain. We, too, would remind you of our interest in, and sympathy with you in the various seasons of affliction and sorrow through which you have passed, and that "we make mention of you always in our prayers."

The review of the past year's work has been a very careful one. It has been a year of faithful toil, and, if the results have not been commensurate, the work has been done with an unsparing hand, and with devout gratitude to God we report an increase of 604 full members, which brings our total membership up to 15,237, with 395 on probation and 1,241 junior members. There is also an increase of 2,074 attendants on public worship, making an aggregate of 77,882. With this added force and efficiency we ought to accomplish much greater results during the current year.

Our Sunday School work shows a tendency in the right direction. In a colony where the low birth-rate has been occasioning such grave concern amongst all classes, it is distinctly refreshing to find that the number of scholars has increased by 213, which, though not a great thing in itself, is encouraging as an indication of substantial progress. Another pleasing thing is the increase of 519 in the average attendance, while 1,108 scholars are returned as Church members, being an increase of 82 on the previous year. But surely this is a small number out of the 21,000 children in our Sunday Schools, and we would affectionately urge that all those who intelligently love the Saviour should receive that recognition on the part of the Church to which they are justly entitled.

Our Home Mission and Church Extension Fund we again commend to your sympathetic liberality. It is an important agency, for without it we could not continue our work in a number of places, nor extend it into other needy districts. We fully appreciate your efforts during the past year, and would earnestly remind you of the ever increasing need for systematic service on its behalf.

The claims of our Home Mission and Church Extension Fund are exceptionally urgent at this time. At the request of the Committee having charge of it, the Conference has taken over the South Island Maori Mission. A plan has been adopted which provides retiring allowances for our Home Missionaries. These charges upon the Fund emphasise its need for a liberal and self-sacrificing support. The estimated deficiency for 1905 is £841 3s 7d. The Conference appeals to every congregation in New Zealand Methodism to turn the deficiency into a surplus by a retiring collection.

We note with great satisfaction the deepened interest in our Foreign Mission enterprise. In many Circuits there is an encouraging increase, and the total income for the year is £1,737 3s. 5d., which constitutes a record for this Colony. The increase on last year's amount is £336 7s. 7d.

The enterprise of Missions has now reached an eventful stage, and its future will depend very largely upon the attitude of the Christian Church. We have every confidence that our people will not be wanting in their efforts to bring this cause up to its needed efficiency in maintaining and consolidating the work already accomplished, as well as extending its operations into other needy spheres.

In many respects the Foreign Mission enterprise is a Church's thermometer, and the higher this rises the more

generally effective is the Church concerned. The command of the Master in this respect is to "move on," and the Church that is not prepared to obey will probably have to "move off."

We gladly and thankfully note the work that is being done by the Ladies' Auxiliary in Dunedin. Starting only two years ago, it has already grown to considerable importance, and in many ways is contributing to the success of our Missionary work. One practical evidence of this fact is that it has engaged Miss May Jenness, of the Hutt Circuit, to go to the Mission field, becoming responsible for her equipment and support. We heartily commend this Auxiliary work to our people, particularly in the large centres, and would strongly appeal to the young life of our Church to follow in the footsteps of our devoted sister and place their all upon the altar of consecrated service.

The General Conference met last year in Melbourne, when a number of important subjects were dealt with, in some of which you are particularly interested. The Super-numerary Fund was carefully considered, and you will be pleased to learn that arrangements were made by which our aged veterans and others who are claimants on the Fund will, in the future, receive an increased allowance.

The basis of Church Membership also received attention with the result that it has been brought more into line with the present-day requirements of our people. We would affectionately remind you of the ample provision under the revised conditions for the means of grace, and earnestly urge you to take all possible advantage of opportunities for the deepening of your spiritual life, especially by attending the fellowship meetings and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

We commend to you the movement which aims at the introduction of the Word of God into our public schools. Facts show that there is a lamentable lack of Bible knowledge among the youth of this land, and we fear that this has its place in the irreligiousness so manifest in the spirit of the age. No country can become truly great which lightly esteems the Word of God, nor can any education be regarded as complete which does not comprehend a knowledge of Divine Truth.

But we would remind you of the great responsibility which rests upon the heads of our Methodist families in relation to the spread of Bible knowledge and the inculcation of a prayerful spirit. We need not wait for the introduction of the Bible into our State Schools in order that our children may be

taught its precious truths. The home life can do a great deal in this direction. Let there be a revival of Bible reading in the home, and let the spirit and act of worship become habitual, and be looked upon as an essential part of the daily programme. With the home life clean and helpful and inspiring, the atmosphere spiritual, and the example always that which becometh the followers of Christ, you will have the consciousness of doing your part towards making this country what God would have it be.

We send a message of love to the Endeavour Societies and young people's Guilds. Gladly do we recognise the work you are doing for Christ and the Church. You are fighting under a noble banner, and the consistent carrying out of your pledge will not fail to exercise a salutary influence upon those with whom you associate.

It is a pleasing feature in our Church life that the Bible Class movement is manifesting such signs of vigorous growth amongst the young men of the denomination. We hail this with great satisfaction and would send a hearty greeting to all concerned. Gladly would we welcome a Union which compassed the whole of the young men's Classes throughout the Colony, thus ensuring a unique brotherhood, which would be a mighty factor for righteousness and for spiritual effectiveness. To foster this movement, Conference has set apart the Rev. C. Porter as Organising Secretary of Bible Classes, and our brother enters upon his work with every prospect of success.

To our Local Preachers we send a fraternal message. We have trodden your pathway in by-gone days, and know something of its nature. Be assured of our high appreciation of your services, and of our hearty co-operation with you in bearing the Gospel message to our congregations. "Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season": "Feed the flock."

And to the thousands of our Israel throughout this land we would say, use your best endeavours to make our Church worthy of her noblest traditions. We have a glorious past, for which not only we, but the world at large, should be profoundly grateful. Everywhere there are signs and evidences that the leaven of Methodism has had a spiritually elevating and fertilising influence. We have entered into the possession of the Methodist heritage in so far as this land is concerned, and it is for us to demonstrate the fact that we are not a spent force, by making our identity felt in every phase of our colonial life. Let us see to it that we bring the exercise of our influence to bear upon the citizenship of our times. We are not party politicians, but we must not interpret this to

mean a neglect to discharge the duty of citizens, whether in local or national politics. There is great need for the purification of public life, and for the administration of political affairs upon a basis of righteousness. There are great and widespread evils growing in our midst to an alarming extent, menacing our work, and often nullifying its effects. The attitude of every true Methodist towards these evils should be one of uncompromising antagonism. We, therefore, plead with you to make the best use of every legitimate opportunity to minimise the power of these opposing forces. We remind you that during the year a general election will take place, when you will have a practical opportunity of again expressing at the ballot box your opinion of the drink traffic. Past experience encourages us to believe that the bulk of our people will vote "No License." The benefits of this reform wherever it has been tried, even under unfavourable and unfair conditions, are so apparent, thereby strengthening our faith in its capabilities, that with a united voice the Conference would urge you to leave no stone unturned in your various electorates to secure the necessary majority to close the drinking bars. Your vote is a moral weapon with which you can smite a merciless foe; use it then "for God, for Home, and for Humanity." Nor would we have you overlook the need of resisting the evil of gambling. Commercially, socially, morally, and spiritually this evil is doing much to mar our fair land, and to blight many of its noble sons. See to it that the Methodist Church is not wanting in moral courage to do its share in overcoming this raging curse.

In conclusion, we would emphasise the need of seeking a fuller baptism of spiritual power upon all our congregations. The recent Welsh Revival is an object lesson of how much more spiritually effective God's people are when they are enthused with the Spirit's baptism. And we know that the same power is at the disposal of all who comply with the rightful conditions, the embodiment of which is found in the Apostle's words:—"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world." Brethren, we commend you to God, who is able to keep you from falling.

"The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen!"

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.

J. NEWMAN BUTTLE, PRESIDENT.
CHARLES H. LAWS, SECRETARY.

SECTION II.

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION.

QUESTION I.—Do we Sanction the Alteration or Division of any of the Districts or Circuits of this Conference ?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. The Pitt Street and Grafton Road Circuits are to be amalgamated and a Probationer is to take the place of the second married minister in the present Grafton Road Circuit.
2. The question of the boundaries of the Auckland Circuits is to be dealt with by the next Auckland Synod.
3. In the list of Circuits Manukau is to be placed immediately following the Auckland Circuits ; that is, in the sixth place.
4. With reference to the suggested amalgamation of the Newton and Freeman's Bay Missions, it is undesirable to attempt any change in the separate existence of the two Missions at present.
5. The Helensville and Coromandel Circuits become Home Mission Stations.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. Bulls is transferred from the Rangitikei to the Sandon Circuit.
2. The married minister is to be withdrawn from the Kimbolton Circuit.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

The name of the Greytown Circuit is to be changed to South Wairarapa.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. The Kaiapoi Circuit is to be comprised of Kaiapoi, Coutt's Island, Clarkville, Ohoka, East Eyreton, Swannanoa and Horrelville, with a married and a single minister.
2. In view of Horrelville being attached to the Kaiapoi Circuit, the remaining places of the present Oxford Circuit are to be joined to the Malvern Circuit, to which a married minister is to be appointed ; the residence of the minister is to be at Sheffield.
3. Marshlands and Belfast are to be attached to the Durham Street Circuit, that Circuit fulfilling its obligation to take a fourth married minister ; a Home Missionary is to be appointed to work these places ; a grant of £40 is to be made from the Home Mission Fund, and the Belfast furniture is to go to the enlarged Circuit.
4. Amberley is to be described as a Home Mission Station, the name Waikari being removed from the Minutes.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Winton, Hillend, Oreti Plains, with adjacent places, are constituted a Home Mission Station, to be called Winton, with a grant of £50 from the Home Mission Fund for the first year.

QUESTION II.—What Circuits ask for Additional Preachers ?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. *Auckland Maori Mission*.—That a European probationer be appointed to the Auckland Maori Mission as assistant to the Rev. W. Gittos. The probationer's location is to be fixed by the Home Mission Executive.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. *New Plymouth*.—That a Probationer be appointed to this Circuit.
2. *West Coast Maori Mission*.—That the question of the appointment of an additional native agent to this Mission be remitted to the Home Mission Executive.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Levin-Otaki.—That a Probationer be appointed instead of a Home Missionary.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Ashburton.—That a Probationer be appointed to the Ashburton Circuit, with a grant of £35; the Methven H.M. Station to become part of the Ashburton Circuit.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. *Dunedin (Trinity)*.—That a Home Missionary be appointed to this Circuit to work the Northern end of the city.
2. *Cargill Road*.—That a Probationer be appointed to Mosgiel (Cargill Road Circuit) in place of a Home Missionary.

QUESTION III.—What New Stations are now Sanctioned ?

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. *Taihape*.—That Taihape be constituted a Circuit and a Probationer be appointed.
2. *Mokau District*.—That a Commission consisting of the President and the Superintendent of the Waitara Circuit visit the districts of Awakino and Mokau, and report to the Wanganui Synod and the next Conference.
3. *Whangamomona*.—That the needs of Whangamomona be referred to the next Wanganui Synod.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Takapau.—That the question of the appointment of a Home Missionary to Takapau be referred to the Home Mission Executive with power to act.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Southern Maori Mission.—That the Conference take over the Southern Maori Mission in accordance with the request of the Southern Maori Mission Committee, and that for the first year a grant of £75 be made from the Home Mission Fund; also, that the work of the Committee be placed under a Committee consisting of the Superintendent Ministers of the Dunedin Circuits, and Messrs. E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock, S. C. Phillips, and D. C. Cameron.

QUESTION IV.—What Circuits are now due to provide for Married instead of Single Ministers?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Upper Thames (Paeroa).—Is due, but is relieved for another year.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Hawera (Patea).—Is due, but is relieved for a year.

Wanganui (Aramoho).—Is due, but is relieved for another year.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington, Taranaki Street (Johnsonville).—Is due, but is relieved for a year.

Hutt (Petone).—Is due, but is relieved for another year.

Pahiatua.—Fulfil its obligation.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Motueka.—Is due, but is relieved for another year.

Westport.—Is due, but is relieved for another year.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch, Durham Street (Richmond).—Fulfil its obligation.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Otautau.—Fulfil its obligation.

QUESTION V.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Church and other Properties?

I.—SALES REPORTED.

1. *Auckland (North Shore) Circuit*.—Sale of a portion of the Birkenhead Parsonage site for £170, proceeds to be invested in the purchase of additional land adjoining the church property and the balance towards cost of erecting parsonage thereon.
2. *Upper Thames Circuit*.—Sale of half-acre of leasehold ground at Waihi, £30, proceeds towards cost of parsonage erection.
3. *New Plymouth Circuit*.—Sale of Parsonage, £26.
4. *Rangitikei Circuit*.—Site at Crofton to the Board of Education, £15, for school purposes.

5. *Feilding Circuit*.—Three acres of the hilly portion of the Parsonage property for £180. Proceeds applied to liquidation of debts.
6. *Wellington (Taranaki Street) Circuit*.—By the Wellington Educational Property Trustees to local Methodist Church Trustees 29 4/10th perches with hall thereon, at Kaiwarra for the sum of £244 for church purposes.
7. *Gore Circuit*.—The Parsonage at Gore for £400, proceeds applied to purchase of new Church and Parsonage site with house thereon.

II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES COMPLETED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. *Auckland (Pitt Street) Circuit*.—(1) Erection of church at Avondale of wood, 30ft x 20ft, at cost of £300. Site (reported last year) 66ft x 165ft, cost £66. Debt on securities £210; provision for liquidation of same made.
(2) Acquisition of additional one acre for parsonage at Mount Albert. Cost £100; debt £100.
2. *Auckland (North Shore) Circuit*.—(1) Purchase of land contiguous to church site Birkenhead, 67ft frontage by 200ft depth. Cost £37 10s. Erection thereon of parsonage. Cost, £425; debt, £385.
(2) Sunnyside Church.—Erection of class-rooms. Cost, £30.
(3) Purchase of church site at Birkdale, 2 roods, £7 10s.
3. *Upper Thames Circuit*.—(1) Acquisition at Matamata of church site, 2 roods, gift of Mr John C. Allen. Valued at £20.
(2) Purchase of church site, 1 acre, at Aratiatia. Cost, £22.
4. *Franklin Circuit*.—(1) Purchase of parsonage, eight rooms, with 12 acres of ground at Waiuku for £340; £170 raised, balance to be advanced from the Loan Fund.
(2) Purchase of church site at Buckland, 1 rood. Cost £20, and erection of church thereon, 19ft x 29ft, to seat 80 persons. Cost £240; no debt.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. *Waitara Circuit*.—Erection of church at Waitara, 48ft x 26ft, to seat 260 persons. Cost, £513; debt to Loan Fund, £120.
2. *Eltham Circuit*.—Purchase of 1 rood at Eltham at cost of £150, and erection of church thereon. 40ft x 28ft, to seat 180 persons. Cost of building, £390; total debt £220 to the Loan Fund.
3. *Feilding Circuit*.—Erection of school (replacing one destroyed by fire) containing 6 rooms and central hall and providing 120 sittings. Cost, £313 19s. Total Trust debts on Feilding church, parsonage, and school properties £364 19s 3d.
4. *Kimbolton Circuit*.—Two roods at Oroua Valley valued at £20 for erection of school-church. Building particulars not yet fully complete.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. *Hutt Circuit*.—Addition to Hutt School of five class rooms, £145 0s 6d. No debt.
2. *Norsewood Station*.—Gift of site, 7 9/10th perches, and erection of church thereon at Makotuku, of wood, 22ft x 32ft, to seat 140. Cost of building, £155 16s 5d; debt to Loan Fund, £32.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. *Hokitika Circuit*.—Purchase of 1 acre 2 roods church site at Kokatahi. Debt to Loan Fund, £14 3s.
2. *Greymouth Circuit*.—(1) Lengthening of church at Greymouth by 10ft providing additional accommodation for 55 persons. Cost, £200. No debt.
(2) Perpetual lease of church site at Runaaga, 2 roods 15 perches, at yearly rental of 20/-.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. *Christchurch Methodist Mission*.—Purchase of parsonage in Durham Street, built of wood, roofed with iron, concrete foundation, ten rooms, on section 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches. Cost, £1050; debt, £750.
2. *Tai Tapu Circuit*.—Purchase of parsonage site at Tai Tapu, 1 acre 2 roods, for £105, and cottage thereon for £60. The cost to be entirely defrayed within short period.
3. *Timaru Circuit*.—Site for new Sunday School, 1 rood 25 $\frac{8}{10}$ th perches, the gift of Mr John Jackson.
4. *Waimate Circuit*.—Purchase of church site, 3 roods, at Morven. Cost, £32; no debt.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

- 1.—*Dunedin (Trinity) Circuit*.—Purchase of church site, 1 rood 21 perches, in the township of Glenaven, North East Valley, for £320. No effort yet made to raise the amount, but interest on outlay guaranteed for two years.
2. *Cargill Road Circuit*.—Purchase of church site at Musselburgh, 1 rood 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches. Cost, £400; debt, £390 at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %.
3. *Balclutha Circuit*.—Enlargement of the Balclutha parsonage at cost of £148 16s 10d. Amount raised £101; debt to Loan Fund, £50.
4. *Gore Circuit*.—Purchase of new church and parsonage site at Gore, 1 rood 18 $\frac{3}{10}$ th perches at cost of £750; £400 paid and the balance from bank at present.

SUMMARY—NEW ERECTIONS, &c.

- 17 Freehold sites and 1 Leasehold.
 5 Churches and 2 enlarged.
 5 Parsonages and 1 enlarged.
 1 School and 1 enlarged.

LAND PRESENTED.

Matamata, church site, 2 roods; valued at £20. Gift of Mr John C. Allen.

Oroua Valley, Kimbolton Circuit, 2 roods; valued at £20. Gift of Mr Jens Peter Jensen.

Makotuku, Norsewood H.M. Station, church site, 7 $\frac{9}{10}$ th perches. Presented by Mr F. Forward; valued at £10.

Timaru, corner site for new school, 1 rood 25 $\frac{8}{10}$ th perches, and connected with the present church property; valued at £500. Presented by Mr John Jackson.

Brookland (Timaru Circuit) church site, 1 rood; valued at £17. Presented by the "Canterbury Frozen Meat and Dairy Company, Limited."

III.—MINOR IMPROVEMENTS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Pitt Street	16	3	9	Petone	20	0	0
Ponsonby	26	9	3	Masterton	59	9	0
Kingsland	10	10	0	Greenmeadows	15	19	0
Mount Eden	35	5	3	Hastings	3	17	7
Arch Hill	27	13	8	Dannevirke	23	1	10
Avondale	23	5	0	Waipawa	3	18	11
Devonport	29	11	6	Norsewood	30	8	10
Sunnyside	20	0	2	Grovetown	19	0	11
Warkworth	8	10	0	Reefton	10	1	0
Port Albert	4	2	3	Reefton Parsonage	44	3	6
Thames	42	8	10	Westport	4	10	0
Paeroa	28	13	6	Dunedin (Central Mis- sion)	120	0	0
Waihi	5	2	0	Maori Hill	16	10	0
Aratapu	4	7	6	Balclutha	20	0	0
Arapohue	5	4	0	Drummond	24	19	10
Mangawhare	28	17	2				
Kaihu	14	11	8	Total	£1294	8	3
Kawakawa	13	5	0				
Midhurst	5	3	2				
Kaponga	5	8	4				
Marton	22	7	5				
Rongotea	21	11	9				
Feilding	123	16	11				
Cuba Street	10	3	3				
Bunnythorpe	13	0	0				
Ashhurst	27	6	0				
Taihape	12	2	8				
Raetihi	5	14	6				
Kaiwarra	244	0	0				
Hutt	43	13	4				

DISTRICT SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland District	344	0	6
Wanganui District	246	14	0
Wellington District	444	8	6
Nelson District	77	15	5
Otago District	181	8	3
	£1294	8	3

IV. — SALES, &c., SANCTIONED TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1904.

1. *Thames Circuit*.—To sell parsonage and site, proceeds to purchase or erection of more suitable property.
2. *Upper Thames Circuit*.—To sell parsonage and attached sections at Te Aroha, proceeds to be devoted to erection of new house.
3. *Northern Wairoa Circuit*.—Gift of strip of land at Mangawhare conditionally to the Hobson County Council for improving the road.
4. *Coromandel Circuit*.—To sell the parsonage property, 3 roods, with house and furniture, at Coromandel, providing not less than £500 be obtained, exclusive of £50 for the furniture. Proceeds for liquidation of debt.
5. *Wellington (Taranaki Street) Circuit*.—The conditional cession to the Wellington City Council of 3ft of the Manners Street property at the Cuba Street angle for electric tramway purposes.
6. *Hutt Circuit*.—The transfer of 54ft x 280ft 7in of Hutt parsonage land to the Lynch Syndicate in exchange for transfer of section to the Trustees having a frontage 66ft 5in to Knight's Lane and 90ft to Bloomfield Road.
7. *Gore Circuit*.—To sell parsonage property at Gore, proceeds to be invested in purchase of new property.

EXTENDED LEASES SANCTIONED.

1. *Auckland (Pitt Street) Circuit.*—Power given to the Trustees to insert clause in the seven-year leases of the Pitt Street shop tenants providing, on such terms as to the Trustees may seem fit, for the renewal of the said leases for a second seven-year period.
2. *Thames Circuit.*—To lease, if unable to effect sale, of the parsonage property for a period of not more than 21 years.
3. *Hamilton Circuit.*—To lease to Llewellyn Griffiths, draper, for a period of 21 years 40ft to Victoria Street and 70ft to Collingwood Street of allotment No. 87, town of Hamilton.

V.—PROPOSED ERECTIONS, &c., SANCTIONED TO
DECEMBER 31st, 1904.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. *Auckland (Pitt Street) Circuit.*—(1) Enlargement of Sunday School by the addition of six class-rooms at estimated cost of £140.
(2) To erect infants' school at cost of £175.
2. *Manukau Circuit.*—To erect new parsonage at Onehunga of wood on paddock site. Estimated cost, £750, or, including extras and fencing, £800.
3. *Franklin Circuit.*—To enlarge and re-roof church at Pukekohe. Estimated cost, £100.
4. *Hamilton Circuit.*—(1) To erect four shops and two offices in brick, having a frontage to Victoria Street on section No. 87, town of Hamilton, leaving one wooden shop occupied by Mr Jones, saddler, whose lease has not yet expired.
(2) New Sunday School Hall, 52ft x 30ft, to seat 300 in main portion. Estimated cost, £500.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. *New Plymouth Circuit.*—Enlargement of South Road School. Estimated cost, £147.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. *Wellington (Taranaki Street) Circuit.*—(1) Erection of new church at Johnsonville. Estimated minimum cost, £550.
(2) Erection of new church at Crofton, 40ft x 20ft, to seat 140 persons, Cost, £324; £140 from Loan Fund, balance locally.
2. *Greytown Circuit.*—Erection of chemist's shop and residence on church lands at Featherston. Estimated cost, £400.
3. *Masterton Circuit.*—Enlargement of the Kuripuni church at cost of £150.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. *Richmond Circuit.*—To erect church at Brightwater, 25ft x 17ft, to seat 80 persons. Estimated cost, £130.
2. *Blenheim Circuit.*—Enlargement of the Blenheim church preparatory to erection of a pipe organ therein. Estimated cost of enlargement, £250.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. *Cargill Road Circuit*.—Purchase of church site, 2 roods, at Wingatui, and erection of church thereon.
2. *Mornington Circuit*.—Erection of new church at Mornington of brick and stone, to seat 350, on site previously secured, with provision for subsequent erection of gallery when needed to give additional accommodation for 100 persons. Estimated cost, £2000; loan of £600 from the Church Building and Loan Fund, the balance to be raised locally.

GENERAL REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1904.

1. The first of the District Secretaries' Reports came to hand on December 12th, 1904, and the last on January 17th, 1905. It would greatly facilitate the work of the General Secretary if the date named by Conference resolution were as far as possible complied with. The first to be received was from the most distant city and whose Synod was the latest held.
2. Each year witnesses an approach to greater accuracy in the returns, though there is a considerable remove from perfection in this respect. Yet, when comparing the work of former years with the present time, it is evident that Superintendents have clearer views and more accurate methods of dealing with the balance sheets. A comparison with the examples printed in some early Conference Minutes with the present returns furnishes ample proof of this.
3. While the past year has not witnessed a striking advance with respect to increase of church property, yet a steady growth has been maintained and an actual enlargement recorded to the extent of between nine and ten thousand pounds.
4. Year by year our properties are being placed upon an increasingly sound financial basis and the percentage of debt is being gradually reduced. The first entry in the Register Book, bearing date 1893, shows the total value of properties to be £225,291 and the percentage of debt on securities as 12½. This year, with properties showing an increase in value to the extent of £96,073, the debt on securities is only about 9½ per cent.
5. The current debts owing to the Loan Fund amount to £10,438 0s 5d.
6. The total reported cost of church properties is £320,866 10s 4d. This does not include the Probert Estate, the Mission Property Trust, nor the Emsly houses.
7. On current accounts the debts have increased during the year by £3629 18s 8d, and decreased by £3587 0s 9d, showing a debtor balance on the working of the year of £42 17s 11d.
8. While the steady yearly increase of church properties and the gradual decrease of debt are with satisfaction noted, there is need for the exercise of carefulness and caution in connection with the acquisition of property or erection of buildings in order that there be not incurred an undue proportion of debt. The reason of these observations is grounded on the fact that as compared with last year our debt on securities has increased by £1608 or about one-half per cent.
9. The sum for which the Church, School, and Parsonage buildings are covered by insurance amounts to £160,887. The premiums paid amount to £935 1s 3d.

A.—PROPERTIES.		Cost as Re-	
		ported	
		£	s. d.
Sites—Freehold, 562; leasehold, 27; vacant, 115; in-			
complete titles, 115	.. .. .	58,804	13 11
Churches—Brick or stone, 15; wood, 303; seating,			
54,614	.. .. .	165,337	6 11
Schoolrooms—Brick or stone, 10; wood, 79; seating,			
17,560	.. .. .	38,164	17 5
Parsonages—Brick or stone, 3; wood, 99	.. .. .	48,415	1 1
Other Buildings—58	.. .. .	10,144	11 0
Total cost of land and buildings		£320,866	10 4

B.—CURRENT TRUST ACCOUNTS.

Receipts.—Credit balances brought forward, £1,732 5s 5d; seat rents, £2,543 9s 9d; Trust collections, £1,690 14s 9d; Anniversaries or opening services, £2,076 14s 2d; subscriptions and donations, £4,269 19s 9d; loans from Church Building and Loan Fund, or other loans, £5,108 11s 9d; all other income, £6,750 16s 2d; total receipts, £24,172 11s 9d. Credit balances carried forward, £1,998 9s 3d.

Expenditure.—Debit balances brought forward, £3,258 2s; lighting and cleaning, £2,580 10s 3d; alterations and repairs, £2,221 7s 5d; enlargements and minor improvements, £4,172 1s 11d; interest, £1,569 5s 2d; insurance premiums, £935 1s 3d; paid to Circuit Boards, £332 12s 10d; all other expenses, including debt reduced, £10,859 2s 81; total expenditure, £25,928 3s 6d. Debit balances carried forward, £3,733 2s 8d.

HENRY BULL,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the District Secretaries for their services during the past year, and that the following be appointed for the ensuing year:—Mr W. D. Buttle, Auckland; Mr J. P. Leary, Palmerston North; Mr C. W. Benbow, Wellington; Mr J. Boon, Nelson; Mr G. J. Smith, Christchurch; Mr J. C. Stephens, Dunedin.
3. That the Church Property Schedules be sent by Circuit Superintendents to the District Secretaries not later than October 31st; also that the revised Schedules, with Summaries and Reports, be sent by District Secretaries to the General Secretary not later than December 15th.
4. That inquiry be made in the Synods concerning each Circuit and Home Mission Station as to the celebration of Church anniversaries; and that in the cases of dependent Circuits and Home Mission Stations where this is neglected a report be furnished by the Secretary of each Synod to the Home Mission Treasurers.
5. That with a view of making Church Property Returns as complete and accurate as possible, the District Secretaries be requested to correspond with Superintendents in cases where the Schedules are incompletely filled, or where the returns are manifestly incorrect.
6. That particulars of the Thorndon Parsonage Property be returned next year through the District Secretary.

7. That Church Property Books for the use of District Secretaries be printed, also Circuit Schedules, the cost of these to be a charge upon the Contingent Fund; and that the following be the Committee to give effect to the resolution:—The General Secretary of Church Property, and the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund; but, before the said books be printed, a copy of the sheets showing proposed headings and spaces be forwarded to the District Secretaries for their suggestions.
8. That this Conference sanctions the President of Conference and the Chairman of the Auckland District making an appeal to the connexion generally, on behalf of the erection of a Church building at Rotorua, suitable not only for the requirements of the residents, but also for the tourists, who, in increasing numbers visit this resort of world-wide fame. The Conference heartily commends this appeal to the Methodists of New Zealand, and advises the promoters to lay the case before Methodists in other lands. The Conference learns with pleasure that W. Shepherd Allen, Esq., is willing to act as treasurer in this enterprise, and appoints him to that office.
9. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to Messrs. J. C. Allen, J. P. Jensen, F. Forward, John Jackson, and the Directors of the Canterbury Meat Company, for acceptable gifts of Church sites, and to the donor of £500 to the North East Valley Church.

VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Committee appointed by the Conference of 1904 presented its report and it was resolved—

1. That, with a view of ascertaining whether the present valuations are substantially correct from a present-day standpoint, each District Chairman, or some Minister appointed by him, together with the District Secretary of Church Property, examine the District Statement during the year, and that they be empowered to make such alterations in the reported capital values as will ensure complete accuracy in the returns.
2. That the Committee be thanked and discharged.

CHURCH PROPERTY REGULATIONS.

1. Superintendents are directed that in case of properties held under the Land Transfer Act, Trustees must sign a Declaration of Trust, which is to be forwarded to the Custodian of Deeds; and that in the case of properties not held under the Land Transfer Act, Trustees must sign the Deed of Conveyance. In the case of appointment of new Trustees, no further Declaration of Trust is required, but they must sign the form of Appointment of New Trustees; such form to be forwarded to the Authorised Representative.

N.B.—Forms for Declaration of Trust, and also for appointing new Trustees, and printed copies of the New Model Deed, may be obtained from the Authorised Representative.

2. Copies of the Model Deed have been deposited in the various Land Registry Offices for the Colony, in order that reference may be made thereto, as provided in the form. The numbers given to the deeds so deposited are as under:—

Land Registry Office, Auckland	No. Z 83
District Land Transfer Office, New Plymouth	99
District Land Registry Office, Napier	80
Land Registry Office, Wellington	2117
Land Registry Office, Nelson	22
Land Registry Office, Blenheim	77
Land Transfer Office, Westland District	21
Land Registry Office, Christchurch	83
Land Registry Office, Dunedin	808
Southland District Land Registrar's Office, Invercargill	75

3. The scale of Fees in connection with the registration of Trustees is as follows:—
- (1) For Registration of any Trust—

If value of property is £1,000 or over	£1 1 0
" " under £1,000	0 10 6
 - (2) For Registration of new Trustees, 2s 6d each name, with a maximum charge of 10s.
 - (3) For certified copy of Register, or any part thereof, supplied for any purpose, 5s.
4. In order to secure accuracy in the returns, the District Secretaries are empowered to compare the figures supplied to them on the A and B annual returns, with the entries in the Circuit Schedule Books, Superintendents being directed to produce their Schedule Books when required for this purpose.
5. The question of completing Titles where necessary is referred to the General Secretary of Church Property in conjunction with the Superintendent of the Circuit concerned.
6. The sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee shall be obtained for all purchases, sales, and for leases of Church property over seven years, and for all erections, enlargements, or structural alterations of buildings, and that Committee is empowered and directed to require that plans and specifications of all buildings and alterations be furnished before the work is begun, and that no building be erected until a proper Title to the land has been secured.
7. The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee shall supply to the Financial District Synods the replies to Questions 2, 3, and 4, of Section I., respecting Church property, and also report any cases where the Regulations have not been observed. The same Committee shall supply to the Conference the replies to Question 5, as to (a) sales reported, (b) new erections, etc., completed, (c) minor improvements, (d) sales sanctioned, (e) proposed erections, etc., also reporting any case where the regulations have not been observed. In the case of sales the written consent of the Committee shall be supplied to the President of the Conference.
8. The General Secretary and District Secretaries of Church Properties are directed by the Conference to communicate with the respective Superintendents of Circuits where discrepancies occur, with a view to explanation and adjustment.

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

The following deeds have been received during the year ending October 31st, 1904:—Woodside Church and Cottage; Waitoa Church; Buckland Church; Morrinsville Church; Hamilton Parsonage; Papakura site; Eltham Church; Crofton Church; Ballance Church, with Declara-

tion of Trust; Napier (Emerson Street); Pahiatua Church, also Declaration of Trust of Pahiatua and Kaitawa; Tutaekara Church site, with Declaration of Trust; Norsewood Church and Parsonage; Tasman Street site; Pangatotara site; Murchison site; Brightwater Church; Mayfield Church; Lower High Street Church.

The following deeds have been received from the Treasurers of the Loan Fund on repayment of loans:—Kopu Church; Rongotea Church (three), Hokitika Church (two), Richmond Church, Darfield Church, Sumner Church.

The following deeds have been removed from the Custodian's care:—(1) Woodside Church and Cottage, for preparation of lease of four acres since returned; Expired Lease of Te Aroha Church to Rev. C. Abernethy; Waihi, license for residential site to Rev. C. C. Harrison for sale, permission having been obtained; Birkenhead Parsonage site, for sale in order to acquisition of another site; Hamilton Church, for purpose of mortgage; Birkenhead Church, for purpose of mortgage; Feilding Parsonage, to Rev. A. C. Lawry for reconstruction of deed; Patea Church and Parsonage, to Rev. C. Porter to raise loan for alterations to house; Johnsonville Church, to be brought under L.T.A.; Hutt Parsonage, to effect exchange of portion of site; Featherston Church, for purpose of mortgage; Lower High Street, to mortgagees; Gore Parsonage, to facilitate sale, permission having been obtained; St. Albans Sunday School site, to mortgagees.

(2) Handed to the Loan Fund Treasurers as security for loans advanced:—Morrinsville Church, Paeroa Church, Waitoa Church, Carrington Road Church, Waitara Church, Eltham Church, Petone new Church and Parsonage site (two deeds), Pahiatua Church, Mayfield Church, Timaru Church, Roxburgh Church and Parsonage (two deeds), Mornington new Church, Canvastown Church, Balclutha Parsonage, Crofton Church.

I have much pleasure in reporting that the first volume of the Deeds Register, being a register of deeds of church property for the North Island, has been completed. For this I am greatly indebted to Mr C. E. Salter, who has given a number of evenings to the work during last winter, and also the promise of further help in connection with South Island volume. These volumes, when completed, will be extremely valuable for future reference.

As required by Conference Regulations, reports have been sent to each Financial District Synod, and copies of them are now placed upon the table for reference.

HENRY BULL,

CUSTODIAN.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr C. E. Salter for his valuable services in connection with the registration of deeds during the year.
3. That the Custodian be directed to keep a Register of Deeds, and to report annually to the Financial District Synod and the Conference.

REPORT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

This section of the work of the Connexional Secretary steadily increases in volume year by year. The past year has exceeded the previous one in its press of legal transactions, registrations, and the issue of certificates. Seventeen additional properties have been placed upon the Register of Trustees and sixteen certified copies of Trusts have been issued. Three hundred and twenty-two new and additional trustees have been registered representing sixty-six Trusts, and the names of one hundred and seventy-four trustees have been for various legal reasons removed from the Register.

The following is the yearly Cash Statement:--Balance brought forward from last year, £6 3s 4d. Sales: Schedules, £2; Roll Books, 10s; Model Deeds, 12s; Registration Fees, £30 18s 6d; total, £40 3s 10d.

Expenditure: Voted to Connexional Secretary's Office, £20; Legal Expenses, £1 5s 8d; Binding, £1 18s 3d; Church Property Expenses, £1 0s 10d; Stamps, Stationery and Telegrams, £6 5s 10d; Credit Balance carried forward, £9 13s 3d; total, £40 3s 10d.

HENRY BULL,

AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Cash Statement be adopted.
2. That, in accordance with the provisions of "The Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887," the Rev. Henry Bull be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1905-6.
3. That the Authorised Representative enter on the Church Register all new Trusts and such alterations in Trusts as are certified by Circuit Superintendents, and that he report thereon to the Conference.
4. That the Authorised Representative be appointed to correspond with the Government on all questions of Church Property or Titles.
5. That it be an instruction to the Authorised Representative not to enter in the Register the names of new Trustees until the fees be paid.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

For Cash Accounts and List of Loans, *see* Appendix A, pp. ii-xii.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1. Fifteen meetings have been held during the year.
2. Seventeen new loans have been issued, representing a total sum of £2,301 10s.
3. Final payments of loans have been received from Palmerston North Parsonage, Sumner Church, Feilding Parsonage, Southbrook Church, Rongotea Church, Birkenhead Parsonage site, Alexandra South Church site, and Richmond. Of these Richmond loan was paid 18 months and Sumner seven years before due date. Final payment of the £150 loan to Wesley College, Three Kings, has also been made.
4. The following undertakings have been approved by the Committee:--Birkenhead Parsonage, Avondale Church, new shops and offices at Hamilton, removal and renovation of church at Greymouth, purchase of Christchurch Mission Parsonage, church improvements at Paparoa, pur-

chase of parsonage site with cottage at Tai Tapu, parsonage enlargement at Balclutha, purchase of church site at North East Valley (Dunedin), erection of church at Brightwater, alterations of Blenheim church for erection of pipe organ, erection of church at Eltham, exchange of lands at the Hutt, new church at Johnsonville, erection of residence with shop at Featherston, erection of new Sunday School at Hamilton, enlargement of Sunday School at Ponsonby, erection of infant school at Ponsonby, erection of church at Crofton, purchase of parsonage (with twelve acres) at Waiuku, purchase of site for new church at Gore (with house situated thereon), erection of new parsonage at Onehunga, enlargement of church at Kuripuni, enlargement of school at South Road (New Plymouth), enlargement of Pukekohe church, purchase of site and erection of church at Wingatui. Sites have also been secured at Brookland, Matamata, Aratia, Methven, Winton, and by lease at Runanga.

5. The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties:—Portion of Birkenhead parsonage site; two roods leasehold, Waihi; Coromandel parsonage property; New Plymouth parsonage; Gore parsonage property; Thames parsonage property; Te Aroha parsonage and attached sections.

6. The following extended leases have been sanctioned:—40ft x 60ft of church land at Hamilton for 21 years, Pitt Street shops for 14 years, Thames parsonage property for 21 years.

7. There are now 157 loans current; of these 111 are with the General Fund and 46 with the Special Branch.

8. By the bequest of the late Mr H. Herbert Wake the capital of the General Account of the Fund has been increased by £50 and now stands at £8,621 4s 10d. By the final Jubilee Loan payment of £37 10s, received from Wesley College, a further addition has been made to the capital of the Special Branch, which has now reached the sum of £2,683 11s 3d.

9. Current loans are distributed as follows:—Auckland District, £2,606 6s 11d; Wanganui District, £1,343 7s 1d; Wellington District, £1,844 8s 8d; Nelson District, £387 11s 5d; Canterbury District, £1,847 15s 3d; Otago District, £2,408 11s 1d.

10. The following figures show the amount of overdue instalments in each District:—Auckland District, £356 6s 11d; Wanganui District, £200 4s 5d; Wellington District, £247 18s 9d; Nelson District, *nil*; Canterbury District, £45 18s; Otago District £33 11s 6d.

11. The Committee regrets that, although the amount of overdue instalments has been reduced by £42 4s 7d, there still remains unpaid the large sum of £883 19s 7d, seriously crippling the beneficent operations of the Fund. The Committee trusts that an earnest effort will be made to effect a substantial reduction in this amount.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY BULL,
SECRETARY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Cash Accounts of the General Fund and of the Special Branch be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Committee for their careful attention to the business of the Fund during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for

1905-6, viz., the Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street), Christchurch (South), Christchurch (St. Albans), and Lyttelton circuits, with Messrs G. H. Blackwell, C. W. Turner, J. A. Flesher, R. W. England, and John Brown.

3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr G. H. Blackwell for his services as Treasurer, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be recommended to lend from the Special Branch £100 towards the purchase of the Rotorua Church site, satisfactory guarantors for repayment being found.
5. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee take the case of Runanga (Greymouth Circuit), into special consideration.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

I.—SOURCES OF THE FUND.

1. The amount obtained in connection with the special effort for this purpose authorised by the Conference of 1882, and the amount received in connection with the Jubilee Fund of 1891.
2. Donations, bequests, grants from Trustees, etc.
3. Contributions from Boards of Trustees in proportion to the number of the congregation:—

If the congregation numbers less than 100,	Five shillings
" " " 100	" 200, Ten "
" " " 200	" 400, Twenty "
" " " 400	" 500, Forty "
" " " 500 and over	Fifty "

N.B.—Superintendents are instructed to urge Trustees to contribute to the Fund as above, and to forward amounts so donated to the Treasurer of the Church Building and Loan Fund not later than 31st October in each year.

II.—OBJECTS OF THE FUND.

1. To render assistance in the purchase of sites and in the erection of substantial churches in places where they are needed.
2. To aid in providing parsonages in all the Circuits in the colony.
3. To assist in the removal of debts on Church property.

III.—COMMITTEE.

The Committee of the Fund shall consist of five ministers and five laymen, to be appointed annually by the Conference; the District Synod where the previous year's Committee was located to nominate a Committee.

IV.—DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

1. To meet at least once a quarter.
2. To receive applications for, and determine upon the amounts of loans, and the times of repayments.
3. To approve of the plans and specifications of all proposed erections, enlargement, and purchases; to sanction sales of Trust properties, and afford advice to Trustees in difficult cases.

4. To receive the Annual Report from General Secretary of Church Property and to report to District Synods.
5. To see that proper deeds be obtained from all Trusts as soon as possible, and to provide for their safe custody.
6. To take such steps as may be necessary to secure the Connexion against permanent debt.
7. To transact generally all the business entrusted to it by the Conference, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations relating to Church property, and to present an Annual Report to the Conference.

V.—CONDITIONS OF LOANS.

1. No application shall be entertained by the Committee until it has been approved by the Quarterly Meeting.
2. In making applications for a loan, the questions contained in the printed form must be answered.
3. The Connexional collections, as appointed by the Conference, shall be duly made.
4. A reasonable system of seat-rents shall be maintained in the Churches.
5. All applicants shall agree to devote a portion of the income from their Trust property (as far as circumstances will justify) to the funds of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, or the funds of our general institutions.
6. Satisfactory security shall be given by Trustees and other responsible persons for the repayment of the loans, and on the terms and at the times agreed upon with the Committee.
7. Satisfactory assurance shall be given that the land on which it is proposed to build has been legally secured for the intended object.
8. All Trusts shall provide a suitable set of Cash and Minute Books.
9. Each Trust shall, in accordance with the Model Deed, hold a special meeting for the audit of accounts; Minutes of such meeting to be taken and preserved.
10. Each Trust receiving a loan for liquidation of debt shall raise a sum at least equal to such loan before becoming entitled to claim it from the Committee. In case of erection the Connexional rule that two-thirds shall be raised by the local Trust shall be complied with before a loan for the remainder, or any part thereof, shall be granted.
11. All loans to be repaid in quarterly or half-yearly instalments, as may be agreed upon.
12. Every Trust receiving aid from this fund shall make and carry out arrangements for the extinction of its debt within a period not exceeding ten years.
13. When loans are granted deeds of property shall be lodged with the Treasurer of the Fund.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

I give unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being of the New Zealand Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund the sum of pounds sterling, to be paid out of my personal estate, in aid of the said Fund, now administered under the direction of the New Zealand Conference and for which the receipt of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be a sufficient discharge.

QUESTION VI.—What is the Report of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund ?

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix B, p. xiii.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

1. The Committee begs to report that the business of this Fund continues to increase and also to enjoy a gratifying measure of prosperity. During the past year forty proposals have been received and accepted in respect of new insurances or of additional sums, consequent upon improvements to properties already in the office, representing an insurable value of £10,515. On the other hand, there has been a withdrawal from the books of insurable property amounting to £650; £400 of this has been owing to the demolition of old buildings, £200 the sale of a property, and £50 a decrease in insurable value of a church. This leaves a net increase for the year of £9,865.

2. The amount of church property upon which levies are now paid is £111,200. The properties included in this sum are distributed over the Districts as follows:—Auckland, £20,458; Wanganui, £12,182; Wellington, £11,904; Nelson, £9,080; Canterbury, £39,036; and Otago, £18,540.

3. There have been two fires during the year, one at Greymouth and the other at Pahiataua; but, happily, they were arrested in the incipient stage, and the total losses involved were covered by an expenditure of £10 15s.

4. After payment of re-insurance charges and expenses incidental to the working of the fund, the sum of £350 has been added to interest-bearing deposits as the result of the operations of the past year. The total amount of cash on deposit now stands at £1,550, and the Guarantee Fund at £13,260.

5. As per Conference rule, Mr J. C. Prudhoe retires from membership of the committee. In connection with his retirement, the committee desires to place on record its warm appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr Prudhoe from the commencement of the Fund until the present time. Mr R. W. England is recommended to fill the vacancy created by Mr Prudhoe's retirement.

6. The Committee desires to express its warm thanks to the Superintendents and Trustees of Church Property for the deep interest shown in the prosperity of the Fund, and begs to invite such a continuance of this co-operation in the future as shall in due course secure to the church itself the advantage derivable from the control of this department of its affairs.

Signed on behalf of, and by order of, the Committee,

HENRY BULL,

SECRETARY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-Sheet be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Committee for its services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—Rev. H. Bull, the Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street) and Christchurch (South) Circuits, with Messrs. J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, E. C. Brown, H. Buttle, C. E. Salter, and R. W. England.

3. The Conference expresses its gratification at the continued prosperity of this Connexional Fund, and commends its practical support to the Superintendents of Circuits and Trustees of Church Properties throughout the Colony.
4. That the Treasurers of the Connexional Trust Properties be requested to consider the advisability of effecting insurances in the Connexional Office.

QUESTION VII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Connexional Secretaryship ?

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix C, p. xiv.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee reports that the duties of the Connexional Secretary's office have been discharged by the Rev. H. Bull to its entire satisfaction. Though the work relating to the several departments under his direction is—with the growth of the church—becoming increasingly laborious and exacting, Mr Bull, besides taking regular services in nearly all the circuits of Canterbury, has yet found time to visit the Wellington District twice during the year. A highly gratifying resolution of the Wellington Synod records its thanks, and hearty appreciation of the valuable services thus rendered by him in the advocacy of Home Missions and in the interests of the Loan Fund, Church Property, and Fire Insurance work.

The Committee cordially recommends the re-appointment of the Rev. H. Bull as Connexional Secretary for the ensuing year.

The following appropriations for the necessary financial provision for the year are recommended, *viz.* :—Church Building and Loan Fund, £175; Contingent Fund, £175; Home Mission Fund, £60; Fire Insurance Fund, £90; Authorised Representatives Office, £25.

Mr J. C. Prudhoe is the retiring member, as per Conference rule, and Mr John Thompson is appointed in his place. The Committee desires to express its high appreciation of the faithful and valuable services rendered by Mr Prudhoe during the eleven years he has served on the Committee.

The Committee recommends that its constitution be enlarged so as to include the Superintendent Ministers of the Papanui and Christchurch Mission Circuits with Messrs. J. L. Scott and R. H. Turner.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-Sheet of the Committee, and the report of the Connexional Secretary, be adopted.
2. That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. H. Bull for his valuable services as Connexional Secretary during the past year, and that he be re-appointed for the ensuing year; also, that Mr G. H. Blackwell be appointed Treasurer.
3. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year :—The Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street), Christchurch (South), Christchurch (St. Albans), Christchurch Methodist Mission, Papanui, Lyttelton, and Kaiapoi Circuits, together with Messrs G. H. Blackwell, J. T. Smith, A. F. Drayton, E. C. Brown, A. K. England, John Thompson, J. L. Scott, R. H. Turner, and the Connexional Secretary.

4. That the duties of the Connexional Secretary be:—(a) To act as General Secretary and as one of the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund; also as Secretary and one of the Treasurers of the Fire Insurance Fund. (b) To act as General Secretary of Church Property, Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds. (c) To act as Corresponding Secretary of Home Missions. (d) To give attention to the spiritual needs of growing and neglected districts in the colony. (e) To confer with and advise the Trustees of the various Connexional properties. (f) To correspond with the Government on all questions of Church property or titles. And (g) generally to take such other steps in conjunction with the Chairmen of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits as will best conserve and extend the interests of the Church in this colony.
5. That the following appropriations be made in order to secure the necessary financial provision for the office:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £175; Contingent Fund, £175; Home Mission Fund, £60; Fire Insurance Fund, £90; Authorised Representative's Office, £25.

QUESTION VIII.—What is the condition of the various Mission, Educational, and General Connexional Trust Properties and Investments in the Colony?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. General Connexional Mission Property Trust.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xv.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the request of the Northern Wairoa Circuit that the fee simple of the land now and for the past twenty-one years occupied for Parsonage purposes be transferred to Trustees for the Circuit, be granted, and that the Auckland Mission Trustees be authorised to transfer the property accordingly.

That the matter of leasing the Kawhia Mission Property be left with the Mission Property Trustees, to act in concert with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

2. Native Education Trust.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xvi.

3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xvii

RESOLUTION.

That, in view of the unproductiveness of the properties held, the Trustees be recommended to consider the advisability of selling the same.

4. Probert Trust.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, pp. xviii-xix.

RESOLUTION.

That the Probert Trustees be requested in future balance-sheets to specify separately the amounts expended in repairs, maintenance, etc., instead of a lump sum.

5. Auckland Book Association.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xx.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

6. Grey Institute.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xxi.

RESOLUTION.

That, while recognising the excellent work done by the Grey Institute Trustees in the past, the Conference nevertheless suggests the advisability of the Trustees taking into their favourable consideration the advisability of enlarging the Trust.

7. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xxii.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

8. Native and Destitute Children's Education Trust.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, pp. xxiii-xxiv.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the special thanks of this Conference be presented to Mr W. J. Harland for his efficient services in connection with this Trust.

That, with respect to the resolutions of last Conference (Minutes 1904, p. 48), as there are so many difficulties in the way of carrying into effect the wishes of Conference in regard to the combined administration of the Wellington and Auckland Endowments as expressed in such resolutions, it is inadvisable to proceed further in the direction indicated.

That the Trustees of the Wellington Endowment be recommended to consult their counsel as to the advisability of obtaining leave from the Supreme Court to accumulate the Trust Funds until they are sufficient for the establishment and maintenance of an Institution in accordance with the requirements of the Endowment.

That the time has now arrived when steps should be taken to establish a Children's Home in or near the City of Wellington to fulfil the conditions of the Endowment.

That the following be a Committee to institute and manage such Home:—
The Trustees of the Educational Endowment in Wellington *ex-officio*, the Ministers of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits, Messrs G. Tiller, C. H. Jones, H. Brittain, C. W. Benbow, Arnold, J. K. Powell, H. Sanson, Willis, J. W. Copithorne, Evans, W. Fuller, Norwood, T. Dickson, W. Walton, J. R. Jones, W. Howe, A. Jolly, E. Tonks, W. Redstone, W. Dimock, T. Cooper, J. Danks, C. E. Luxford, W. H. Green. W. Redstone, Convener.

That such Committee be authorised to appeal for financial and other assistance towards the Home.

That the Treasurers of the Century Commemoration Fund be authorised to pay to the Committee of Management the amount held by them for the purposes of an Orphanage.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

9. Canterbury Home Mission Trust.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xxv.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

In reference to the above Trusts, it was resolved:—

1. That the Balance-Sheets be adopted.

2. That a brief report of what has been done in connection with these properties be submitted with the Balance-Sheets.
3. That the Treasurers or Trustees of all Legacies or Endowments held on behalf of the Church should present each year a statement showing how the Funds are invested, and any change which may have been made during the year, and that an entry of the same be made annually in the Journal.
4. That the Mission Property Trustees be requested to collect all available information relating to the acquisition of all mission and educational properties held by the Conference, and the purposes for which the properties were acquired; the Trustees to report to the ensuing Conference.
5. Enquiry having been made as to whether the decision of the Supreme Court at Wellington in the recent friendly suit over the Wellington Educational Trust, and particularly that part of the decision which recognises the Conference as the successor of the original grantee, with power to appoint trustees, upon death or resignation, is to be regarded as applying to all connexional properties in the colony, granted by the Crown upon similar trusts, the Conference resolved as follows:—That the Rev. H. Bull, with Messrs C. E. Salter and J. A. Fleisher, be appointed a committee to consider the nature and scope of the above-named decision and report to the Conference of 1906. That any expense incurred by the committee be borne by the Contingent Fund.

QUESTION IX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Theological and Training Institution?

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix E, p xxvi.

The Reports of the Treasurer, Governor, and Head Master were presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be adopted.
2. That Mr G. A. Buttle, Treasurer of the Theological Institution, be thanked for his services and re-appointed.
3. That a separate account be presented showing the Income and Expenditure in connection with the Theological Institution.
4. That the Minister appointed to the Pastoral oversight of the Students be known as Governor of the Theological and Training Institution.
5. That the Principal of Wesley College, Three Kings, be appointed to the Governorship of the Theological Institution, and be empowered to arrange the Students' Preaching Services..
6. That the Theological Training of the Students be provided for by the appointment of Ministers as Lecturers, each Lecturer to receive an honorarium of not more than £15 per annum.
7. That the Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits be a Committee of Discipline for the Theological Institution (the Governor to be convener); and that meetings of the Committee be held in the months of June and October, in addition to any that may be specially summoned at other times; the Governor convener.
8. That the Treasurer be authorised to pay the fees for Theological Students attending University College Lectures.

9. That quarterage be allowed to each Student at the rate of £2 per quarter.
10. That the Students be allowed to remain for a period of not less than three years at the College, unless called out in cases of necessity by the President.
11. That all agreements with Students and Candidates for repaying the cost of their training in the event of their retiring from the Ministry of the Church within a period of ten years from the time of their being received into the Ministry be drawn up in legal form and kept in the custody of the Governor, who shall be responsible for the signing of the same by each Candidate received.
12. That in order to assist in the support of additional Theological Students at Prince Albert College, and to aid in their higher education, this Conference trusts that some of our wealthy laymen will see their way to found bursaries or scholarships.
13. That a copy of the Annual Report of the Theological Institution for the year ending October 31st be furnished by the Governor to each Chairman of District in time to lay before his Synod.
14. That the sanction of the Conference be given to the necessary appropriations for the training of six European Students for the Ministry at Prince Albert College.

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QUESTION X.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting our Educational Institutions ?

I.—WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.

For Balance sheet, *see* Appendix F, p. xxvii.

Report of Principal was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Principal's Report be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. H. Simmonds for his faithful and acceptable services in connection with the training of Native Scholars at Three Kings College, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1905, viz. :—The Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with Messrs. J. Heron, F. L. Prime, J. Edson, T. Buddle, T. McMaster, G. Winstone, S. J. Ambury, P. H. Mason, A. C. Caughey, T. Allen, J. Gunson, F. W. Wilson, G. Hatcher, J. Veale, and W. Winstone.
4. That the school curriculum be arranged for instruction up to the Matriculation Grade.
5. The Conference urges that a collection at one Sunday service be made during 1905 in all our churches for the Three Kings College Building Fund; that the Principal of the College and the Treasurer, Mr A. C. Caughey, be requested to visit circuits in this behalf wherever possible, the collection in this case to be made on the occasion of their visit; that in all cases where such visit cannot be made the collection be taken on the first Sunday in November, where practicable.

II.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

The Reports of the Head Master and of the Chairman of the Board of Governors were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference learns with much satisfaction of the marked success of the Prince Albert College as shown by the very large percentage of honours gained by the pupils, and warmly commends the Institution to the hearty support of parents and guardians desirous of securing for their children a high-class education on a sound moral and religious basis.
2. That the Conference gives full power to the Board of Governors and Trustees to take whatever course they may deem necessary in the future interests of the Institution.
3. That, in accordance with the rule relating to the government of the College, the following be the members of the Board of Governors appointed by the Conference:—Revs. J. H. Simmonds, J. J. Lewis, and J. A. Luxford, with Messrs. A. C. Caughey, W. S. Allen, M.A., S. J. Ambury, and the Chairman of the District, *ex officio*.

QUESTION XI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Connexional Funds?

I.—THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix G, p. xxviii.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., and Mr E. Rosevear for their services as Treasurers during the past year, and that they be re-appointed for 1905.
3. That the Reports of the General Treasurer be bound up with the copies of the Conference Minutes.
4. That attention be called to the Resolutions of the General Conference requiring that Circuit Levies be paid Quarterly to the Conference Treasurers, who shall remit as early as possible to the Board of Treasurers.
5. That the Treasurers write to each Minister owing arrears and fines who has not already made arrangements with the General Treasurers, drawing attention to the Regulations adopted at the last General Conference.
6. That the Treasurers call the attention of the Ministers who joined at the time of Union, but have not yet purchased benefits into the Fund, to the advisability of doing so at once.
7. That all moneys in connection with this Fund should go through the hands of the Chairmen of Districts to the Conference Treasurers.

GRANTS AND PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND.

The following Resolution of the General Conference is now in force:—
That until the next General Conference—

- (a) The payment to annuitants shall be on Scale C.

- (b) That furniture grants be restored to the amounts latterly paid—viz., £40 to Ministers of 15 years of standing or over, and £20 to Ministers between 5 and 15 years of standing.
- (c) That the payments to annuitants on Scale C be retrospective, as from 1st January, 1904.
- (d) That the amount of furniture grants be paid as per Clause (b) to claimants for 1903 and 1904.

SCALE C.

Minister's Standing.	PAYMENTS.		Minister's Standing.	PAYMENTS.	
	Supernumeraries.	Widows.		Supernumeraries.	Widows.
8	35·000	20·000	27	66·747	40·143
9	36·098	20·812	28	69·471	41·675
10	37·231	21·641	29	72·355	43·285
11	38·405	22·460	30	75·411	44·994
12	39·621	23·356	31	78·648	46·810
13	40·885	24·245	32	82·076	48·747
14	42·200	25·156	33	85·511	50·822
15	43·571	26·092	34	89·559	53·055
16	45·004	27·053	35	93·641	55·469
17	46·504	28·043	36	97·972	57·975
18	48·077	29·063	37	102·570	60·633
19	49·730	30·115	38	107·454	63·452
20	51·470	31·204	39	112·651	66·443
21	53·304	32·331	40	118·193	69·621
22	55·241	33·493	41	124·095	72·999
23	57·208	34·717	42	130·416	76·593
24	59·453	35·983	43	137·199	80·420
25	61·746	37·306	44	144·500	84·500
26	64·175	38·690			

PLAMPIN BEQUEST FUND.

Rev. H. Bull, Treasurer, presented the Report and Balance Sheet, which showed:—Interest on investments for 1904, £50 14s. 6d.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the Rev. H. Bull be re-appointed Treasurer.
3. That the sum of £50 be distributed to six needy cases.
4. That the Rev. J. G. Chapman be appointed Agent in Wanganui to forward to the Treasurer all moneys arising from interest on the Wanganui investment.

II.—THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix G, p. xxix.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet now presented be adopted.
2. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. P. W. Fairclough and Mr J. H. Helliwell for their services as Treasurers of the Fund during the past year, and that they be re-appointed Treasurers for the ensuing year.
3. That the Assessment for the ensuing year be 15 per cent.
4. That the Three Kings Institution and the Connexional Secretary's Committee be assessed in the interests of the Children's and Contingent Funds on the basis of Circuits.
5. That the payments on account of the Children's Fund be £8 10s for each child per year.
6. That the levies for the Children's Fund and Contingent Fund shall be made upon the current "expenditure" of the Circuit, such expenditure to be reported to the Treasurers, and to be printed in the Minutes.
7. That the term "Circuit Expenditure" shall, as far as these Funds are concerned, be understood to be the amounts of Ministers' Stipend and Connexional Charges due for the year.
N.B.—It shall be understood to exclude all payments made or amounts due for house rent for Ministers, furnishing Ministers' houses, and costs of removal of Ministers, and all other items of Circuit expenditure.
8. That for the purposes of the Children's Fund there shall be deducted from the expenditure so ascertained the sum of £120 for each Married Minister and £80 for each Single Minister in the Circuit, and the levy shall be made on the net amount.
9. That all matters in dispute regarding this Fund be referred to the Treasurers for settlement.

III.—THE CONTINGENT FUND.

(For Balance Sheet and Table of Circuit Levies see Appendix G, pp. xxxiii.-xxxix.)

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the Rev. H. R. Dewsbury and Mr J. C. Prudhoe be thanked for their services as Treasurers, and that they be re-appointed for the ensuing year.
3. That the levy for the present year be $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. upon the current expenditure of the Circuit, as reported to the Treasurers, and printed in the Minutes.
4. That in every Circuit where a Home Missionary is employed under the charge of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, the expenditure on behalf of the Home Missionary be deducted from the taxable amount.
5. That any cases of over-taxation be referred to the Treasurers of the Fund.

6. The following are the ordinary charges on this Fund as sanctioned by Conference :—
- a* Travelling expenses of Ministerial and Lay Representatives to the General Conference.
 - b* Travelling expenses to the Annual Conference (to include official charges and incidental expenses) of Chairmen and Representatives of Districts, Secretary of Conference, General Secretary of Church Property, and the Methodist Editor of the *Outlook*, also expenses of Probationers proceeding to Conference for ordination by direction of their Synods.
 - c* Travelling expenses of Ministers and District Secretaries of Church Property attending the District Synods.
 - d* Expenses of Chairmen travelling in Districts on official business.
 - e* Postage Allowances :—President and Secretary of Conference, £5 each ; Chairmen of Districts, £2 each.
 - f* Cost of Conference and Synod Stationery, printing and postage, also of Ordination Bibles.
 - g* Printing Conference Agenda, Minutes of Conference, and Society Tickets.
 - h* Cost of medical examination of Candidates for the Ministry.
 - i* Contingent expenses and telephone charges of Methodist Editor of *Outlook*.
 - j* Amount required for Supernumerary Fund for Ministers coming from England.
 - k* Half the cost of supplies for deceased and disabled Ministers.
7. That special cases of ministerial affliction, when such claims are not paid by the Quarterly Meetings, be recognised as having a claim upon the Contingent Fund.
8. That a copy of the Minutes be supplied gratis to every Minister and Home Missionary, to the Lay Treasurers of Connexional Funds, and to each Lay Representative attending Conference.
9. That the cost of supply for the ex-President's Circuit during the latter's visit to Australia on Supernumerary Fund business be borne by the Contingent Fund.
10. That the travelling expenses to Conference of the Rev. G. F. Stockwell, directed by his Synod to present himself for medical examination, be a charge on this Fund.
11. That half the cost of the removal expenses of the Minister appointed to the Opunake Circuit be a charge on this Fund.
12. That the expense of the Committee appointed to consider the effect of the recent Supreme Court decision be borne by this Fund.
13. That £50 be voted from the Contingent Fund towards the support of the Organising Agent already appointed by the General Committee directing the Bible in Schools movement.

IV.—CENTURY COMMEMORATION FUND.

(For Balance Sheets, see Appendix G, p. xxx.-xxxii.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The amount received during the year has been £160 14s 6d ; interest on investment £17 8s 2d ; and the amount paid by Treasurers to Church Trusts £194 1s 9d, and to Foreign Missions £8 17s.

Expenses of General Treasurers, including bonus of £50 voted to the Rev. W. Lee, £54 6s.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, deposit in Building Society, £600.
Cash balance in bank, £86 9s 7d.

Of the total balance, the following appropriations are made:—Orphanage, £477 8s 8d; Parsonages: Otautau £100, Inglewood £50, Malvern £55.

The Committee resolved that, after the payment of incidental expenses, any unallocated amount in the hands of the Treasurers should be added to the grant made to Orphanage.

H. R. DEWSBURY,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

January 17th, 1905.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheets be received and adopted.
2. That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. H. R. Dewsbury (Secretary), and to the Rev. W. Lee and Mr. G. H. Blackwell (Treasurers) for their faithful services during the year, and that the Rev. W. Lee and Mr. G. H. Blackwell be re-appointed Treasurers.
3. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Central Committee for their services, and that they be now discharged.
4. That, out of the amount held on account of Malvern Circuit, the debt due to the Church Building and Loan Fund on the Oxford Parsonage be first discharged, the balance to be devoted to a parsonage to be erected at Sheffield.

QUESTION XII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Foreign Missions?

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix H, pp. xl.-xli.

A Statement of Income for 1904 was presented by the Rev. W. Slade.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Statement of Income be received and adopted.
2. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the General Secretary (Rev. J. N. Buttle) and to Rev. J. N. Buttle and Mr. W. Ambury (Treasurers), for their services during the past year, and that they be re-appointed.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee for its work during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1905:—The Superintendents of the New Plymouth and Waitara Circuits, the Rev. W. Cannell, and Messrs. J. Whittaker, R. Neal, S. B. White, F. Okey, W. Hooker, W. A. Collis, W. Ambury, G. Pearce, J. C. Peach, T. P. Hughson, and J. R. Chatterton.
4. That the Conference directs that in each Circuit and Home Mission Station sermons be preached on one Sunday in each year in all our churches, and collections made at such services, in aid of Foreign Missions; also, that public meetings for the advocacy of Foreign Missions be held in each church, at which collections shall be made for the Fund; also, that wherever practicable subscriptions be solicited.

5. That the Conference hears with great satisfaction of the excellent work done for our Island Missions by the Otago Ladies' Auxiliary. It prays that all grace and blessing may accompany the Missionary Sister, Miss Jenness, about to set out for New Guinea, supported by this Auxiliary. The Conference commends Foreign Mission work to the women of New Zealand Methodism, and urges the formation of similar Auxiliaries in other parts of the Colony.
6. That the Foreign Mission Sunday be the first Sunday in August, and that meetings held during that week bear relation to Foreign Mission Work.
7. That with a view to promote the systematic support of Foreign Missions, our people be requested more generally to adopt the Collecting Cards and Mercy Boxes provided by the Mission House.
8. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the anonymous donor of £50 in the Cargill Road Circuit, and also to the two donors of £100 each from the Waimate Circuit.
9. That the attention of the officials in Sunday Schools, where nothing has been done in the interests of the Fund, be drawn to the claims of Foreign Missions, with a view to institute efforts in aid of the same.
10. That the Mission Office be asked to forward new sets of Missionary Lantern Slides.
11. That the Foreign Mission Secretary's travelling expenses to Conference be paid out of the Missionary Income.
12. That all income, together with lists of contributors, be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Secretary not later than December 31st in each year, and that all moneys received after that date be carried forward into the following year.
13. That the General Secretary, in conjunction with Chairmen of Districts, arrange a plan of deputations to cover the whole of the Colony.
14. That Circuit Superintendents be requested to call the attention of congregations to our Mission literature, with a view to secure a wider circulation.
15. That the Conference direct Home Mission Stations to send in returns of amounts raised for this Fund separate from the returns of the Circuit to which they are attached.
16. That the duty of sending Maori Agents to assist in the evangelisation of the heathen of the South Seas be urged on our Maori congregations, and an opportunity afforded any suitable volunteers from among the Maori people to proceed to that work.
17. That the Conference desires to place on record its thankfulness to God for the growing interest manifested in the work of Foreign Missions, as evidenced in the encouraging increase in the contributions to the Fund, and once more places the claims of the "imperial cause" before our people for their generous support. The Conference rejoices in the fact that no less than 38 Native Agents are supported by various C.E. Societies, Sunday Schools, and private friends in New Zealand. It commends this branch of the work to the favourable consideration of those who are stewards of the Lord's substance. The appeals for increased missionary help are urgent, and a great opportunity is presented to us of sending forward the Kingdom of God. The Conference urges the people of our churches to give themselves to prayer for success in this glorious enterprise.

18. That the Conference gratefully acknowledges the liberality of our people, who have contributed in 1904 £1758 19s 6d to the support of Foreign Missions, an increase of £358 3s 8d on the previous year.
19. That, in regard to the visit of the Rev J. W. Burton in aid of the Special Fund, the Conference recommends that the allocation of his time be made by Chairmen of Districts and the Foreign Mission Secretary before Conference disperses, and that Local Circuit Meetings be arranged by Chairmen of Districts and Circuit Superintendents; also, that Mr. Burton be retained for five months. The Conference also recommends that in arranging meetings full consideration be given to the needs of outlying districts.
20. That, as regards the Annual Foreign Mission effort, the Chairmen of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits be urged to make the best arrangements possible, and attention is drawn to the visit of Dr. Torr, who will, when not otherwise engaged, address meetings on behalf of the Fund.
21. That, with the object of giving fresh interest to the meetings, the Conference recommends that the Foreign Mission Secretary be authorised to arrange with the Board of Missions for the visit of a native Fijian deputation in 1906.
22. That the Conference expresses its sympathy with the missionaries in Fiji in the difficulties and anxieties they experience owing to the insecure tenure of native church sites, and hopes the Board of Missions will take whatever steps are necessary to place such sites on a more secure basis.
23. That, for the stimulation of our people, the list of circuits, societies, and individuals who are supporting teachers in the Foreign Mission Field be printed in the Minutes of Conference and *The Outlook*.

MISSIONARY FORWARD MOVEMENT.

The following scheme for a series of Missionary Conventions is remitted to the District Synods for consideration and report to next Conference:—

1. That Missionary Conventions be held throughout the Colony and suitable persons be designated to conduct them.
2. That the conventions consist of three sessions, of which one shall be for ministers alone. Admission to the other sessions to be by ticket, and every effort to be made to secure the attendance of all who hold office in our church.
3. That all the ministers attend one of the conventions in their respective districts and that their travelling expenses be paid.
4. That no collections be taken except for the expenses of the conventions.
5. That a District Foreign Missionary Committee be appointed which shall, in consultation with the New Zealand General Secretary, make all arrangements for the conventions.
6. That the week preceding the conventions be observed in all the circuits as a week of special missionary intercession, arrangements to be made by the District Committee.
7. That a personal appeal for service and support be addressed to all our members through the ministers and leaders of the classes.

8. That a simultaneous canvass of all our seat-holders and adherents with their families be made at some specified time with a view to securing from all persons connected with us regular contributions to the missionary cause.
9. That on the Sunday following the Intercession Week and preceding the Conventions the canvass shall close with special missionary services in all our churches.
10. That to exhibit the urgent need of a large, immediate and sustained advance, both in offers of personal service and in regular contributions to the cause, Conference authorises the publication, prior to the Conventions, of a statement of the present needs of our Foreign Missions, prepared under the direction of the Missionary Committee.

QUESTION XIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund ?

The Report of the Home Mission Executive and Balance Sheet for 1904, and also the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1905, were presented by the General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet for the past year, and the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1905, be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
(See Appendix I. pp. xlii.-xlv.)
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. J. Lewis and Mr F. L. Prime for their services as General and Financial Secretaries and also as Treasurers of the Fund for the past year, and that they be re-appointed to these offices for 1905.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Executive Committee for their services during the past year; and that the following gentlemen be the Executive Committee for 1905, viz.: The General and Financial Secretaries, the Rev H. Bull (Corresponding Secretary), the Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with Messrs T. Buddle, P. H. Mason, T. Allen, S. J. Ambury, A. C. Caughey, J. Heron, W. S. Allen, M.A., J. Edson, J. E. Wheeler, J. W. Shackelford, T. McMaster, T. W. Jones, P. Crowe, J. Buttle, G. H. Fleming, J. C. Allen, and J. Veale.
4. That the rules and regulations of the Fund (as published in the Annual Report) be re-affirmed.
5. That the Secretary of each District Synod forward to the General Secretary, immediately after each District Synod, a statement of the receipts and expenditure on account of the Fund within the District, with list of applications for grants to be laid before the Conference, and estimates of income for the following year.
6. That the Conference records its thankfulness to God for the increased interest shown in the Fund, as proved by the enlarged contributions of so many of the Circuits.
7. That the time has come for the Conference to adopt a more progressive church extension policy, both as regards the raising of funds and the strengthening of our position throughout the colony. That the Home Mission Executive consider, and report to the next District Synods and Conference (a.) as to the best means of increasing the

interest of our people in the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund ; (b.) as to how the administration of its affairs can be made more efficient and better adapted to the present requirements of the church ; and (c.) especially as to the desirability of the Executive Committee being invested with greater powers of initiative, and the appointing of District Committees of Advice.

8. That the Home Mission Executive be requested to issue the Annual Reports as soon as possible after the close of Conference.
9. That the special attention of Superintendents be directed to the importance of adopting systematic methods in all our Circuits, with a view of deepening the interest in and increasing the income of the Home Mission Fund. To this end the Conference recommends :—
 - 1.) That wherever practicable Home Missionary Prayer Meetings be held.
 - (2.) That interesting facts relating to the progress of Christian work in Home Mission Circuits, as well as on Home Mission Stations, be published in *The Outlook*.
 - (3.) That Home Mission Boxes be introduced more freely into the homes of our people.
 - (4.) That the Blake system be brought more extensively into use.
 - (5.) And in particular that the services of Lady Collectors be employed in each of our Circuits and Home Mission Stations to secure personal subscriptions, and thus augment the income of the Fund.
10. That a retiring collection be made in all our congregations on behalf of the Home Mission Fund, the matter to be first brought before the Quarterly Meetings concerned, and the effort to be made before the end of September ; also, that the General Secretary be directed to forward to every Minister a brief appeal setting forth the special need for increased help, the appeal to be read from the pulpit on the Sunday preceding the collection.
11. That no grant be made from the Home Mission Fund to any Circuit where Church Anniversary Services have not been held.
12. That a copy of the Report be presented to every subscriber of five shillings and over.
13. That each Home Mission Station be under the supervision of the Superintendent of the nearest Circuit whenever so directed by Conference.
14. That before any new Station is opened or Home Missionary placed in charge of such Station, steps be taken to ascertain what sum is available for paying his stipend.
15. That with a view to overtaking the needs of new districts constantly being opened up, in making the ordinary grants to Circuits, the precedent of the English Conference be followed, and that the grants be made on a sliding scale, diminishing from year to year, such intimation being printed in the Minutes.
16. That the General Treasurers publish in the *Outlook*, at least once a quarter, the amounts received by them from the several Circuit Treasurers up to date, in order that it may be seen whether the remittances have been promptly made ; also, that extracts from the reports of the agents be occasionally made through the paper.
17. That in our large town and city congregations the employment of Deaconesses be encouraged.

18. That, as soon as practicable, Ministers or Probationers be appointed to Home Mission Stations.
19. That the Rev W. Gittos be the Home Mission deputation to the Wellington District during the year.
20. That the Home Mission Executive be left free to exercise their judgment as to the general fitness of applicants for Home Mission work, without being necessarily bound to select men who will regard Home Mission work as a stepping-stone to the Ministry.
21. That, where possible, Laymen be associated with Ministers in Home Mission Deputation Work.
22. That there be a reversion to the original method of commencing consideration of Home Mission affairs at the top of the sheet instead of at the place where the Conference meets.
23. That the Home Mission Executive be instructed to consider the status and needs of our Maori ministers with a view of taking such steps as may be necessary to improve their position and of securing the most efficient men for the Maori work.
24. That the location of the Rev A. J. Seamer be remitted to the Home Mission Executive.
25. That arrangements be made by the Home Mission Executive and the Chairman of the Canterbury District for the visitation of the natives of that District.
26. That it be a recommendation to the Home Mission Executive to take into consideration all the places which have been relieved of their obligation to take a married man, and seek from them a larger revenue to the Home Mission Fund.
27. That the Executive Committee take into consideration the advisability of preparing the annual report in a more attractive form, omitting much of the detailed statement of circuit returns, &c., illustrating it with portraits of Maori missionaries and others, churches, and other objects of interest and by reducing the size and cost to make it possible to place a copy in every Methodist home.
28. That in the case of Eketahuna, an additional grant of £20 be made on condition that the stipend be increased by a like amount.
29. That Conference call the attention of Christian Endeavour Societies to the urgent claims of the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund, and appeals to them for financial help in the evangelisation of New Zealand.
30. That the Conference directs the Chairmen of Districts to enforce the rule which requires every Home Missionary to furnish a report in duplicate half-yearly to the Executive Committee through the Chairman of the District.

RETIRING ALLOWANCES FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. Every Home Missionary retiring from the work with the full approval of the Executive Committee and on the recommendation of the Synod of his District shall be entitled to an allowance on the following scale :—

(a) For five years' service, £25. No shorter term to have any claim.

(b) For each additional year of service £5 shall be added, but no payment shall exceed a total of £100.

These payments to be a charge on the Home Mission Fund.

2. If at any time a Home Missionary be compelled to leave the work through misconduct he shall not be entitled to any allowance.
3. In the event of any Home Missionary being removed by death the sum that would be otherwise due to him shall be paid to his widow or to his children, or to his parents if the said parents are dependent; otherwise it shall revert to the Fund.
4. The above scheme shall take effect from the year 1900 in its application to the men now in the work.
5. The Home Mission Executive shall be empowered to give additional help to Home Missionaries whose many years of service may entitle them to special consideration.

QUESTION XIV. — What is the Number of Members in our Churches ?

Sept. 1904	Sept. 1903	Sept. 1904	Sept. 1903
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.		WANGANUI DISTRICT.	
708 Auckland (Pitt Street)	645	261 New Plymouth	293
105 Newton Meth. Mission		233 Waitara	270
129 Auckland (Freeman's B.)	138	108 Stratford	101
224 „ (North Shore)	210	74 Eltham	46
239 „ (Grafton Rd.)	239	175 Hawera	155
113 Mahurangi	100	85 Opunake	73
123 Thames	131	246 Wanganui	223
261 Upper Thames	218	40 Rangitikei	39
185 Manukau	176	105 Sandon	108
212 Franklin	214	94 Feilding	83
140 Cambridge	138	310 Palmerston North	323
197 Hamilton	180	45 Kimbolton	49
112 Paparoa	120	20 Mangaweka	} 52
129 Northern Wairoa	127	38 Taihape	
92 Whangarei	95	34 Waimarino	32
50 Coromandel	58		
48 Helensville	47	1868 (Increase, 21)	1847
8 Rotorua	—		
56 Tauranga	44	WELLINGTON DISTRICT.	
38 Bay of Islands	55	497 Wellington (Taranaki St.)	496
15 Hokianga	15	178 „ (South)	166
35 Whangaroa	41	185 „ Hutt	170
		168 Greytown	154
3219 (Increase, 228)	2991	(continued.)	

Sept. 1903	Sept 1904	Sept. 1904	Sept. 1903
WELLINGTON DIST.—(continued).		OTAGO DISTRICT.	
164 Masterton	160	299 Dunedin (Trinity)	300
171 Napier	123	335 " (Central Mis'n)	331
97 Hastings	82	327 Cargill Road	314
110 Gisborne	97	281 Dunedin (Mornington)	278
57 Eketahuna	54	85 Port Chalmers	88
76 Dannevirke	58	50 Balclutha	57
116 Levin-Otaki	98	58 Milton	61
34 Waipawa	27	81 Lawrence	81
101 Woodville	107	89 Invercargill	149
79 Pahiatua	73	132 Oamaru	133
61 Norsewood	50	85 Gore	71
2094 (Increase, 179)	1915	71 Otautau	} 91
NELSON DISTRICT.		35 Riverton-Orepuki	
168 Nelson	160	50 Roxburgh	65
130 Richmond	132	62 Cromwell	66
153 Blenheim	163	10 Wakatipu	10
74 Hokitika	66	25 Tapanui	21
159 Greymouth	157	23 Palmerston	24
125 Motueka	126	2098 (Decrease, 42)	2140
106 Reefton	107	MAORI MEMBERS.	
57 Westport	55	600 Hokianga	512
36 Kumara	35	256 Kaipara	256
40 Havelock	35	241 Waikato	236
1048 (Increase, 12)	1036	228 Whangaroa	212
CANTERBURY DISTRICT.		30 West Coast Mission	29
805 Ch'church (Durham St.)	} 853	1355 (Increase, 110) 1245	
112 " Meth. Miss'n			
336 " (South)	328	TOTALS.	
201 " (St. Albans)	194	13924 European Members	13430
136 " (Papanui)	136	(Increase, 494).	
80 Lyttelton	84	1355 Maori Members	1245
124 Springston	} 205	(Increase, 110)	---
95 Tai Tapu			
158 Leeston	170	15279 (Total Increase, 604)	14675
284 Kaiapoi	299		
269 Rangiora	278		
32 Oxford	29		
36 Amberley and Waikari	30		
241 Timaru	207		
178 Waimate	178		
62 Temuka	64		
186 Ashburton	177		
143 Willowby	144		
48 Malvern	46		
39 Methven	38		
— Cheviot	16		
32 Bank's Peninsula	25		
3597 (Increase, 96)	3501		

For General Returns, Summaries, &c., see Appendix J, pp. xlvi.-liv.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Statistical Secretaries for their services during the past year, and that the following be appointed for 1905:—

Auckland District: Rev. W. Grigg.

Wanganui District: Rev. J. G. Chapman.

Wellington District: Rev. S. J. Garlick.

Nelson District: Rev. G. W. J. Spence.

Canterbury District: Rev. R. J. Murray.

Otago District: Rev. W. A. Sinclair.

QUESTION XV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting our Sunday Schools?

For Sunday School Returns, *see* Appendix J, pp. xlvi.-liv.

The Annual Sunday School Report was presented by the General Secretary, Rev. G. W. J. Spence.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the General Report on Sunday Schools be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev G. W. J. Spence be thanked for his services as General Secretary of Sunday Schools, and that he be re-appointed
3. That the Statistical Secretaries forward their returns, together with a report on the state of the schools within their respective Districts, immediately after the Synods, to the General Secretary, who shall prepare a Sunday School report of the whole Colony, to be laid before the Annual Conference.
4. That the following inquiries be made, and returns obtained from every Circuit, by the Statistical Secretaries:—1. Number of Schools; 2. Number of Scholars; 3. Average attendance; 4. Number of Teachers; 5. Average attendance; 6. Number of Teachers Church Members; 7. Number of Scholars Church Members; 8. Number of Scholars Junior Members; 9 Number of Volumes in Library; 10. Number of Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.
5. That the Conference regrets to observe that in a large number of our Schools neither the Conference Catechisms nor the Tablets are used. It calls the attention of our Ministers and of the Teachers' Meetings to this matter, and recommends the adoption of the International Lessons and Tablets.
6. That the Conference affectionately urges upon parents the importance of daily and systematic reading of the Holy Scriptures in their homes, and suggests to the Superintendents and Teachers of our Sunday Schools the importance of encouraging their scholars to commit to memory regularly portions of God's Holy Word.
7. That the Conference directs all our preachers to earnestly and affectionately exhort parents to bring their children to the regular Church services.

8. That, profoundly impressed with the desirability of gaining our Sunday scholars for Christ and His Church, the Conference affectionately directs the attention of the Teachers' and Leaders' Meetings to the provisions whereby the boys and girls of our Church, who have intelligently accepted Christ, may be reckoned as Junior Members, and advises the formation, wherever practicable, of Junior Society Classes.
9. That the Conference fix the third Sunday in October as "The Young People's Sunday," upon which, throughout our Circuits, special services shall be held for the young, with a view to leading them to decision for Christ; and that as far as practicable the Chairmen of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits so arrange Home Mission deputations and anniversary services as not to interfere with the Sunday so appointed.
10. That our preachers are urged to take pains to make the Sunday morning services interesting to children.
11. That Conference urges that the Ten Commandments be recited in all our Sunday Schools once a month.

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QUESTION XVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Temperance and Public Morals ?

For Summary of Returns see Appendix J. xlvi.-liv.

General Report was presented by Rev. W. A. Sinclair.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following be the Committee on Temperance and Public Morals for 1905 : The Ministers of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Circuits, Messrs. E. Rosevear, S. C. Phillips, A. King, Dr. B. E. de Lautour, D. C. Cameron, J. B. Shacklock, E. Aslin, W. C. Allnutt, J. P. Simon ; Rev. W. A. Sinclair (Convener). The duties of the Committee shall be to watch all movements affecting questions of public morality, to consider the Temperance returns and all resolutions passed by District Synods relating to Temperance, Sabbath observance, Gambling, etc., and present a report, with recommendations, to Conference. The Secretaries of District Synods shall forward all such Returns and Resolutions to this Committee not later than December 15th in each year.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. A. Sinclair for his services as Convener of the Committee on Temperance and Public Morals, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That the Committee be empowered to incur expenditure to the amount of £5, and that this be a charge on the Contingent Fund.
5. That Conference directs that on the last Sunday in November or on the Sunday before the local option poll sermons be preached in all our churches on the subject of Temperance.
6. That all Superintendents of Circuits be required to furnish returns to District Secretaries under the following heads :—Number of Connexional Bands of Hope and members of same, and number of Sunday School Scholars who are members of non-Connexional Bands of Hope.

7. That a Quarterly Temperance Sunday be observed in all our Sunday Schools on the day of the Temperance lesson as provided for in the International Series of Lessons; that an address by a competent person be given dealing with Temperance, Gambling, the Evils of Juvenile Smoking, etc.; that special music and suitable recitations be provided by the scholars; that pledges be taken and that returns be made to the Conference of the number of scholars who are members of the School Bard of Hope.
8. That on the Sunday prior to the local option poll we recommend that wherever practicable our scholars take part in the open air demonstrations which are proposed to be then held.
9. That the various Education Boards be approached by letter and deputation with the view of obtaining permission to hang Temperance instructional charts on the walls of the public schools.
10. That the Conference is pleased to find that in the new Licensing Bill provision has been made to suppress the sale of liquor to natives for consumption off the premises within gazetted native districts, and suggests to the Maori Councils that they petition the Government to gazette the respective districts.
11. That the Minister of Railways be requested to allow the packet licenses on the Government steamers on Lake Wakatipu to lapse.
12. That this Conference re-affirms its deep conviction that the liquor traffic is one of the greatest barriers to national righteousness, moral progress and social well-being. It notes with gratitude to God the increasing interest that is being taken in the great No-license reform, and rejoices in the unquestionable benefits that accrue wherever the will of the people has been given effect to. It urges upon our members and adherents throughout the Colony the need so to organise their Temperance agencies that at the next local option poll a much larger area may be placed under the beneficent operation of No-license.
13. That our ministers and local preachers be asked to deal frequently with the question of gambling.
14. That this Conference protests against the continued legalisation of the Totalisator as being subversive of the best interests of society, and also against any part of the country's revenue being derived from this lamentable source.
15. That the Press Association and the Newspaper Proprietors' Association be approached and earnestly requested to consent to the suppression of the publication of Tattersall's results and betting odds.
16. That the disregard of Sunday as a day of rest, through the holding of military manœuvres, sham fighting, and rifle practice on that day, be brought under the notice of the volunteer authorities, with a request for their discontinuance.
17. That this Conference desires to express its strong disapproval of the running of special trains on Sundays, and trusts that the Minister of Railways will discourage all applications for such in the future.

QUESTION XVII.—What is the Resolution of the Conference on the Work of God ?

This Conference rejoices that the statistical returns reveal a total increase of 604 European and Maori members. It notes the object lesson presented by the Welsh revival, and by the increased potency inherent in our

Bible Classes and Endeavour Societies: it views with hopefulness recent progressive legislation and a deepening current of public opinion in relation to "No License," and confidently anticipates the practical sympathy of our people at the coming poll. It expresses gratitude to Almighty God for re-opening a door of usefulness in Southern Maori Mission work, and for the interest in our Foreign Mission work as evidenced by increased contributions and the appointment of the first Missionary Sister. It deems it desirable to re-affirm the sacredness of the Day of Rest, and above all determines to provoke all our Circuits to increased prayerfulness that there may descend still more copiously the fullness of the Spirit's power and grace.

QUESTION XVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature ?

The Report of the *Outlook* Committee was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. G. Brooke for his services as editor of the Methodist section of the *Outlook*, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That the Committee consist of the Revs. T. G. Brooke, J. Ward, C. H. Laws, B.A., and W. A. Sinclair, Messrs. E. Rosevear (Convener), J. C. Stephens, J. B. Shacklock, W. C. Allnutt, and D. C. Cameron. The Committee to report each year to the Conference.
4. That an honorarium of £25 be voted to the Editor from the Contingent Fund.
5. That the Editor's contingent and telephone expenses be defrayed out of the Contingent Fund.
6. That the Committee and Editor be elected at the Conference.
7. That Superintendents be directed to urge the claims of *The Outlook* in their pastoral visitations and in other ways.

QUESTION XIX.—What are the Resolutions of this Conference on matters previously remitted to District Synods or other Committees for Reports ?

I.—RE-VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

See Resolution, p. 36.

II.—RETIRING ALLOWANCES TO HOME MISSIONARIES.

See Resolutions, pp. 58-59.

III.—CONNEXIONAL EVANGELIST.

Report of Committee was received, and it was resolved that, in view of the appointment of an Organising Secretary in connection with the Young Men's Forward Movement, no appointment be made. The Committee was thanked and discharged.

IV.—TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR DEACONESSES.

Report was received, and referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report.

QUESTION XX.—What is the Report on Early Church Records ?

A report was presented by the Rev. H. Bull.

QUESTION XXI.—Who are the Members of the following Connexional Committees ?

COMMITTEES FOR 1905.

I.—FINANCIAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

The Ministers of the respective Districts and the Circuit Stewards (or their duly elected substitutes) of the various Circuits of those Districts, with the Lay Treasurers of the Connexional Funds, Conference Funds, District Lay Treasurers of Connexional Trust Funds, and District Secretaries of Church Properties are members of the Financial District Synods, as are also those Probationers who are in charge of Circuits under the direction of the Chairman.

II.—COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

1. The President, Ex-President, and Secretary of the Conference, the Ministers of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits, Rev. H. Bull, with Messrs. T. Buddle, F. L. Prime, G. Tiller, H. Brittain, J. A. Flesher, G. H. Blackwell, J. C. Stephens, and J. B. Shacklock; Secretary of Conference, Convener and Secretary.
 2. The above-named Ministers and Laymen of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits are a Committee of Exigency, the Minister of the Wellington (South) Circuit to be Convener and Secretary.
 3. The Committee of Exigency is specially directed to take steps to secure the rights of the Church and its official representatives at all public functions, and in regard to the Chaplaincies of all public institutions, and that by correspondence and otherwise they obtain the co-operation and hearty support of the Committee of Privileges.
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QUESTION XXII.—What are the Resolutions of this Conference on matters relating to the General Conference ?

INDEPENDENT CONFERENCE FOR NEW ZEALAND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That a Committee be appointed to consider during the year:—
 - (a) Whether it be desirable that the New Zealand Conference should repeat its request for independent legislative powers; (b) if the above remit be answered in the affirmative, then to consider what changes in the constitution will be necessary or desirable, and the best method of promoting the desired object.

2. That the Committee consist of Revs. the President and Secretary, W. Lee, H. Bull, H. R. Dewsbury, P. W. Fairclough, T. Fee, A. Peters, C. Abernethy, W. Ready, Messrs. J. T. Smith, G. H. Blackwell, J. A. Flesher, C. E. Salter, E. C. Brown, J. C. Prudhoe, A. K. England, R. H. Turner, R. M. Cresswell, John Brown, J. Horsley, with the following as corresponding members:—Revs. W. J. Williams, J. J. Lewis, C. H. Garland, G. Bond, J. G. Chapman, Messrs. A. C. Caughey, J. W. Shackelford, E. Dixon, G. Tiller, E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock; and the Rev. S. Lawry as Convener.

QUESTION XXIII.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

In Trinity Church, Dunedin, as near as possible to the last Tuesday in February, 1906, the exact date to be fixed by the President.



QUESTION XXII.—What are the Resolutions of this Conference on matters relating to the General Conference?

RESOLUTIONS

1. That a Committee be appointed to report during the year—
of which it is intended that the New Zealand Conference
shall report to the General Conference in 1906.
The Committee shall be empowered to do such things as
may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the
intent of this resolution.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

YOUNG MEN'S FORWARD MOVEMENT.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That an organisation be initiated by this Conference, to be known as "The Young Men's Forward Movement."
2. That an Organising Secretary be appointed, whose duties shall be:—
 - (a) To hold evangelistic missions especially for men.
 - (b) To foster Bible Class work, Christian Endeavour Societies, and kindred movements.
 - (c) To secure closer attachment of young people to Christ and the Church.
 - (d) To encourage young men to undertake aggressive work.
 - (e) To lead young men to place their lives where they will be most useful in extending the Kingdom of Christ.
3. That the Rev. Charles Porter be appointed Organising Secretary.
4. That the necessary funds for financing the effort be provided:—
 - (a) By personal donations from sympathisers with the work.
 - (b) By donations from Bible Classes and Young People's Societies.
 - (c) By collections at meetings and missions conducted by the Secretary.
 - (d) By a special appeal in *The Outlook*, where all donations shall be acknowledged.
5. That the Secretary's headquarters be Wellington, but that his place of residence be left to his own choice.
6. That a Committee be set up in Wellington generally to manage and direct the work of this office; the Committee to consist of the ministers of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits, with Messrs. Black, Field, H. P. Mourant, J. T. Nott, M.A., Chisholm, Hart, E. Kellow, Grocott, Sims, F. Brown, C. H. Jones, G. Tiller, Evans, Denton, T. Ralph, Bowmaker, Sando, Walter Brown, J. D. McIntyre, and G. C. Rodda; the Rev. H. L. Blamires, Secretary and Convener.
7. That the Committee meet quarterly or oftener; and that the Secretary report quarterly to the Committee, and the Committee report to the Synods and Conference.
8. That the preparation of an itinerary and details of finance be left to the Conference Committee.
9. That District Bible Class Unions be formed in all our cities and large centres where practicable.

ORDER OF SERVICE.

With a view to securing some uniformity in the order of service in Methodist Churches, the following is recommended for our larger congregations:—

MORNING.

1. Sanctus.
2. Short Invocatory Prayer and Lord's Prayer.
3. Hymn.
4. Psalm (verses read alternately by Minister and people).
5. Children's Address.
6. Children's Hymn.
7. Lesson.
8. Prayer (general).
9. Notices, Offertory and Anthem.
10. Hymn.
11. Sermon.
12. Hymn.
13. Benediction (people standing).

N.B.—1. In place of one of the hymns the *Te Deum Laudamus* or *Jubilate* once a month. 2. In place of the Psalm the Ten Commandments once a month.

EVENING.

1. Doxology.
2. Invocation and Lord's Prayer.
3. Hymn.
4. Lesson.
5. Hymn.
6. Prayer.
7. Notices, Offertory and Anthem.
8. Hymn.
9. Sermon.
10. Prayer.
11. Hymn.
12. Benediction (people standing).
13. Vesper (one verse).

The Conference recommends that smaller churches take such portions of the above as are suitable to them, preserving, as far as possible, the order.



NAVAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

RECOGNITION OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

Report of Special Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the following order of Service be suggested for use in connection with the recognition of Local Preachers:—

Hymn.
 Prayer.
 Hymn.
 Scripture (selected).
 Statements by the Local Preacher as to his call and experience.
 Welcome to the newly accepted preacher and presentation of a suitably inscribed copy of the Revised Bible.
 Dedicatory Prayer.
 Hymn.
 Address by Minister or Senior Local Preacher.
 Hymn.
 Prayer and Benediction.

2. That this Recognition Service be held in connection with the newly established quarterly meeting of Church Members or at the Sunday morning service.

N.B.—In the latter case the above Order of Service may need to be varied.



NAVAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

The Report of the Committee was presented by the Rev. J. A. Luxford, and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. A. Luxford and the retiring Committee.
2. That the Committee consist of the Revs. J. A. Luxford (convener), C. H. Garland, and W. Slade, Messrs. S. J. Ambury, A. C. Caughey, and J. Gunson.
3. That, in view of the fact that the new regulations of the New Zealand Government allow of the appointment of two chaplains to each battalion, the Ministers of our Church be urged to apply for chaplaincies in the various centres.
4. That Superintendents of Circuits be requested to send to the Committee on Naval and Military Affairs information *re* all appointments of Methodist Ministers that may have been made to battalions or companies within the bounds of their several Circuits.
5. That application be made to the Admiralty through the Rev. R. W. Allen, Senior Chaplain, London, for permission to be given to our Ministers, already recognised by the Admiralty, to conduct divine service on board His Majesty's warships when in New Zealand waters.
6. That the Admiralty be requested to appoint the Rev. J. A. Luxford as Naval Chaplain for the whole of New Zealand, and to recognise an officiating Minister for each port visited by His Majesty's warships.
7. That the Rev. J. A. Luxford be authorised to correspond with the Rev. R. W. Allen on Admiralty, and with the New Zealand Government on Military affairs during the year.
8. That the names of the Superintendent Ministers in the ports of the Colony visited by His Majesty's ships of war be annually reported to the Rev. R. W. Allen by the convener, in order that the naval authorities may be notified of the chaplaincies in these places.
9. That the following be appointed as Chaplains to Methodists on His Majesty's ships of war visiting the undermentioned ports of New Zealand:—Auckland, Rev. J. A. Luxford; Wellington, Rev. P. W. Fairclough; Lyttelton, Rev. W. Lee; Port Chalmers, Rev. J. Ward; Dunedin, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.



UNION OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCHES.

REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

(See Minutes, 1903, p. 66.)

Rev. H. Bull, convener, presented the Reports of the Central Committee as follows:—

At the Christchurch Conference of 1903, a deputation was received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, 1902, and a resolution presented in favour of a union among the Evangelical Churches of the Colony. The resolution was received with much satisfaction by the Conference, and to facilitate proceedings in harmony therewith a Central Committee was appointed in Christchurch with corresponding committees in other districts to sit during the year and consult with the committees of the other churches as to the basis upon which a comprehensive Union might be effected. The Committees met as directed, and formulated, in conjunction with the Presbyterian committee, such a statement of essential Christian doctrines as might form the working basis for future negotiations.

During the year, however, in the Presbyterian Church considerable opposition arose in some quarters to the principle of an incorporating union with other Evangelical Churches, and at the General Assembly of 1903, it was resolved to remit the subject of union itself, without reference to questions of doctrine or polity, to the Presbyteries and Sessions of the Church throughout the Colony for an expression of their opinions thereupon. Information has been received through the Rev. Dr. Gibb, convener of the Union Committee, respecting the results of the voting of those courts of the church as presented to the General Assembly of 1904. The reports show that, while a majority of those voting on the question were in favour of continuing negotiations for an Incorporating Union, there were a considerable minority unfavourable thereto. In view of the absence therefore of that practical unanimity which is essential to the attainment of a felicitous and well-grounded Union of churches, the General Assembly has deemed it imprudent to proceed further at present with the negotiations in favour of organic Union, and instead thereof has resolved as follows:—"In view of the manifest existence of great differences of opinion in the church on the question of framing a basis of union in doctrine and polity, the Assembly resolves that it is inexpedient at this juncture to proceed further with the matter. It resolves, however, to appoint a committee to await, record, and report from time to time to the Assembly such developments of the question as may occur in this colony and elsewhere, and it instructs the committee to endeavour to negotiate with the Evangelical Churches of New Zealand with a view to the formation of a council, by means of which the overlapping of churches, especially in rural districts, may be prevented, and combined action taken for the furtherance of great national issues like Bible in schools and the promotion of righteousness in the community." The Presbytery of Wellington constitutes this committee and its designation is "A committee to report on Evangelical union and co-operation."

In view of the present position of the union question as revealed by this deliverance of the General Assembly, the central committee recommends that in the resolution to be adopted by the Conference, there be inserted an expression of regret at the breaking off of negotiations which, when entered upon seemed bright with the promise of such an organic union as would have brought strength to the uniting churches, and presented an object lesson to the world at large.

With regard to other matters embodied in the Assembly's resolution, the central committee expresses grave doubts as to whether any good is likely to result from the suggested appointment of an united committee for the purpose of preventing overlapping in rural districts. It would rather rely upon the exercise of mutual Christian judgment by local authorities to avoid any action in this respect repugnant to the spirit of Christ, or that might tend to promote irritation among the churches concerned. At the same time, the central committee heartily recommends to the Conference the appointment of a special committee in Wellington, in conjunction with the Wellington Presbytery, for the purpose of taking combined action for the furtherance of great national questions, such as the Bible in Schools and temperance, together with such other matters that tend to promote the cause of righteousness.

With regard to future negotiations, the central committee would call the attention of the Conference to resolutions adopted on the subject of the Union of the churches by the last General Conference (minutes 1904, pp. 61-64), and would recommend that such parts of the above-named resolutions as concern this Colony be reprinted in the minutes of the New Zealand Conference for 1905.

HENRY BULL,
CONVENER.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. The Conference expresses regret at the breaking off by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of negotiations in favour of organic union of the evangelical churches, which, when first made by the General Assembly, seemed bright with the promise of a practical and happy realisation. But, while the realisation of such an organic union may be still distant, the Conference feels assured that such harmonious relations will be unceasingly cultivated between the Evangelical Churches as will be in accord with the mind of Christ, and afford evidence of the essential oneness of all Christian believers. The Conference also adopts the view of the Committee that the appointment of a joint committee to prevent overlapping in rural districts would not be expedient; and it is further of opinion that the appointment of a special Committee in Wellington to deal with matters affecting the moral and social welfare of the community is rendered unnecessary by the fact that machinery is already in existence to deal with questions of this nature.
3. That the Central Committee be cordially thanked for its three years of faithful service and discharged.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

1. That in view of the overtures that have been made by the Presbyterian Church in the direction of organic union with the Methodist Church, this Conference expresses its cordial appreciation of the spirit which has prompted such overtures, and declares that in its judgment such

an organic union is eminently desirable, provided that a satisfactory basis of union can be formulated.

2. That for the purpose of considering the practicability of such a union, the following resolutions be adopted :—
 - a That a Committee be appointed, consisting of an equal number of Ministers and Laymen, and representing in its *personnel* the several Conferences of the Methodist Church of Australasia.
 - b That the members of the Committee residing within each Annual Conference shall be a Sectional Committee for the Conference in which they reside.
 - c That each Annual Conference be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may arise in its own section of the Committee in the interval between the sessions of the General Conference.
 - d That the Committee shall confer and act with the appointed representatives of the Presbyterian Church, with a view to the formulation of a basis of union.
 - e That the Committee be also authorised to enter upon such conferences and negotiations as may seem desirable, with a view to promote the closer association or union of the Methodist Church with such other of the Evangelical Churches as may appoint representatives for a similar purpose.
 - f This names the Executive.
 - g That the Committee of the New Zealand Conference be empowered to deal directly with the Union Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. It shall report to the next General Conference.
3. The following is the Sectional Committee for New Zealand :—The President and Secretary of the Conference, Revs. J. Orchard, W. Lee, W. C. Oliver, H. Bull, H. R. Dewsbury, S. Lawry, Messrs. J. T. Smith, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, E. C. Brown, C. E. Salter, J. Brown, G. H. Blackwell, A. C. Caughey; Rev. H. Bull, Convener.



THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

The Report of the Central Committee was presented by Mr. J. A. Flesher.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the sum of £50 be voted from the Contingent Fund towards the expense of the Organising Agent already appointed by the General Committee directing the movement.

COMMITTEES.

Central.—Revs. the President, W. Lee, H. Bull, W. C. Oliver, H. R. Dewsbury, Messrs. J. A. Flesher, C. S. Howard, J. C. Prudhoe, C. E. Salter, R. H. Turner. J. A. Flesher, Convener.

Auckland.—Revs. J. J. Lewis, J. A. Luxford, W. Slade, Messrs. J. Burton, J. W. Shackelford, and T. Hodgson. Rev. J. J. Lewis, Convener.

Wanganui.—Revs. J. G. Chapman, W. J. Oxbrow, Messrs. W. G. Bassett, J. Stevenson, G. Spurdle, J. R. Johns, and Norman Lee. Norman Lee, Convener.

Wellington.—Revs. P. W. Fairclough, G. Bond, Messrs. W. Moxham, G. Tiller, H. Sanson, and T. P. Mills. Rev. G. Bond, Convener.

Nelson.—Revs. J. Crump, W. J. Williams, Messrs. W. H. Hodson and M. Smith. Rev. J. Crump, Convener.

Otago.—Revs. T. G. Brooke, C. H. Laws, B.A., J. Ward, W. A. Sinclair, Messrs. R. N. Vanes, A. King, J. Young, W. Wardrop, and T. Holdgate. Rev. W. A. Sinclair, Convener.



THE NEW HYMN BOOK,

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the action of the ex-President, in appointing the New Zealand Bible, Book, and Tract Society (of Otago and Wellington), the Auckland Sunday School Union, Messrs. J. P. Shand (Wellington) and J. T. Smith (Christchurch) as Agents in New Zealand for the sale of the New Hymn Book, be confirmed.
2. That a Committee, consisting of Revs. S. Lawry (Convener), H. Bull, and Mr. J. A. Flesher be appointed to act in regard to all matters connected with the introduction and sale of the new hymn book.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON. LORD PLUNKETT,
GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

On behalf of the Representatives of the New Zealand Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, now assembled in this city, it is my pleasing duty to tender to Your Excellency as the representative of His Gracious Majesty King Edward the Seventh in this Colony sincere and hearty congratulations.

We wish you all happiness in your position of distinction and responsibility, and pray that Almighty God may enrich you with every blessing which is needful to the right discharge of the high trust committed to your keeping.

We also desire to express to you as the representative of His Majesty our unfaltering loyalty to the British Throne and to the person of our rightful Sovereign. We recognise with devout gratitude to God the precious privileges which we, in common with our fellow-subjects, enjoy under the enlightened Constitution which is at once our glory and our boast, and pray that His Majesty may be favoured with long life and an abundance of peace.

Praying ever that the affairs of the whole Realm, and of this Colony in particular, may be so ordered as to stand approved of Him by whom kings rule and princes decree justice—

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient and humble servant,

J. NEWMAN BUTTLE,

Wellington, March, 1905.

PRESIDENT.



STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE.

That a Committee consisting of all the Ministers who shall have intimated their intention of attending the next Conference meet for two days before the date fixed for the first meeting of the Conference, and consider all possible Ministerial business, and report to Conference in Ministerial Session, the President to be responsible for convening the Committee.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

That the following Committees shall be appointed on the second day of the Representative Session of Conference, and a time fixed when they shall sit, and during that time no session of Conference shall be held:—

- A. *Committee on Circuits.*—To this Committee shall be remitted all Synod recommendations relating to Questions I. to IV. of Representative Conference business. The findings of Committee A shall be reported to Committee D, when help is required from the Home Mission Fund.
- B. *Committee on Connexional Funds and Balance Sheets.*—This Committee shall consider all recommendations relating to the following Funds:—(1) Children's Fund; (2) Supernumerary Fund; (3) Contingent Fund; also those relating to Mission, Educational, and General Connexional Trust Properties; they shall also examine all Balance Sheets presented to Conference to see that they are in proper form, and duly audited.
- C. *Committee on Foreign Missions.*—This Committee shall consider all business relating to Foreign Missions, and especially enquire if Conference Rules are observed with regard to raising and remitting Foreign Mission moneys.
- D. *Home Mission Committee.*—This Committee shall consider all Reports, the Balance Sheet, and Recommendations relating to the Home Mission Fund, as per Rule 20.
- E. *Committee on Institutions, etc.*—This Committee shall consider all Reports and Synod Recommendations relating to the Theological Institution, Three Kings Institution, Prince Albert College, Sunday Schools, *The Outlook*, and all Synod Recommendations not remitted to any other Committee.

NOMINATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

That the President and Secretary of the Conference, with two Ministers and two Laymen to be appointed by the President (such Ministers and Laymen being members of the next Conference), be a Committee to nominate the several members of the Conference Committees.

STATIONING COMMITTEE.

1. That for the election of Lay Members of the Stationing Committee ballot papers be printed containing the names of all lay representatives present at the Conference, and that the method of election be by members of the Conference striking out the names of those for whom they do not desire to vote; the Secretaries of the Conference to be the Scrutineers.
2. That in considering the Station Sheet the Conference begin with the District in which the Conference for the time being sits.

CHARACTER OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

In response to the enquiry in the Conference, "Are there any objections to any of our Ministers or Preachers on trial?" the names of the Districts only shall be called, the Chairman of each District then giving the required information from the Minutes of the District Synod. The right to challenge any name or to bring a charge against any Minister or Preacher on trial shall not be affected by the foregoing resolution.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

1. That it be an instruction to the Committee arranging the functions in connection with the next Conference that not less than two evenings be left free for Conference business, exclusive of the opening night and the evening set apart for the conversation on the work of God.
2. That a Public Meeting be held during Conference at which the claims of both Home and Foreign Missions shall be advocated, the offerings to be equally divided between the two Funds.
3. Seeing that the holding of the Conversation on the Work of God near the end of the Conference seriously interferes with the attendance thereat, it is desirable that this session be held not later than the third evening of the Conference.

RETIREMENT OF LAY MEMBERS OF CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES.

1. That in connection with all standing Connexional Committees, except the Building and Loan Fund Committee, it be a regulation of Conference making it obligatory that not less than one of the Lay Members retire annually from each Committee having less than eight Lay Members, and not less than two from each Committee having eight or more Lay Members, the retiring member or members to be ineligible for re-election for at least one year; and that in connection with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee the retirement take place every second year.
2. That those members, outside the officers, who have been longest on the Committee shall be the first to retire.

REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL PREACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

1. That there be written as well as oral examinations before Local Preachers be received on full plan.
2. That Gregory's "Theological Student" and Catechism II. be the text books for such examinations.
3. That Local Preachers be encouraged to pass examinations for three successive years, and that suitable certificates be awarded; the examination to be held during the June quarter.

4. That any candidate who cannot show evidence that he has passed an examination equivalent to the Sixth Standard be requested to pass a written examination in English.
5. That the Local Preachers' Meeting appoint its own examiner for the written examination of a candidate prior to his reception on full plan, and that the Committee for the examination of candidates for the Ministry be directed to prepare the papers for the examinations recommended in Section 3.
6. That Training Classes and Libraries for Local Preachers be established wherever practicable.
7. That Local Preachers who have become fully accredited be recognised as such at a public service.

FOREIGN LITERARY DEGREES.

That the Conference recognise only such Foreign Literary Degrees as can also be held as *ad eundem* degrees in connection with the New Zealand University.

METHODIST COUNCILS.

That Conference recommends that Methodist Councils be established in the principal cities and suburbs thereof, with a view to taking up new causes, and otherwise for the extension of Methodism.

CHAPLAINS OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

That in the different centres of population certain resident ministers be appointed Chaplains of Public Institutions where such appointments can be made.

MEDICAL BOARD.

That the Medical Board be thanked for their past services, and that the following be now appointed:—Dr. W. C. McDowell, Auckland; Dr. W. A. Chapple, Wellington; Dr. A. J. Orchard, Christchurch; Dr. B. E. De Lautour, Dunedin.

AGENDA COMMITTEE.

That the Secretary of the Conference and Mr. E. Rosevear be the Agenda Committee for the next Conference

GENERAL RETURNS.

That where a Deaconess is employed in any Circuit, such agent be numbered in the General Returns in the column for Home Missionaries.



BIBLE SUNDAY.

The Conference recommends that a Bible Sunday be observed in all Methodist Churches and that sermons be preached on the duty of disseminating the Holy Scriptures among all nations. The Conference also recommends that there be retiring collections on that Sunday in every church on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

REVISED VERSION OF THE BIBLE.

That Trustees be advised, when introducing the new hymn-book into our Churches, to place a copy of the Revised Version of the Bible in our pulpits.

AUCKLAND CITY MISSION.

That the Conference appoint a committee in Auckland to make enquiries and report to the Auckland Synod and the next Conference concerning the securing of suitable premises for a Central City Mission, and also to consider and report as to the general outlook and management of mission work in Auckland; and, further, that during the year this Committee be authorised to receive and report to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee any recommendation from either of the existing Missions for the purchase of a site for its own particular work.

That the Committee consist of the Superintendents of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with the Revs. J. J. Lewis, J. A. Luxford, J. Wilson, and Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, S. J. Ambury, A. C. Caughey, J. E. Wheeler, J. Burton, S. Stone, F. W. Stone, A. C. Brown, S. Parker, H. E. Pacey, F. Clark, W. Stewart, H. Schofield, W. E. D. Beatt, Parker (Newton Mission), R. Hobbs, and W. S. Allen, M.A.; the Rev. B. F. Rothwell, Convener.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

That the following be a Committee to consider the advisability of securing suitable premises for the Dunedin Central Mission:—The Superintendents of the Dunedin Circuits, with Messrs. E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock, J. Sparrow, C. Payne, E. Aslin, W. C. Allnutt, J. C. Stephens, C. Duke, J. C. Liggins, S. C. Phillips, A. King, W. R. Cole, J. F. Arnold, M.H.R., and H. D. Bedford, M.H.R.; Convener, Rev. W. A. Sinclair.

J. NEWMAN BUTTLE, *President.*

CHARLES H. LAWS, *Secretary.*



GENERAL CONFERENCE LEGISLATION.

The following legislation of the General Conference of 1904 is printed here for information:—

DISTRICT SYNODS.

That the question, "When and Where?" &c., shall be asked at the Financial District Synod.

QUESTION FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

That the following question be added to the list of those to be asked at the Quarterly Meeting:—"What arrangements are made for holding the Annual Services and Public Meetings in connection with the Foreign Missionary Society?"

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

1. That the principle of permissive legislation be extended so as to allow an Annual Conference to elect the President and Secretary of the next ensuing Conference.
2. That should any Annual Conference avail itself of the power to elect its President and Secretary under this permissive legislation, and should a vacancy occur in either office by the death or disability during the year of the Minister elected thereto, the Conference ensuing shall proceed at its first representative session to fill up the vacancy caused by such death or disability.

LAY REPRESENTATION IN ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

That the basis of lay representation to the Annual Conference be so altered as to provide that Circuits in which more than one Minister is employed shall be entitled, as far as possible, to one lay representative for each Minister in full connexion employed, providing that no one Circuit shall have more than five (5) representatives.

PROPORTION OF REPRESENTATION IN GENERAL CONFERENCE.

That the Constitution be so altered as to provide that the proportion of representatives of Annual Conferences in the General Conference be one to every fifteen Ministers, instead of one to ten, as at present, with the proviso that no Conference shall have less than two Ministerial representatives in addition to its President and Secretary.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS.

That par. 312, sec. 3. sub-sec. d1, *Book of Laws*, be altered to read as follows:—No Minister shall be appointed to the same Circuit for more than five years in succession, provided, however, that in cases where a Mission has been established by resolution of the Annual Conference, and is so designated in the Conference Minutes, the Annual Conference may appoint a Minister to such Mission for a further period, subject in every case to the provisions of Clause 3 of this sub-section.

ADMINISTRATION OF SACRAMENTS.

It shall be competent for the President of any Annual Conference, on the recommendation of the Chairman of a District, to appoint from year to year within the bounds of such District, any person or persons of good character and standing in the Methodist Church to administer the Sacraments in the places where they reside, such places being outside the boundaries of any Circuit, or the bounds of Home Mission Stations attached to a Circuit.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.

1. The membership of the Methodist Church of Australasia shall comprise:—The members of Society Classes, meeting weekly or fortnightly, and the members of a monthly meeting for fellowship and testimony, the active members of Christian Endeavour Societies who desired to be enrolled as members of the Church, and such other members of our congregations as, expressing their desire for admission to Church membership, shall satisfy the Minister and Leaders' Meeting of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, their lives also being in harmony therewith.
2. A Quarterly Meeting of Church members shall be held wherever practicable, which all members are expected to attend, at which new members shall be publicly recognised, and receive the right hand of fellowship from the Minister. Such Church Meeting shall also be a meeting for prayer, testimony, and conference on Christian life and work. Tickets of membership shall be renewed quarterly to all whose names are continued on the Members' Roll.
3. All members on the roll not meeting in class shall be allotted to duly appointed leaders, who shall by visitation or in other ways assist the Minister in the spiritual oversight of such members, and receive their contributions, and report to the Leaders' Meeting.
4. All members of the Church are expected, according to our Lord's command, to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as frequently as possible.
5. All members are required to conform to the discipline of the Church, and are expected to contribute according to their means to the support of the Ministry, and to the various funds of the Church.



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL DISTRICT SYNODS.

MINISTERIAL BUSINESS.

The Synod is opened with devotional exercises. A Secretary is elected by ballot. On the nomination of the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary is chosen. The hours of Session are fixed; arrangements made for reporting to the Press; and times appointed for the examination of Preachers on trial and Candidates for the Ministry.

The business shall then be conducted in the following order:—

Question 1.—What Ministers and Preachers on trial are present?

Question 2.—Have the Conference appointments for this District been observed?

Question 3.—Has any Minister or Preacher on trial died since the last Conference?

Question 4.—Are there any objections to any Minister or Preacher on trial?

(For Questions, see Par. 267 (5) Book of Laws, p. 52.)

Enquiry should also be made concerning Home Missionaries, respecting their moral and religious character and continued fitness for Home Missionary work.

Question 5.—Does the Synod recommend that any Minister be made a Supernumerary at the ensuing Conference?

Question 6.—Does the Synod recommend that any Supernumerary be again employed in the regular work?

Question 7.—Does the Synod recommend that any Minister have permission to rest for a year?

Question 8.—Does the Synod recommend that any Minister be left without pastoral charge? ("Methodist Laws," Par. 106, pp. 16-17.)

Question 9.—What Preachers on trial are recommended to be admitted into full connexion at the ensuing Conference?

Question 10.—What Preachers are recommended to remain on trial?

Question 11.—What Candidates for the Ministry are recommended to be received at the ensuing Conference?

(1) Candidates must undergo a medical examination as per authorised form (Minutes General Conference, 1897, pp. 26-7).

(2) Reports on Trial Sermons ("Methodist Laws," Par. 63).

(3) The Chairman to enquire privately of candidates respecting their ability to contribute towards their maintenance and tuition at Prince Albert College.

Question 12.—What are the recommendations of the Synod respecting the training of Students for the Ministry?

(1) Respecting further training of Students in residence. (2) Report of the Governor. (3) Reports of Lectures. (4) Reports of Trial Sermons. (5) Reports of Classical and Mathematical Tutors.

Question 13.—Does any Minister or Preacher on trial offer himself for the Foreign Mission Work?

Question 14.—Are Leaders' Meetings regularly held in each Circuit, and has the Roll of Membership been duly revised?

Question 15.—Have the proper entries been made in the Circuit Schedules?

Question 16.—Are Registers of Baptisms kept in each Circuit, and are the records duly entered?

Question 17.—What Ministers have permission to attend the Conference?

Question 18.—Can any additional measure be adopted for promoting the work of God in the District?

(For Pastoral Resolutions to be read, see Book of Laws (last edition) pp. 122-125.) 13/21 sep.

Question 19.—What are the recommendations of the Synod to the ensuing Conference?

(1) On subjects remitted by the Conference; (2) Recommendations now made.

FINANCIAL AND GENERAL BUSINESS.

For Members of Financial District Synod, see Methodist Laws, par. 268, p. 53. After devotional exercises and the delivery of the Chairman's Address, the business shall be conducted in the following order:—

I.—NAMES OF THOSE PRESENT.

II.—CIRCUITS.

Question 1.—Do we recommend the Division or Alteration of the District or of any Circuit in the District?

Question 2.—What Circuits are under obligation to provide for a married Minister at the ensuing Conference?

Question 3.—Are there any recommendations as to the appointment of an additional Preacher to any Circuit?

Question 4.—Does the Synod recommend that any Home Mission Station be constituted a Circuit?

Question 5.—What new Circuits or Home Mission Stations is it proposed to occupy?

Question 6.—Has a Parsonage Sanitation Certificate been received by each newly appointed Minister? *Have the Sanitary Conditions of the Parsonage been found satisfactory by the visiting minister?*

Question 7.—What is the state of Circuit Funds?

III.—CHURCH PROPERTIES AND CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS.

Question 1.—What is the District Secretary's Report on Church Property?

- (a) As to new erections, cost of same, and debt.
- (b) Enlargements, etc., cost of same, and debt.
- (c) Sites given or purchased, and their legal transfer.
- (d) Properties sold, and observance of conditions in connection therewith. And—

What are the Resolutions of the Synod respecting the same?

(1) On Current income & expenditure.

Duplicated largely in next quest.

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Question 2.—What is the report of the Secretary of the Church Building and Loan Fund *re* the purchase, erection, sale, or lease of any property?

Question 3.—What is the report of the Custodian of Deeds?

Question 4.—Have the appointments of new or additional Trustees been reported to the Authorised Representative?

Question 5.—Has the Annual Audit been held in each Circuit in accordance with the provisions of the Model Deed?

Question 6.—Are there any cases where the Trust obligations are not regularly discharged or where from any cause the Trust Debts are increasing?

Question 7.—Are the buildings in each Circuit insured against fire? On what properties in this District has the levy been paid to the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund?

Question 8.—What loans from the Church Loan Fund are now current in this District, and are the repayments being regularly made?

Question 9.—What is the Income and Expenditure of Connexional Trusts in this District?

IV.—COLLEGES.

Question 1.—What is the Report of the Principal of Wesley College, Three Kings?

Question 2.—Are there any Recommendations respecting this College?

Question 3.—Is there any Report from Prince Albert College?

Question 4.—What is the Recommendation of the Synod respecting this College?

V. CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

1.—*Supernumerary Fund.*

(a) What amount has been raised in the District?

(1) From Circuits.

(2) From Ministers.

(b) What are the claims on this Fund

2.—*Children's Fund.*

(a) What is the Income from this Fund?

(b) What is the Expenditure?

3.—*Contingent Fund.*

(a) What is the Income?

(1) From Circuit Levies.

(2) From Sale of Conference Minutes.

(3) From any other source.

(b) What is the expenditure?

(1) Ministers' travelling to the Synod.

(2) Chairman's travelling in the District.

(3) Chairman's Postage Allowance.

(4) District Synod Stationery.

(5) Any other expenditure.

VI.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Question 1.—What amount has been raised for the Foreign Mission Fund?

Question 2.—Have sermons been preached and public meetings held in each Circuit and Home Mission Station?

Question 3.—Have the amounts collected for Foreign Missions been duly remitted to the General Treasurers?

Question 4.—Is *The Missionary Review* circulated throughout the District?

Question 5.—What more can be done to promote the interests of the Fund?

VII.—HOME MISSIONS.

Question 1.—What amount has been raised in the District for the Home Mission Fund?

- (1) From Circuits and Home Mission Stations.
- (2) From Connexional Properties.
- (3) From Interest on investments.
- (4) From Sale of Maori Service Books.
- (5) From Donations and Legacies.
- (6) From Special Efforts.

Question 2.—What is the Expenditure?

- (1) As authorised by the last Conference.
- (2) Grants by the Committee.
- (3) Any additional sum now requested.
- (4) Deputation expenses.
- (5) Expenses of Home Missionaries attending Synod.

Question 3.—What is the Estimated Income for next year?

- (1) From Circuits and Home Mission Stations.
- (2) From Connexional Properties.
- (3) From Any other source.

Question 4.—What Grants are recommended for next year?

- (1) Maori Missions.
- (2) Home Mission Stations.
- (3) Circuits.
- (4) Special and General.

Question 5.—What is the state of the Maori work of the District?

Question 6.—What more can be done to promote the interest of the Fund?

VIII.—“OUTLOOK” AND LITERATURE.

Question 1.—What is the Report from the *Outlook* Committee?

Question 2.—What can be done to promote the interests of the paper?

Question 3.—Can anything be done to secure the circulation of Methodist literature in our circuits?

IX.—THE CONFERENCE.

Question 1.—Who is appointed to accompany the Chairman as Representative to the Stationing Committee and Conference?

Question 2.—What recommendations are made on Subjects remitted by the Conference.

Question 3—Are there any further Recommendations?

X.—STATISTICS.

Question 1.—What are the Annual Statistical Returns?

- (1) General.
- (2) Sunday School.
- (3) Temperance.

(Conversation on the state of the Church as thus disclosed to follow.)

XI.—NEXT SYNOD.

When and where shall the next Synod be held?



A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH

**The New Zealand Conference of the Methodist
Church of Australasia.**

- 1845 Lawry, Henry H., Supernumerary
 1846 Kirk, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1877, Supernumerary
 1856 Gittos, William
 1857 Crump, John, President New Zealand Conference, 1878, Supernumerary
 „ Watkin, William J. President New Zealand Conference, 1889, Supernumerary
 1860 Bunn, Robert S., Supernumerary
 1861 Cannell, William, Supernumerary
 „ Orchard, John, President New Zealand Conference, 1899, Supernumerary
 1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary
 „ Smith, John, Supernumerary
 1864 Harper, George S., Supernumerary
 „ Lee, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1880
 „ Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary
 1867 Oliver, William C., President New Zealand Conference, 1887
 1868 Bull, Henry, President New Zealand Conference, 1886
 „ Law, John, Supernumerary
 „ McNicoll, David, President New Zealand Conference, 1894
 „ Smalley, Joseph S., President New Zealand Conference, 1900, Supernumerary
 „ Thomas, William G., Supernumerary
 1869 Beck, William H.
 „ Keall, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1893
 „ Simmonds, Joseph H., President New Zealand Conference, 1895
 1870 Isitt, Francis Whitmore
 „ Lewis, John J., President New Zealand Conference, 1890
 „ Pendray, John J.
 „ Williams, William J., President New Zealand Conference, 1888

- 1871 Bond, George, President New Zealand Conference, 1892
 ,, Carr, Thomas G.
 ,, Dewsbury, Henry R., President New Zealand Conference, 1891
 ,, Thomas, James
 ,, Marten, William B.
- 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., F.R.A.S., President New Zealand Conference,
 1897
 ,, Hammond, Thomas G.
 ,, Jory, John D.
 ,, Worboys, John W.
- 1875 Standage, Charles H.
- 1876 Baumber, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1896
 ,, Garlick, Samuel J.
 ,, Luxford, John A., President New Zealand Conference, 1903
 ,, Penney, Charles
 ,, Thomas, T. Eggleston, M.A.
- 1877 Fee, Thomas
 ,, Griffin, Cornelius
 ,, Lawry, Samuel, President New Zealand Conference, 1904
 ,, Peters, Alfred
- 1878 Buttle, J. Newman, President New Zealand Conference, 1905
- 1879 Abernethy, Christopher
 ,, Hounsell, George
 ,, Hudson, Lewis
 ,, Isitt, Leonard M.
 ,, Murray, Daniel James, President New Zealand Conference, 1902
 ,, Spence, George William James
 ,, Tinsley, William
- 1880 Brooke, Thomas G.
 ,, Dukes, John
 ,, Griffin, Thomas Nicholas
- 1881 Garland, Charles Hughlings, President New Zealand Conference,
 1901
 ,, Gibson, Samuel J.
 ,, Pinfold, James Thomas, F.G.S., F.R.M.S.
 ,, Slade, William
- 1882 Griffith, Samuel
 ,, Jones, Thomas Francis
- 1883 Marshall, George T.
 ,, Mather, Joseph J.
- 1884 Serpell, Samuel J.
- 1885 Ginger, Barton H.
 ,, Lawry, Albert C.
 ,, Ready, William
 ,, Rothwell, Benjamin F.
 ,, Wallis, T. Jackson
 ,, Ward, Josiah
- 1886 Ellis, John G. W.
 ,, Taylor, Robert
- 1887 Blight, Joseph
 ,, Joughin, Thomas A.
 ,, Laws, Charles Henry, B.A.
 ,, Wrigley, James
- 1888 Grigg, William
 ,, Trestrail, Thomas

- 1889 Chapman, James G.
 ,, Murray, Richard J.
 ,, Read, Frederick T.
- 1890 Mitchell, Arthur
 ,, Newbold, Thomas W.
- 1891 Beecroft, Charles E.
 ,, Sinclair, William A.
- 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D.
- 1893 Elliott, William J.
 ,, Frost, George
 ,, Harrison, Colin C.
- 1894 Beggs, Hugh
 ,, Bellhouse, Harold E.
 ,, Dawson, William
 ,, Porter, Charles
 ,, Vealie, Thomas W.
- 1895 Ashcroft, Arthur
 ,, Griffin, John W.
 ,, Lochore, John A.
 ,, Richards, Thomas R.
- 1896 Blamires, Henry L.
 ,, Bowie, William S.
 ,, Chappell, Albert B., M.A.
 ,, Hosking, James A.
- 1898 Beckett, William
- 1899 Keall, Robert P.
 ,, Wills, William
- 1900 Blamires, Edgar P.
 ,, Greenslade, William
 ,, Haslam, Jonathan H.
 ,, Scotter, Adolphus N.
 ,, Tuck, William R.
 ,, Wilson, Richard
- 1901 Boys, Frederick W.
 ,, Cook, George Samuel
 ,, Eaton, Clarence
 ,, Reader, Amos
- 1902 Belton, Joseph
 ,, Godbehear, Charles E.
 ,, Oxbrow, Walter J.
 ,, Patchett, Ernest D.
 ,, Thomas, T. Theodore, B.A.
- 1903 James, Benjamin J.
 ,, Pratt, Major A. R.
 ,, Seamer, Arthur J.
- 1904 Blamires, Ernest O.
 ,, McBean, Angus
 ,, Ramsbottom, Harry
 ,, Reed, Alex. J.
 ,, Stockwell, George F.
 ,, Wilson, James
- 1905 Copeland, Frederick
 ,, Randerson, Arthur C., B.A.
 ,, Richards, Raymond
 ,, Williams, Richard F.

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1879	Pewa, Wi Warena
1882	Paul, Hauraki
"	Rakena, Piripi
1894	Kingi, Hamiora
1896	Te Tuhi, Heretini
1900	Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki
"	Renata, Hapeta
1903	Hare, Hone
1904	Papakakura, Neho Hemi

APPENDIX.

1. The following Supernumeraries of other Conferences reside in New Zealand :—

1858 Blamires, William L. (Victoria and Tasmania Conference) Richmond, Christchurch

1863 Turner, Thomas (British Conference), Richmond, Christchurch

2. Beecroft, Charles E., was received by the British Conference in 1870.



AN ALPHABETICAL LIST
OF THE
Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH
**The New Zealand Conference of the Methodist
Church of Australasia.**

The figures at the beginning of the lines show the year in which each Minister commenced his Ministry, and those at the end of the line denote his first, second, third, fourth, or fifth annual appointment to his present Circuit.

- 1879 Abernethy, Christopher, Springston, 2
1895 Ashcroft, Arthur, Paparoa, 3
- 1876 Baumber, William, Supernumerary, Christchurch (Durham St.), 2
1869 Beck, William H., Cambridge, 1
1898 Beckett, William, Otautau, 1
1891 Beecroft, Charles E., Napier, 5
1894 Beggs, Hugh, Palmerston North, 2 (Cuba Street)
1894 Bellhouse, Harold E., Kaiapoi, 4
1902 Belton, Joseph, resting, 2
1900 Blamires, Edgar P., Rotorua, 1
1904 Blamires, Ernest O., Kaiapoi, 1 (Swannanoa)
1896 Blamires, Henry L., Wellington (Taranaki Street), 2 (Thorndon)
1887 Blight, Joseph, Upper Thames, 2 (Te Aroha)
1871 Bond, George, Wellington South, 5 (Newtown)
1896 Bowie, William S., Woodville, 2
1901 Boys, Frederick W., Balclutha, 1
1880 Brooke, Thomas G., Dunedin (Mornington), 4
1868 Bull, Henry, Connexional Secretary, 4 (Armagh St., Christchurch)
1860 Bunn, Robert S., Supernumerary, 12 (Stanmore, N.S. Wales)
1878 Buttle, J. Newman, New Plymouth, 3
- 1861 Cannell William, Supernumerary, New Plymouth, 6
1871 Carr, Thomas G., Hastings, 3
1889 Chapman, James G., Wanganui, 2
1896 Chappell, Albert B., M.A., Hutt, 1 (Petone)
1901 Cook, George Samuel, Auckland (North Shore), 1 (Birkenhead)
1905 Copeland, Frederick, Taihape, 1
1857 Crump, John, Supernumerary, Nelson, 8

- 1894 Dawson, William, Lawrence, 2
 1871 Dewsbury, Henry R., Christchurch (Durham Street), 2
 1880 Dukes, John (resting), 1

 1901 Eaton, Clarence, South Wairarapa, 2 (Carterton)
 1893 Elliott, William J., Hokitika, 2
 1886 Ellis, John G. W., Sandon, 2

 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., F.R.A.S., Wellington (Taranaki Street) 2
 1877 Fee, Thomas, Rangiora, 3
 1893 Frost, George, Waipawa, 2

 1881 Garland, Charles H., Auckland (Pitt Street) 5
 1876 Garlick, Samuel J., Hutt, 2
 1881 Gibson, Samuel, J., Hawera, 1
 1885 Ginger, Barton H., South Wairarapa, 2 (Greytown)
 1856 Gittos, William, Auckland Maori Mission, 12 (Devonport)
 1902 Godbehear, Charles E., Eltham, 2
 1900 Greenslade, William, Roxburgh, 1
 1877 Griffin, Cornelius, Mahurangi, 1 (Warkworth)
 1895 Griffin, John W., Stratford, 2
 1880 Griffin, Thomas N., Christchurch (Papanui), 2
 1882 Griffith, Samuel, Auckland (North Shore), 2 (Devonport)
 1888 Grigg, William, Auckland (Pitt Street), 2 (Mount Albert)

 1874 Hammond, Thomas G., West Coast Maori Mission, 19 (Patea)
 1864 Harper, George S., Supernumerary, Palmerston North, 27
 1893 Harrison, Colin C., Upper Thames, 3 (Waihi)
 1900 Haslam, Jonathan H., Cromwell, 2
 1896 Hosking, James A., Gore, 2
 1879 Hounsell, George, Gisborne, 2
 1879 Hudson, Lewis, Oamaru, 1

 1870 Isitt, Francis W., Wellington, without pastoral charge, 5
 1879 Isitt, Leonard M., Christchurch South, without pastoral charge, 9

 1903 James, Benjamin J., Blenheim, 3 (Tua Marina)
 1882 Jones, T. Francis, Pahiatua, 1
 1874 Jory, John D., Richmond, 3
 1887 Joughin, Thomas A., Rangiora, 5 (Woodend)

 1899 Keall, Robert P., Oxford-Malvern, 3
 1869 Keall, William, Rangitikei, 5 (Marton)
 1846 Kirk, William, Supernumerary, Hutt, 21 (Petone)

 1868 Law, John, Supernumerary, Auckland (Pitt Street), 9 (Mt. Albert).
 1885 Lawry, Albert C., Feilding, 5
 1845 Lawry, Henry H., Supernumerary, Auckland (Grafton Road), 42:
 (Carlton Gore)
 1877 Lawry, Samuel, Christchurch South, 2 (Sydenham)
 1887 Laws, Charles H., B.A., Dunedin (Trinity) 2, (York Place)
 1864 Lee, William, Lyttelton, 2
 1870 Lewis, John J., Auckland (Pitt Street) 4, (Grafton Road)
 1895 Lochore, John A., Christchurch South, 2 (Addington)
 1876 Luxford, John A., Auckland (Pitt Street), 2 (Ponsonby)

 1904 McBean, Angus, Wellington (Taranaki Street), 1 (Johnsonville).
 1868 McNicoll, David, Greymouth, 1
 1883 Marshall, George T., Eketahuna, 1

- 1871 Marten, William B., Temuka, 1
 1883 Mather, Joseph J., Palmerston North, 2 (Church street)
 1890 Mitchell, Arthur, Invercargill, 1
 1879 Murray, Daniel J., Masterton, 4
 1889 Murray, Richard J., Christchurch Mission, 7 (Durham Street South)
 1890 Newbold, Thomas W., Auckland (Pitt Street) 2 (Kingsland)
 1867 Oliver, William C., Christchurch (St. Albans), 2
 1861 Orchard, John, Supernumerary, Christchurch (Durham Street), 4
 1902 Oxbrow, Walter J., Wanganui, 1 (Aramoho)
 1903 Patchett, Ernest D., Upper Thames, 1 (Paeroa)
 1870 Pendray, John J., Waitara, 2
 1876 Penney, Charles, Franklin, 4 (Pukekohe)
 1892 Peryman, Samuel, H. D. Northern Wairoa, 2 (Mangawhare)
 1877 Peters, Alfred, Ashburton, 3
 1881 Pinfold, James T., F.G.S., Hamilton, 3
 1894 Porter, Charles, Organising Secretary, Y.M. Movement (Wellington), 1
 1903 Pratt, M. A. Rugby, Westport, 2
 1904 Ramsbottom, Harry, Dunedin (Cargill Road), 2 (St. Kilda)
 1905 Randerson, Arthur C., B.A., Dunedin (Cargill), 1 (Mosgeil)
 1889 Read, Frederick T., Whangarei, 2
 1901 Reader, Amos, Motueka, 3
 1885 Ready, William, Christchurch (Durham Street), 2 (East Belt)
 1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary, Wellington, 10 (Hawker Street)
 1904 Reed, Alex. J., Hawera, 1 (Patea)
 1905 Richards, Raymond, Levin-Otaki, 1 (Otaki)
 1895 Richards, Thomas R., Christchurch (Durham Street), 2 (Woolston)
 1864 Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary, North Shore, 8 (Devonport)
 1885 Rothwell, Benjamin F. Auckland (Freeman's Bay), 2
 1900 Scotter, Adolphus N., Dunedin (Mornington), 3 (Roslyn)
 1903 Seamer, Arthur J., Auckland Maori Mission, 1
 1884 Serpell, Samuel J., Timaru, 3
 1869 Simmonds, Joseph H., Wesley College, Three Kings (Mt. Eden) 11
 1881 Slade, William, Manukau, 3 (Onehunga)
 1891 Sinclair, William A., Dunedin Central Mission, 7 (Fern Hill)
 1868 Smalley, Joseph S., Supernumerary, Edinburgh (Scotland), 3
 1862 Smith John, Supernumerary, Christchurch (Durham St) 9 (Richmond)
 1879 Spence, George W. J., Blenheim, 5
 1875 Standage, Charles H., Milton, 4
 1904 Stockwell, George F., Ashburton, 1 (Methven)
 1886 Taylor Robert, Thames, 3
 1871 Thomas, James, Waitara, 3 (Inglewood)
 1876 Thomas, T. Eggleston, M.A. Leeston, 1
 1902 Thomas, T. Theodore, B.A., Tai Tapu, 2
 1868 Thomas, William G., Supernumerary, North Shore, 4 (Devonport)
 1879 Tinsley, William, Waimate, 4
 1888 Trestrail, Thomas, Dunedin (Cargill Road), 1
 1900 Tuck, William R., Auckland (Pitt Street), 1 (Newmarket)
 1894 Vealie, Thomas W., Reefton, 2
 1885 Wallis, T. Jackson, Willowby, 3
 1885 Ward, Josiah, Port Chalmers, 1
 1857 Watkin, William J., Supernumerary, Manukau, 12 (Onehunga)

- 1905 Williams, Richard F., New Plymouth, 1
 1870 Williams, William J., Nelson, 4
 1899 Wills, William, Christchurch (Durham Street), 1 (Richmond)
 1904 Wilson, James, Auckland, Newton Mission, 2
 1900 Wilson, Richard, Dannevirke, 3
 1874 Worboys, John W., Opunake, 1
 1887 Wrigley, James, Levin-Otaki, 3 (Levin)

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- 1900 Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki, West Coast Maori Mission, 6 (Okaiawa)
 1903 Hare, Hone, Auckland Maori Mission, 3
 1896 Heretini, Te Tuihi, Hokianga, 5 (Whirinaki)
 1894 Kingi, Hamiora, Waikato, 10 (Raglan)
 1904 Papakakura, Noho Hemi, Southern Maori Mission, 1
 1882 Paul, Hauraki, Kaipara, 7
 1879 Pewa, Wi Warena, Waikato, 15 (Te Kopua)
 1882 Rakena, Piripi, Hokianga, 24 (Mangamuka)
 1900 Renata, Hapeta, Whangaroa, 6



APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

CASH ACCOUNT FROM JANUARY 16TH, 1904, TO JANUARY 16TH, 1905.

Treasurers—MR G. H. BLACKWELL AND REV. H. BULL.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Bank Balance Brought Forward	58	1	0				By Loans Granted—				
Deposits Brought Forward ..	600	0	0				Waitara Church Erection ..	100	0	0	
				658	1	0	Newmarket Church Reduction of Debt	50	0	0	
Loan Instalments Paid by Trusts	1651	6	11				Petone Church and Parsonage Site	200	0	0	
Loan Instalments Paid Through Century Fund	53	0	0	1704	6	11	Roxburgh Church Erection ..	140	0	0	
							Waitoa Church Erection ..	100	0	0	
Bequest of the late Mr H. Herbert Wake							Eltham Church Erection ..	145	0	0	
							Balclutha Parsonage Enlarge- ment	50	0	0	
Repayment of Loan to Jubilee Fund by Wesley College ..							Crofton Church Erection ..	140	0	0	
							Mornington Church Erection	600	0	0	
Interest on Deposits	24	0	0				Kuripuni Church Enlargement	50	0	0	
Fees on Loans	21	12	6					1575	0	0	
Contributions from Trusts ..	94	1	6				Payment to Capital Account, Special Branch, from the Jubilee Fund				
Sale of Crofton Site	15	0	0					37	10	0	
Bank Exchange	2	4	0				Forward				
				156	18	0			1612	10	0
Forward				2,606	15	11					

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	£	s.	d.
Forward	2,606	15	11
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	£2,606	15	11

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Forward				1,612	10	0
Grant to Secretary's Stipend ..	160	0	0			
Stamps and Telegrams ..	4	8	10			
Stationery and Printing ..	4	4	6			
Bank Exchange ..	3	16	3			
Bank Charge ..	0	10	0			
				172	19	7
Cash on Deposit	600	0	0			
Cash in Bank	221	6	4			
				821	6	4
				<hr/>		
				£2,606	15	11

Examined and found correct.

January 23rd, 1905.

H. A'COURT
A. K. ENGLAND } Auditors.

- N.B.**—1. The Capital Account, by the late Mr Wake's bequest of £50, has been increased to £8621 4s 10d.
2. Profit and Loss Account shows credit £275 8s, which is included in Credit Balance shown in Cash Account.

Forward	1,162 11 10
	<u>£1,162 11 10</u>

Forward	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Grant Towards Secretary's				785	12	6
Stipend	15	0	0			
Printing	0	12	6			
				15	12	6
Cash on Deposits	300	0	0			
Cash in Bank.. .. .	61	6	10			
				<u>361</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>
				<u>£1,162</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

Examined and found correct.

January 23rd, 1905.

H. A' COURT
A. K. ENGLAND } Auditors.

- N.B.**—1. The Capital Account has been increased by transfer of final payment, £37 10s, from the Jubilee Fund, and now stands at £2683 11s 3d.
2. The Profit and Loss Account shows credit of £40 9s 6d, which is included in Credit Cash Balance shown above.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

LIST OF LOANS.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1904.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1905.
1891.			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mar. 3 1893.	Gisborne Church and Parsonage	Erection	11½	500	52 0 0 c.r.	70 16 9	70 16 9
Jan. 12 1894.	Marton Church	Erection	10	230	5 0 0	43 12 1	43 12 1
Mar. 16 1895.	Opunake Parsonage	Purchase	8	112	Nil	0 11 6	0 11 6
Aug. 21 1895.	Palmerston North Parsonage ..	Liquidation of Debt	8	300	110 2 4	Nil	..
Apr. 30 1896.	Cargill Road Church	Erection	10	500	37 10 0	37 10 0	12 10 0
July 29 1897.	St. Alban's Church	Erection	9	650	60 10 0	94 10 0	..
Aug. 12 1897.	Southbrook Church	Enlargement	9½	100	5 16 5	Nil	..
Mar. 2	Hawera Parsonage	Erection	8	280	35 0 0	17 10 0	8 15 0
May 31	Ohakune Church	Erection	8	55	6 9 10	13 12 4	9 2 4
June 7	Balclutha Church	Erection	8	130	9 18 7	13 4 0	..
June 17	Kimbolton Church	Liquidation of Debt	5½	60	2 0 0	34 19 5	34 19 5
June 21	Woolston Church	Erection	8	300	25 0 0	62 10 0	37 10 0
Aug. 6	Hastings Church	Liquidation of Debt	11¾	93/15/0	6 2 6	35 0 6	..
Oct. 21 1898.	Kuaotuna Church	Erection	7	120	Nil	57 19 6	57 19 6
Jan. 27	Milton Parsonage	Erection	9¾	120	15 12 6	35 12 6	..
May 4	Karangahake Church	Erection	8	100	2 9 1	46 5 11	23 15 11

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1904.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1905.
June 10	Mangaweka Church ..	Erection	8	60	3 0 0	46 12 11	33 9 1
June 25	Waihi Church ..	Erection	8	100	17 1 0	26 5 0	3 15 0
June 28	Manakau Church ..	Erection	7½	50	3 15 0	10 0 0	2 10 0
Nov. 8 1899.	Nikau Church ..	Erection	8	50	6 4 1	24 8 5	6 18 5
Mar. 30	New Plymouth Church ..	Erection	10	600	60 0 0	218 1 6	..
April 8	Wangarei Church ..	Liquidation of Debt	8	70	14 18 5	21 17 6	..
June 5	Kaeo Parsonage ..	Erection	8	75	9 8 0	8 11 10	..
June 6	Raetihi Church ..	Erection	9½	40	Nil	19 11 5	..
July 1	Coromandel Church ..	Erection	8	250	Nil	203 2 6	93 15 0
Aug. 18	Coromandel Church (Special) ..	Erection	2	25	Nil	25 0 0	25 0 0
Sep. 6	Hamilton Parsonage ..	Erection	8	100	9 7 6	37 10 0	3 2 6
Sep. 10	Eketahuna Church ..	Erection	8	135	Nil	113 4 0	76 15 0
Sep. 11	Grafton Road Church ..	Reduction of Debt	7	100	21 17 6	17 7 0	..
Sep. 30	Carterton Church ..	Enlargement	5	40	Nil	9 17 0	9 17 0
Nov. 25	Huntly Church ..	Erection	8	50	9 0 0	27 0 0	..
Dec. 21	Kimbolton Parsonage..	Erection	10½	125	Nil	91 14 10	20 6 10
Dec. 30 1900.	Oxford Church ..	Purchase	8	60	9 4 6	24 7 6	1 17 6
Jan. 18	Warkworth Parsonage ..	Liquidation of Debt	10	150	12 8 1	86 5 0	7 10 0
Feb. 5	Mt. Eden Church ..	Erection	7	150	15 0 0	103 15 0	50 0 0
Feb. 13	Feilding Parsonage ..	Erection	9	280	192 10 0	Nil	..
Mar. 27	Waikuku Church ..	Erection	7	75	Nil	21 8 4	..
April 20	Arrowtown Church ..	Erection	10	85	2 15 0	10 4 11	..
April 30	Taikorea Church ..	Erection	8	50	Nil	26 13 4	3 6 8
May 18	Mount Albert Parsonage ..	Erection	7	150	22 10 0	82 10 0	7 10 0
May 28	Dannevirke Church ..	Erection	5	70	7 0 0	20 0 0	13 0 0
July 16	Coromandel Parsonage ..	Erection	8	100	1 0 0 C.F.	47 4 0	3 9 0

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1904.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1905.
Sep. 6	Oamaru Church ..	Erection	5	25	5 0 0	5 0 0	..
Sep. 8	Upper Wakefield Church ..	Erection	6	45	7 10 0	25 0 0	..
Sep. 14	Oxford Parsonage ..	Erection	9	100	Nil	33 19 6	..
Sep. 17	Tataraimaka Church ..	Erection	8	46	3 15 0	21 5 0	..
Oct. 21	Okato Church ..	Erection	9	75	5 0 0	34 18 0	..
Nov. 30	Marshland Church ..	Reduction of Debt	5	25	5 0 0	5 0 0	..
1901.							
Jan. 1	Sydenham Church ..	Reduction of Debt	8	200	25 0 0	100 0 0	..
Jan. 7	Halswell Church ..	Liquidation of Debt	7	60	4 6 0	27 15 0	2 3 0
Jan. 10	Te Aroha Church ..	Erection	8	225	42 5 1	133 18 0	..
Jan. 25	Aratapu Church ..	Erection	8	100	9 7 6	65 12 6	12 0 0
Jan. 25	Northcote Church ..	Erection	8	70	8 15 0	37 3 9	..
Jan. 27	Havelock Church ..	Erection	10	80	8 0 0	44 0 0	..
Feb. 1	Nelson Parsonage ..	Erection	8	250	31 5 0	132 16 3	..
Mar. 19	Dannevirke Church (2)	Enlargement	2yrs aft 1st loan	33	Nil	33 0 0	..
April 1	Sumner Church ..	Erection	10	200	20 0 0	Nil	..
April 12	Thorndon Church ..	Renovation and Additions	4	80	20 0 0	20 0 0	15 0 0
April 23	Richmond Church ..	Liquidation of Debt	5	50	32 0 0	Nil	..
May 3	Warkworth Church ..	Erection	8	100	7 10 0	67 10 0	2 10 0
May 9	Takapuna Church ..	Erection	8	85	9 0 0	53 10 0	..
May 23	Woodside Church ..	Erection	5	100	15 0 0	35 0 0	5 0 0
Aug. 17	Woodville Church ..	Liquidation of Debt	10	115	7 10 0	92 10 0	..
Aug. 27	Little River Church & Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	8	30	2 3 9	19 1 3	4 7 6
Sep. 16	Hamilton Church ..	Liquidation of Debt	6	150	18 15 0	100 0 0	12 10 0
Sep. 20	Prebbleton Church ..	Liquidation of Debt	10	51	2 10 0	32 10 0	..
Sep. 24	Waitekauri Church ..	Erection	8	75	2 0 0	63 0 0	10 10 0
Sep. 30	Addington Church ..	Reduction of Debt	8	150	23 8 9	89 1 3	..

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1904.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1905.
Oct. 11	Eketahuna Parsonage	.. Erection	10	200	Nil	200 0 0	60 0 0
Oct. 22	Mosgiel Church	.. .. Enlargement	8	80	6 5 0	58 2 6	..
Oct. 30	Rongotea Church	.. .. Enlargement	3	30	15 0 0	Nil	..
Dec. 1	East Belt Church	.. .. Reduction of Debt	6	250	52 1 8	125 0 0	..
Dec. 2	Marshland Church (2)	.. .. Liquidation of Debt	5	25	5 0 0	10 0 0	..
Dec. 23	Birkenhead Church	.. .. Erection of Sunday School	7	150	21 8 8	96 8 4	..
Dec. 30	Levin Century Hall and School	.. Erection	8	200	31 5 0	125 0 0	..
1902.							
Jan. 10	Ponsonby Church	.. .. Reduction of Debt	8	400	25 0 0	287 10 0	37 10 0
Feb. 17	Nukuroa Church	.. .. Erection	7	112	9 0 0	85 0 0	..
Mar. 22	Hawera Church	.. .. Removal and Enlargement	8	150	18 15 0	112 10 0	..
Mar. 30	Hastings Parsonage	.. .. Purchase of Land & Erection	10	200	9 10 0	171 10 0	..
June 18	Awatuna Church	.. .. Erection	5	35	10 10 0	17 10 0	..
June 18	Timaru Church	.. .. Reduction of Debt	8	375	46 17 6	257 16 3	..
June 18	Lawrence Parsonage	.. .. General Improvements	5	40	8 0 0	20 0 0	..
July 3	Ashburton School	.. .. Enlargement	6	45	7 10 0	30 0 0	..
July 8	Otautau Church	.. .. Erection	8	80	5 0 0	67 10 0	5 0 0
July 8	Cheltenham Church	.. .. Erection	6	60	5 0 0	46 0 0	6 0 0
Sep. 1	Ngaruawahia Church	.. .. Erection	6	30	5 0 0	20 0 0	..
Sep. 18	Grafton Road Church	.. .. Liquidation of Debt	8	150	28 2 6	98 8 9	..
Nov. 17	Papanui Parsonage	.. .. Erection	8	100	12 10 0	75 0 0	..
1903.							
Mar. 11	Karori Church	.. .. Improvements	5	24	3 0 0	18 0 0	..
April 15	Midhurst Church	.. .. Improvements	5	50	2 10 0	37 10 0	5 0 0
May 13	Drummond Church	.. .. Erection	7	40	5 0 0	35 0 0	3 11 6
June 13	Cargill Road Parsonage	.. .. Erection	10	500	37 10 0	437 10 0	12 10 0
June 22	Cambridge Parsonage	.. .. Enlargement	7	100	14 6 0	78 11 0	..
June 22	Napier Church	.. .. Liquidation of Debt	7	100	14 6 0	82 2 6	..

Date	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1904.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1905.
July 1	C.M. Sisters' Home	Erection	6	200	28 15 0	165 0 0	..
July 10	Woolston Parsonage and Sunday School	Erections	8	350	37 10 0	287 10 0	..
July 23	Fernhill Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	4	100	46 5 0	47 10 0	..
Aug. 13	Te Aroha Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	7	50	26 1 6	23 18 6	..
Sep. 1	Carrington Road Church	Erection	6	50	6 5 0	41 13 4	..
Nov. 12	Makotuku Church	Erection	5	40	8 0 0	32 0 0	..
Nov. 21 1904.	Morrinsville Church	Erection	8	150	18 15 0	131 5 0	..
Jan. 5	Mayfield Church	Erection	6	50	12 10 0	37 10 0	..
Feb. 8	Waitara Church	Erection	8	100	6 5 0	93 15 0	..
April 30	Newmarket Church	Reduction of Debt	6	50	2 1 8	47 18 4	..
May 17	Petone Church and Parsonage	Purchase of Site	8	200	Nil	200 0 0	..
July 25	Roxburgh Church	Erection	7	140	5 0 0	135 0 0	..
Aug. 1	Waitoa Church	Erection	10	100	2 10 0	97 10 0	..
Oct. 6	Eltham Church	Purchase of Site & Erectio	10	145	Nil	145 0 0	..
Nov. 14	Balclutha Parsonage	Enlargement	5	50	Nil	50 0 0	..
Dec. 22 1905.	Crofton Church	Erection	8	149	Nil	140 0 0	..
Jan. 13	Mornington Church	Erection	10	600	Nil	600 0 0	..
Jan. 13	Kuripuni Church	Enlargement	6	50	Nil	50 0 0	..

REFERENCE.—C.F. Repaid through Century Fund.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—SPECIAL BRANCH.

LIST OF LOANS.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1904.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1905.
1893.				£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July 18	Blackball Township	Lease of Church Site	..	20/5/0	Nil	20 5 0	..
Nov. 22	Mackenzie Church	Purchase of Site	..	31	31 0 0	31 0 0	..
1895.							
Jan. 10	Stratford Church	Erection	10	130	30 0 0	17 5 6	..
1896.							
Oct. 22	Mackenzie Church	Purchase	..	199/14/6	5 8 8	146 18 2	..
Dec. 1	Alexandra South	Purchase of Site	..	7	4 14 0	Nil	..
1897.							
May 12	Oamaru Church and Parsonage..	Liquidation of Debt	12	917/10/0	62 10 0	370 3 4	..
Aug. 6	Hastings Church	Liquidation of Debt	8	100	6 2 6	19 18 11	..
Sep. 23	Dannevirke Parsonage	Purchase of Site	..	160	Nil	160 0 0	..
1898.							
June 2	Raetihi Church	Purchase of Site	..	23/10/0	Nil	4 15 0	..
Aug. 6	Taihape Church	Purchase of Site	..	11/0/6	Nil	10 15 6	10 15 6
1899.							
Mar. 28	Higheliffe Church	Exchange of Site	..	5/4/0	Nil	5 4 0	..
April 18	Waituna West Church	Purchase of Site	..	21/10/0	Nil	21 10 0	..
Sep. 10	Eketahuna Church	Erection	8	40	Nil	23 11 6	..
1900.							
Feb. 5	Mount Eden Church	Erection	6	100	15 0 0	58 15 0	..
April 21	Arrowtown Church	Erection	10	106/4/1	1 0 0	70 19 10	..
Aug. 12	Seddon Township	Lease of Church Site	..	13/5/2	Nil	13 5 2	..
Sep. 14	Oxford Parsonage	Erection	9	50	Nil	40 10 6	..
1901.							
Aug. 17	Woodville Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	35	7 10 0	12 10 0	..
Aug. 27	Little River Church & Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	8	40	2 3 9	26 17 6	..
Sep. 16	Hamilton Church	Liquidation of Debt	6	100	25 0 0	50 0 0	..

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1904.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1905.
Sep. 24	Waitekauri Church ..	.. Erection	8	20	Nil	10 0 0	..
Oct. 22	Mosgiel Church ..	.. Enlargement	8	20	6 5 0	7 10 0	..
1902.							
Feb. 17	Nukuroa Church ..	.. Erection	7	14	Nil	0 10 0	..
Mar. 27	Torere Church ..	.. Purchase Site and Erection	5	31/12/0	Nil	31 12 0	17 7 1
Mar. 30	Hastings Parsonage ..	.. Erection	10	90	9 10 0	71 0 0	..
May 1	Otautau Parsonage ..	.. Purchase of Site	..	50	Nil	50 0 0	..
May 8	Eketahuna Parsonage ..	.. Erection	..	50	Nil	50 0 0	..
May 15	Spring Grove Church ..	.. Renovation	5	25	5 0 0	12 10 0	..
May 21	Birkenhead Parsonage ..	.. Purchase of Site	3	185	135 0 0	Nil	..
June 4	Kamo Church ..	.. Liquidation of Debt	..	109/14/6	Nil	59 14 6	..
July 8	Otautau Church ..	.. Purchase of Site & Erection	8	20	2 10 0	12 10 0	..
Dec. 4	Eltham Parsonage ..	.. Purchase of Site	..	75	Nil	75 0 0	..
1903.							
Jan. 27	Brightwater Church ..	.. Purchase of Site	..	32/17/0	Nil	32 17 0	..
Aug. 6	Maori Hill Church ..	.. Purchase of Site	..	75	Nil	30 0 0	..
Dec. 24	Kokatahi Church ..	.. Purchase of Site	..	14/14/0	0 11 0	14 3 0	..
1904.							
May 2	Paewa Church ..	.. Liquidation of Debt	5	50	5 0 0	45 0 0	..
May 14	Waitara Church ..	.. Erection	Aft. 1st	20	Nil	20 0 0	..
May 17	Runanga Church ..	.. Lease of Site	..	2/15/0	Nil	2 15 0	..
May 17	Coromandel Church & Parsonage	.. Reduction of Debt	Special	100	Nil	100 0 0	..
July 19	Pahiatua Church ..	.. Liquidation of Debt	7	87/10/0	3 2 6	84 7 6	..
Oct. 4	Brookland Church ..	.. Purchase of Site	..	34	Nil	34 0 0	..
Oct. 6	Eltham Church ..	.. Purchase of Site & Erection	10	75	Nil	75 0 0	..
Oct. 25	Timaru Church ..	.. Liquidation of Debt	8	150	Nil	150 0 0	..
Nov. 1	Whangarei Parsonage ..	.. Reduction of Debt	5	50	Nil	50 0 0	..
Nov. 1	Canvastown Church ..	.. Erection and Site	8	90	Nil	90 0 0	..
Dec. 22	Winton Church ..	.. Purchase of Site	..	150	Nil	150 0 0	..

APPENDIX D.

MISSION, EDUCATIONAL, AND GENERAL CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

I.—MISSION PROPERTY TRUST BALANCE SHEET, FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1904.

Treasurer—MR F. L. PRIME.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Rents, Parliament Street--No. 1	104	0	0	By Repairs to Buildings	..	..	112	9	9
" " No. 2	78	0	0	" City and other Rates	..	..	37	10	2
" " No. 3	55	0	0	" Fire Insurance	..	..	12	12	5
" Beach Road (3)	73	5	0	" Sundries	..	..	2	18	0
" Kaeo Land	20	0	0	Hapeta's House (Kaeo)	..	..	16	0	0
" Mount Wesley	6	0	0	" To Rebuilding Okete Church	..	..	50	0	0
" Whatawhata	2	10	0	" Home Mission Fund	..	..	201	13	11
" Newark	12	0	0	" Supervision Collection of Rents	..	..	17	10	9
Fire Insurance Okete Church	100	0	0						
			<u>£ 450 15 0</u>						<u>£ 450 15 0</u>		

Audited and found correct.

December 1st, 1904.

PHILIP H. MASON, }
W. D. BUTTLE, } Auditors.

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II.—NATIVE EDUCATION TRUST BALANCE SHEET.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1904.

Treasurer—Mr J. EDSON.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Rents—Three Kings	363	12	7	By Three Kings Committee	687	13	1
" Grafton Road	520	6	0	" " Fire Insurance	8	14	9
" Waikowai	1	5	0	" " Advertising	10	12	3
" Actea	17	10	0	" " Works	45	13	6
				" " Surveyor	20	9	0
				" Grafton Road—Repairs, etc.	59	5	7
				" " Fire Insurance	11	7	3
				" " City and other Rates	25	2	6
				" Sundries	6	16	8
				" Supervision Collection of Rents	26	19	0
	£902	13	7		£902	13	7

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December 1st, 1904.

Audited and found correct

PHILIP H. MASON,
 W. D. BUTTLE, } Auditors.

IV.—PROBERT'S TRUST.

Treasurers—MESSRS. T. BUDDLE AND G. A. BUTTLE.

Receipts and Disbursements for year ended October 31st, 1904.

1903		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1904		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Oct. 31—To Balance—Cash in National Bank of N.Z.					854	17	6		By Prince Albert College Trustees—Training and Maintaining Students				443	6	8			
1904.									By Theological Institute—Payment on account of Students				85	15	0			
Oct. 31—To Revenue Account—Interest		46	5	0				By M. Burt's Mortgage—Legal costs and Payments ..					28	13	5			
Rents		1,001	3	8				By General Charges—										
		<hr/>			1,047	8	8	Rates and Taxes	37	4	0							
To Margaret Burt's Mortgage—Proceeds of Sale ..					1,000	0	0	Repairs, Maintenance, Insurance, Supervising Estate, Collecting Rents, and Interest and Sundries				251	4	8				
												<hr/>			288	8	8	
								By Mortgage Account—Advances on Freehold Securities								1,600	0	0
								By Balance—Cash in National Bank of New Zealand								456	2	5
												<hr/>			<hr/>			
													£2,902	6	2			

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Auckland, N.Z., October 31st, 1904.

(Signed) PHILIP H. MASON, } Auditors.
W. D. BUTTLE, }

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

VI.—GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30th, 1904.

Treasurers—REV. J. N. BUTTLE AND MR J. C. GEORGE.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.		EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Rents	436	16	1		By Balance	167	6	4
„ Interest	28	0	0		„ Sundries	10	19	6
					„ Fire Insurance	2	9	0
					„ Land Tax	61	5	1
					„ Law Costs	23	1	6
					„ Road Rates	3	3	4
					„ Interest and Rent Collecting	26	0	3
					„ General Treasurer	170	0	0
					„ Balance	0	11	1
						£464	16	1
						£464	16	1

Audited and found correct.

October 17th, 1904

ALFRED H. ARNOLD, }
JOSEPH WHITAKER, } Auditors.

VII.—KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

CASH ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1904.

Treasurers—REV. J. G. CHAPMAN AND Mr. F. G. BEAVEN.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance	0 2 10	Nov. 28—By Remittance to Treasurer	45 0 0
Nov. 11—To Rent to Sept. 30/03	58 10 0	Dec. 11—By Land Tax	12 11 4
June 14—To Rent to March 31/04.. .. .	58 10 0	March 22—By Bank Keeping Account	0 5 0
To Balance	0 11 6	April 13—By Boxthorn Hedge	1 10 0
		June 20—By Remittance to Treasurer	55 0 0
		Sept. 23—By Bank Keeping Account	0 5 0
		By Sundry Disbursements	3 3 0
			<u>£117 14 4</u>
	<u>£117 14 4</u>	By Balance Bank of N.S. Wales	0 11 9

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Audited and found correct.

November 29th, 1904.

WILLIAM BROWN, }
C. J. SHARPE, } Auditors.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

VIII.—NATIVE AND DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TRUST.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1904.

Treasurer—MR W. J. HARLAND.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Amount of Funds, October 1st, 1903	.. ..	9,368	2 6	Solicitor's Certificate <i>re</i> Securities	.. ..	1	1 0
Interest	.. ..	296	9 1	Case for Opinion of Counsel	.. ..	32	7 7
Rents	.. ..	136	11 4	Typewriting Copies of Opinions	.. ..	0	10 0
				Postage, £2 19s; Exchange, 12s	.. ..	3	11 0
				Bank Charge, 10s; Cheque Book, 2s 6d	.. ..	0	12 6
				Printing and Stationery	0	9 0
				Balance Funds at September 30th, 1904	9,762	11 10
		<u>£9,801</u>	<u>2 11</u>			<u>£9,801</u>	<u>2 11</u>

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CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

IX.—CANTERBURY HOME MISSION FUND.

BALANCE SHEET TO 5th JANUARY, 1905.

Treasurers—MR J. C. PRUDHOE AND REV. H. R. DEWSBURY.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Interest on deposit with Kaiapoi Woollen Co.	<u>48 15 6</u>	By remittance to Home Missions Treasurer ..	<u>48 15 6</u>
	<u>£48 15 6</u>		<u>£48 15 6</u>

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MEMO.—The amount placed on deposit with the Kaiapoi Woollen Company, £1000, has been withdrawn, and is now invested on first Mortgages of Freehold Property in Canterbury.

Examined and found correct,

Christchurch, 24th January, 1905.

H. A' COURT,
A. K. ENGLAND, } Auditors

APPENDIX E.

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1904.

Treasurer—MR G. A. BUTTLE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
				£ s. d.			
To Cash.	Balance, December 31st, 1903	..	..	0	8	0	
..	Probert's Trustees	..	..	529	10	0	
..	Emsley Trust	..	..	30	0	0	
..	R. H. Wylie	..	..	3	19	6	
..	Savings Bank Interest	..	..	0	1	5	
..	Advanced by Probert's Trustees to meet deficiency	..	..	21	0	0	
				<u>£587</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>	
				By Cash Treasurer of Prince Albert College for Board, Residence, and Training			
							£ s. d.
							443 6 8
							48 0 0
							45 4 0
							45 0 0
							3 19 0
							2 7 6
							0 1 9
							<u>£587 18 11</u>

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Audited and found correct.

Auckland, January 10th, 1905.

F. L. PRIME,
W. D. BUTTLE. } Auditors.

III.—CENTURY COMMEMORATION FUND.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st., 1904.

Treasurers—REV. WM. LEE AND MR G. H. BLACKWELL.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash Balance brought forward ..				By Payments to Church Trusts ..	194	1	9
Deposit				" Foreign Missions ..	8	17	0
Contributions—							202 18 9
Auckland District	4	0	0	Miscellaneous—			
Wanganui	54	11	0	Bonus to Rev. Wm. Lee	50	0	0
Wellington	87	3	0	Expenses of General Treasurers..	4	6	0
Canterbury	12	0	6				54 6 0
Otago	3	0	0	Balance, viz.—			
				Deposit Mutual Building Society	600	0	0
Interest on Investment				Cash in Bank, N.Z.	86	9	7
							686 9 7
							<u>£943 14 4</u>
							<u>£943 14 4</u>

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Examined and found correct.

February 14th, 1905.

H. A'COURT }
C. E. SALTER } Auditors.

IIIa.—CENTURY COMMEMORATION FUND.

BALANCE SHEET FROM INCEPTION OF FUND TO 31st JANUARY, 1905.

Treasurers—REV. WM. LEE AND MR G. H. BLACKWELL.

	INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Contributions—										
Auckland District ..	3998	10	10							
Wanganui ..	1492	13	2							
Wellington ..	1829	10	5							
Nelson ..	923	4	1							
Canterbury ..	5363	4	3							
Otago ..	2284	5	2							
Fiji ..	6	6	0							
England ..	11	11	0							
	—————			15909	4	11				
Sale of Furniture ..				62	12	6				
Interest on Deposits ..				222	8	2				
Carried forward ..				—————	16194	5	7			
By General Secretary—										
Furniture and Insurance ..				137	15	8				
House Rent ..				151	8	10				
Removal Expenses ..				24	2	3				
Stipend ..				550	0	0				
Travelling, Postage &c., ..				159	8	3				
Connexional Funds ..				96	0	5				
Miscellaneous—										
Expenses of Deputations ..				11	12	0	1118	15	5	
Cost of Books, Printing, and Stationery, &c. ..				97	14	1				
New Zealand Express Co. ..				3	19	1				
Safe ..				10	1	10				
Expenses General Committee and Treasurer ..				117	15	2				
Bank Exchange, Interest, &c. ..				30	5	3				
Bonus, Rev. H. Bull ..				25	0	0				
" " Wm. Lee ..				50	0	0				
							—————	346	7	5
Carried forward ..							—————	1465	2	10

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Brought Forward 16194 5 7

£16,194 5 7

Brought forward	1465 2 10
Paid to Church Trusts ..	12456 17 10
" Home Mission Fund ..	600 0 0
" Three Kings College ..	299 16 11
" Prince Albert College ..	140 4 5
" Foreign Missions ..	422 10 10
" Local Preachers' Fund ..	24 1 0
" Insurance Fund ..	14 13 6
	<u>13958 4 6</u>
Deposit Mutual Building Society ..	600 0 0
Cash Balance Bank of New Zealand	170 18 3
	<u>770 18 3</u>
	<u>£16,194 5 7</u>

IV.—CONTINGENT FUND.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1904.

Treasurers—REV. H. R. DEWSBURY AND MR J. C. PRUDHOE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from the year 1903				By Auckland Conference Expenses—			
Sale of Agenda				Travelling to Conference—			
Circuit Levies—				Chairmen and Ministerial			
Auckland District	195	8	11	Representatives	112	15	0
Wanganui	129	12	3	Maori Ministers	4	8	9
Wellington	140	11	3	Probationers for Ordination	41	17	0
Nelson	71	1	0				159 0 9
Canterbury	222	9	9	Stationery and Ordination Bibles,			
Otago	127	19	8	Cables, Postage, Postbag, &c.	18	17	11
				Print'g Agenda, Minutes and P'stage	98	18	1
			887 2 10				117 16 0
Sale of Conference Minutes—				Travelling of Chairmen and other			
Auckland	1	14	0	District Expenses, including			
Wanganui	0	15	0	Exchange, Cheque Books, Bank			
Wellington	0	12	6	Charges, Stationery, Printing and			
Nelson	0	9	0	Sundries—			
Canterbury	0	12	2	Auckland	16	3	0
Otago	0	8	6	Wanganui	15	19	0
			4 11 2	Wellington	13	12	6
				Nelson	4	12	6
				Canterbury	11	6	10
				Otago	13	4	3
							74 18 1
			<u>1,504 16 5</u>	Forward			<u>£351 14 10</u>

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EXPENDITURE—continued.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Forward	351	14	10			
Travelling of Ministers to Synod—						
Auckland	17	18	11			
Wanganui	11	13	5			
Wellington	15	16	2			
Nelson	14	18	6			
Canterbury	7	14	2			
Otago	12	9	4			
				80	10	6
President's Travelling Expenses ..				6	5	0
Postage Allowances—						
President and Secretary ..	10	0	0			
Chairmen of Districts ..	12	0	0			
				22	0	0
Half Cost of Supplies for Disabled and Deceased Ministers ..				54	8	0
Half Cost of Removal of Ministers—						
Waipawa Circuit	10	6	6			
Gore	4	17	3			
				15	3	9
Compassionate Allowances—						
Rev. J. J. Lewis	10	0	0			
Rev. J. Belton	10	0	0			
				20	0	0
Connexional Secretary				175	0	0
Forward	725	2	1			

EXPENDITURE—continued.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Forward	725	2				
Editor of <i>Outlook</i> —						
Honorarium	25	0	0			
Sundry Expenses, 1903 ..	7	12	0			
Telephone & Sundry Expenses 1904	12	9	1			
					45	1
Grant Towards Otago Maori Mis- sion Pamphlet					3	0
Levy Towards General Conference Expenses, being 1/6th of £2,115					352	10
Printing—						
Members Tickets 1904 & 1905	18	12	3			
Baptismal Certificates ..	4	0	0			
Medical Forms	3	7	6			
Circulars and Returns ..	2	18	0			
					28	17
Cable <i>re</i> Hymnbook				0	17	6
Board of Examiners, Papers and Postage					3	0
Bank Charges, Cheque Book and Exchange					1	3
Interest on Overdraft to 30th Sept., 1904					1	14
Balance to Credit					343	10
					£1,504	16
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Examined and found correct.

January 24th, 1905.

H. A'COURT	} Auditors.
A. K. ENGLAND	

RETURN OF CIRCUIT EXPENDITURE FOR CONTINGENT AND CHILDREN'S FUND PURPOSES.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 3½ per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.	
				Taxable amount.	Levy, 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland—Pitt Street	1063 6 4	37 4 4	480 0 0	583 6 4	87 9 11
" Three Kings	238 16 2	8 7 2	120 0 0	118 16 2	17 16 5
" Freeman's Bay	177 3 9	6 4 0	120 0 0	57 3 9	8 11 7
" Newton Methodist Mission ..	177 0 0	6 3 11	80 0 0	97 0 0	14 11 0
" North Shore	399 16 7	13 19 11	240 0 0	159 16 7	23 19 6
" Grafton Road	484 5 8	16 19 0	240 0 0	244 5 8	36 12 10
" Maori Mission	269 18 4	9 9 0	120 0 0	149 18 4	22 9 4
Mahurangi	192 4 3	6 14 7	120 0 0	72 4 3	10 16 8
Thames	239 10 4	8 7 8	120 0 0	119 10 4	17 18 6
Upper Thames	506 6 1	17 14 5	320 0 0	186 6 1	27 18 10
Manukau	268 15 4	9 8 1	120 0 0	148 15 4	22 6 3
Franklin	208 1 9	7 5 8	120 0 0	88 1 9	13 4 3
Cambridge	213 18 6	7 9 9	120 0 0	93 18 6	14 1 4
Hamilton	212 10 0	7 8 9	120 0 0	92 10 0	13 17 6
Paparoa	177 3 5	6 4 1	120 0 0	57 3 5	8 11 6
Northern Wairoa	214 5 11	7 9 11	120 0 0	94 5 11	14 2 10
Whangarei	192 4 4	6 14 7	120 0 0	72 4 4	10 16 7
Rotorua	146 0 0	5 2 2	80 0 0	66 0 0	9 18 0

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 3½ per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.	
				Taxable Amount.	Levy, 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Plymouth	300 13 0	10 10 6	120 0 0	180 13 0	27 1 11
Waitara	354 5 3	12 7 11	240 0 0	114 5 3	17 2 9
Stratford	188 17 0	6 12 2	120 0 0	68 17 0	10 6 6
Eltham	151 10 0	5 6 0	80 0 0	71 10 0	10 14 6
Hawera	373 10 4	13 1 5	200 0 0	173 10 4	26 0 7
Opunake	189 15 2	6 12 10	120 0 0	69 15 2	10 9 3
Wanganui	423 6 4	14 16 4	200 0 0	223 6 4	33 9 10
Rangitikei	215 9 1	7 10 10	120 0 0	95 9 1	14 6 4
Sandon	193 6 5	6 15 4	120 0 0	73 6 5	10 19 11
Feilding	213 10 4	7 9 4	120 0 0	93 10 4	14 0 6
Palmerston North	425 18 4	14 18 2	240 0 0	185 18 4	27 17 8
Kimbolton	177 1 8	—	—	—	—
West Coast Maori Mission	238 16 3	8 7 2	120 0 0	118 16 3	17 16 5

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 3½ per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.	
				Taxable Amount.	Levy, 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington—Taranaki Street ..	692 0 8	24 4 5	320 0 0	372 0 8	55 16 1
„ South	263 11 0	9 4 5	120 0 0	143 11 0	21 10 7
Hutt	350 8 4	12 5 9	200 0 0	150 8 4	22 11 3
Greytown	370 3 8	12 19 2	200 0 0	170 3 8	25 10 6
Masterton	300 9 1	10 10 4	120 0 0	180 9 1	27 1 4
Napier	238 18 0	8 7 2	120 0 0	118 18 0	17 16 8
Hastings	177 7 3	6 4 2	120 0 0	57 7 3	8 12 1
Gisborne	189 6 8	6 12 7	120 0 0	69 6 8	10 7 11
Eketahuna	176 17 6	6 3 9	120 0 0	56 17 6	8 10 7
Dannevirke	162 5 0	5 13 7	120 0 0	42 5 0	6 6 9
Levin-Otaki	177 6 0	6 4 2	120 0 0	57 6 0	8 11 10
Waipawa	155 12 6	5 8 11	120 0 0	35 12 6	5 6 10
Woodville	176 8 8	6 3 6	120 0 0	56 8 8	8 9 3
Pahiatua	147 2 11	5 3 0	120 0 0	27 2 11	4 1 5

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson	300 14 7	10 10 6	120 0 0	180 14 7	27 2 1
Richmond	177 4 11	6 4 1	120 0 0	57 4 11	8 11 9
Blenheim	385 15 7	13 10 0	200 0 0	185 15 7	27 17 3
Hokitika	219 4 9	7 13 6	120 0 0	99 4 9	14 17 9
Greymouth	237 17 8	8 6 6	120 0 0	117 17 8	17 13 7
Motueka	122 15 10	4 6 0	80 0 0	42 15 10	6 8 3
Reefton	236 12 6	8 5 7	120 0 0	116 12 6	17 9 10
Westport	146 12 1	5 2 7	80 0 0	66 12 1	9 19 9

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 3½ per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.	
				Taxable Amount.	Levy, 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch—Durham Street ..	1002 5 4	35 1 7	480 0 0	522 5 4	78 6 9
.. Connexional Secretary ..	362 8 2	12 13 8	120 0 0	242 8 2	36 7 3
.. Mission ..	236 1 8	8 5 3	120 0 0	116 1 8	17 8 2
.. South ..	461 19 2	16 3 5	240 0 0	221 19 2	33 5 10
.. St. Albans ..	268 19 5	9 8 4	120 0 0	148 19 5	22 6 10
.. Papanui ..	191 16 10	6 14 3	120 0 0	71 16 10	10 15 6
Lyttelton ..	238 18 1	8 7 4	120 0 0	118 18 1	17 16 8
Springston ..	238 19 8	8 7 5	120 0 0	118 19 8	17 16 11
Tai Tapu ..	146 0 0	5 2 2	80 0 0	66 0 0	9 18 0
Leeston ..	238 19 8	8 7 5	120 0 0	118 19 8	17 16 11
Kaiapoi ..	428 7 5	14 19 10	240 0 0	188 7 5	28 5 1
Rangiora ..	401 0 8	14 0 8	240 0 0	161 0 8	24 3 1
Oxford-Malvern ..	177 4 3	6 4 1	120 0 0	57 4 3	8 11 8
Timaru ..	295 5 0	10 6 8	120 0 0	175 5 0	26 5 9
Waimate ..	233 5 7	8 3 3	120 0 0	113 5 7	16 19 10
Temuka ..	214 4 4	7 9 11	120 0 0	94 4 4	14 2 7
Ashburton ..	238 13 0	8 7 0	120 0 0	118 13 0	17 15 11
Willowby ..	214 2 3	7 9 10	120 0 0	94 2 3	14 2 4

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 3½ per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund	
				Taxable Amount.	Levy, 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin—Trinity	331 6 8	11 11 11	120 0 0	211 6 8	31 14 0
" Central Mission	300 16 9	10 10 7	120 0 0	180 16 9	27 2 6
" Cargill Road	385 0 5	13 9 6	200 0 0	185 0 5	27 15 0
" Mornington	400 12 9	14 0 5	240 0 0	160 12 9	24 1 10
Port Chalmers	189 17 7	6 12 11	120 0 0	69 17 7	10 9 7
Balclutha	223 7 5	7 16 4	120 0 0	103 7 5	15 10 1
Milton	182 16 0	6 8 0	120 0 0	62 16 0	9 8 4
Lawrence	201 11 0	7 1 1	120 0 0	81 11 0	12 4 7
Invercargill	238 19 0	8 7 4	120 0 0	118 19 0	17 16 10
Oamaru	238 19 4	8 7 4	120 0 0	118 19 4	17 16 10
Gore	187 3 2	6 11 1	120 0 0	67 3 2	10 1 5
Otautau	172 3 0	6 0 7	120 0 0	52 3 0	7 16 5
Roxburgh	176 5 6	6 3 4	120 0 0	56 5 6	8 8 10
Cromwell	174 16 1	6 2 4	120 0 0	54 16 1	8 4 5

APPENDIX H.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND, 1904.

Treasurers—REV. J. N. BUTTLE and MR. W. AMBURY.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—		INCOME.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland (Pitt Street) ..	..	140	1	7			
„ (Freeman's Bay) 1903 ..	..	5	0	0			
„ (Newton Mission) ..	..					
„ (North Shore) ..	..	31	2	0			
„ (Grafton Road)—							
1903—16	5 11						
1904—21	2 7	37	8	6			
Mahurangi ..	..	6	0	0			
Thames ..	..	7	10	1			
Upper Thames ..	..	16	15	10			
Manukau ..	..	38	3	7			
Franklin ..	..	23	19	5			
Cambridge ..	..	7	17	11			
Hamilton ..	..	6	2	9			
Paparoa ..	..	4	3	4			
Northern Wairoa ..	..	5	4	8			
Whangarei ..	..	12	9	0			
Coromandel ..	..					
Helensville ..	..	2	4	0			
Rotorua ..	..	1	1	0			
Tauranga ..	..	1	0	0			
Bay of Islands ..	..	1	15	6			
Hokianga ..	..					
Whangaroa ..	..	1	0	0			
Huntly ..	..	1	9	6			
					350	8	8
WANGANUI DISTRICT—							
New Plymouth ..	..	28	1	0			
Waitara ..	..	6	0	0			
Stratford ..	..	6	7	11			
Eltham ..	..	2	0	0			

		INCOME--Continued.						
Hawera ..	..	8	7	9			
Opunake ..	..						
Wanganui ..	..	9	5	3			
Rangitikei, 1903	1 10 0							
„ 1904	15 1 6	16	11	6				
Sandon ..	..						
Feilding ..	..	5	5	0			
Palmerston North ..	..	31	9	1			
Kimbolton ..	..	3	0	0			
Manaweka ..	..						
Taihape ..	..						
Waimarino ..	..	2	0	0			
					118	7	6	
WELLINGTON DISTRICT—								
Wellington (Taranaki Street) ..	..	56	14	9			
„ (South) ..	..	8	2	6			
Hutt, 1903	3 13 4							
„ 1904	26 7 4	30	0	8				
Greytown ..	..	7	12	6			
Masterton ..	..	4	15	3			
Napier ..	..	37	5	1			
Hastings ..	..	3	15	8			
Gisborne ..	..	5	1	0			
Eketahuna ..	..	5	0	0			
Dannevirke ..	..	2	7	0			
Otaki (Levin) ..	..	10	10	9			
Waipawa, 1903	1 0 0							
„ 1904	1 17 3	2	17	3				
Woodville ..	..	7	0	0			
Pahiatua ..	..	2	10	0			
Norsewood ..	..						
					183	12	5	

FOREIGN MISSION FUND—continued.

INCOME—Continued.

NELSON DISTRICT—			
Nelson, 1903	16	9	6
„ 1904	33	5	3
Richmond, 1903	2	2	11
„ 1904	7	6	5
Blenheim .. .. .	..	..	36 12 1
Hokitika .. .. .	..	..	2 5 6
Greymouth .. .. .	..	..	11 11 0
Motueka .. .. .	..	..	2 18 6
Reefton .. .. .	..	..	6 6 0
Westport .. .. .	..	..	9 0 0
Kumara .. .. .	..	..	..
Havelock .. .. .	..	..	1 2 0
			128 19 2

CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Christchurch (Durham Street) ..	142	7	0
„ (Mission) .. .. .	..	2	16 1
„ (South) .. .. .	..	32	11 0
„ (St. Albans) .. .. .	..	14	8 8
„ (Papanui) .. .. .	..	5	3 6
Lyttelton .. .. .	..	7	17 6
Springston .. .. .	..	10	15 9
Tai Tapu .. .. .	..	3	19 2
Leeston .. .. .	..	21	1 2
Kaiapoi .. .. .	..	43	4 3
Rangiora .. .. .	..	31	13 4
Oxford .. .. .	..	5	0 0
Amberley .. .. .	..	1	7 6
Timaru .. .. .	..	24	15 1
Waimate .. .. .	..	38	2 0
„ (Special) .. .. .	..	200	0 0
Temuka .. .. .	..	4	0 0
Ashburton .. .. .	..	28	15 3
Willowby .. .. .	..	20	0 0
Malvern .. .. .	..	2	0 0
			639 17 3

INCOME—Continued.

OTAGO DISTRICT—			
Dunedin (Trinity) 1903	23	9	4
„ 1904	56	8	4
„ (Cargill Road) 1903	8	10	11
„ „ „ 1904	20	8	11
„ „ „ Special .. .. .	..	..	50 0 0
„ (Mornington) .. .. .	..	..	16 0 3
„ (Central Mission) .. .. .	..	..	37 14 4
Port Chalmers, 1903	7	14	9
„ 1904	6	0	6
Balclutha .. .. .	..	..	..
Milton .. .. .	..	..	3 3 6
Lawrence .. .. .	..	..	3 5 0
Invercargill .. .. .	..	..	46 18 4
Oamaru .. .. .	..	..	11 10 11
Gore .. .. .	..	..	3 15 8
Otautau .. .. .	..	..	4 16 9
Roxburgh .. .. .	..	..	7 6 6
Riverton .. .. .	..	..	..
Cromwell .. .. .	..	..	4 0 0
Tapuanui .. .. .	..	..	..
Palmerston South .. .. .	..	..	1 8 0
			312 12 0

Total from Circuits ..	1,733	17	0
Other Amounts .. .. .	..	..	21 15 6
“ Review ” Subscriptions .. .. .	..	..	3 7 0

Total .. £1,758 19 3

EXPENDITURE: Remitted to General Treasurers, less exchange and charges £1,758 19 6

Special Appeal, to date—			
Bunnythorpe C.E.S. .. .. .	..	..	2 10 0
Century Fund, per Rev. W. Lee .. .. .	..	..	8 17 0

£11 7 0

APPENDIX I.

N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND

TREASURERS—REV. J. J. LEWIS

INCOME.

I.—AUCKLAND.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Brought forward ...	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.				1,191 16 7
Auckland, Pitt Street ...	180	7 6		Blenheim ...	59	10 6	
" Freeman's Bay ...	5	0 0		" Donation (Anony- mous) ...	10	0 0	
" Newton Mission ...	2	10 0		" C. W. O. ...	10	0 0	
" North Shore ...	40	0 0		Hokitika ...	7	10 3	
" Grafton Road ...	61	17 3		Greymouth ...	10	9 1	
Maori Mission, Waikato ...	13	13 0		Motueka ...	5	0 0	
" Kaipara ...	21	10 0		Reefton ...	10	0 0	
" Hokianga ...	16	0 0		Westport ...	6	15 6	
" Whangaroa ...	10	0 0		Kumara ...	3	0 0	
" Special Donat'ns ...	50	0 0		Havelock ...	2	4 2	
Mahurangi ...	10	9 7					174 5 9
Thames ...	23	0 5		V.—CANTERBURY.			
Upper Thames ...	20	19 10		Christchurch, Durham St. ...	132	14 6	
Manukau ...	53	4 0		" Mission ...	11	0 0	
Franklin ...	24	0 2		" South ...	38	6 0	
Cambridge ...	12	2 0		" St. Albans ...	36	12 6	
Hamilton ...	12	19 4		" Papanui ...	16	6 6	
Paparoa ...	10	0 0		Lyttelton ...	17	10 0	
Northern Wairoa ...	11	0 0		Springston ...	18	1 3	
Whangarei ...	15	2 6		Tai Tapu ...	9	12 7	
Tauranga ...	5	13 0		Leeston ...	30	0 0	
Coromandel ...	6	0 0		Kaiapoi ...	35	0 0	
Helensville ...	9	12 11		Rangiora ...	30	0 0	
Bay of Islands ...	6	15 0		Oxford ...	7	8 6	
Hokianga ...	5	0 0		Amberley ...	6	10 0	
Whangaroa ...	5	6 6		Timaru ...	38	10 0	
Huntly ...	2	4 3		Waimate ...	16	0 0	
Te Awamutu ...				Temuka ...	8	0 0	
Rotorua ...	1	5 0		Ashburton ...	31	5 10	
Conference Meeting ...	3	15 0	639 7	Willowby ...	20	0 7	
				Malvern ...	6	0 0	
II.—WANGANUI.				Methven ...	2	0 0	
New Plymouth ...	30	5 6		Banks' Peninsula ...	3	12 0	514 10 3
Rahotu ...	1	6 0		VI.—OTAGO.			
Waitara ...	15	15 0		Dunedin, Trinity ...	65	0 0	
Stratford ...	7	17 4		" Central Mission ...	19	0 9	
Eltham ...	5	0 0		" Cargill Road ...	28	0 8	
Hawera ...	35	1 9		" Special Donat'n ...	50	0 0	
Opunake ...	5	0 0		" Mornington ...	29	16 7	
Wanganui ...	27	17 8		Port Chalmers ...	8	1 6	
Rangitikei ...	8	16 0		Balclutha ...	10	0 0	
Sandon ...	7	3 6		Milton ...	8	1 0	
Feilding ...	10	10 0		Lawrence ...	7	0 0	
Palmerston North ...	36	2 6		Invercargill ...	24	10 0	
Kimbolton ...	11	5 2		Oamaru ...	12	0 0	
West Coast Maori Mission ...	10	0 0		Gore ...	6	2 3	
Mangaweka ...	2	12 10		Otautau ...	8	9 8	
Tiahape ...	3	10 6	218 3 9	Roxburgh ...	4	10 8	
Waimarino ...	3	10 6		Riverton-Orepuki ...	2	0 0	
III.—WELLINGTON.				Cromwell ...	6	0 0	
Wellington, Taranaki St. ...	94	4 10		Tapanui ...	2	4 1	
" South ...	20	1 0		Palmerston ...	2	2 0	
Hutt ...	23	10 3					292 19 2
Petone (Anonymous) ...	15	0 0		Birthday League ...			64 18 5
Greytown ...	12	0 0		CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.			
Masterton ...	22	16 6		Auckland ...	201	13 11	
Napier ...	22	1 1		Grey Institute ...	170	0 0	
Hastings ...	10	5 0		Kai Iwi ...	98	0 0	
Gisborne ...	10	0 6					469 13 11
Eketahuna ...	3	14 0		INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.			
Levin-Otaki ...	15	8 8		Auckland ...	120	11 3	
Dannevirke ...	7	0 0		Canterbury ...	48	15 6	
Waipawa ...	7	3 3					169 6 9
Woodville ...	9	0 0		Maori Service Books ...			8 5 9
Pahiatua ...	7	2 3		Total Income, 1904 ...			2,885 18 4
Norsewood ...	5	0 0	284 7 4	Deficit, 1904 ...			268 1 2
IV.—NELSON.							£3,105 19 6
Nelson ...	41	15 3					
Richmond ...	8	1 0					
Carried forward ...			£1,191 16 7				

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—BALANCE SHEET, 1904.

AND F. L. PRIME.

EXPENDITURE.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
By Debit Balance, 1903 ...		111	8	5	Brought forward ...		1,711	9	5					
MAORI MISSIONS.														
AUCKLAND.														
Missionary Superintendent	225	0	0											
Connexional Funds	44	15	9											
House Rent	52	0	0											
Travelling	35	0	0											
Student Probationer	40	0	0											
Student Travelling	10	0	0											
HOKIANGA.														
Native Minister	60	0	0											
Native Minister	40	0	0											
KAIPARA.														
Native Minister	60	0	0											
Travelling	10	0	0											
WAIKATO.														
Native Minister	60	0	0											
Native Minister	40	0	0											
WHANGAROA.														
Native Minister	50	0	0											
WANGANUI.														
Missionary	200	0	0											
Connexional Funds	38	2	6											
Travelling	7	10	0											
House Rent	35	0	0											
Native Minister	100	0	0											
Native Travelling	7	10	0											
Additional Grants	63	3	9											
		1178	2	0										
HOME MISSION STATIONS.														
AUCKLAND.														
Bay of Islands	15	0	0											
Whangaroa	15	0	0											
Hokianga	31	5	0											
Helensville	16	5	0											
WANGANUI.														
Mangaweka	55	0	0											
Taihape	25	0	0											
Waimarinc	25	0	0											
WELLINGTON.														
Norsewood	18	15	0											
NELSON.														
Kumara	10	0	0											
Havelock	28	15	0											
CANTERBURY.														
Amberley	21	0	0											
Methven	12	10	0											
Banks Peninsula	40	0	0											
OTAGO.														
Tapanui	17	10	0											
Palmerston South	8	15	0											
Additional Grants	53	4	0											
		368	4	0										
AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARIES.														
AUCKLAND.														
Northern Wairoa (Kaihu)	15	0	0											
Whangarei (Hikurangi)	38	15	0											
Carried forward ...		£1,711	9	5										
GENERAL.														
Printing Reports, etc.	55	2	6											
Office Rent	21	0	0											
Interest and Exchange	57	16	0											
Deputations	59	2	0											
Home Missionaries attending District Synod	32	2	8											
Miscellaneous	13	17	4											
		239	0	6										
												817	13	9
												195	15	10
												£3103	19	6

N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND INCOME.

I. AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland, Pitt Street ...	160 0 0	
„ Freeman's Bay ...	5 0 0	
„ Newton Mission...	2 10 0	
„ North Shore ...	40 0 0	
„ Grafton Road ...	60 0 0	
Maori Mission, Waikato	13 0 0	
„ Kaipara ...	21 10 0	
„ Hokianga ...	16 0 0	
„ Whangaroa ...	10 0 0	
„ Special Donat'ns	50 0 0	
Mahurangi ...	12 0 0	
Thames ...	20 0 0	
Upper Thames ...	20 0 0	
Manukau ...	50 0 0	
Franklin ...	20 0 0	
Cambridge ...	12 0 0	
Hamilton ...	12 0 0	
Paparoa ...	10 0 0	
Northern Wairoa ...	12 0 0	
Whangarei ...	15 0 0	
Tauranga ...	6 0 0	
Coromandel ...	6 0 0	
Helensville ...	7 0 0	
Bay of Islands ...	6 0 0	
Hokianga ...	5 0 0	
Whangaroa ...	5 10 0	
Huntly ...	4 0 0	
Te Awamutu ...	3 0 0	
Rotorua ...	2 0 0	
Conference Meeting ...	—	
		605 10 0

II.—WANGANUI.

New Plymouth ...	30 0 0	
Rahotu ...	—	
Waitara ...	15 0 0	
Stratford ...	10 0 0	
Eltham...	6 0 0	
Hawera ...	35 0 0	
Opunake ...	7 0 0	
Wanganui ...	35 0 0	
Rangitikei ...	10 0 0	
Sandon ...	15 0 0	
Feilding ...	15 0 0	
Palmerston North	35 0 0	
Kimbolton ...	7 10 0	
West Coast Maori Mis'n	20 0 0	
Mangaweka ...	3 0 0	
Taihape ...	3 0 0	
Waimarino ...	4 0 0	
		250 10 0

III.—WELLINGTON.

Wellington Taranaki St.	95 0 0	
„ South ...	20 0 0	
Hutt ...	25 0 0	
Petone (Anonymous) ...	—	
Greytown ...	14 0 0	
Masterton ...	20 0 0	
Napier ...	23 0 0	
Hastings ...	10 0 0	
Gisborne ...	10 0 0	
Eketahuna ...	5 0 0	
Levin-Otaki ...	12 0 0	
Dannevirke ...	7 0 0	
Waipawa ...	7 0 0	
Woodville ...	10 0 0	
Pahiatua ...	5 0 0	
Norsewood ...	5 0 0	
Conference Meeting ...	—	
		268 0 0

Carried forward ... £1,124 0 0

Brought forward ... £ s. d. 1,124 0 0

IV.—NELSON.

Nelson ...	35 0 0	
Richmond ...	7 10 0	
Blenheim ...	55 0 0	
„ Donation Anonymous	—	
Hokitika ...	8 0 0	
Greymouth ...	12 0 0	
Motueka ...	5 0 0	
Reefton...	10 0 0	
Westport ...	7 10 0	
Kumara ...	3 3 0	
Havelock ...	2 0 0	
		145 3 0

V.—CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, Durham St.	115 0 0	
„ Mission ...	15 0 0	
„ South ...	35 0 0	
„ St. Albans ...	25 0 0	
„ Papanui ...	15 0 0	
Lyttelton ...	17 10 0	
Springston ...	17 10 0	
Tai Tapu ...	12 10 0	
Leeston ...	25 0 0	
Kaipoi ...	35 0 0	
Rangiora ...	30 0 0	
Oxford ...	5 0 0	
Amberley ...	5 0 0	
Timaru ...	30 0 0	
Wainate ...	16 0 0	
Temuka ...	10 0 0	
Ashburton ...	30 0 0	
Willowby ...	20 0 0	
Malvern ...	7 0 0	
Methven ...	3 0 0	
Banks' Peninsula ...	3 0 0	
		471 10 0

VI.—OTAGO.

Dunedin, Trinity ...	60 0 0	
„ Central Mission ...	30 0 0	
„ Cargill Road ...	30 0 0	
„ Special Donation...	—	
„ Mornington ...	25 0 0	
Port Chalmers ...	8 0 0	
Balclutha ...	10 0 0	
Milton ...	8 0 0	
Lawrence ...	8 0 0	
Invercargill ...	17 10 0	
Oamaru...	12 0 0	
Gore ...	7 0 0	
Otautau ...	5 10 0	
Roxburgh ...	5 0 0	
Riverton-Orepuke ...	4 0 0	
Cromwell ...	7 10 0	
Tapanui ...	2 0 0	
Palmerston ...	3 0 0	
		242 10 0
Birthday League ...		60 0 0

CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.

Auckland ...	120 0 0	
Grey Institute ...	300 0 0	
Kai Iwi ...	100 0 0	
		520 0 0

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.

Auckland ...	1 0 0 0	
Canterbury ...	50 0 0 0	
		170 0 0

Maori Service Books ... 10 0 0

Deficit ... £2,748 3 0

841 3 7

£3,584 6 7

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

EXPENDITURE, AS RECOMMENDED FOR 1905.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Debit Balance, 1904	268	1	2			
MAORI MISSIONS.						
AUCKLAND.						
Missionary Superind't	225	0	0			
Connexional Funds	43	8	4			
House Rent	52	0	0			
Travelling	35	0	0			
Student Probationer	50	0	0			
" Travelling	10	0	0			
Assistant Probationer	90	0	0			
" Travelling	20	0	0			
" Super. Fund	8	12	6			
HOKIANGA.						
Native Minister...	60	0	0			
Native Minister...	50	0	0			
KAIPARA.						
Native Minister...	70	0	0			
Travelling	10	0	0			
WAIKATO.						
Native Minister...	60	0	0			
Native Minister...	40	0	0			
WHANGAROA.						
Native Minister...	50	0	0			
WANGANUI.						
Missionary	200	0	0			
Connexional Funds	37	13	10			
Travelling	7	10	0			
House Rent	35	0	0			
Native Minister...	125	0	0			
Native Travelling	7	10	0			
" Probationer	75	0	0			
	1,961	14	5			

HOME MISSION STATIONS.

AUCKLAND.						
Bay of Islands	15	0	0			
Whangaroa	25	0	0			
Hokianga	30	0	0			
Helensville	20	0	0			
WANGANUI.						
Mangaweka	30	0	0			
Taihape	40	0	0			
Waimarino	40	0	0			
WELLINGTON.						
Norsewood (Special 1904)	20	0	0			
" "	15	0	0			
NELSON.						
Kumara	10	0	0			
Havelock	30	0	0			
CANTERBURY.						
Amberley	25	0	0			
Banks Peninsula	35	0	0			
OTAGO.						
Tapuanui	15	0	0			
Palmerston	25	0	0			
Winton	50	0	0			
	425	0	0			

AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARIES.

AUCKLAND.						
Northern Wairoa (Kaihu)	20	0	0			
Whangarei (Hikurangi)	35	0	0			
Upper Thames	40	0	0			
Cambridge (Te Awamutu)	10	0	0			
Hamilton (Huntly)	30	0	0			
Mahurangi & Port Albert	60	0	0			
Carried forward ..	£2,249	15	7			

Brought forward ..	£2,249	15	7			
WANGANUI.						
New Plymouth (Rahotu)	20	0	0			
WELLINGTON.						
South Wairarapa	40	0	0			
CANTERBURY.						
Durham Street	40	0	0			
OTAGO.						
Cargill Road (Mosgiel)	25	0	0			
" " (St. Kilda)	45	0	0			
	365	0	0			

AIDED CIRCUITS.

AUCKLAND.						
Coromandel	50	0	0			
Rotorua	45	0	0			
WANGANUI.						
Eltham	25	0	0			
Rangitikei	25	0	0			
Kimbolton	25	0	0			
WELLINGTON.						
Hastings	10	0	0			
Gisborne	10	0	0			
Eketahuna	50	0	0			
Levin-Otaki	20	0	0			
Dannevirke	30	0	0			
Waipawa	18	15	0			
" "	60	0	0			
Woodville	15	0	0			
Pahiatua	60	0	0			
NELSON.						
Richmond	15	0	0			
Blenheim	15	0	0			
Hokitika	10	0	0			
Westport	20	0	0			
CANTERBURY.						
Papanui	25	0	0			
Oxford and Malvern	35	0	0			
Ashburton (Methven)	35	0	0			
OTAGO.						
Milton	30	0	0			
Gore	20	0	0			
Otautau	35	0	0			
Riverton	25	0	0			
Roxburgh	40	0	0			
Cromwell	30	0	0			
	778	15	0			

SPECIAL.

Oxford	20	0	0			
Otautau	25	0	0			
Special Grant for Ormondville Church	10	0	0			
Kumara (removal expenses of retiring Home Missionary)	5	0	0			
Wakatipu (supply of Queenstown to Easter)	12	0	0			
Connexional Secretary	60	0	0			
Ministerial Supply	40	0	0			
	172	0	0			

GENERAL.

Printing Reports, etc.	40	0	0			
Interest and Exchange	50	0	0			
Office Rent	21	0	0			
Miscellaneous	100	0	0			
	211	0	0			
	£3,584	6	7			

£285 Sample Auckland A. Miss. 1905
90 " " Circuits "
380

APPENDIX J. GENERAL RETURNS, September 30th, 1904.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						Bands of Hope.			Attendees on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.					
	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.			Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Number on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior		Number of Schools.	Teachers.		Scholars.		Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.		Connexional Societies.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. scholars Members of Non-Connexional Societies.		
		Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.											Active Members.	Junior		Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.							Average Attendance.	Members of Church.
		Parsonages.	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.										Societies.	Active Members.		Societies.	Members.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.							Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.
Auckland (Pitt Street) ...	8	3	5	3	6	...	28	20	703	6	116	5	141	...	...	8	129	114	107	1296	892	110	3269	8	...	...	3860
Wesley College ...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	23	19	22	220	160	...	...	1	...	...	570
Auckland (Freeman's Bay)	1	...	1	...	1	...	5	12	129	...	30	1	60	...	...	1	23	19	22	220	160	...	...	1	...	...	570
Newton Methodist Mission	...	1	...	1	...	...	3	3	105	17	...	...	50	...	...	1	12	11	11	84	76	12	...	1	...	...	900
Auckland (North Shore)	5	4	3	2	4	...	8	...	224	...	...	3	40	...	...	5	48	42	41	464	301	6	1198	4	...	...	950
Auckland (Grafton Road)	5	5	3	2	3	...	7	1	239	3	18	2	10	...	...	4	44	39	36	426	283	46	1730	3	...	...	1350
Maori Mission	1
Mahurangi	3	15	...	1	1	1	8	...	113	...	...	1	20	...	...	4	9	8	6	128	68	...	...	...	...	...	710
Thames	2	2	1	1	1	...	1	3	123	...	...	2	15	...	...	1	26	15	13	229	128	31	500	...	...	...	680
Upper Thames	7	13	1	2	3	1	17	4	261	28	51	2	4	...	...	7	44	35	30	418	316	20	400	3	...	...	1450
Manukau	5	3	2	1	2	1	12	5	185	7	12	2	35	...	...	4	28	24	27	268	184	18	1174	2	...	...	1060
Franklin	8	10	...	1	1	1	7	3	212	2	42	...	50	...	...	4	16	14	12	181	110	12	200	4	...	...	1200
Cambridge	5	6	1	1	1	...	0	...	140	...	...	3	7	...	...	3	12	8	9	117	68	...	222	1	...	...	740
Hamilton	3	22	1	1	2	2	14	...	197	...	...	2	...	...	...	3	18	17	9	140	95	...	250	3	...	...	1000
Paparoa	5	3	...	1	1	...	7	1	112	...	...	1	5	...	...	5	13	7	10	102	70	...	...	...	...	...	530
Northern Wairoa	5	11	...	1	1	1	15	1	129	...	12	...	10	...	...	6	30	24	10	308	216	3	156	...	...	...	1020
Whangarei	4	6	...	1	1	1	4	...	92	...	...	2	20	...	...	3	27	21	11	203	143	3	632	2	...	...	770
Coromandel	2	4	...	2	...	...	1	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	16	13	11	121	95	...	500	...	...	...	340
Helensville	4	8	...	1	...	...	1	...	48	...	...	1	20	...	...	4	11	10	5	90	70	...	140	...	...	...	400
Rotorua	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	3	1	25	20	2	...	...	...	...	85
Tauranga	1	2	...	...	...	1	2	...	56	6	...	...	40	...	...	1	8	6	8	48	34	...	...	...	...	...	270
Bay of Islands	2	6	...	...	1	5	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	3	3	50	36	...	...	...	...	...	350
Hokianga	2	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	3	3	28	21	...	...	...	...	...	300
Whangaroa	1	8	...	1	...	1	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	2	24	20	...	...	...	...	...	320
Totals	78	138	18	23	32	14	147	53	3219	69	281	27	528	73	527	438	397	4950	3406	263	10191	33	18845

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.												CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						Bands of Hope.			Attendees on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.		
												Number on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior		Junior	Teachers.			Scholars.			Volumes in Libraries	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.		Connexional Societies.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members of Non-Connexional Societies.
	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.																				
	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.																						
New Plymouth ...	7	10	1	2	2	16	4	261	...	5	3	13	1	14	...	9	47	41	39	417	297	18	268	9	2	100	...	1400		
Waitara ...	5	8	3	1	2	13	4	233	10	...	4	20	1	15	...	6	34	29	34	320	228	10	1300	5	5	200	...	1200		
Stratford ...	2	4	...	1	1	...	7	108	5	13	...	20	...	...	...	3	15	13	9	159	122	4	120	1	1	39	...	550
Eltham ...	1	4	...	1	...	...	3	74	5	9	2	...	...	...	...	2	7	5	6	80	60	3	...	...	1	35	...	450
Hawera ...	4	6	1	2	2	14	1	175	...	35	...	20	1	15	...	3	23	19	21	227	152	19	313	2	...	...	980	
Opunake ...	4	5	...	1	1	8	...	85	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	3	3	30	20	...	...	...	...	...	8	400
Wanganui ...	3	3	1	1	3	10	...	246	...	20	...	...	1	20	...	3	29	22	29	290	220	40	480	1	2	100	...	1300
Rangitikei ...	3	1	1	1	1	...	1	40	...	...	1	11	1	13	1	1	7	5	7	74	45	...	210	...	...	...	...	190
Sandon ...	3	1	...	1	1	6	...	105	...	22	1	6	1	15	...	2	11	10	11	113	67	...	...	2	...	...	...	300
Feilding ...	3	...	1	1	2	4	...	94	...	21	...	12	...	...	...	2	14	11	9	144	105	4	20	1	...	...	40	375
Palmerston North ...	6	2	4	1	3	13	...	310	9	20	...	40	3	100	2	40	5	47	43	592	429	54	...	...	...	...	...	1207
Kimbolton ...	4	4	...	1	1	4	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	12	9	8	127	95	...	...	...	...	...	20	355
West Coast Maori Mission	1	
Mangaweka ...	1	3	...	...	1	1	1	20	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	3	2	53	40	...	...	1	...	...	...	180
Taihape ...	2	4	...	...	1	4	...	33	...	...	...	...	2	17	...	2	11	9	5	68	47	...	...	1	...	...	...	100
Waimarino ...	2	1	...	...	1	2	...	34	...	3	...	4	...	...	...	3	5	5	4	59	50	...	...	3	...	...	...	200
Totals ...	50	56	12	13	20	5	106	11	1868	29	151	12	146	10	188	5	97	47	268	227	232	2753	1977	152	2941	26	11	474	68	9187

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						Bands of Hope.		Attendants on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.													
	Churches.										Senior		Junior		Teachers.			Scholars.			S.S. Scholars who are Members.															
	Other Preaching Places.		Schoolrooms.		Parsonag-s.		Ministers and Probationers.		Home Missionaries.		Local Preachers.		Class Leaders.		Number on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.		Members.	Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Connexional Societies.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members of Non-Connexional Societies.
Wellington (Taranaki Street) ...	6	2	4	2	5	1	20	5	497	...	57	3	...	3	105	4	90	6	90	76	76	1267	752	95	2452	6	3	450	...	3900						
Wellington (South) ...	2	1	1	1	...	4	1	178	...	30	2	20	1	25	1	51	2	32	29	30	350	214	21	900	2	2	...	...	800					
Hutt ...	5	2	1	1	3	...	12	...	185	...	...	...	...	2	46	6	43	36	32	433	263	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	940
Greytown ...	6	4	3	1	2	1	6	3	168	2	3	1	10	1	15	820					
Masterton ...	2	3	1	1	1	...	9	...	164	5	...	2	10	1	21	3	31	23	28	329	231	32	736	2	2	...	...	115	...	850				
Napier ...	4	1	1	1	2	...	3	1	171	18	38	2	10	1	52	2	38	4	25	22	19	305	213	35	845	1	1	30	...	750						
Hastings ...	1	3	...	1	1	...	7	...	97	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	16	11	13	160	120	6	120	1	1	30	...	...	...	446
Gisborne ...	1	3	1	1	1	...	2	2	110	2	23	...	6	1	30	1	25	1	10	8	...	110	55	3	59	1	1	50	...	435						
Eketahuna ...	2	7	...	1	1	...	3	...	57	...	...	...	10	...	...	3	8	2	110	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	550
Dannevirke ...	1	5	...	1	1	...	2	...	76	...	1	...	1	16	...	1	8	8	8	80	70	10	...	...	...	1	1	25	10	450			
Levin-Otaki ...	4	3	...	1	1	...	3	...	116	...	...	...	14	1	13	...	4	17	15	11	175	126	14	300	2	1	20	60	720				
Waipawa ...	2	6	...	1	1	...	...	...	34	...	...	22	...	...	...	1	3	3	8	22	12	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	450
Woodville ...	2	...	...	1	1	...	3	...	101	1	4	2	...	...	...	1	20	2	8	8	163	72	...	272	...	1	45	...	...	300
Pahiatua ...	2	5	...	1	1	...	3	...	79	1	11	...	20	...	...	2	2	2	8	64	49	...	100	2	...	...	...	...	...	475
Norsewood ...	3	3	...	1	...	1	3	2	61	4	6	1	6	5	4	85	66	...	100	1	3	68	350					
Totals ...	44	48	12	14	22	4	80	14	2094	29	166	19	128	9	256	12	291	44	338	294	279	3865	2506	223	7584	31	14	823	410	11626						

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.								CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							BANDS OF HOPE.		Attendants on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.									
	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Number on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior	Junior	Teachers.			Scholars.				S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members of Non-Connexional Societies.						
														Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.		Members of Church.			Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Connexional Societies.
Nelson ...	1	..	1	1	2	..	4	..	168	20	20	2	..	1	40	1	24	1	16	12	16	197	116	20	200	1	1	100	..	520
Richmond ...	6	2	..	1	1	..	6	..	130	..	8	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	22	20	161	116	6	770	1	..	..	12	650
Blenheim ...	4	5	1	1	1	..	9	4	153	17	39	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	33	34	383	268	14	1770	1	..	..	80	1089
Hokitika ...	3	3	1	1	1	..	4	1	74	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	7	3	50	36	..	163	1	1	30	..	360
Greymouth ...	2	3	..	1	1	..	4	2	159	..	25	..	..	1	30	1	20	3	29	24	26	248	179	15	500	2	1	25	..	640
Motueka ...	2	4	..	1	1	..	2	..	125	..	17	..	..	10	16	..	..	4	26	20	24	170	120	17	..	3	..	..	..	610
Reefton ...	2	3	..	1	1	..	6	..	106	8	..	2	..	2	35	..	..	2	15	13	14	172	122	18	305	2	..	..	..	550
Westport ...	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	57	..	15	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	12	11	11	99	71	6	285	1	..	..	..	390
Kumara ...	2	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	36	..	10	1	..	1	8	1	10	1	5	5	5	49	33	2	100	1	1	30	..	120
Havelock ...	2	7	..	1	1	..	..	..	40	..	15	..	..	2	24	..	..	2	8	8	6	66	44	..	76	..	4	269	..	420
Totals ...	25	30	3	9	10	2	37	8	1048	47	149	16	20	8	153	3	54	24	190	155	164	1595	1105	98	4169	13	8	454	92	5289

Y.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						Bands of Hope.									
									Number on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior		Junior	Teachers.			Scholars.			Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Connexional Societies.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members of Non-Connexional Societies.	Attendants on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.			
														Active Members.	Societies.		Members.	Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.							Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	
																															Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.
Christchurch (Durham Street)	9	..	5	3	11	..	28	6	805	29	109	15	42	1	40	2	90	9	124	108	105	1246	912	45	2800	8	8	1000	..	8675	
Christchurch Meth. Mission	1	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	112	6	25	..	5	1	4	..	35	1	10	9	9	130	111	21	..	1	1	60	..	530
Christchurch (South)	5	2	4	3	2	..	10	5	336	16	25	3	25	2	55	..	..	6	90	70	84	915	607	21	1472	5	4	477	..	2275
Christchurch (St. Albans)	2	..	1	1	1	..	5	1	201	24	24	4	..	2	34	1	24	2	40	37	40	396	272	24	736	2	1	84	..	867	
Christchurch (Papanui)	4	..	1	1	1	..	5	..	186	3	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	3	24	21	17	160	130	3	888	2	1	80	..	525
Lyttelton	2	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	80	..	10	2	..	1	12	..	..	2	17	14	16	170	102	3	..	1	1	70	..	470
Springston	5	1	1	1	1	..	3	..	124	8	3	3	14	..	..	..	3	3	16	15	16	137	97	5	1160	3	1	60	15	500
Tai Tapu	4	..	1	1	1	..	4	..	95	1	..	..	10	1	16	..	..	2	14	14	14	117	77	..	..	2	..	..	50	450
Leeston	5	1	1	1	2	..	5	1	158	..	..	1	15	..	..	..	..	4	22	20	17	133	113	..	600	4	..	..	..	900
Kaiapoi	7	1	2	2	2	..	6	..	284	3	16	2	20	1	20	..	..	8	47	40	26	516	423	4	750	5	..	..	200	1185
Rangiora	7	..	3	2	2	..	9	..	269	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6	42	35	36	326	238	13	840	5	1	92	154	934
Oxford	2	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	32	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	2	10	7	6	91	50	..	..	2	2	80	..	300
Amberley and Waikari	1	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	3	3	35	30	..	..	1	..	..	20	280
Timaru	2	4	1	1	1	..	12	3	241	..	..	2	20	..	..	..	..	1	25	21	25	280	186	..	700	1	..	..	..	950
Waimate	2	1	1	1	1	..	10	1	178	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	17	14	14	135	113	2	250	1	..	..	125	650
Temuka	2	4	1	1	1	..	3	..	62	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	3	5	56	40	..	150	1	..	..	..	260
Ashburton	3	1	1	1	1	..	4	2	186	4	12	..	..	..	..	1	22	1	29	18	28	163	116	33	360	1	..	..	100	725
Willowby	5	5	..	1	1	..	14	1	143	..	13	2	12	3	32	..	..	4	26	18	23	153	112	19	804	3	2	70	..	600
Malvern	4	2	..	..	1	..	8	..	48	..	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	1	4	3	3	86	30	..	..	1	..	..	..	300
Methven	1	4	..	..	1	2	..	..	39	1	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	190
Cheviot	1
Bank's Peninsula	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	32	1	4	1	1	1	1	12	12	102
Totals	75	33	23	23	32	3	136	22	3597	98	244	42	203	13	254	5	171	60	569	471	458	5207	3771	193	11005	49	22	1973	724	16618	

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						Bands of Hope.		Attendants on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.										
			Other Preaching Places, Schoolrooms, Parsonages, Ministers and Probationers, Home Missionaries, Local Preachers, Class Leaders.		Number on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior		Number of Schools.	Teachers.		Scholars.			Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Connexional Societies.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members of Non-Connexional Societies.											
										Active Members.	Junior		Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.							Members of Church.									
																									Members.	Members.							
Dunedin (Trinity) ..	2	1	1	1	1	1	6	3	299	2	9	2	15	1	25	1	30	3	34	33	33	267	218	37	650	1	1	100	..	950			
Dunedin (Central Mission)	2	1	1	1	5	3	335	10	31	2	20	1	91	1	50	1	18	16	17	165	120	32	230	1	..	..	..	2300			
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	3	6	2	1	2	1	327	22	30	7	12	2	61	2	69	5	51	44	45	421	314	25	1717	5	..	..	..	1500			
Dunedin (Mornington)	3	1	1	1	2	..	10	5	38	4	10	3	63	2	42	4	55	51	40	382	309	43	1154	4	2	60	..	935			
Port Chalmers	2	1	..	1	1	..	6	3	8	1	..	1	25	1	13	1	14	9	14	81	60	16	200	..	..	..	..	500			
Balclutha	2	1	..	1	1	..	2	1	50	..	30	1	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	90	80	..	171	2	1	50	..	500			
Milton	1	5	..	1	1	..	1	..	58	3	8	1	6	1	8	..	..	..	..	12	11	10	75	65	..	400	1	1	40	..	385
Lawrence	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	81	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	9	8	9	35	23	..	..	..	370		
Invercargill	1	2	1	1	1	..	2	2	89	6	30	..	1	29	1	40	1	15	14	15	180	145	..	400	1	1	50	..	465		
Oamaru	2	3	1	1	1	..	4	1	132	5	32	2	16	2	42	1	32	1	17	14	15	117	80	22	450	1	1	65	..	570	
Gore	1	3	..	1	1	..	3	..	85	..	19	4	..	..	..	1	35	1	7	6	7	107	75	3	250	..	..	..	..	20	450
Otautau	4	2	..	1	1	..	2	2	71	10	..	2	14	..	..	..	4	18	13	12	157	113	1	140	2	..	..	..	..	20	450
Roxburgh	3	1	1	1	1	..	2	..	50	..	6	2	10	..	..	..	3	7	7	6	58	43	..	40	2	..	..	..	..	..	200
Riverton-Orepuki	1	8	..	..	1	2	..	..	35	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	3	22	11	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	300
Cromwell	2	3	..	1	1	..	5	1	62	1	..	1	2	1	10	1	20	1	3	3	2	25	20	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	250
Wakatipu	2	2	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Tapanui	1	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	3	28	24	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	15	150
Palmerston	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	23	3	..	..	6	..	..	1	14	1	5	4	2	49	35	..	40	..	1	15	..	..	190
Totals	34	45	8	13	16	4	63	24	2098	68	250	30	141	13	354	13	375	33	282	249	242	2259	1735	179	6130	23	8	880	55	10487	

GENERAL SUMMARY OF DISTRICTS.

I.—EUROPEAN WORK.

DISTRICTS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							Bands of Hope.		Attendants on Public Worship including S.S. Scholars.											
	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Number on Roll.			On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior		Junior	Number of Schools.	Teachers.				Scholars.				Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Connexional Societies.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members of Non-Connexional Societies.		
									Active Members.	Societies.	Members.					Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.			Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.		Members of Church.										
																									Members.	Members of Church.	Average Attendance.						Members of Church.	
Auckland ...	78	138	18	23	32	14	53	3219	69	281	27	528	...	...	...	73	527	438	397	4950	3406	263	10191	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18845	
Wanganui ...	50	56	12	13	19	5	106	11 1868	29	151	12	146	10	188	5	97	47	268	227	232	2753	1977	152	2941	26	11	...	...	...	...	...	68	9187
Wellington ...	44	48	12	14	22	4	80	14 2094	29	166	19	128	9	256	12	291	44	338	294	279	3865	2506	223	7584	31	14	833	410	11636	...	...	...	...
Nelson ...	25	30	3	9	10	2	37	8 1048	47	149	16	20	8	153	3	54	24	190	155	164	1595	1105	98	4169	13	8	454	92	5289	...	...	...	...
Canterbury ...	75	33	23	23	32	3	136	22 3597	98	244	42	203	13	254	5	171	60	569	471	488	5207	3771	193	11005	49	22	1973	724	16618	...	...	...	...
Otago ...	34	45	8	13	16	4	63	24 2098	68	250	30	141	13	354	13	375	83	282	249	242	2259	1735	179	6130	23	8	880	55	10487	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	306	350	76	95	131	32	569	132 13924	340	1241	146	1166	53	1205	38	988	281	2174	1834	1802	20629	14500	1108	42020	175	63	3640	1349	72062	...	...	...	...
Increase ...	2	10	7	2	35	...	494	42	...	10	33	40	...	218	519	82	1284	14	1854
Decrease	1	68	1	37	...	8

II.—MAORI WORK.

Auckland ...	10	58	7	5	80	18	1325	55	21	30	196	10	10	348	4900
Wanganui ...	2	30	...	...	1	...	4	...	30	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	700
Otago	1
Totals ...	12	88	...	...	9	5	84	18	1355	55	21	31	196	...	...	...	12	10	...	...	393	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5600
Increase ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	17	...	110	2	21	...	42	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	220
Decrease ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.**I.—MEMBERS.**

DISTRICTS.			1904.	1903.	Increase.	Decrease.	On Probation.
Auckland	..	..	3,219	2,991	228	..	69
Wanganui	..	..	1,868	1,847	21	..	29
Wellington	..	..	2,094	1,915	179	..	29
Nelson	..	..	1,048	1,036	12	..	47
Canterbury	..	..	3,597	3,501	96	..	98
Otago	..	..	2,098	2,140	..	42	68
Maori Members	..	..	1,355	1,245	110	..	55
Totals	..	..	15,279	14,675	646	42	395

II.—MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

DISTRICTS.		European Ministers.	European Probationers	Supernumeraries.	Maori Ministers.	Maori Probationers	Totals.
Auckland	..	22	4	6	6	1	39
Wanganui	..	14	3	2	1	..	20
Wellington	..	17	3	2	22
Nelson	..	7	2	1	10
Canterbury	..	25	3	4	32
Otago	..	15	1	1	17
Totals	..	100	16	15	7	2	140

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The Methodist Church of Australasia. Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1904,

WITH REVENUE ACCOUNT AND BALANCE-SHEET.

In accordance with Paragraph 497 of the Laws and Regulations of the Church, the Treasurers present to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference the following Report for the year ending 31st December, 1904 :—

The books and accounts have been duly audited; and the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, signed by the Auditors, are appended.

The work of the Board for the past twelve months has been no less onerous and responsible than that of the years preceding. Meetings of the Board or of the Loans Committee have been held almost every week, and at each an Agenda Paper has been presented, the business of which required careful and prolonged attention. The Treasurers have also given a great deal of time to the inspection of properties offered as securities.

The Board has not lost sight of the desirability of realising the properties in possession as soon as possible. Some have been sold, but the Board believes that for the present it is to the interest of the Fund to retain the remainder. Most of these properties have now been put in a good state of repair, and several have been sewered, so that it is hoped a better nett return will be secured in future.

In accordance with the Resolutions of the General Conference respecting the large amount owing on account of Ministers' subscriptions and fines, correspondence was opened up with 117 Ministers who were in arrears for three years or more. The Board is glad to report that more than half of these have entered into arrangements to liquidate their debts within a reasonable period. With others negotiations are in progress. Some have not replied to the communications sent. A report of the several cases will be forwarded to the Annual Conferences as directed.

A sum of £704 16s. 7d. appears in the Revenue Account as received from Ministers who have joined the Fund under Methodist Union. During the year four other Ministers have signed agreements to purchase, but there are still fifteen who have not fulfilled their obligations.

The following Statement of Receipts from the several Annual Conferences on account of Ministers' subscriptions and Circuit levies, together with the list of arrears and fines, is presented as directed:—

RECEIPTS.

Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.

New South Wales Conference	..	£1721	8	9
Victoria and Tasmania	..	1786	15	3
South Australia	..	953	16	10
New Zealand	..	916	17	2
Queensland	..	415	11	2
Western Australia	..	316	12	10
		£6111	2	0

Circuit Levies.

New South Wales Conference	..	£2050	0	6
Victoria and Tasmania	..	2452	7	6
South Australia	..	1160	13	9
New Zealand	..	1278	12	9
Queensland	..	642	7	2
Western Australia	..	325	17	6
		£7909	19	2

Less Expenses of Remittances and other charges by Conference Treasurers	..	46	9	4
		£7863	9	10

ARREARS.

Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.

	ARREARS.	FINES.	TOTALS.
N.S. Wales Conference	£992 9 6 ..	£316 3 0 ..	£1308 12 6
Victoria & Tas. ,,	2387 1 9 ..	880 12 0 ..	3267 13 9
South Australia ,,	673 12 8 ..	398 0 0 ..	1071 12 8
New Zealand ,,	603 17 3 ..	130 10 0 ..	734 7 3
Queensland ,,	856 2 9 ..	194 15 0 ..	1050 17 9
West. Australia ,,	493 5 0 ..	178 17 0 ..	672 2 0
	£6006 8 11 ..	£2098 17 0 ..	£8105 5 11

These arrears show an increase on the previous year, but if the arrangements made with Ministers for liquidation of the same are carried out, 1905 should exhibit a considerable improvement.

As shown in the Balance-sheet, the amount of Circuit levies due up to 31st December was £4031 12s. 11d., but the payments for the last quarter, say, £1998 2s. 6d., could not reach the office until January.

There has been a praiseworthy effort on the part of the Conference Treasurers to collect and forward these amounts as they become due, and in the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, with the exception of a disputed account, all amounts due up to the 30th of September last were paid before the Balance-sheet closed. That from the other Conferences over £2000, also due at the end of September, should be delayed three months in reaching the office, shows a lack of promptitude in Circuits paying, or in the amounts being forwarded to the Conference Treasurers, and means a loss of interest to the Fund.

The increased annuities directed by the General Conference have been paid as from 1st January last, and the total amount thus disbursed, including the additions to furniture grants, has been £11,070 15s. 9d. As the result of the year's working, £17,240 9s. 11d. have been added to the assets. The liabilities have, of course, increased proportionately.

Four Supernumeraries, and three widows, who were annuitants, have died during the year. The number on the books on 31st December was—Supernumeraries, 84; widows, 94.

In accordance with the Rules of the Fund, Mr. W. R. Bennetts, after ten years of invaluable service, retired at the General Conference, and Mr. T. Bond was appointed to fill the vacancy thus caused.

WILLIAM MORLEY	} General Treasurers.
BENJAMIN DAWBORN	
JOHN G. WHEEN	
THOMAS LOCKWOOD	
WILLIAM HUNT	
GEORGE SWEET	
WILLIAM PRESLEY	
THOMAS BOND	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS'

DR. REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

To Ministers' Annuities and			
Interest on Donation ..	£6,898	2	9
„ Widows' Annuities ..	3,591	1	4
			£10,489 4 1
„ Furniture Grants ..			581 11 8
„ Ministers' Subscriptions returned ..			135 11 11
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Arrears written off			
Ministers resigned, &c. ..			166 9 6
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Fines remitted ..			26 0 0
„ English Annuitant Society—Overcharge written off			285 2 8
„ Federal Bank, Adelaide—Written off ..			11 10 5
„ Auditors' Fees ..			67 4 0
„ Salaries—			
Managing Treasurer ..	£300	0	0
Accountant and Clerk ..	252	15	0
			552 15 0
„ Managing Treasurer—			
House Rent ..	£90	0	0
Furniture Allowance ..	10	0	0
Travelling Expenses ..	7	12	0
			107 12 0
„ Rent—Office ..	£90	0	0
Less Sub-Rents ..	26	6	8
			63 13 4
„ Printing and Stationery ..			36 0 0
„ Exchanges and Bank Charges ..			35 0 7
„ Legal Expenses ..			21 10 0
„ General Expenses—			
Conference Treasurers—			
Exchange on Cheques,			
Postages, &c. ..	£46	9	4
Telephone Rent—Office ..	9	0	0
Office Cleaning ..	12	0	0
Safe Deposit—Rent ..	4	9	0
Sundries ..	10	6	7
			82 4 11
„ Petty Cash ..			5 15 5
„ Postages and Telegrams ..			39 2 3
„ Commissions—New South Wales, Queensland, &c. ..			123 13 2
„ Connexional Levies—Managing Treasurer ..			27 10 0
„ Properties in Possession—Provision for falling-in of Lease ..			60 0 0
„ Balance transferred to Capital Account ..			17,240 9 11
			£30,158 0 10

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

OF AUSTRALASIA
AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1904.

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By English Annuitant Societies	£898	5	7
„ Interest on Mortgages	£10,297	12	6
Less Interest in Suspense	623	18	6
	£9,673	14	0
„ Interest on Debentures and Govt. Stock	1,934	11	1
„ Interest on Repayments Furni- ture Grants	15	15	0
	11,624	0	1
„ Commercial Bank Shares—Dividends	54	0	0
„ Rents of Properties in posses- sion (gross)	£2,402	16	3
Less Rates, Insurance, Sewerage, Repairs, Legal Charges, &c. ..	874	0	10
	1,528	15	5
„ Ministers' Subscriptions	£6,282	19	0
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Fines	411	0	0
	£6,693	19	0
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Amount received from Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities in the Fund	704	16	7
	7,398	15	7
„ Circuit Levies	7,931	12	6
„ Mission Stations, in lieu of Levies	372	7	0
„ Legacies—Sutherland Bequest	10	0	0
„ Second Marriage Premiums	212	18	1
„ Furniture Grants—Repayments	105	0	0
„ Commissions Received	6	16	7
„ Debentures—Profit on Sale	15	10	0
	£30,158	0	10

We have examined the above Statement, and having compared it with the Books of the Fund, certify that it is correct.

MELBOURNE, }
WM. A. MEWTON, F.I.A.V. } AUDITORS.
H. G. M'CUTCHEON, F.I.A.V. }
3rd February, 1905.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA
 SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

BALANCE-SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1904.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
To Capital £299,033 16 5	By Investments—
Plus Balance of Revenue	Loans on Mortgage .. £202,728 14 7
Account transferred.. 17,240 9 11	Interest—Arrears .. 2,315 11 5
	,, Accrued .. 904 9 10
	£205,948 15 10
„ Sundry Creditors 63 0 0	Less Interest in Suspense 623 18 6
	£205,324 17 4
	Bill Receivable .. 300 0 0
	£205,624 17 4
	Properties in possession 51,655 15 8
	Preference Shares, Commercial Bank .. 1,800 0 0
	Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of
	Works Debentures (at cost) .. 40,517 14 8
	Victorian Government Stock and Debentures (at cost) 12,682 14 8
	Interest and Dividend Accrued .. 594 2 3
	£312,875 4 7
	Less Provision for Shrinkage in the
	Value of Securities and Losses of
	Interest 20,431 10 3
	£292,443 14 4
	„ Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines .. £10,270 15 3
	Less amounts Paid in
	Advance £110 3 9

Less amounts to be paid
by Ministers who,
through Methodist
Union, have pur-
chased Annuities
in the Fund ..

2,055 5 7

2,165 9 4

					8,105 5 11
By Circuit Levies .. ..	..	..	..	..	4,031 12 11
„ Mission Stations, in lieu of Levies .. ..	..	..	..	..	372 7 0
„ Furniture Grants .. ..	..	..	..	..	462 5 0
„ Second Marriage Premiums .. ..	..	..	..	..	125 14 6
„ English Annuitant Societies .. ..	..	..	..	..	429 3 0
„ Sundry Debtors .. ..	..	..	..	..	2 10 0
„ Furniture—House .. ..	..	..	..	..	130 0 0
„ „ Office .. ..	..	..	..	..	75 18 10
„ Materials <i>re</i> Working Overseer .. ..	..	..	..	..	0 13 7
„ Petty Cash and Stamps .. ..	..	..	..	..	2 19 10
„ Committee of Advice, Sydney (Cash at Bank and on hand)	1,824 18 11
„ Cash on hand	30 16 6
„ „ at Bankers	8,299 6 0

£316,337 6 4

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DR.	RESERVE ACCOUNT.	(PROVISION FOR LOSSES).	CR.
1904—31st Dec.—To Balance (See Amount deducted from Investments in Balance-sheet)	£20,431 10 3	1903—31st Dec.—By Balance	£20,371 10 3
		1904—31st Dec.—By Properties in Possession— Provision for falling-in of Lease	60 0 0
			<u>£20,431 10 3</u>
	<u>£20,431 10 3</u>		<u>£20,431 10 3</u>

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and Reserve Account for Provision for Losses, compared them with the books of the Fund, and found them to agree therewith. We have also seen the securities, with the exception of those certified to as held by the Solicitors, and found them in order, each advance being represented by a mortgage for its amount, with the following exceptions, viz.:—Connexional Buildings, £598 8s. 6d.; No. 212, £1000; No. 438, £50.

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

MELBOURNE, 3rd February, 1905.

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